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WELCOME TO BRIGHTER DAYS 2023

Welcome to the 2023 Brighter Days Festival.

Here we are back together again in beautiful Bright for our 11th year.

Each year our dedicated committee starts our planning with a debrief on the previous year; what worked, what didn't and what we can do differently, and this is how Brighter Days continues to go from strength to strength each year. And now here we are ready to go again in March 2023.

I believe we have come up with something everyone can be proud of this year, and we invite you to really get involved in everything on offer and enjoy what promises to be a sensational event.

The Brighter Days Foundation gave away \$825,000 after the 2022 event which makes an incredible total of over \$3.3 million we have given away over the Brighter Days journey.

Just as the work of the Brighter Days Foundation continues, so does the important work of our charities and I'm pleased to share with you the great progress that has been made over the last year.

The Cooper Trewin Foundation SUDC have given away 360 Safe Sleep packs to the Bairnsdale Hospital plus a pledge for \$200,000 AUD to the Boston Children's Hospital and The Harvard Medical School for the Cooper Trewin Zebra Fish trial that they are running. This trial is continuing with some good results to be published soon.

DEBRA has seen an increase in new families needing support with nine babies born with EB in the past 12 months which adds to the help that is required. DEBRA has increased nursing hours by 8% so that nurses have extra capacity to care for children and adults living with EB. This is all in addition to their research initiatives.

EB Research Partnership (EBRP) Australia has invested heavily in research and in 2021 funded 13 innovative research projects with the potential to heal all subtypes of EB across six countries. They have prioritised funding projects that could be in the hands of patients in the next 1-4 years which will significantly improve the quality of lives for all EB sufferers.

We would like to congratulate and acknowledge all the hard work and long hours of the nurses, carers, researchers and doctors who are involved across all levels of research programs or with general day to day care; what an awesome job they do.

All of you here this weekend or those who have been here in the past have all greatly contributed to the progress we are making around the world with our research partners, so give yourself a pat on the back. Without your generosity, your donations and your support none of this would be possible.

On behalf of the entire committee thank you for your ongoing support.

Cheers,
Paul

BIKES CARS MUSIC



WHAT'S ON

SOUNDS OF SILENCE

Friday 10th & Saturday 11th March

SPONSORED BY STEGBAR

Hugely popular, the Brighter Days #nextgen will once again pump out the tunes and with 3 channels to choose from there is sure to be something to suit everyone. Entry (headphone hire) included with a Festival Pass.

6-8pm - Next to the Kids Zone

COOPER CARD RUN

Saturday 11th March

SPONSORED BY BUDDYBET

The Poker Run will depart from Pioneer Park and is a great way to see beautiful Bright and surrounds. Entrants receive cards throughout the run to make a poker hand. You can also buy additional cards to improve your hand. Entry \$30 per person.

Great prizes! LIMITED ENTRIES,
Pre-registration is recommended.

PEDAL TO PUNKAH

Saturday 11th March 11am

SPONSORED BY CYCLEPATH BRIGHT

Grab the kids and join in a fun, family friendly ride to Porepunkah and back.

Great door prizes to be won

Entry is included in your Festival Pass,
Pre-registration is recommended

CONNECTED CIRCUS AND KIDS ZONE

All Weekend

A circus space running activities for kids.
Kids Zone with amusements and more.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE MAINSTAGE

All Weekend

Bring your picnic rug and chairs and enjoy sensational entertainment throughout the weekend from some of Australia's best-loved artists including James Reyne, The Screaming Jets, Kate Ceberano, Richard Clapton, Ella Hooper, Mahalia Barnes, Reece Mastin and of course, our favourites Screamin' Eagles... plus many more.

CRUISE FOR A CURE

Saturday 11th March

SPONSORED BY AVRO PLUMBING

Get that classic car out in the fresh country air! Join all the other car enthusiasts for our 'Cruise for a Cure'. Departing Bright approx. 10.15am from Pioneer Park and heading down the main street behind the COOPER CARD RUN, to make a fantastic GRAND PARADE, then cruising off for lunch. Pre-registration is recommended.

Entry \$15 per vehicle.

Lunch stop will be at the Yackandandah Hotel.

Additional Lunch prices \$28 per adult,
\$14 per Child – limit 5 lunches per vehicle.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON HUB

All Weekend

Harley-Davidson are back at Brighter Days with a fleet of new MY23 touring and cruiser models to demo ride. We'll also be rolling deep with the Harley-Davidson truck, our promo team will be on-hand and Jump-Start for people to experience riding a Harley-Davidson who might not have a license or know how to ride.



WHAT'S ON

LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS

All Weekend

SPONSORED BY DICKENS REAL ESTATE

Check out all the auction items on display near the Event office and put your name down to grab yourself a bargain!

BADES LONGEST LUNCH

Saturday 11th & 12th March

SPONSORED BY MCQUINN ELECTRICAL

Choose Saturday or Sunday or both and join us at Sole à Luna for a ladies lunch. Price includes welcome champagne, 3 course lunch, music bingo, prizes and raffles. Tickets SOLD OUT.

