

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### The Voice star walks the line through regional WA with Johnny Cash tribute

*Country Arts WA and Act-Belong Commit are excited to bring Monty Cotton and his Johnny Cash tribute show A Boy Named Cash to regional WA this July and August as a part of Shows on the Go.*

Join the velvet-voiced Monty Cotton as he pays tribute to The Man in Black in a rollicking, rip-roaring set that'll have you convinced you're watching Johnny Cash himself.

From a job in financial management to singing Folsom Prison Blues, Perth-born performer Monty Cotton has had a storied career. In 2012, the singer quit an accounting job to pursue his dream of impersonating country music legend Johnny Cash. Three years later, Cotton was thrust into the national spotlight thanks to Channel 9's The Voice.

Since then, Cotton has performed the Cash songbook across Australia and around the world, crooning classics on cruise ships, serenading shopping centres, leading singalongs in pubs and clubs, and even embodying the mythos of The Man in Black with a performance in a prison.

A Boy Named Cash's regional WA run comes on the heels of a banner year for Monty Cotton that's seen him play everywhere from a paddle steamer on the Swan River to sold out shows at the Perth, Adelaide and Edinburgh Fringe Festivals.

Country Arts WA's Investment Director, Philippa Maughan, says the Shows on the Go program's success is owed to its community-driven approach, focused on bringing professional productions directly to regional and remote WA communities where they would otherwise not be able to travel independently.

"Country Arts WA is proud of our Shows on the Go program which has been running for over 20 years, supporting up to 40 communities and reaching more than 5,000 people each year. The demand for Shows on the Go is growing throughout regional WA, with more community organisations, local governments and first-time presenters looking to bring high quality performing arts to their town.

"Regional communities voted A Boy Named Cash as one of three Shows on the Go to tour in 2018. As part of the program, we support local presenters to build and engage their audiences and maximize the value of each visiting performance."

The Shows on the Go program is presented by Country Arts WA and Healthway, promoting Act-Belong-Commit.

Healthway Chief Executive Officer Susan Hunt PSM, said that the organisation has proudly supported Shows on the Go since its inception, and this year will provide \$110,000 to deliver the Act-Belong-Commit mental health message throughout this and other programs.

"Being active along with having a sense of belonging and purpose in life all contributes to good mental health and wellbeing.

“The Act-Belong-Commit message fits well with A Boy Named Cash, as it offers a great way for people in regional WA to come together, celebrate and enjoy the shared experience of reliving the classic songs of a musical legend,” Ms Hunt said.

For more information on A Boy Named Cash, visit <http://www.countryartswa.asn.au/cash>.

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## SUPPORT MATERIAL

### Tour Dates

#### Broome

Saturday 21 July, 7pm

Broome Civic Centre

Bookings:

<http://www.broomeciviccentre.com.au/>

Locally presented by Shire of Broome

#### Pannawonica

Wednesday 25 July, 7pm

Pannawonica Sports Club

Bookings: [https://aboynamedcash-](https://aboynamedcash-pannawonica.eventbrite.com.au)

[pannawonica.eventbrite.com.au](https://aboynamedcash-pannawonica.eventbrite.com.au)

Locally presented Shire of Pannawonica

#### Onslow

Thursday 26 July, 6.30pm

Onslow Beach Resort

Bookings:

[bookings@onslowbeachresorts.com.au](mailto:bookings@onslowbeachresorts.com.au)

Locally presented Shire of Ashburton

#### Paraburdoo

Saturday 28 July, 7pm

Ashburton Hall, Paraburdoo

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/WATL>

Locally presented Shire of Ashburton

#### Tom Price

Monday 30 July, 7pm

Tom Price Community Centre

Bookings: [https://aboynamedcash-](https://aboynamedcash-tomprice.eventbrite.com.au)

[tomprice.eventbrite.com.au](https://aboynamedcash-tomprice.eventbrite.com.au)

Locally presented Shire of Ashburton

#### Newman

Wednesday 1 August, 6pm

The Square, Newman

Bookings: [www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au](http://www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au)

Locally presented Shire of East Pilbara

#### Cue

Friday 3 August, 7.15pm

Cue Shire Hall

Bookings: Shire of Cue, 08 9963 8600

Locally presented Shier of Cue

#### Mount Magnet

Saturday 4 August, 6.30pm

ANZAC Memorial Hall

Bookings: 08 9963 3000

Locally presented Shire of Mount Magnet

#### Coorow

Tuesday 7 August, 7.30pm

Coorow District Hall

Bookings: Coorow CRC, 08 9952 1266

Locally presented Coorow Community

Resource Centre

#### Jurien Bay

Wednesday 8 August, 7.30pm

Jurien Sport & Recreation Centre

Bookings: Jurien Sport & Recreation Centre,

0474 496 462

Locally presented Jurien Sport & Recreation

Centre

#### Harvey

Friday 10 August, 7pm

Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre

Bookings: <https://www.harveyrec.com/>

Locally presented Harvey Recreation and

Cultural Centre

#### Darkan

Saturday 11 August, 7pm

Darkan Town Hall

Bookings: [www.westarthur.wa.gov.au](http://www.westarthur.wa.gov.au)

