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John Farnham heads sizzling line-up for 2018 Birdsville Big Red Bash

The 2018 Birdsville Big Red Bash line up was announced over the weekend with John Farnham heading a stellar three day festival line-up of artists including The Hoodoo Gurus, The Angels, Daryl Braithwaite, Jon Stevens, Kate Ceberano, Adam Brand, Busby Marou, Russell Morris, The Black Sorrows, Travis Collins, The Wolf Brothers and Amber Lawrence, performing in the heart of the Australian outback.

The Bash, now in its sixth year, has gained international recognition as the world's most remote music festival, situated on the edge of the Simpson Desert in Queensland. The family friendly festival is on during the July school holidays from the 10^{th} to 12^{th} allowing festival goers to travel from far and wide for this famous bucket list experience in the outback. Tickets go on sale on the website on Wednesday, October 25^{th} 2017.

John Farnham said he is looking forward to ticking the Bash off his own bucket list for his first appearance on stage beneath the 10-storey high Big Red sand dune.

"I'm really looking forward to the Birdsville Big Red Bash. The Simpson Desert and the remoteness of this event REALLY appeals. Can't wait to get out there." Farnham said.

He will be joined by several artists who are returning to the Bash after crowd thrilling previous appearances, including Kate Ceberano.

"I had the most amazing time on many levels! The space and the foreignness of being in the middle of nowhere sharing an experience with thousands of people from literally ALL over Australia! Very special experience! The organisers and Birdsville itself are the real-est most authentic people you'll find," she said.

Childhood friends and country rock veterans, The Wolfe Brothers, are returning for day two of the festival. "We have played a lot of festivals and a lot of shows around

Australia. For us the Big Red Bash is one you just can't miss. It's just that good," Tom Wolfe said.

Big Red Bash founder and event organiser, Greg Donovan said the Bash was much more than a music festival, drawing people from across Australia and the world to experience Australia's majestic and magical Outback.

"The journey alone adds to the Bash experience as campers, 4 wheel drivers, caravaners, travel enthusiasts and music lovers see Australia and gather from all over the country at the iconic Bashville pop-up festival site outside Birdsville."

Diamantina Shire Mayor CR Geoff Morton is pleased to welcome back the Big Red Bash for the sixth consecutive year.

Morton said, "This is a fantastic family friendly event and there is plenty for families to do while they are visiting the region, whether that's paddling a kayak at Pelican Point, tasting the Birdsville Bakery's famous curried camel pie or just soaking up the local hospitality at the Birdsville Hotel. We know that events like the Bash play an important role in growing a sustainable local tourism industry."

Situated beneath the iconic 40 metre tall Big Red Dune, 35km out of Birdsville, The Bash offers breathtaking views of the vast desert expanse and remote starry night skies. The perfect backdrop and atmosphere to enjoy some of the country's most loved musicians while the kids are free to roam amongst the sand dunes of the Simpson Desert.

Queensland native musician Adam Brand and the Crackup Sisters will host this year's festival – with stunts, acrobatics and laughs guaranteed to entertain the whole family, alongside a program of dancing, drag races, busking and family and dog friendly events.

Tickets go live on October 25th through OZTIX and can be purchased on line from the Big Red Bash website.

For more information visit the event website: www.bigredbash.com.au

Artists and Event images and video footage here

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