BIKE SHOW 'N SHINE

Sunday 12th March

SPONSORED BY HEAVY DUTY MAGAZINE

Featuring the Paul Hallam Memorial Trophy for Best Bike in show as well as all your favourite categories for the 2023 Bike Show 'n Shine. A great chance to show off your pride and joy at Pioneer Park from 8am. Entry is included in your Weekend or Sunday Festival Pass or \$20 per vehicle at the gate.

CAR SHOW 'N SHINE

Sunday 12th March

SPONSORED BY ARROW WOOD PRODUCTS

Share your classic car with us all. Cars on display at Pioneer Park on Sunday from 8am. Entry is included in your Weekend or Sunday Festival Pass or \$20 per vehicle at the gate.

THE AMAZING CHASE

Sunday 12th March

SPONSORED BY BENDIGO BANK BRIGHT

Enter teams of four and follow the clues to solve puzzles and complete activities in and around Bright. Fun for all the family and suitable for all ages. Entry is included in your Festival Pass, pre-registration of your team is recommended.

BRIGHTER DAYS RAFFLE DRAW & AUCTION

Sunday 12th March

SPONSORED BY

BAYFORD FORD

HARLEY-DAVIDSON

KINCROME AUSTRALIA

SUZUKI AUSTRALIA

RAYVOLT

ARROW WOOD PRODUCTS

Be there to see if YOU win 1 of 6 amazing prizes. See Page 6 for full raffle details.

THE ELIZA BAIRD BRIGHTSTARS

Sunday 12th March

SPONSORED BY THE STAFF @ UFINANCIAL

Celebrating Eliza's love of music the next generation of budding musicians will have their chance to show off their talents on the big stage!

RAFFLE 2023

1ST PRIZE



FORD MUSTANG FASTBACK GT 5.0L 6SPD MANUAL MY24

Thanks to Bayford VALUED AT > \$75,000

OR FORD RANGER WILDTRAK 4X4 2.0 10SPD AUTO MY23.50

Thanks to Bayford VALUED AT \$74,388



2ND PRIZE



**HARLEY-DAVIDSON SOFTAIL STANDARD
+ \$5K CUSTOMIZATION CREDIT**

Donated by
Harley-Davidson Australia
VALUED AT \$27,995

**HARLEY
DAVIDSON**

3RD PRIZE



**TOOL ARMOUR 1053 PIECE
WORKSHOP TOOL KIT**

Donated by
KINCROME Australia
VALUED AT \$12,999

KINCROME

4TH PRIZE



**BRAND NEW SUZUKI
V-STORM 250SX MOTORCYCLE**

Thanks to
Suzuki Australia
VALUED AT \$6,490

SUZUKI

5TH PRIZE



**RAYVOLT RINGO
BLACK E-BIKE**

Donated by Rayvolt Australia
VALUED AT \$4,995



6TH PRIZE



FUEL VOUCHER

Donated by Arrow Wood Products
VALUED AT \$2,500



**Raffle drawn at 6pm Sunday
12th March 2023**

at Pioneer Park, Bright, Victoria
Winners notified by phone
Visit www.brighterdays.org.au for full T&C's

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM RAFFLE GO TO
THE BRIGHTER DAYS FOUNDATION
\$100 PER TICKET - 6000 TICKETS**



The Brighter Days Foundation was formed in 2012 to offer support to two charities; the DEBRA Foundation (Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association) and SUDC (Sudden Unexplained Death In Childhood). Through a friend, whose child had been diagnosed with the debilitating EB disease, the band the Smokin' O'Briens played a backyard EB awareness gig where they met sufferers Eliza and Tilly.

So touched by the plight of these children, musicians Matt Powell, John Nixon and Steve Dundon decided to do something more to help. At the same time their bike-riding buddy Jim Henwood's close friends Rob and Kylie Trewin had lost their son Cooper to SUDC whilst another great mate and Bright local Jason Reid was experiencing first hand the trauma of a very sick child.

Collectively the guys wanted to do something that would make a real difference to those suffering.

They put their heads together and drew on the significant resources of their wider circle of friends who were also motorcycle and car enthusiasts and so the Brighter Days Foundation began.

With the festival now in its 11th year, we are proud to have donated over \$3.3 Million to our charities, a figure we could not have imagined when we started in 2013.

DEBRA AUSTRALIA

DEBRA Australia is a not-for-profit volunteer-based organisation that does not receive any direct Government funding and works tirelessly to support those living with a rare skin blistering disease called Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB)

EB is a rare disease whereby the skin blisters and peels at the slightest touch. Living with EB has been likened to living with third degree burns. It is very painful, and sufferers must be bandaged every day with dressings to protect and medicate their wounds. Recent estimates suggest more than 1200 people currently live with EB in Australia, and more than 500,000 people worldwide.

DEBRA Australia assists in improving the lives of children and adults living with EB by providing necessary support services, medical supplies, aids and equipment, assistance with transition to independent living and research focusing on different aspects of EB.

