



HARRY REDFORD CATTLE DRIVE
ARAMAC, OUTBACK QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA



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Continued drought prevents the 2018 Harry Redford Cattle Drive from proceeding

It is with regret that we advise the Harry Redford Cattle Drive will not be proceeding in 2018.

Mayor, Rob Chandler said, "Due to the incessant drought that has continued on in Western Queensland and other parts, the iconic Harry Redford Cattle Drive has had to be cancelled yet again due to a lack of feed on the drovers run. This decision has not come lightly with extensive consultation with the Boss Drover, David Hay, and the Chair, Gary Peoples, the committee has reached this difficult decision."

As you may appreciate, this has been an extremely disappointing and difficult decision for the steering committee to make. The primary reason for the cancellation sits with the welfare of the stock and horses and available feed on the stock route. This is the fourth year we have had to cancel due to the drought condition.

Gary Peoples, said, "We are sorry to disappoint all those people who were waiting to book on the ride, but there is no one more disappointed than the volunteers. It was a very hard decision to make, all options were looked at, but the drought has had the better of us."

The continued drought is now hurting entire communities, not just graziers. Currently, 85% of Queensland is drought declared.

As the region's flagship event, many local businesses were looking forward to the welcome economic boost that the event would bring to the community.

The Harry Redford Cattle Drive committee sincerely regret any inconvenience and disappointment caused by this unavoidable cancellation. The committee also would like to thank all the past participant and people who want to go on the drive for their prayers for rain and all their well wishes.

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