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'Look out... he's from the country'

ABOUT SPUD MURPHY

Mark '**SPUD**' Murphy is an Australian comedian, son of a dairy farmer, ex-cool room maker and just a downright funny kind of guy.

Spud grew up on a dairy farm in North East Victoria in a small country town called Kergunyah. For those of you who are unsure where that is; it's at the foot of Mount Murrumbidgee, over the hill from Yackandandah and just up the road from Tangambalanga. Spud started out his days milking cows and playing in the family band, he then dabbled in building cool rooms, being a refrigeration mechanic, becoming a dad, to one day deciding to get up on stage and become a comedian. Spud now lives in Albury, NSW.

Ever since Spud was a young boy, he dreamed of being a stand-up comic, always seeing the funny in everything. Back in 2001 Spud entered into a talent comics night at Rochester Castle and to his surprise he won the contest and hasn't looked back since.

Spud's witty, tasteful comedy style appeals to people from all walks of life. His amazing talent of stories, one-liners, word play, sketches and musical comedy acts capture audience's hearts and give them a cracker of a time. Spud has regularly performed on the Sydney and Melbourne comedy circuits, but where he is best known is in the many towns throughout regional Australia.

Along the way Spud has also teamed up with **Camp Quality**, whose slogan is '*Laughter is the best medicine*', raising many thousands of dollars for them.
www.campquality.org.au



PAST PERFORMANCES

Spud's shows have been enjoyed Australia wide and he is currently the Guinness Book of Records Holder for performing 30 shows in 30 towns in 7 days.



UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

Merrigum Railway Hotel, Merrigum NSW, 22/5/10
Orbost Club, Orbost NSW, 28/5/10
Wyyung Function Centre, Wyyung VIC, 29/5/10
Criterion Hotel, Grenfell VIC, 25/6/10
Sunny Ridge Golf Club, Mandurama VIC, 26/6/10

CORPORATES

Murray Goulbourn Christmas Party
Bird Cameron Accountants State Congress
Land & Water Australia Delegates Function
Sargeant's Mess Bandiana
As well as many others

FOOTBALL CLUBS

East Launceston Football Club, TAS
Oaklands Football Club, NSW
As well as many others

CHARITY WORK

Spud Murphy has teamed up with Camp Quality, a charity that Spud has been closely associated with the past few years and feels strongly about.
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Spud has also made himself available for charity work including fundraising gigs for the SS&A Bushfire Benefit Ball and the Chiltern Hospital Appeal.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Guinness Book of Records

On October 14th, 2007, Spud embarked on a seven day Stand Up Comedy Tour of the South Coast of Australia, hoping to smash and set a new Guinness World Record for the most half hour Stand Up Comedy shows in a week. Spud performed 30 shows in 30 towns raising money for Camp Quality along the way. Commencing at Eden, he travelled up the NSW coast to south of Wollongong before performing the last gig of the tour in his home town of Albury/Wodonga. <http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/>



REVIEWS

'Extremely Funny' – Culburra Beach NSW
'Top Show' – Lynches Hotel, Narooma NSW
'Awesome, so quick witted' – Milton Star Hotel NSW
'Come back anytime' – Tully Tigers QLD
'Laughter almost brought the Golf Club down!' – Bombala Times NSW

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