

## Wirth Bros Circus

### Movements through Australia and New Zealand in 1888-93

*The Wirth Bros were the sons of a German musician, Johannes Wirth, who arrived in Australia with his brothers about 1855. The original Wirth brothers travelled around Australia as a 'German band', playing music on the goldfields, at country race weeks and agricultural shows. The children of Johannes commenced their travels in 1875 as The Star Variety Troupe, By the early 1880s, this had grown into Wirth Bros Circus. After the demise of FitzGerald Bros Circus in 1906, Wirth Bros was left the only large circus in Australia and maintained a position of preeminence until its demise in 1963. Wirth Bros Circus toured Australasia by rail and ship according to standardised routes, and regularly imported top circus acts from America and Europe. Apart from an extraordinary world tour, 1893-1900, Wirth Bros confined its operations to Australia and New Zealand.*

Reference	Day	Date	Location	Source	Notes
30691	Wed	11-Jan-88	Lismore	TNS	
30771		31-Mar-88	Narrabri		
30788		17-Apr-88	Newcastle	NMH	
30794	Mon	23-Apr-88	Wallsend	NMH	
30799	Sat	28-Apr-88	Newcastle	NMH	
30825		24-May-88	Sydney	SMH	
30862		30-Jun-88	Sydney	SMH	<i>Departs for Victoria</i>
30921	Tue	28-Aug-88	Sydney		
30957		3-Oct-88	Young	BA	

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30962		8-Oct-88	Gundagai	GT
30967		13-Oct-88	Albury	ABP
30979		25-Oct-88	Melbourne	Arg
31028	Thu	13-Dec-88	Albury	ABP
31030	Sat	15-Dec-88	Melbourne	Arg
31041	Wed	26-Dec-88	Hobart	
31047	Tue	1-Jan-89	Hobart	HM
31050	Fri	4-Jan-89	Launceston	DT
31050	Mon	14-Jan-89	Longford	DT
31054	Tue	8-Jan-89	Campbelltown	HM
31061	Tue	15-Jan-89	Westbury	DT
31062	Wed	16-Jan-89	La Trobe	DT
31063	Thu	17-Jan-89	Formby	DT
31085	Fri	8-Feb-89	Wagga Wagga	WWA
31190		24-May-89	Broken Hill	-
31207		10-Jun-89	Petersbury	SAR
31208		11-Jun-89	Terowie	SAR
31209		12-Jun-89	Gawler	SAR
31230		3-Jul-89	Wagga Wagga	WWA
31240		13-Jul-89	Newcastle	
31274		16-Aug-89	Brisbane	BT
31296		7-Sep-89	R'hampton	ACR

31309		20-Sep-89	Bowen	PDT	
31310	Sat	21-Sep-89	Townsville	PDT	
31314		25-Sep-89	Charters Twrs	DM	
31315		26-Sep-89	Mackay	DM	
31377		27-Nov-89	Launceston	DT	<i>En route for Hobart and New Zealand</i>
31383	Tue	3-Dec-89	Hobart	HM	
31391	Wed	11-Dec-89	Hobart	M	
31398	Wed	18-Dec-89	Invercargill	-	
31485	Sat	15-Mar-90	Sydney	SMH	
31587		25-Jun-90	Auckland	Ref	
31592		30-Jun-90	Auckland	Ref	
31608		16-Jul-90	Auckland	-	
31776		31-Dec-90	Ararat	AA	
31779		3-Jan-91	Ballarat		
31785	Fri	9-Jan-91	Echuca	RH	
31789		13-Jan-91	Wagga Wagga	WWA	
31790		14-Jan-91	Young	BA	
31793		17-Jan-91	Bathurst	-	
31807		31-Jan-91	Sydney	SMH	<i>With Sutton's Orginal Wild West Show</i>
31809	Mon	2-Feb-91	Castlemaine	CL	<i>By chartered train from Adelaide</i>
31811	Fri	6-Feb-91	Breakfast Creek	BT	<i>With Wild West &amp; Roman Hippodrome</i>
31821	Sat	14-Feb-91	Richmond	-	
31826	Thu	19-Feb-91	Maryborough	MC	

31828	Sat	21-Feb-91	Rockhampton	RMB
31828	Sat	21-Feb-91	Gympie	BT
31828	Sat	21-Feb-91	Mudgee	-
31829	Mon	23-Feb-91	Mudgee	-
31831	Wed	24-Feb-91	Bundaberg	BT
31832	Thu	25-Feb-91	Bathurst	-
31834	Sat	27-Feb-91	Rockhampton	BT
31837		2-Mar-91	Molong	ME
31838		3-Mar-91	Mackay	DM
31842		7-Mar-91	Townsville	BT
31846		11-Mar-91	Charters Towers	BT
31846		11-Mar-91	Bourke	WH
31856		21-Mar-91	Cowra	CFP
31858		23-Mar-91	Young	BA
31858		23-Mar-91	Young	BA
31859		24-Mar-91	Murrumburrah	MS
31860		25-Mar-91	Gundagai	-
31873	Tue	7-Apr-91	Harden	MS
31877	Sat	11-Apr-91	Bingara	SM
31877	Sat	11-Apr-91	Lismore	TNS
31900		4-May-91	Newtown	SMH
31902		6-May-91	Newcastle	NMH
31908		12-May-91	Narrabri	-

31909		13-May-91	Tamworth	TO	
31910		14-May-91	Uralla	TO	
31911		15-May-91	Armidale	TO	
31912		16-May-91	Glen Innes	TO	
31914		18-May-91	Tenterfield	TO	
31951		24-Jun-91	Tiaro	MC	
31954		27-Jun-91	Maryborough	MC	
31984	Mon	27-Jul-91	Roma	ABP	
32010		22-Aug-91	Brisbane	Q	
32014		26-Aug-91	Newcastle	NMH	
32027		8-Sep-91	Wagga Wagga	WWA	
32028		9-Sep-91	Albury	ABP	
32103	Sat	22-Nov-91	Melbourne	MDT	
32161		20-Jan-92	Launceston	DT	<i>From Adelaide per ss Albany</i>
32173		1-Feb-92	Hobart	HM	<i>From Launceston by special train, thence NZ by ss Maroroa</i>
32499		23-Dec-92	Sydney	SMH	
32566		28-Feb-93	Bega	BS	
32569		3-Mar-93	Cooma	CEx	
32589		23-Mar-93	Yass	YC	
32600		3-Apr-93	Deniliquin	PT	
32635		8-May-93	Coleraine	KE	
32653		26-May-93	Adelaide	SAR	

32719	31-Jul-93	Perth	WA
32761	11-Sep-93	Broken Hill	BHA
32812	1-Nov-93	Adelaide	SAR