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Henry Lawson: Back On The Goldfields

Internationally-acclaimed Australian actor, and Wombat Forest resident, Robin Ramsay, will present his award-winning solo play drawn from the writings of Henry Lawson at 8 PM on Saturday 30 July at the Daylesford Town Hall. Tickets are selling quickly for the play — 'The Bastard From The Bush' — which is being staged as a fund-raising event for the Wombat Forest Society. The play represents a rare night of world class theatre in Central Victoria.

"*The Bastard From The Bush* is Lawson's personal story, so it belongs to all of us, because Henry's experience became the touchstone for a Nation," said Robin recently.

Robin's play reveals Henry as the spirit and conscience of Australia and Robin feels that Henry would share his concern for the mismanagement of the Wombat Forest.

"Woodchipping the Wombat doesn't reflect the spirit or conscience of the kind of Australia most of us would like to live in," said Robin.

"Henry is rightly regarded as a national treasure, and we need to adopt the same attitude towards our forest."

Robin Ramsay in 'The Bastard From The Bush', has received some of the highest praise possible from the world's critics. *The London Stage* said: "A remarkable show — Ramsay's tour de force holds the audience for the full two hours. Critics don't get many chances like this. It is a very fine achievement."

"Completely rivetting. Everyone should see it. The substance of which our myths are made," said *The Canberra Times*, and Manning Clark referred to Ramsay's Lawson as "a Christ cum larrikin figure who can see into the heart of the matter."

The Australian said: "An absolutely magic night in the theatre with a fine play and a performance to take your breath away".

Tickets for the play (suitable for anyone 16 years or older) are $11 or $8.50 concession, available either from the Daylesford Health Food Shop, or direct from the Wombat Forest Society at PO Box 51 Trentham, 3458.

The Bastard From The Bush, winner of the Australian Arts Award, is an Australian classic, which has travelled to London, Europe, Asia and the Americas as part of the Australian Government's cultural relations program.

• Robin is available for interviews and a high quality black and white photograph of Robin as Henry is also available for publication — contact Robin directly on (053) 48 3632 (phone or fax).

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What is the Wombat Forest Society?

The Bastard From The Bush' is being staged as a major fundraising event for the Wombat Forest Society. The Society was established in April this year by residents of the Wombat Forest concerned at woodchipping destroying our forest. The Wombat is our region's greatest natural asset, and we need to save our sawmill jobs from the competition of woodchipping, which sends our forest to Japan to end up as paper bags.

The members and the committee of the Wombat Forest Society are locals who live in and around the forest. Many members are current and former timber workers who know better than anyone that woodchipping operations are unsustainable in our forest. We see with our own eyes that woodchipping the Wombat is not in the best interests of our communities.

From early April this year we held weekly committee meetings while researching and double checking the logging figures of the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources. It quickly became obvious that woodchipping is the major destroyer of our forest. We must stop good young trees being woodchipped so that we can maintain local jobs in our nine sawmills.

The Wombat Forest Society now has more than 800 members and supporters. The more members we have, the stronger our voice to the Federal Government calling for an end to export woodchipping. This year offers the best chance in the 30 year history of woodchipping to stop the madness of exporting national assets to Japan to make paper bags. Please join the Wombat Forest Society to help us save our forest.

☐ Please sign me up as a member of the Wombat Forest Society for one year.

☐ Household — $18 p.a ☐ Individual — $16 p.a ☐ Concession — $12 p.a

☐ **DONATION**: I enclose $ . . . . . to help.

(All membership details strictly confidential)

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Mail to: Wombat Forest Society Inc, PO Box 51 Trentham, 3458, or drop it in to our Daylesford Sunday market stall.

The Bastard From The Bush

A solo play drawn from the writings of HENRY LAWSON.

By Rodney Fisher and Robin Ramsay

with

ROBIN RAMSAY

as

Henry.



DAYLESFORD TOWN HALL

8 PM SATURDAY 30 JULY, 1994.

IN AID OF THE WOMBAT FOREST SOCIETY AND LOCAL JOBS
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The Accidental Mystic

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Music by Michael Westlake and Russell Williams

ONE NIGHT ONLY at the Daylesford Town Hall
Saturday July 29, 8:00pm
BOOK (053) 483 632 Tickets $12 or Concession $10
All proceeds to the Wombat Forest Society to HELP SAVE THE FOREST