Locally presented Shire of West Arthur

#### Ravensthorpe

Tuesday 14 August, 7pm

Ravensthorpe Town Hall

Bookings: [raveaboutarts.blogspot.com.au](http://raveaboutarts.blogspot.com.au)

Locally presented Ravensthorpe Regional

Arts Council Inc.

#### Lake Grace

Wednesday 15 August, 7.30pm

Lake Grace Shire Hall

Bookings: Shire of Lake Grace, 08 9890 2500

Locally presented Shire of Lake Grace

#### Wagin

Friday 17 August, 7pm

Wagin Town Hall

Bookings: [www.wagin.wa.gov.au](http://www.wagin.wa.gov.au)

Locally presented Shire of Wagin

**Dumbleyung**

Saturday 18 August, 7.30pm  
Dumbleyung Town Hall  
Bookings: Dumbleyung CRC, 08 9863 4829  
Locally presented Dumbleyung Theatre Club

**Yealering**

Tuesday 21 August, 7.30pm  
Yealering Town Hall  
Bookings: Wickepin CRC, 08 9888 1500  
Locally presented Wickepin Community Resource Centre

**Hyden**

Wednesday 22 August, 7.30pm  
Hyden Rec Centre  
Bookings: Hyden CRC, 08 9880 5088  
Locally presented Hyden Community Resource Centre

**Bruce Rock**

Friday 24 August, 7pm  
Bruce Rock Shire Hall  
Bookings: Bruce Rock CRC, 08 9061 1687  
Locally presented Bruce Rock Community Resource Centre

**York**

Saturday 25 August, 6.30pm  
York Racecourse  
Bookings: York CRC, 08 9641 2328  
Locally presented York Community Resource Centre

**Mukinbudin**

Monday 27 August, 6.30pm  
Mukinbudin Sports Complex  
Bookings: [www.mukinbudin.wa.gov.au](http://www.mukinbudin.wa.gov.au)  
Locally presented Mukinbudin Planning & Development Group Inc.

**Southern Cross**

Wednesday 29 August, 6.30pm  
Southern Cross Community Centre  
Bookings:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=376657&>  
Locally presented Shire of Yilgarn

## **Biography**

### **Monty Cotton - Performer**

Monty Cotton woke up one day in 2012 and realised he could imitate Johnny Cash. Deciding it was time for a sea change, Cotton left a corporate accounting job in Sydney to pursue the life of a musician in Western Australia.

Soon after, 'A Boy Named Cash' was born - a greatest hits tribute to the legend Johnny Cash. From this point on Monty has performed as Johnny Cash all around Australia and the UK - pubs, clubs, shopping centres, arts festivals, mine sites, corporate functions, cruise ships, breakfast radio, morning television, and The Voice Australia.

Monty covers a broad range of styles from rock and roll, country to R&B and modern pop. His audience engaging style and musical versatility has made him of the most sought-after entertainers for corporate events, weddings, parties, pubs, clubs and more.

### **Country Arts WA**

Country Arts WA is an independent not-for-profit organisation governed by regional membership. We are the only western Australian arts body with a purely regional focus. The organisation was established in 1994 and is supported by State and Federal Government funding. We build the creativity, connection and capacity of regional communities to further develop WA's regional arts sector around key outcomes of diversity, sustainability, relevance, and celebration.

Our services to the regional arts sector include investment and advice to produce and present projects; the development of programs and strategies to encourage growth; the communication of strong, positive storytelling; and the networking of regional hubs and leadership programs across the state.

[www.countryartswa.asn.au](http://www.countryartswa.asn.au)

### **Presenting Program**

Country Arts WA presents professional performing arts productions throughout regional Western Australia through a variety of programs, ensuring all Western Australian communities – no matter what size, or how remote – have access to high quality performances.

The Presenting Program brings performing arts to communities that would not otherwise have regular access to live professional performances through a community voting process. These shows include theatre, dance, music, circus, puppetry and comedy and provide great entertainment to local audiences and galvanise shared community experiences.

Country Arts WA assists a diverse array of communities to source, promote and present professional performances by coordinating tours and providing support and advice to community groups and touring artists.