

## Ashton's British-American Circus

### Movements through Australia in 1872-7

*Ashton's Circus, which is still in existence to day, is Australia's oldest circus, having been in almost continuous operation since 1851. The original 'Ashton', James Henry Ashton (c1824-1889) first appeared in Hobart Town in 1848 as the 'renowned British horseman. The original Ashton's Circus rarely visited the large cities and instead preferred to play the backblocks and outback of New South Wales and Queensland where it established a strong reputation. It was promoted for a long time as Ashton's British-American Circus, but it was the Ashton family that mostly carried the bill. Today, Ashton's Circus is one of Australia's best known circuses.*

Reference	Day	Date	Location	Source	Notes
25031		13-Jul-72	Glen Innes	AE	
25035		17-Jul-72	Grafton	AE	
25123		13-Oct-72	Nanango	-	
25206		4-Jan-73	Rockhampton	RMB	
25409		26-Jul-73	Ravenswood	PDT	
25416		2-Aug-73	Bowen	-	
25442	Thu	28-Aug-73	Bowen	PDT	
25451		6-Sep-73	Mackay	DM	
25512		30-Nov-73	Rockhampton	RMB	
25647		21-Mar-74	Toowoomba	-	

25670	13-Apr-74	Tenterfield	-	
25678	21-Apr-74	Glen Innes	-	
25695	8-May-74	Armidale	-	
25705	18-May-74	Uralla	-	
25723	5-Jun-74	Inverell	-	
25757	9-Jul-74	Glen Innes	-	
25762	14-Jul-74	Grafton	CRE	
25796	17-Aug-74	Lawrence	-	
25799	20-Aug-74	Grafton	-	
25872	30-Nov-74	Gunnedah	-	<i>En route from Narrabri</i>
25933	1-Jan-75	Scone	-	
25937	5-Jan-75	Muswellbrook	-	
25941	9-Jan-75	Singleton	TCJ	
25945	13-Jan-75	Jerry's Plains	TCJ	
25947	15-Jan-75	Denman	TCJ	
25951	19-Jan-75	Gammon	TCJ	
25954	22-Jan-75	Cassilis	TCJ	
25987	24-Feb-75	Uralla	AE	
25992	1-Mar-75	Armidale	AE	
26013	22-Mar-75	Tingha	AE	
26038	16-Apr-75	Inverell	AE	

26127	Wed	14-Jul-75	Grafton	CRE	<i>Thence Richmond River</i>
26137	Sat	24-Jul-75	Wilcannia	WT	
26146	Mon	2-Aug-75	Lawrence	-	
26155	Wed	11-Aug-75	Casino	RRE	
26158	Sat	14-Aug-75	Lismore	RRE	
26167	Mon	23-Aug-75	Grafton	-	
26216	Mon	11-Oct-75	Narrabri	-	<i>En route from Moree</i>
26223	Mon	18-Oct-75	Boggabri	NH	
26225	Wed	20-Oct-75	Burbugate	NH	
26226	Thu	21-Oct-75	Gunnedah	NH	
26235	Sat	30-Oct-75	Gunnedah	TCJ	
26206		31-Oct-75	Moree	-	<i>En route for Narrabri</i>
26243	Sat	7-Nov-75	Gunnedah	TCJ	
26250	Sat	14-Nov-75	Coonabarabran	TCJ	
26252	Tue	16-Nov-75	Coolah	MM	
26255	Fri	19-Nov-75	Cassilis	MM	
26256	Sat	20-Nov-75	Coolah	TCJ	
26258	Mon	22-Nov-75	Merriwa	TCJ	
26261	Thu	25-Nov-75	Merriwa	MM	
26237		30-Nov-75	Coonabarabran	TCJ	
26273	Tue	7-Dec-75	Muswellbrook	MM	

26298	Sat	1-Jan-76	Tamworth	-	
26301		4-Jan-76	Murrurundi	MM	<i>Ashton's Band at local races</i>
26305	Sat	8-Jan-76	Wallabadah	TCJ	<i>En route for Mudgee &amp; Orang</i>
26312	Sat	15-Jan-76	Tamworth	TCJ	
26316	Wed	19-Jan-76	Inverell	-	
26317	Thu	20-Jan-76	Inverell	-	
26319	Sat	22-Jan-76	Bendemeer	TCJ	
26326	Sat	29-Jan-76	Glen Innes	-	
26326	Sat	29-Jan-76	Inverell	TCJ	
26343	Tue	15-Feb-76	Armidale	-	
26344	Wed	16-Feb-76	Armidale	-	
26356	Mon	28-Feb-76	Bendemeer	-	
26358	Tue	1-Mar-76	Tamworth	-	
26364	Mon	7-Mar-76	Murrurundi	-	
26366	Wed	9-Mar-76	Murrurundi	-	
26371	Mon	14-Mar-76	Tamworth	-	
26379	Tue	22-Mar-76	Armidale	AE	
26358		31-Mar-76	Uralla	-	
26358		31-Mar-76	Wallabadah	-	
26405	Mon	17-Apr-76	Stanthorpe	-	
26412		24-Apr-76	Stanthorpe	TW	

26413	Tue	25-Apr-76	Warwick	-	
26417	Sat	29-Apr-76	Allora	-	
26419	Mon	1-May-76	Toowoomba	-	
26421		3-May-76	Warwick	TW	
26427	Tue	9-May-76	Ipswich	-	
26430	Fri	12-May-76	Ipswich	-	
26434	Tue	16-May-76	Brisbane	CM	
26436	Thu	18-May-76	Brisbane	CM	
26487	Sat	8-Jul-76	Mt Perry	Q	
26504		25-Jul-76	Gayndah	-	
26572		31-Oct-76	Clermont	Q	
26572		31-Oct-76	Dalby	Q	
26572		31-Oct-76	Rolleston	Q	
26572		31-Oct-76	Springsure	Q	
26606		4-Nov-76	Rolleston	Q	
26637		5-Dec-76	Copperfield	TW	<i>En route for Clermont</i>
26725	Sat	3-Mar-77	Rockhampton	RMB	
26773	Fri	20-Apr-77	Mackay	DM	
26805	Tue	22-May-77	Bowen	PDT	
26806	Wed	23-May-77	Bowen	PDT	<i>En route for Charters Towers</i>
26860		16-Jul-77	Charters Twrs	-	