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WELCOME TO BRIGHTER DAYS 2026



Good afternoon and Welcome to the 2026 Brighter Days Festival!

It's great to see the response and support you have all shown in 2026 for the Brighter Days Foundation, through both event ticket sales and raffle ticket sales over the past few months. Thank you again for your continued support.

This event is now a real highlight on the calendar — a highlight for you, a highlight for us, and a highlight for the community of Bright.

It's also a highlight for our charities.

There is no doubt that the Brighter Days Foundation is a major supporter — both in funding and in raising awareness — for our three charity recipients. I know they truly appreciate your support through your donations, not to mention the awareness this event brings.

I know this not only because they tell us, but because we can clearly see the impact through the constant feedback and results, such as:

- Thirteen years ago, there were only three clinical trials in the Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) area. Now there are more than 60, with half a dozen of these directly funded from Australia.
- There have been two more FDA approvals for new EB treatments since 2023.
- The joint funding and development of a National EB Registry, which will provide a valuable resource for both international and local researchers and significantly enhance Australian patients' ability to access international research trials.
- A partnership with Cure EB, DEBRA, and the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, enhancing Australian patients' access to recently developed drugs from overseas.
- New online family counselling services, expansion of the Family Support Program — which helped fund 654 approved grants last year — and a new EB Nurse Fellowship role at the Royal Children's Hospital.
- The zebrafish genetic study, now in its third year in collaboration with Boston Children's Hospital. This research will hopefully identify genetic markers that allow children to be tested at birth for SUDC.

These are all incredibly exciting and outstanding achievements. They would not have been started — let alone progressed this far — without the Brighter Days Foundation contributing to and helping fund research into Sudden Unexplained Death in Children and Epidermolysis Bullosa.

This has only been achieved through the great organisations we partner with:

- The Cooper Trewin Foundation
- DEBRA (Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association)
- Cure EB Foundation

And of course, alongside your ongoing help and support.

We hope you enjoy the weekend. We've put a lot of effort into making this an enjoyable and safe space to be. The entertainment is once again outstanding, and I'm sure you'll love being part of the 2026 Brighter Days Festival.

Thanks again and all the best.

Cheers,

Paul

WHAT'S ON

BRIGHTER DAYS 26'

COTTON BALL RUN

Friday 6th March

Free Entry

SOUNDS OF SILENCE

Friday 6-8pm

Sat & Sun 9-11am

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) is free

BUCKING BULL COMPETITION

Friday 6th March 6pm onwards

SPONSORED BY TRAVLA

Think you've got what it takes to hang on? Challenge yourself - or your mates and come along for the ride. The longest rides will win Travla merchandise packs. Whether you're in it to win it or just here for a laugh hold on tight and give it a go!

\$10 per ride

COOPER CARD RUN

Saturday 7th March

SPONSORED BY COMDAIN HOMES

The Poker Run will depart from Pioneer Park approx 10am 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.

KIDS ENTERTAINMENT ZONE

All Weekend

Free kids games, amusement rides, pony rides and more.

PEDAL TO PUNKAH

Saturday 7th March 11am

SPONSORED BY THE POREPUNKAH PUB

Free Entry

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

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE MAIN STAGE

All Weekend

SPONSORED BY LITE GUARD TRENCH SHORING & SIMON NATIONAL TRANSPORT

Bring your picnic rug and chairs and enjoy sensational entertainment throughout the weekend from some of Australia's best-loved artists including Kate Ceberano, Daryl Braithwaite, Reece Mastin, and of course, our favourites Screamin' Eagles... and many more!

CRUISE FOR A CURE

Saturday 7th March

SPONSORED BY COMDAIN HOMES

Join in our 'Cruise for a Cure'. Departing Bright approx.10.30am from Pioneer Park with COOPER CARD RUN, to make a fantastic GRAND PARADE. Then cruising off for lunch to The Dedereang Hotel.

Cruise cost per car \$15
\$35 Adults / \$18 kids

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VIVA LAS VEGAS BABES BRUNCH

Sunday 8th March

Enjoy a welcome drink, canapes, games, auction and raffles with heaps of great prizes. Featuring a surprise celebrity appearance by Blue Suede Brothers.