In addition to this DEBRA delivers a number of programs to support and educate families living with EB as well as hosts seminars to train and educate specialist



health professionals and nurses. DEBRA Australia also works with DEBRA International to provide support for EB families worldwide and aims to facilitate opportunities for EB research to find approaches to cure and develop therapies for EB.



Our vision is a world where no one suffers from the painful genetic skin condition Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB).

For more than 10 years, Brighter Days has supported the work of DEBRA Australia and has become one of DEBRA Australia's most valued partners. Since its inception in 2013, The Brighter Days Foundation has donated more than \$1.1 Million to support our programs and all our EB families and we are truly thankful for The Brighter Days Foundation. For more information please visit www.debra.org.au

EB RESEARCH FOUNDATION

When Tilly Wilkes was born with Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) in Melbourne in 2011, it turned her family's world upside down. The Wilkes family had never heard of EB and to learn of the painful and cruel life their daughter was about to face was devastating. Business leader, Scott Didier AM, heard of Tilly's story and with friends established the EB Research Foundation, now the EB Research Partnership (Australia) to raise significant funds to invest into science and research to find a cure for Epidermolysis Bullosa.

EB is a family of rare genetic disorders that affect the body's largest organ: the skin. Individuals with EB lack critical proteins that bind the skin's two layers together. Without these proteins, the skin tears apart, blisters, and shears off leading to severe pain, disfigurement, and wounds that may never heal.

EB is a devastating disease. It affects kids from birth. But what makes this cause different is we believe we can actually do something about it in our lifetime.



EB RESEARCH
PARTNERSHIP
AUSTRALIA



The support of Brighter Days helps us to fund innovative research projects across the world, accelerating cutting-edge technology with potential to heal all forms of EB. We prioritise funding for projects that can be in the hands of patients within 1-4 years and will lead to significantly improving the quality of lives of those living with EB or can be curative.

Our model and the research we fund can advance cures beyond EB for the 7,000 rare diseases that affect 400 million people around the world.

With the support of Brighter Days finding a cure for EB is not an if, it's a when.

COOPER TREWIN MEMORIAL SUDC RESEARCH FUND

The Cooper Trewin Foundation was established after the tragic passing of Cooper Trewin on 6 February 2010, aged 16 months.

Cooper passed for no known reason and the foundation was established to support research into the cause of sudden and unexplained death in children.

As a parent who is told by a pathologist after an autopsy that we had a healthy little boy without sickness, injury or disease leaves a lot of unanswered questions. We decided to establish research to try and help find a cause.

Cooper's connection to Brighter Days comes via committee members Jim & Lisa Henwood who heard Cooper's Dad talk at an event, deciding at that very moment to make a difference and help save other families from this same tragedy.

From its humble beginnings, we have been part of this incredible event. We have proudly watched Brighter Days grow into the iconic Australian festival it is today, achieved by the hard work of countless volunteers.



Cooper Trewin

Money raised from Brighter Days has been directly credited with saving children lives, assisting the development of the Cooper Trewin Brighter Days Neuroimaging Study, Brighter Days Genetic Screening and a Safe Sleep Program run out of the Bairnsdale Hospital.

Our long term relationship with the Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School currently has us committed to a \$400,000 genetic study utilising Zebrafish.

We are making a difference and Cooper is helping to change the world with this research.

We would like to thank you for raising funds for such worthwhile charities and keeping Cooper's legacy alive.



LITE GUARD DELIVERS HEAVYWEIGHT DONATION TO INSPIRE OTHERS



You may notice a new Brighter Days stage sponsor this year - **LITE Guard Trench Shoring**.

Remember last year when we made the amazing announcement that an anonymous donor made the incredible donation of a quarter of a million dollars?

Well, it was the owners of LITE guard, Tony and Dot!

True to their word the money was in our account within a couple of days... just amazing generosity.

And again, true to their word they wanted to remain anonymous, "We don't want any fanfare", they both said. Well after this amazing random act of kindness, the Brighter Days Committee really wanted to acknowledge their contribution, so after many requests they agreed to make their generosity public in the hope that others may do the same. "We realise that by speaking out it may encourage other companies or individuals to step up and donate. And the bonus for us was we didn't realise Brighter Days had Tax Deductable Status," they said.

"This donation was a huge bonus for our charities who had been affected by our inability to raise funds due to COVID", said Brighter Days President Paul Terrill. "The incredible generosity of Dot and Tony really helped us to get back on track and move forward after the impact of the pandemic over the last couple of years. From the executive to the broader committee and all the volunteers this amazing announcement on the Sunday night after the presentation, really lifted everyone's spirits after a tough lead up to the event, with COVID uncertainty still in the air on top of being unable to run the event at all the year before."

"Our goal as a collective has always been to raise more funds each year, year in year out. We never want to go backwards, however for the first time due to COVID we did and we were all absolutely overwhelmed and stoked by this donation from Dot and Tony", said Brighter Days Vice President Jason Reid.

