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Woolshed Gears Up for Heritage Festival

Organisers are busy putting the finishing touches on the program for the 2009 Australian Heritage Festival at the Jondaryan Woolshed, 22 to 30 August 2009.

The 33rd annual Festival – one of Australia’s premier heritage events – brings the pioneer spirit back to life at Australia’s oldest working woolshed, which celebrates its 150th anniversary this year.

Volunteers from all over Australia will bring their historic machinery, ‘Olde Worlde’ skills and working animals to the Jondaryan Woolshed for nine days celebrating and reliving Queensland’s past.

Whether it’s the bullocks and horses that brought the pioneers to Queensland, the sheep and other livestock that forged successful agricultural industries, or the steam engines, tractors and trucks that fuelled development, it will all be in one place at one time to fascinate and inspire history buffs.

As well as the re-enactments, demonstrations and displays that bring history alive, visitors to the Australian Heritage Festival can even taste history with plenty of traditional pioneer fare cooked on a campfire.

Heritage skills like shearing, spinning and weaving will also be highlighted, along with 19th century household skills that make modern housekeeping look like a holiday by comparison.

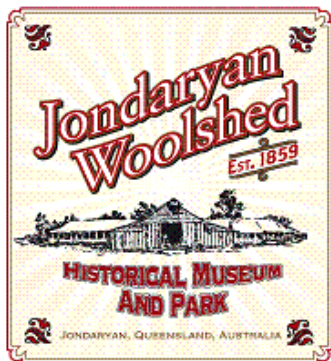
The Australian Heritage Festival is living history, a hands-on reminiscence of the past that still offers plenty of wisdom for 21st century challenges.

This community-based event is also a triumph of the volunteer spirit. What began as a fundraising event in 1976, has blossomed into an event of national standing, without losing its homespun charm and welcoming atmosphere.

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The 2009 Australian Heritage Festival will include a wide range of events and activities including:

- A daily grand parade;
- Shearing demonstrations and displays;
- Spinning, weaving, wool crafts and products;
- Bullock teams;
- Whip-making, harness-making and leatherwork;
- Horse teams, horse-drawn ploughing and horse-drawn rides;
- Steam engines and steam rollers;
- Sawmilling, shingle splitting and timber-working;
- Old tractors, hot-air engines, stationary engines, vintage trucks and cars;
- Blacksmithing;
- Sheep dog trials;
- Swaggies and bush characters;
- Arts and crafts displays;
- Cheese-making and beekeeping;
- Billy Tea and damper; and
- Entertainment and bush poetry.

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