11.30 - 2PM. The Pavilion, Pioneer Park.

Ticket price: \$75 per head.

Online Bookings essential as numbers are strictly limited.

BIKE SHOW 'N SHINES

Sunday 8th March

SPONSORED BY GEELONG HARLEY-DAVIDSON

Featuring the Paul Hallam Memorial Trophy for Best Bike in Show plus all your favourite bike categories. Pioneer Park from 8am. Must be in place by 10am to be considered for judging. Spectators free.

Entry is included in your Weekend or Sunday Festival Pass or \$20 per vehicle at the gate.

CAR SHOW 'N SHINE

Sunday 8th March

SPONSORED BY KINCROME

Top 10 car trophies. Pioneer Park from 8am. Must be in place by 11am to be considered for judging. Spectators free.

Entry is included in your Weekend or Sunday Festival Pass or \$20 per vehicle at the gate.

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!

THE AMAZING CHASE

Sunday 8th March

SPONSORED BY BENDIGO BANK BRIGHT COMMUNITY

Free Entry

Enter teams of four and follow the clues to solve puzzles and complete activities in and the festival. Fun for all the family and suitable for all ages. 9am.

Pre-registration of your team is recommended.

BRIGHTER DAYS RAFFLE DRAW

Sunday 8th March

8pm

SPONSORED BY: BAYFORD FORD, BOUTIQUE CARAVANS, GEELONG HARLEY-DAVIDSON, PRETTY VALLEY ALPINE LODGE, FALLS CREEK COACH LINES, KINCROME AUSTRALIA, WHITTLESEA H HARDWARE, ALL SEASONS GARDEN SOLUTIONS

Be There To See If YOU Win 1 Of 6 Amazing Prizes.

See Page 6 For Full Raffle Details.



RAFFLE 2025

PERMIT NO. 10345/24

RAFFLE DRAWN AT 8PM SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026
at Pioneer Park, Bright, Victoria. Winners notified by phone
Visit www.brighterdays.org.au for full T&C's

1ST PRIZE



FORD F-150 XLT V6 10SPD TRUCK + BOUTIQUE TRACK HAWK 22FT OFF ROAD COUPLES CARAVAN

THANKS TO BAYFORD FORD & BOUTIQUE CARAVANS RETAIL VALUE \$224,990

2ND PRIZE



*SAMPLE BIKE SHOWN

HARLEY-DAVIDSON CUSTOMISED STREET BOB

THANKS TO HARLEY-DAVIDSON AUSTRALIA AND GEELONG HARLEY-DAVIDSON RETAIL VALUE \$33,000

3RD PRIZE



FALLS CREEK SKI HOLIDAY PACKAGE FOR 4 ADULTS

DONATED BY PRETTY VALLEY ALPINE LODGE AND FALLS CREEK COACH SERVICE
VALUE RETAIL VALUE \$13,800



4TH PRIZE



KINCROME CONTOUR 2 WORKSHOP TOOL KIT

DONATED BY KINCROME AUSTRALIA
RETAIL VALUE \$10,499



5TH PRIZE



H HARDWARE VOUCHER

DONATED BY WHITTLESEA H HARDWARE
RETAIL VALUE \$4,000



6TH PRIZE



HUSQVARNA ASPIRE R4 ROBOTIC MOWER PACKAGE

DONATED BY ALL SEASONS GARDEN SOLUTIONS
RETAIL VALUE \$1,699



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ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR CHOSEN CHARITIES. \$100 OR 5 FOR \$450 PER TICKET

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CHARITIES

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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 group of rare skin blistering disease called Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB). DEBRA Australia assists in improving the lives of children and adults living with EB, a debilitating and sometimes fatal condition, by providing necessary support services, medical supplies, aids and equipment, assistance with transition to independent living and research focusing on different aspects of EB.