"We watch how hard this committee works to raise funds for their very worthy charities" said LITE Guard Trench Shoring owners Dot and Tony. "We know that all funds raised go to the right places. This foundation is transparent and extremely hard working. While the presentation was on during the Sunday night, we looked at each other and agreed that this was the right thing to do. We are not overly wealthy people and we have worked bloody hard for every dollar we have ever made but we knew we would get real bang for our donated bucks, and it was our way of helping everyone who volunteers so much to provide a novel way of raising funds. We did this for the kids and our hope is that others will follow our lead."

From everyone involved in Brighter Days and from the charities we support, thank you Tony and Dot, from the bottom of our hearts. This was an amazing gesture, and we will make every effort to give LITE guard Trench Shoring the exposure it so clearly deserves because of your generosity.

If you are ever looking to hire or buy trench shields, be sure to look them up - they are an amazing company owned and operated by amazing people, remember "don't go down without them!"

If you or your company would like to come on board Brighter Days as sponsors in any way, please reach out to us.

Your donation will make a real difference in the lives of children and families facing the toughest of battles.



BRIGHTER DAYS EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 10 MARCH

TIME	BRIGHTER DAYS PRECINCT
4pm	<p>GATES OPEN ALL DAY ATTRACTIONS Brighter Days Tents open for event registrations, raffle & merchandise sales.</p> <p>CONNECTED CIRCUS, KIDS ZONE, FOOD COURT & VENDORS</p> <p>HARLEY-DAVIDSON HUB Visit the Harley-Davidson Hub for all things Harley.</p>
5pm	<p>ARTIST: RAW DEEP PERFORMANCE SPONSORED BY: HYGRADE LASER PROFILING</p>
6pm	<p>WELCOME</p>
6 - 8:00pm	<p>SOUNDS OF SILENCE SILENT DISCO - ALL AGES</p>
6:45pm	<p>ARTIST: BOB 'BONGO' STARKIE'S SKYHOOKS SHOW PERFORMANCE SPONSORED BY: NETWORKPAK</p>
8:00pm	<p>CHARITY PRESENTATION</p>
8:30pm - 10pm	<p>ARTIST: INXSIVE PERFORMANCE SPONSORED BY: FINE TUNE COMMUNICATIONS</p>

BRIGHTER DAYS EVENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 11 MARCH

TIME	PIONEER PARK (OUTSIDE BDF FENCE LINE)
8am	COOPER CARD RUN & CRUISE FOR A CURE Registrations open
10am	COOPER CARD RUN & CRUISE FOR A CURE Depart
10:15am Approx	GRAND PARADE OF CARS AND BIKES DOWN IRELAND STREET PAST THE CLOCK TOWER
TIME	BRIGHTER DAYS PRECINCT
9am	GATES OPEN ALL DAY ATTRACTIONS Brighter Days Tents open for event registrations, raffle & merchandise sales. CONNECTED CIRCUS, KIDS ZONE, FOOD COURT & VENDORS HARLEY-DAVIDSON HUB Visit the Harley-Davidson Hub for all things Harley.
10:30am	CAM 'SINCS' SINCLAIR - FMX AERIAL STUNTSHOW REHEARSAL
11am	PEDAL TO PUNKAH - FAMILY PUSH BIKE RIDE Depart
12pm	*BABES LONGEST LUNCH SOLD OUT * OFFSITE @ SOLE E LUNA
1pm	PEDAL TO PUNKAH - FAMILY PUSH BIKE RIDE Returns and door prizes drawn
1:15pm	RAW DEEP - ACOUSTIC SET
2:15pm	CAM 'SINCS' SINCLAIR - FMX AERIAL STUNTSHOW
3pm	ARTIST: ELLA HOOPER PERFORMANCE SPONSORED BY: MORTGAGE CHOICE CAMBERWELL
4:30pm	ARTIST: RICHARD CLAPTON PERFORMANCE SPONSORED BY: NECC
6pm	SPEECHES / AUCTIONS
6 - 8pm	SOUNDS OF SILENCE SILENT DISCO - ALL AGES
6:30pm	ARTIST: KATE CEBERANO PERFORMANCE SPONSORED BY: QUBE LOGISTICS & LITTLE FISH PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS
7:30pm	CHARITY PRESENTATION
8pm - 10pm	ARTIST: SCREAMIN' EAGLES PERFORMANCE SPONSORED BY: COUNTRYWIDE ADVICE

BRIGHTER DAYS EVENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 12 MARCH

TIME	PIONEER PARK (OUTSIDE BDF FENCE LINE)
8am	BIKE SHOW 'N SHINE & CAR SHOW 'N SHINE Registrations open Bike Show 8am - 2pm
10am	BIKE & CAR SHOW 'N SHINE Judging commences
TIME	BRIGHTER DAYS PRECINCT
9am	GATES OPEN ALL DAY ATTRACTIONS Brighter Days Tents open for event registrations, raffle & merchandise sales. CONNECTED CIRCUS, KIDS ZONE, FOOD COURT & VENDORS HARLEY-DAVIDSON HUB Visit the Harley-Davidson Hub for all things Harley
10am	THE AMAZING CHASE
12pm	*BABES LONGEST LUNCH SOLD OUT * OFFSITE @ SOLE E LUNA
1pm	CAM 'SINCS' SINCLAIR - FMX AERIAL STUNTSHOW
1:30pm	EVENT PRESENTATIONS
2pm	BRIGHTSTARS
3pm	ARTIST: MAHALIA BARNES PERFORMANCE SPONSORED BY: FOOTT WASTE
4:30pm	ARTIST: REECE MASTIN / DALE RYDER PERFORMANCE SPONSORED BY: EVENT STAGE HIRE
6pm	RAFFLE DRAW
6:30pm	ARTIST: THE SCREAMING JETS PERFORMANCE SPONSORED BY: UFINANCIAL & CONTECH ENGINEERING
8pm	CHARITY PRESENTATION / SPONSORS THANK YOU
8:30 - 10pm	ARTIST: JAMES REYNE PERFORMANCE SPONSORED BY: McFADYEN GROUP & COMDAIN HOMES

