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Auf Deutsch Bitte! German Theme for Festival

The valuable cultural heritage German settlers brought to the Darling Downs will be celebrated at the Jondaryan Woolshed’s Australian Heritage Festival (22 to 30 August).

The Festival will be officially opened by the Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr Detlef Sulzer, at 10.30am on Saturday 22 August which will become the Festival’s Germanfest Day.

“German families made an enormous contribution to the development of the Darling Downs,” Toowoomba Regional Council Mayor Peter Taylor said.

“It’s great that their culture and legacy will be celebrated at Australia’s oldest working woolshed in its 150th year.”

Germanfest Day activities and attractions include the *Germans in Queensland* photographic exhibition; displays of German arts and crafts, old books and Bibles, Lanz Bulldog vintage tractors, and German wagons and agricultural implements; German music, food and beer; and a Kuchen Kompetition to see which Darling Downs hausfrau makes the best German kuchen.

The Australian Heritage Festival is an annual celebration of pioneer life featuring re-enactments, demonstrations and displays illustrating the trials and joys of the pioneer lifestyle and old-time skills.

This year’s Festival also features screenings of classic Australian films including *A Town Like Alice* and *Dad and Dave Come to Town*.

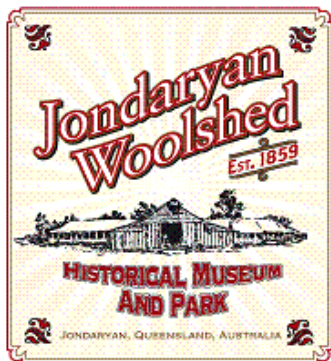
The Jondaryan Woolshed in partnership with Empire Theatres will also premier the play *All the Same* which explores the experience of indigenous and pioneer women in the Jondaryan region.

Interest in the Australian Heritage Festival is high with record numbers of coach bookings.

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