For more information please visit www.debra.org.au



COOPER TREWIN FOUNDATION

The Cooper Trewin Foundation emerged following the tragic loss of Cooper Trewin on February 6, 2010, at the tender age of 16 months. Cooper's sudden and unexplained passing prompted the establishment of the foundation, dedicated to supporting research into the underlying causes of such unexpected deaths in children.

As parents, receiving the news from a pathologist after an autopsy that our seemingly healthy little boy had no apparent illness, injury, or disease left us with myriad unanswered questions. In response, we decided to initiate research efforts, aiming to contribute to the discovery of a cause for such heartbreaking events.

From its modest beginnings, we have witnessed Brighter Days evolve into the iconic Australian festival it is today, a testament to the dedicated efforts of numerous volunteers. The funds raised through Brighter Days have directly contributed to saving children's lives, supporting initiatives such as the Cooper Trewin Brighter Days Neuroimaging Study, Brighter Days Genetic Screening, and a Safe Sleep Program based at Bairnsdale Hospital.

We are making a tangible difference, and through this research, Cooper is playing a vital role in changing the world. We express our gratitude for your efforts in fundraising for these meaningful charities, helping to preserve Cooper's legacy.

For more information please visit www.sudc.com.au



CURE EB CHARITY FOUNDATION

Curing EB is not an "If", it is only a "When".

At Cure EB Foundation, our mission is clear and unwavering: To provide hope, treatments and ultimately, a cure for Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB). In 2013 the Wilkes family and friends began raising funds to fight against EB. During that time, the Australian team behind Cure EB have raised more than \$6 million for the cause. A decade ago, only two meaningful medical trials were occurring across the globe - today, more than 40 clinical trials are underway world-wide. Cure EB partners with like-minded, grass-root organisations to ensure a co-ordinated, no-waste approach and has funded dozens of projects in all four corners of the globe. Funds are allocated by an independent Scientific Advisory Board. We've come a long way since our humble beginnings thanks to all of our loyal partners, like Brighter Days and supporters and look to continue leading the way in research programs, and making treatments readily available in Australia.

For more information please visit www.cureeb.org.au



FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHTER TOGETHER!

Join the Movement: Brighter Days Membership is Here

The Brighter Days Festival is more than a weekend of bikes, cars and music — it's a passionate community united for a powerful cause. Now, you can be part of that community all year round with the launch of Brighter Days Membership.

For just \$75 per year, you'll officially join the BDF family, unlocking exclusive benefits while helping raise vital funds for kids and families facing serious illness and life challenges.

Foundation Membership includes:

- Membership T-Shirt and Annual Membership Pin
- Access to the Member Portal and Digital Membership Card
- Quarterly Brighter Times Newsletter
- Discounts with sponsors, festival merch and tickets
- Festival perks including early entry, priority queues and VIP service lanes
- Recognition in the Festival Programme and on the Big Screens



And that's just the beginning.

Every membership directly supports the Brighter Days Foundation, helping us continue our mission and strengthen our fundraising efforts for years to come.

If you love what Brighter Days stands for, now's the time to step up. Join today for just \$75 — the future is Brighter together.

BRIGHT VALLEY

Bright Valley is a growing community designed for people to connect with neighbours and live close to nature.

Discover a collection of brand new 2-5 bedroom modern alpine homes, each thoughtfully designed with light-filled interiors, spacious open-plan living and flexible spaces to suit families, downsizers or those seeking a relaxed holiday escape.

Visit our booth this weekend to meet the team and register for priority access to our Stage 2 release.



VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU



To Our Incredible Volunteers,

Every single year I walk away blown away.

The generosity. The commitment. The heart.

You give up the one thing none of us can ever get back — your time. Money can be earned again. Things can be replaced. Time is finite. And you give it freely.

That is extraordinary.

I still remember our very first Brighter Days when a handful of people asked, “How can we help?” Nearly all of them are still here. Years later. Still turning up. Even the ones who’ve moved away come back when they can.

That says everything.

And the crew keeps growing.

All year long people are working behind the scenes — planning, organising, posting, calling, chasing, building — making sure each year is bigger and better than the last.

Then a week out, you start arriving.