* Schedule subject to change

BANDS

JAMES REYNE

His songs have provided the soundtrack to endless Australian summers.

James Reyne is one of our finest singers and songwriters, responsible for iconic songs such as 'Reckless', 'The Boys Light Up', 'Beautiful People', 'Lakeside', 'Daughters Of The Northern Coast', 'Fall Of Rome', 'Hammerhead', 'Motor's Too Fast' and 'Slave'.

Distinctly Australian – as legendary critic Ed Nimmervoll noted, "His voice is as familiar to us as the taste of Vegemite, as essentially Australian" – James was inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame in 1996 and was honoured with the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2014.

James has had 19 Top 40 singles – including six Top 10 hits – and 11 Top 10 albums. And his songs have been



covered by a range of artists, including Paul Kelly, John Farnham, Mick Thomas and Angie Hart.

James' latest album, *Toon Town Lullaby*, is his 12th solo studio album. "Another fine record, which sits comfortably in his classic catalogue" (Rhythms magazine).

THE SCREAMING JETS

The Screaming Jets have been an enduring rock force in the Australian music landscape for over 3 decades.

Before they had even signed their first record deal, The Screaming Jets had already clocked up more than 200 live shows, won the 'Triple J Battle Of The Bands' competition and established themselves as an onstage, no holds barred, powerhouse of Aussie rock n roll.

It was the band's second single 'Better' from their debut album 'All for One' that introduced the band to the world, and saw The Screaming Jets embark on their first world tour – to Europe, UK, USA & Canada.

Since then the band have kept their peddle to the metal, releasing 9 studio albums (4 of them Top 5 on the Australian ARIA Charts), scoring multiple gold and platinum records & notching up literally thousands of gig and touring miles under their belt.

Affectionately known as Australia's 'Last Great Pub Rock Band', the Jets live show never disappoints, and as a result they have built a devoted, die-hard live fan base across Australia and the world.



From their humble beginnings in Newcastle, New South Wales in 1989, their 30 plus years in the Oz music biz has not slowed down The Screaming Jets and their hunger to make great rock music and entertain their fans.

BANDS

KATE CEBERANO

Fronting pop funk band 'I'm talking', Kate notched up 5 consecutive hit singles and a platinum debut album 'Bear Witness'. The year was 1986 and Kate won Most Popular Female Artist at the Countdown Awards.

Kate has barely drawn breath since, racking up 28 albums over 35 years whilst effortlessly moving around genres. Notching up 13 X Platinum status, 8 X Gold, 4 x ARIA awards and 19 nominations, and dozens of other major awards, Kate is Australian entertainment royalty. She performed across the country in the legendary Australian Made tour with INXS and Jimmy Barnes, starred in Jesus Christ Superstar with John Farnham, South Pacific for Opera Australia at the Sydney Opera House, had her own tonight show 'Kate Ceberano & Friends' on the ABC TV, won Dancing With The Stars, first Australian woman inducted into the Australian Songwriters Association (ASA) Hall of Fame in 2014, awarded Order of Australia in 2016 for services to the arts and charity, curated the Adelaide Cabaret Festival for three record breaking years, just to name a few of her milestones.



Kate Ceberano is a most diverse and creative tour-de-force. A bona fide national treasure, possessing one of the great voices of her generation.

Long may she run.

The latest album Sweet Inspiration hit # 5 on ARIA album chart. This puts Kate in the pantheon of ARIA artists, with Top 10 albums across 5 decades; 80's, 90's, 00's, 10's and now 2020's... joining AC/DC, Kylie Minogue and Midnight Oil for this honour.

ELLA HOOPER

Ella Hooper was still a teenager when she burst onto the Australian music scene – Unearthed by Triple J when she was just 13, Ella scored her first number one with the single 'Mascara' on her 17th birthday. And at 18, she became the first woman to be awarded APRA's Songwriter of the Year.

After releasing three hit albums with Killing Heidi, Ella embarked on a solo career. Her forthcoming album, Small Town Temple – written in her hometown of Violet Town – has been hailed as a new beginning, showcasing Ella's deeply personal songwriting.



After a multitude of gold and platinum records and four ARIA Awards, Ella remains committed to her craft.

As she sings on Small Town Temple: "Still strong, still on a mission."

