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Country Music Festival draws a crowd in Cassilis

Over 300 locals and visitors flocked to the Cassilis Country Music Festival recently for three days of live music and Moolarben Coal was pleased to be a supporter of the event.

The festival offered wonderful country music and camping in the community of Cassilis. Country music fans were treated to great live music all long-weekend, entertainment for the children including a jumping castle, face painting and petting zoo, yummy food and lots of fun activities.

Kylie Baker, Committee Member of the Cassilis Country Music group was delighted with the support and success of the event.

"The festival was created by a small group of people in the Cassilis community who wanted to bring live country music and entertainment to people in rural and regional areas.

"It is organised and run by volunteers, relying heavily on sponsorship and financial assistance from local businesses.

"Musicians and entertainers from the district and surrounding communities performed over the three-day event, and we welcomed young and emerging artists to perform and share their music.

"We hope that by performing their music they can continue their musical journey and expand their network and followers.

"Some of the musical highlights included when Mick Fetch surprised everyone with a duo singing performance from Jess Holland and Kimmie Thomas. Dan Eade's set was great, and the Blue Water Cowboys got all the crowd up line dancing.

"Matt Barrat and the Red Flags closed out the night on Saturday and on Sunday morning everyone enjoyed music from some younger upcoming artists. The event wrapped up with Trinity Woodhouse, who had an amazing ability involving and interacting with the crowd.

"We greatly appreciate Moolarben Coal's donation to enable our relaxing, country music event to happen and look forward to next year," said Kylie.

The Cassilis Country Music Festival is an annual event held every October long-weekend. It is at the Cassilis Bowling Club and offers an unforgettable weekend of live music, kids' entertainment, trivia, raffles and games.

Moolarben Coal General Manager, Brian Wesley was happy to support this musical event.

"The festival brings joy to lots of people in the community year-on-year.

"We are proud that our \$5,000 in funding helped support an event that brings the community together to enjoy live music with the chance to experience multiple artists in one location," said Brian.

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