

Jondaryan Wins 2009 Steam Rally

The Jondaryan Woolshed will host the 2009 Australian Miniature Traction Engine and Road Steam Rally, Jondaryan Shire Mayor Peter Taylor announced today.

Councillor Taylor said the event was awarded to Jondaryan yesterday after a presentation to event organisers by Tourism Jondaryan Manager John Osborne.

It will be the first time the event has been held in Queensland and will take place on 17 and 18 October 2009.

"Mr Osborne attended this year's Australian Miniature Traction Engine and Road Steam Rally in Wauchope over the weekend and presented the Jondaryan Woolshed's bid for the 2009 event," Councillor Taylor said.

"Rally organisers were very impressed with what the Jondaryan Woolshed and the Jondaryan region can offer to rally organisers, participants and visitors.

"With its reputation as a successful host of regional events, the Jondaryan Woolshed was a popular decision.

"New Zealand miniature traction engine enthusiasts have already shown interest in bringing their machines to Jondaryan.

"On behalf of the Council and community, I thank John Osborne and Woolshed volunteers and supporters for their efforts to secure this important event for our region.

"It will be a great way for the Rally to celebrate its 21st birthday in the year the historic Jondaryan Woolshed celebrates its 150th anniversary."

Up to 800 people attended the 2007 Australian Miniature Traction Engine and Road Steam Rally at which 36 engines were displayed.

The 2008 Rally to will be held in Clare, South Australia.

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