BANDS

RICHARD CLAPTON

Richard Clapton as one of Australia's foremost singer/songwriters, paved the way for subsequent generations of songwriters to write about the experience of being Australian.

He grew up in Sydney in the 1960s. He wrote a first album, *Prussian Blue* (1973) in Germany which was one of the first major Australian "singer-songwriter" albums.

One of the most popular songs from *Prussian Blue* was *I Wanna Be A Survivor* and how true that message would turn out to be. His songs are still omnipresent on the radio to this day; his records charting the political landscape of the nation and the turbulent lives of two generations.

Richard Clapton has developed a sound based on melodic rock while his lyrics were poetic musings on his state of mind or the state of the nation.

By 1975, when he released his highly acclaimed, No.1 hit *Girls On The Avenue*, Clapton had set the themes he was to explore for the coming decades.

Over the following years there were a string of hits including the perennial favourites: *Capricorn Dancer*, *Deep Water*, *I Am An Island*, and many more.



He has released over 20 albums which have cumulatively sold over one million copies.

In 1999 he was inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame and in 2014, his first memoir "The Best Years of Our Lives" was published by Allen and Unwin.

In 2021 Richard released his first cover album, entitled *Music Is Love (1966-1970)*. A timely homage to the music of peace love & understanding; tunes of the American hippies from the late 1960's.

MAHALIA BARNES

Mahalia Barnes has been in and around music her entire life. Throughout her childhood years she was exposed to everything from Mahalia Jackson, Ray Charles, Otis Redding, Wilson Pickett + Sam Cooke to Ike + Tina Turner, Aretha Franklin, Donny Hathaway and Stevie Wonder, all of which helped shape her into the powerhouse soul and blues vocalist that has jaws dropping every time she picks up a mic. Mahalia and her band, *The Soul Mates*, have released three full length albums as well as several EPs and consistently play to capacity crowds around the country. They have toured nationally and internationally supporting artists such as Bruce Springsteen, The Roots,



Mavis Staples, Joe Bonamassa, Bryan Adams, Tom Jones and more. Mahalia is also an in demand session vocalist and live backing vocalist, having recorded and toured with the likes of Joe Bonamassa, Liam Gallagher, George Benson, Robert Jon + The Wreck, Cold Chisel, Jimmy Barnes and Lachy Doley to name a few.

BANDS

BOB 'BONGO' STARKIE'S SKYHOOKS SHOW

BOB 'BONGO' STARKIE'S SKYHOOKS SHOW is a celebration of the music of SKYHOOKS

BOB 'BONGO' STARKIE guitarist with the legendary SKYHOOKS performs the classic songs and a few more that need to be heard, in a personal celebration of one of Australia's most beloved bands. In between songs Bob shares anecdotes and Insights into the inner workings of the SKYHOOKS.

'We have a female singer only because no male can match 'SHIRLEYS' Vocal range and they are so much better to look at, so no apologies there.'(Bob)



BOB 'BONGO' STARKIE'S SKYHOOKS SHOW - RAZOR SHARP Riffs and a lotta laughs!!!

REECE MASTIN

Since capturing the nation's heart and topping the charts as 16 year-old X Factor winner in 2011, Reece Mastin has reinvented his career from teenage pop idol to rock 'n' roll young gun, counting Aussie legends like Jimmy Barnes, Diesel and The Living End's Chris Cheney amongst his supporters.

With two platinum #1 albums, three consecutive chart topping singles and a successful pop career under his belt, Reece has spent the past 5 years proudly earning his place on the Australian rock circuit, proving time and again that raw talent and rock 'n' roll are at his core.

With hits such as 'Shout it Out', 'Rockstar', 'Good Night' and 'Shut up and Kiss Me'

Debuting his first independent album at #1 on the iTunes rock charts in 2018, the distinctive voice that made Reece Mastin a household name, combined with



his cool, native British rock sensibilities and true-blue Aussie rock chops, sees the band regularly featured on rock festival lineups around the country.

With new music and show in the works, Australia had better get ready to see this master of reinvention do what he does best - ROCK!

BANDS

SCREAMIN' EAGLES

The thing about this band is they always have a great time live on stage!

Named after their favourite Harley-Davidson high performance parts, that's what they bring to every gig - high performance!

The SCREAMIN' EAGLES can just about play anything and the talent pool runs deep... three guitars, bass, drums, keys, sax and six vocals.

They can smash out all the Eagles hits but some of the other material they do will blow you away... these guys are known for their fun, energy and musical ability.

The line-up includes best mates for over 30 years Matt Powell on vocals & guitar (BIG DEAL) & Dundo on guitar & vocals (CROC'S BACK). Matt is an amazing singer and Dundo as frontman will keep you entertained for the duration. Alongside the boys is some Australian music royalty in legendary John Dallimore on guitar & vocals (JON ENGLISH/BRIAN CADD/MAX MERRET) &



powerhouse Kevin Murphy on drums & vocals (LITTLE RIVER BAND/TOMMY EMMANUEL/NETWORK). Keeping that rhythm section tight is Lincoln Jones on bass & vocals (DIESEL/TROY CASSAR-DALEY/NICK BARKER/PLASTICINE/21-20) and newest band member Neil (Oz) Osborne on keys, sax & vocals, is loving his new gig! SCREAMIN' EAGLES have played all around Australia entertaining festivals, corporates and pub crowds with their stunning vocals, incredible musicianship and great entertainment.