Driving from Melbourne. From all over Victoria. Flying in from around the country. Some of you I barely see all year... and then like clockwork, the week before Brighter Days, there you are. No fuss. No fanfare. Just ready to work.

And what you see at Brighter Days?

That incredible atmosphere.

That energy.

That magic.

It’s built on your sweat.

While everyone else is having a great time, you’re fuelling generators, lighting up the night, managing traffic, running gates, selling merch, helping stallholders, working backstage, picking up rubbish, solving problems before anyone even knows they exist.

You are the engine room.

And then Monday morning? You’re back again. Hundreds of you. Bumping out in hours what took a week to build. It’s mind-blowing.

There really aren’t enough words.

Except these ones:

It’s all for the kids.

That’s why you show up.

That’s why we do it.

That’s why it works.

From the bottom of my heart — and on behalf of the entire Brighter Days committee — thank you. What you give is priceless.

Let’s do it all again.

Jason Reid OAM

Event manager

EVENT SCHEDULE

BRIGHTER DAYS 26'



TIME	FRIDAY 6 MARCH
3:30pm	MEMBER GATE OPENS
4pm	TICKETED GATE OPENS
4pm	DAMN'D SAM & THE PREACHERS Sponsored by Airmaster
4pm - 6pm	TRAVLA HAPPY HOUR Sponsored by Travla
5:25pm	TRISTAN J ROSS & THE LONGHORNS Sponsored by Fine Tune Communications
6pm - 8pm	SILENT DISCO
6:45pm	AUSSIE LUKE COMBS EXPERIENCE Sponsored by Mulwala Resort & RBR Party Hire
8:30pm	THE WOLF BROS Sponsored by The Drain Man

TIME	SATURDAY 7 MARCH
6am - 12pm	3AW DARREN JAMES BROADCASTING LIVE
8am - 1pm	GATE OPENS - FREE ENTRY*
9am	3AW STAGE - SMOKIN' O'BRIENS
10:30am	CRUISE FOR A CURE DEPARTURE Sponsored by Comdain
10am	COOPER CARD RUN DEPARTURE
10am	3AW STAGE - ADAM LINDSAY
11am	3AW STAGE - TRISTAN J ROSS
11am	PEDAL TO PUNKA Sponsored by The Punka Pub Porepunkah
12pm	3AW STAGE - LEE ROSSER & TIM O'CONNER
1:45	MEMBERS PHOTO - Meet Main Stage
2pm	BARS OPEN
2 - 4pm	TRAVLA Happy Hour Sponsored by Travla
2pm	DAEZY Sponsored by McKenzie Ross
3.15pm	KINGSWOOD Sponsored by Panton Hill Hotel
5pm	KATE CEBERANO Sponsored by CVA Property Consultants & Unyte
6pm	SPEECHES / AUCTIONS
6:45pm	DARYL BRAITHWAITE Sponsored by Bright Valley & KordaMentha
8:30pm	CHOCOLATE STARFISH Sponsored by Trade Tech Services & McQuinn Electrical

* From 1pm onwards, only patrons with a valid wristband may remain within the Festival Precinct.

TIME	SUNDAY 8 MARCH
6am - 12pm	3AW DARREN JAMES BROADCASTING LIVE
8am - 1pm	GATE OPENS - FREE ENTRY*
8am - 1pm	SUNDAY MARKET
8:30am - 1pm	BIKE SHOW N' SHINE Sponsored by Geelong Harley-Davidson
8:30am - 1pm	CAR SHOW N' SHINE Sponsored by Kincrome
9am	THE AMAZING CHASE Sponsored by Bendigo Bank Bright
9:15am	3AW STAGE - HARRY JAMIESON
10:30am	3AW STAGE - BONE YARD BLONDES
11:30am - 2pm	VIVA LAS VEGAS BABES BRUNCH
12pm	3AW STAGE - CATTLETRUCK
1pm	3AW STAGE - SHOW 'N SHINE PRESENTATIONS
2pm	BARS OPEN
2 - 4pm	TRAVLA HAPPY HOUR Sponsored by Travla
2pm	SWEETHEARTS Sponsored by NECC & Hall Plumbing
3:15pm & 5pm	TAYLOR SHERIDAN Sponsored by FOOTT
3:45pm	REECE MASTIN Sponsored by Qube Logistics & Browns Plumbing
5:30pm	LEO SAYER Sponsored by Contech Engineering & O'Gormans
6:45pm	SPEECHES
7:15pm	SCREAMIN' EAGLES Sponsored by McFadyen Group & Event Stage Hire & Brolec Electrical Contractors

