

Dear Girgarre Moosic Muster Attendees,

Once again, we would like to express our sincere disappointment at having to cancel the Girgarre Moosic Muster. As festival organisers, we devote significant time and care to risk management and contingency planning. In consultation with local experts, Emergency Services, and the Shire of Campaspe, a range of strategies had been implemented to help manage the forecast extreme heat conditions.

Unfortunately, after the muster had commenced, Friday was declared a **Catastrophic Fire Danger Day**. Under these conditions, there is no effective mitigation strategy for fire. With multiple fire events occurring across the state and emergency resources already stretched, we could not be assured of support should a fire incident occur. This was a risk we could not responsibly take on behalf of our attendees, volunteers, performers, and visitors.

Despite this setback, we remain committed to the future of the event — and we will be back in 2027.

Our committee has worked diligently to identify a way to provide refunds to patrons while also ensuring the ongoing financial sustainability of the festival. As all costs associated with this year's muster had already been incurred, we have carefully reviewed our finances to fairly acknowledge the expenses faced by attendees, while also ensuring the wider community does not experience a significant financial loss from the cancellation of our much-loved event.

We are pleased to offer a refund of the meal costs for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. This refund will apply to all online ticket holders, regardless of whether you attended the muster. If you purchased your tickets at the muster reception desk, please email your contact details and banking information to girgarretown@gmail.com, and we will process your refund. Online ticket holders will receive their refunds automatically via their original payment method.

In addition, we will offer a **30% discount** to all 2026 attendees who rebook for the 2027 Girgarre Moosic Muster.

We have also heard your feedback regarding the timing of the muster, and we would like to assure you that this is actively being reviewed.

Thank you for your understanding, patience, and continued support. Please stay safe, and we hope to see you at the camp-over in April — or next year.

Warm regards,

Your Moosic Muster Committee

Jan, Lisa, Sue & Brendan