They are the BDF festivals 'founding band' and look out Brighter Days... SCREAMIN' EAGLES have got a big show coming your way!

RAW DEEP

Gold Coast alt-rock five-piece Raw Deep are proving themselves as a harmonious tour-de-force.

With a sound that's unmistakably gripping, deep and thought provoking, the band are carving a path solely their own whilst simultaneously celebrating and paying homage to the music that has sound-tracked their upbringings. Their sound nods respectfully to music greats along the likes of Powderfinger, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Coldplay & John Mayer.

Everyone's different.

So are they. A band of 5: all different but striving to blend as one. Ain't that how the world should be?

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INXSIVE

INXSIVE are a Melbourne based band that have been touring Australia wide performing in live music venues, theatres, private and corporate events, and larger outdoor festivals since their inception in the late 90's. Their full production sound combined with energetic audience engaging performances make INXSIVE Australia's leading INXS tribute show and an excellent live entertainment option for any venue or event. Their repertoire encompasses all the smash hits from the impressive INXS back catalogue, and a performance by INXSIVE needs to be seen to be believed. They regularly receive rave reviews from their audiences on how closely they capture the sound and style of INXS.



EVENT PARKING & PUBLIC TRANSPORT

ALL WEEKEND BUS PASS \$10 ADULT \$5 U18

Town shuttle buses will run from the Event Site to designated points around Bright and Porepunkah on a regular schedule Friday 3.30pm till close and Saturday and Sunday 9.30am to close.

BRIGHT TOWN ROUTE 1

- Bright Chalet -
Cnr Tyntynder Lane & Great Alpine Road
- Orana Park -
Cnr Mountain Avenue & Great Alpine Road
- Bogong Stop -
Cnr Great Alpine Road & Hawthorn Lane
- Skate Park -
1 Delany Avenue
- Alpine Hotel -
6-9 Anderson Street
- Elderly Citizen -
Cnr Cobden Street & Ireland Street

BRIGHT TOWN ROUTE 2

- Rotunda -
Cnr Ashwood Avenue & Great Alpine Road
- High Country Motor Inn -
17 Great Alpine Road
- Sports Centre -
47 Gavan Street
- Burgerville -
87 Gavan Street
- Riverside Caravan Park -
Cnr Toorak Road & Masciorini Lane
- Stock Route -
Cnr Mount Porepunkah Road & Toorak Road
- Alpine Hotel -
6-9 Anderson Street
- McFadyens -
Cnr Bakers Gully Road & Hargreaves Road
- Cop Shop -
7 Park Street

POREPUNKAH ROUTE

- Riverview Caravan Park -
18 Junction Road
- Mount Buffalo Caravan Park -
Harrison Lane
- Porepunkah Bridge Caravan Park -
36 Mount Buffalo Road
- Old Porepunkah Bridge (Town Pickup) -
Great Alpine Road
- Pines Caravan Park -
7065 Great Alpine Road

MYRTLEFORD

Prices (Return): \$10 Adult, \$5 Child (Under 15)

Exact cash to driver - No EFTPOS or change

Locations Myrtleford Motels, Caravan Parks & V/Line Bus Stops

Times Sat Sun Approx: 10am & 2.15pm

Depart Myrtleford

3:30pm & 11pm Depart Bright

Bookings essential - Contact

Alpine Spirit Coaches on (03) 5752 1333

EVENT PARKING

Entry to the public parking at Pioneer Park is from Coronation Avenue from the Churchill Avenue end.

Normal council parking restrictions apply in Bright and surrounds during the Festival. Please obey all 'no parking' signs and do not park on residential land.

PICK UP POINTS

The Brighter Days Bus Zone for drop off and pick-ups will be located by the Main Gate.

OTHER TRANSPORT

HARRIETVILLE - PRE BOOK ONLY

Contact Peter from Alpine Leisure Tours on Mobile:
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TICKETS & EVENT ENTRY

* Inc 3 days of live music, bike & car show 'n shine entry, Amazing Chase team entry

** Includes Show 'n Shine entry for 1 x vehicle

Adult Reserved seating ticket (3 days)*	\$306	Youth FESTIVAL Pass (Aged 15-17) (3 days)	\$90
U18 Reserved seating ticket (3 days)*	\$154	Youth 1 Day Pass (Aged 15-17) (Fri, Sat or Sun)	\$45
Adult FESTIVAL pass (3 days)*	\$182	Child (14 & under) with Adult, must be registered	Free
Adult 1 day pass (Fri, Sat or Sun**)	\$90	Cooper Card Run	\$30
		Cruise for a Cure	\$15

MERCHANDISE

*EFTPOS AVAILABLE

Adult Hoodie	\$75	Romper	\$30
Adult Premium Tee	\$40	Premium Caps	\$30
Adult Long Sleeve Tee	\$45	Drink Bottle Aluminium	\$30
Adult Tee	\$35	Beanie	\$30
Adult Singlet/Tank	\$35	Stubby Holder	\$10
Youth Tee	\$30	Patch	\$10

ARE THERE ANY AGE RESTRICTIONS?