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* Schedule subject to change



WHAT'S ON FOR THE KIDS

All weekend

Carnival Rides • Pony Rides
Silent Disco • Games • Activities
Food Trucks • Market Stalls
Live Music on 3AW stage (9am - 1 pm)

PLUS

Saturday 7 March

Cooper Card Run - check out the bikes in the motorbike ride departing 10:00am

Cruise for a Cure - admire the classic cars in the cruise departing 10:30am for Dederang Pub

Pedal to Punkah - FREE family bike ride to Porepunkah pub and back. BYO Bikes, Departing 11:00am from the precinct

Sunday 8 March

Market from 8am

Bike and Car Show 'N Shine from 8.30am

Amazing Chase - team challenge with AMAZING prizes. Register at the precinct from 9:00am (FREE to enter)

FREE ACCESS to Festival Precinct between 8am- 1pm

*After 1pm valid wristband required to remain in the festival precinct.



**Bring the kids down for
fun-filled family mornings!
Find out more at brighterdays.org.au**

BANDS

FRIDAY COUNTRY VIBES

THE WOLFE BROTHERS

It has been an amazing 13 year ride for The Wolfe Brothers. They first found fame on Australia's Got Talent and after placing second they were signed to a management company followed by a recording contract and then were hired by Lee Kernaghan to open all of his shows and also to play in his band, a working relationship that lasted 10 years. The brothers describe their time on the road with Lee as the best possible apprenticeship any band could have.

The Wolfe Brothers have achieved over their career five #1 and two #2 ARIA Country Albums that have delivered 20 #1 singles on the National Country Music Chart. With ten Golden Guitars under their belt and 4 ARIA nominations they are now Australia's most awarded country rock duo in history.

After taking home their tenth Golden Guitar from the 2025 Australian Country Music Awards in Tamworth for Vocal Collaboration Of The Year for their single Beer In A Bar recorded with Kaylee Bell, the group were also nominated as finalists in 4 categories in the newly created Countrytown People's Choice Awards. The Wolfe Brothers won: Group Or Duo Of The Year & Best Australian Tour



Their new album Australian Made was released on 29th August and debuted
#1 ARIA Australian Artist Country Album Chart,
#1 ARIA Country Album Chart
#2 ARIA Australian Album Chart - All genres
#9 ARIA Album Chart - All genres.

A second series of concerts with the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra has been announced for February 2026 which will be followed by a whole lot of what the band love doing the most - playing live all around Australia. The Wolfe Brothers Australian Made Tour 2026 will be their biggest and most extensive to date. The first release of tour dates for 2026 will be announced in December. Get ready to rock with the Wolfies throughout 2026 and keep up to date with the band on thewolfebrothers.com

AUSSIE LUKE COMBS EXPERIENCE

The Australian Luke Combs Experience is Australia's premier live tribute to one of modern country music's biggest stars — performed by one of the nation's most exciting voices, Jarred Taylor. With powerhouse vocals, authentic emotion, and a stage presence that captivates every crowd, Jarred brings the heart and soul of Luke Combs' biggest hits to life night after night.

Jarred Taylor is a Toyota Star Maker Grand Finalist (2020) and the first-ever recipient of the prestigious John Minson Scholarship to the Country Music Academy of Australia — a testament to his dedication and talent in the craft of country performance. With over a decade of professional touring experience, Jarred has performed across Australia at major festivals and venues, including the Tamworth Country Music Festival and Deni Ute Muster as well as headline shows and club performances nationwide.



