



Mind Warp — Leanna, Kevin, Shona and Les — entertain the crowd at the Murchison House Station.

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# Shear enjoyment for music-lovers

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A CENTURY ago the only sound in the old shearing shed at Murchison House Station was the bleating of hundreds of sheep, the buzzing and clanking of the mechanical shearers' combs and the grunts of the shearers as they bent their backs to the job at hand.

The shearing shed has not been used for its original purpose for decades, but now has a new lease of life hosting Murchison Music.

At the first performance in the shed last Saturday, the acoustics were surprisingly good. Patrons enjoyed a pleasant evening of

entertainment which included a barbecue. Local musicians have been completing their performing "apprenticeship" for a couple of years at Murchison River Music and other events in Kalbarri.

The quiet acoustics of music were followed by the main act, Mind Warp, which has an eclectic style that is difficult to encapsulate in a single genre.

There was soft rock with a mixture of blues, a touch of folk and 80s classic influence.

Mind Warp comprises two couples — Kevin, Leanna, Les and Shona — who obviously enjoyed performing.

This was evident from the smiles and laughter from the

stage, as well as from the audience. Patrons were mainly visitors to the town, staying at Murchison House and other accommodation locations in Kalbarri.

Peter from Perth described it as great entertainment for the whole family.

"We have two kids who were safe while we had a relaxing and inexpensive evening with barbecue, sitting by the outdoor camp fire, and several hours of pleasant, non-brain-thumping music, which we enjoy."

The next Murchison Music evening will be held at the old shearing shed on Saturday, November 5, from 5.30pm.



Music-lovers enjoy the rustic atmosphere in the shearing shed