The Brighter Days Festival is a family-friendly event without age restrictions.

WHERE IS THE RESERVED SEATING?

Reserved seating is at the front behind the 'chair-free' area roped off for dancing.

HOW DO I PICK UP MY TICKET I BOUGHT ONLINE?

You will simply have your ticket barcode (printed or on your device) scanned and show your ID at the gate to collect your tamperproof wristband. You may then come and go from the festival precinct as you like. Please note: All patrons must be wearing a wristband to enter the precinct.

IS THERE FOOD AVAILABLE AT THE FESTIVAL?

The Brighter Days Festival Food Court will be operating all weekend, from Friday 4.00pm with a variety of food and drink options for all the family.

WHERE CAN I PURCHASE MERCHANDISE AT THE EVENT?

The 2023 BDF Merchandise will be available from the Merchandise Shed, in the festival precinct from Friday night at 4.00pm, then Saturday and Sunday from 9.00am until sold out.

AM I ABLE TO BRING MY OWN CHAIR TO THE FESTIVAL?

Yes, feel free to bring your own chairs and picnic rugs. There is a 'chair-free' exclusion zone front of stage. You may leave your chairs at the precinct overnight at your own risk, and provided you leave the space around them rubbish free.

You must take your chair home with you at the end of the event.

CAN I BRING ALCOHOL TO THE BRIGHTER DAYS FESTIVAL?

No, BYO is not permitted. Alcohol is available for purchasing from within the festival. The Brighter Days

Festival is a no glass event. All proceeds from the sale of alcohol, after costs, go to support the Brighter Days Foundation.

WILL THERE BE SAFETY AND SECURITY?

Yes. The Brighter Days Festival has security patrols and local police presence. A manned First Aid tent will be in operation over the three days.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE CASE OF WET WEATHER?

Our outdoor stage will go ahead rain, hail or shine unless the weather has been deemed dangerous or risking public safety. In the unlikely event that any/all parts of the Festival is to be cancelled an announcement will be made on site and through our social media channels.

ARE THERE PUBLIC TOILETS?

Yes, public toilets are located at various locations within the Festival precinct and will be well sign posted.

IS THERE ANY PUBLIC TRANSPORT?

Yes, buses Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday to and from Harrierville & Freeburgh, Porepunkah and Wandiligong. See our website or Facebook for details.

IS THERE A SHUTTLE BUS TO BRIGHT TOWNSHIP?

Yes there will be shuttle buses between the Festival Precinct and various designated bus stops around the Bright Township running at all times while the Festival is open. See our website or Facebook for details.

IS THERE PARKING AT THE FESTIVAL?

Yes, there is plenty of free parking at the Festival, and you are welcome to leave your car if you need to. (Please note there is no camping in cars or in the festival precinct allowed).

CAN I MAKE A DONATION TO THE BRIGHTER DAYS FOUNDATION?

Donations can be accepted via our website – follow the link to donate: www.brighterdays.org.au

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

**UNRULY OR ANTISOCIAL
BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BE
TOLERATED**

THIS EVENT WILL RUN UNDER THE VICTORIAN PANDEMIC ORDERS AND ANY RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY PUBLIC HEALTH



EXCEPT IN DESIGNATED AREAS

WASTE WARRIORS RECYCLE RIGHT

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving our waste management at the festival, Brighter Days is pleased to welcome some much needed help this year from our new Volunteer team – BDF Waste Warriors. The team will be on site to help encourage the appropriate sorting of recyclable materials and can help you if you're not sure how to recycle right.

You can do your bit and keep the festival grounds looking clean by disposing of your waste correctly throughout the event and especially before you leave each night.



- **YELLOW TOP BINS** are for plastic bottles and aluminium cans ONLY (no cardboard or glass)
- Clear bags/liner



- **RED TOP BINS** are for general waste and food waste
- Black bags/liner

All rubbish left on the ground has to be collected by Brighter Days volunteers so make sure you do the right thing and don't leave anything behind.

Disposing of left behind chairs has become a significant waste management issue for the committee...

IF YOU BRING A CAMP CHAIR, PLEASE TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU AT THE END OF THE EVENT!

Thank you for supporting us to RECYCLE RIGHT!

The Brighter Days Committee



MAP LEGEND

Temporary Fencing - Event boundary		FOH marquee (Front Of House)		Smoking/vaping area	
Temporary Fencing - Car park area		Main entry & authorised entry gates		Rubbish bins	
Stage area		Walkways		Water - Hydrant	
Artist area and management compound		Food stall vendors		Toilets	
Event Office		Retail stalls		All Abilities toilet (Disabled)	
Bus Entry and direction of travel		Red line		Light Towers	
Bus Drop off area		Box office		Emergency Exits	
Reserved Seating					

EVENT MAP PIONEER PARK





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