The Australian Luke Combs Experience has quickly become a standout live act, highlighted by two sold-out performances of 600 tickets per show at the Tamworth Country Music Festival. Audiences can expect high-energy, faithful renditions of fan favourites including Beautiful Crazy, Beer Never Broke My Heart, and When It Rains It Pours.

In addition to his tribute success, Jarred is a respected singer-songwriter in his own right. His debut single Songs We Know reached number one on the All-Australian Country Charts, and his collaboration I Won't Sleep Tonight featuring the Crawford Brothers won the Unsigned category at the International Songwriting Competition.

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FRIDAY COUNTRY VIBES



TJR & THE LONGHORNS

A fresh country rock covers band fronted by seasoned musician Tristan J Ross. Joined by Lachie and Hamish Davidson, 5x Golden guitar winners under The Davidson Brothers. The Longhorns 5 piece band deliver an explosive party vibe suited for the big stage. This band will have you singing at the top of your lungs to all your favourite country tunes.



DAMN'D SAM & THE PREACHERS

These road-worn and restless troubadours of the Ovens Valley lean as casually on their Americana influences as they would a gum tree at the river. Their sound is a nod to artists from Gram Parsons to Chris Stapleton, but their take on the genre is more a result of growing up in the bush than chasing gold records on Music Row.

Original songs; "Promising Dreams", "Ovens Valley Pines" and "Victoria", penned by founding member Sam McIntosh, speak to life's familiar themes of being unlucky-in-love and to the awe-inspiring beauty of their native high country. They are the sound of long winding roads, the solace of the bush and the stories of people living in small towns in rural Australia.

McIntosh's charismatic vocal performance is backed up by the electrified country boogie and twanging four-on-the-floor rock'n'roll of band mates, Greg Whitehead (guitar/lapsteel), Max Hyland (Bull fiddle bass) and Chris Riley (Drum set), each bringing their personal influences, while kicking country music hallmarks with a well-worn Blundstone boot.

Hats and boots optional; A Damned Sam & The Preachers show is not about the size of your buckle belt, or the love of a plaid Western shirt, you'll be in fine company when you come just as you are.



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SATURDAY EIGHTIES VIBES



CHOCOLATE STARFISH

Chocolate Starfish powered on to the Australian music scene in the early 1990s and quickly established themselves as an influential force with their cover of Carly Simon's 'You're So Vain', original hit 'Mountain' and perennial favourite 'Four Letter Word'. They wholeheartedly earned their reputation as one of Australia's best live bands of the 90s, boasting two Top 10 albums, six Top 50 singles and an ARIA Award for Most Popular Australian Album in 1994.

The band continues to live up to this reputation and deliver the pure, unadulterated entertainment for which they are renowned. The past few years have seen the band - affectionately known as 'The Chockies' or 'The Fish' - take stage after stage by storm and firmly reassert themselves as one of Australia's best live rock bands. With back-to-back Red Hot Summer



Tours, two residencies on Rock the Boat, two wildly successful Classic Album Series tours plus a Big Red Bash under their belts, they are in prime form for a massive 2020. With gigs galore and another Big Red Bash on the schedule, The Starfish juggernaut shows no signs of slowing down and, in true Chockie style, there will always be surprises along the way.

DARYL BRAITHWAITE

ARIA Hall Of Fame Inductee and Australian music icon

When you've got a back catalogue like Daryl Braithwaite's it's hard to find new material that will slip easily into an established canon of classic hits. In 2020, when almost no one expected it, Braithwaite returned with a stunning new single 'Love Songs'.

Let's face it, you don't get to wear that King of Pop crown for nothing. Daryl's vocal pipes should be listed as a national treasure - as should his instinct for hearing a song and making it his own. It's no surprise Daryl's live audience warmed to the song immediately.

