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Outback town lights up for October Moon Festival

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More than 250 locals and tourists and from Brisbane, Townsville, Mt Isa and beyond converged on the Outback town of Richmond for the October Moon Festival on Saturday 27 October 2012.

This was the largest recorded number of guests for the festival, which has grown significantly since its inception in 2008.

October Moon Festival event organiser Kacie Lord said the 2012 October Moon Festival was a great success.

“We had a great weekend, jam-packed with musical talent and entertainment, fashion and horse racing, and good food and wine,” she said. “We heard from such acts as Jan Preston from Sydney, Mt Isa band Bandana, and music from the Richmond Live Music Club. We were also lucky enough to hear from some of our own local musicians in the town.”

The festival comes weeks after the launch of the Richmond Uncovered campaign, a community project initiated by Commerce Richmond Inc. in an effort to reduce potential population decline in the remote town.

“The town of Richmond provided the perfect location to host the musical event, and the scenery was fabulous by the Lake Fred Tritton. The day ran very smoothly. I would like to thank those on the organising committee and people who travelled far and wide to see our wonderful town,” she said.

The weekend also included a fashions event and race day on the Richmond Racecourse, as well as the breakfast with the stars on Sunday morning.

Farmer Nikko, from Channel 9’s popular television show, Farmer Wants a Wife was also one of the guests who enjoyed the festivities.

“As Richmond is my hometown, I love to support such events as the October Moon Festival, which is a great day for music, entertainment and country spirit,” he said.

The October Moon Festival is an annual event, held in late October each year. The event is a community-focused festival, which raises money and resources to facilitate access to musical education in the Richmond district and is run by volunteers and locals.
For more information on the event, photos and interviews with the performers or Nikko, please contact Kacie Lord on the details provided below or visit www.octobermoonfestival.com.au.

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The Big Band "Bandana" from Mount Isa