Daryl Braithwaite is an iconic Australian singer/songwriter and ARIA Hall Of Fame Inductee. As the front man and vocalist for 1970's band Sherbet, Braithwaite rode a wave of local and international success with songs such as Howzat and Summer Love propelling the band to superstar status. Braithwaite went on to embark on a highly successful solo career which included a #1 ARIA Album Chart for his album Edge



(1988) featuring the hit singles As The Days Go By and One Summer. Braithwaite's 1990 follow up album Rise included the single The Horses which reached #1 on the ARIA Singles Chart and to this day remains an anthem for generations of Australians. In 2020, Braithwaite joined a host of local and international artists to perform at Fire Fight Australia, Concert For National Bushfire Relief in front of an audience in excess of 70,000 at Sydney's ANZ Stadium. In 2023 Daryl was invited by Harry Styles to sing HORSES with him at Accor Stadium Stadium Sydney in front of 60,000 people.

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KATE CEBERANO

Kate Ceberano has forged a unique presence among the true legends of Australian music in a career spanning five decades: a commanding personality, an electrifying performer and a peerless voice that defies time, fashion and genre.

Her 11 platinum and 8 gold albums, 10 Top 10 albums, 15 Top 40 singles, 3 Countdown awards, 5 ARIA awards from 22 nominations (9 for Best Female Artist) and more than 6,000 live performances only begin to attest to her unassailable impact on the Australian stage.

In 2025, Kate's sold-out 21-date Australian Made Tour built on the momentum of two previous national tours — the epic orchestral *My Life Is A Symphony* in 2023, *Superstars Live* with Jon Stevens in 2024 — to celebrate her own platinum catalogue alongside classic Australian songs that helped shape and inspire her extraordinary career.

In turn, her concert album *Australian Made Live!* documented that extraordinary triumph over 28 tracks in August 2025. By popular demand, the show continues to pack some of the nation's most esteemed capital city theatres in September/ October.



It was the original Australian Made tour of 1987 with INXS, Jimmy Barnes, Divinyls, Models and more that first brought Kate's jaw-dropping voice to national attention on the heels of *Bear Witness*, the platinum debut by her early band *I'm Talking*.

Her vast legacy includes a record-breaking run with John Farnham in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, a 3 x platinum solo pop debut, *Brave*, a platinum jazz album, *You've Always Got The Blues*, her 2014 induction into the Australian Songwriters' Hall of Fame and countless triumphs spanning jazz, pop, rock and beyond. Recent years have brought new acclaim as a painter and a memoir titled *UNSUNG: A Compendium of Creativity*.

KINGSWOOD

KINGSWOOD are an award winning four-piece good times country and good times rock'n'roll band from Melbourne Australia.

The release of *HOME* saw KINGSWOOD re-enter the ARIA Charts, debuting at #2 on the ARIA Australian Vinyl and #1 on the ARIA Australian Country charts — the latter of which stayed atop for an impressive 8 weeks in a row. With their record-breaking 'Hometowns Tour' taking in 100+ shows right around the country, KINGSWOOD have been able to hit venues of all sizes, in locations in each corner of Australia, on their purpose-constructed tour bus 'Peggy'. An experience that has redefined KINGSWOOD's resolve as a touring unit, 2023 has been a transformative period for the group. Ten years and six studio albums on, Kingswood remain one of Australia's hardest working bands playing festivals nationally and



playing with acts like ACDC, Aerosmith to touring the US and Europe.

"A lot of bands would like to say they're the hardest working in Australia, but Kingswood have a stronger claim than most." **Tone Deaf**

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SATURDAY EIGHTIES VIBES

DAEZY

Daezy is an indie-pop-rock project from Naarm, fronted by Daisy Bateman, a former AFLW player who traded footy boots for the stage. Joined by Jackson (guitar) and Josh (bass), the trio channel experiences of love, identity, and growth into music that's both intimate and anthemic, carried by an undeniable live energy.

Their debut EP *See Me Standing* (April 2025) has already clocked over 40,000 streams and picked up glowing reviews. The *Blackbeat* Podcast praised it as "the kind of release that doesn't just sit in your ears – it sinks into your chest and stays there long after the final note fades." Tracks from the EP have earned spins on triple j's *Home & Hosed*, with Ash McGregor declaring the band firmly on triple j's radar. Most recently, their single 'Strong For Them' landed a sync placement in the AFLW Season Launch film *Undeclared*, underscoring the band's growing cultural reach.

On stage, daezy are known for delivering more than just a gig, their shows are full-throttle, high-energy experiences that stay with the crowd long after the



lights come up. They've sold out The Workers Club in Melbourne a week ahead of showtime, headlined packed local venues, and supported both homegrown favourites like Alex Lahey and Jacob Fitzgerald, as well as international act *Tempest*. This year, they'll headline SYN Festival in October before hitting the Torquay Hotel in November, supporting *Sly Withers*.

Between shows, daezy have been hard at work in the studio. Two new singles are on the way before their next EP arrives in January 2026, a release that will further cement their place as one of Naarm's most promising new acts.

SUNDAY PARTY VIBES

SCREAMIN' EAGLES

Inspired by their Harley-Davidson high-performance namesake, founding Brighter Days Festival band, *Screamin' Eagles* brings that same attitude to the stage – loud, polished, and relentlessly entertaining.

Screamin' Eagles are renowned for their massive live sound, driven by an impressive musical lineup that sets them apart.

The band is made up of true veterans of the Australian music scene, with members having performed alongside major national acts and built long, respected careers in live music. The lineup includes Steve 'Dundo' Dundon and Matt Powell on vocals and guitar, John 'JD' Dallimore on guitar and vocals, Dave Van Elst on keys and vocals, Kevin Murphy on drums and vocals, Neil 'Ozzie' Osborne on keys and sax, and Brett Hapi on bass guitar and vocals.

While their name nods to the legendary *Eagles*, the *Screamin' Eagles* are anything but a one-note tribute band. Their



versatile setlist spans classic *Eagles* hits alongside iconic rock anthems from bands such as *AC/DC*, *Journey*, the *Killers*,

Queen and *Neil Diamond* just to name a few. This wide-ranging repertoire ensures every show appeals to punters of all ages and musical tastes.

Expect big songs, big harmonies, and a some special guests.

BANDS

SUNDAY PARTY VIBES



LEO SAYER

Born Gerard Hugh Sayer in 1948 in Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex. After singing in his local church choir and developing a love of rock and roll inspired by artists like Elvis Presley, he studied at art school and worked as a designer before pursuing music full-time. Teaming up with songwriter David Courtney, Sayer adopted his stage name and soon attracted attention when Roger Daltrey recorded their songs for his solo debut.

Sayer's 1973 breakthrough came with *The Show Must Go On*, performed in his Pierrot costume, followed by the hit album *Silverbird*. International success exploded in 1976 with *Endless Flight*, featuring the US No.1 *You Make Me Feel Like Dancing* (which won him a Grammy) and the global chart-topper *When I Need You*. Throughout the late '70s and early '80s he continued releasing hit albums and touring



worldwide, becoming especially popular in Australia. Though chart success slowed in the '90s, Sayer remained a strong live draw. A 2006 remix of *Thunder In your Heart* returned him to UK No.1, introducing him to a new generation. Now an Australian citizen, he continues to record, tour internationally, and release new material—over 50 years after his debut—remaining a dynamic and enduring performer.

TAYLOR SHERIDAN

Emerging from the vibrant, rolling hills of regional Victoria, Taylor Sheridan has ascended as a luminous force in the Australian music scene, celebrated for his 'soulfully acoustic' style.

Most recently Sheridan's debut album "*Troubadour*" went straight to the top of the Aria Charts with the #1 country album for 5 consecutive weeks. Sheridan's musical journey took root in the heartland of Australia, where his natural storytelling ability through music was cultivated. 'I love the nature of telling a story with an acoustic guitar,' he shares, 'and singing soulfully has always felt like second nature to me.'

With a repertoire that impresses, Sheridan has mesmerized audiences at some of Australia's premier music festivals, including *The Red Hot Summer Tour* and *One Electric Day* at *Werribee Mansion*. His magnetic stage presence has seen him share the spotlight with music legends like John Farnham, Gladys Knight, Pete Murray, Daryl Braithwaite, and Vanessa Amorosi.

As a former key member the iconic Australian band *Taxiride*, he has demonstrated his versatility and breadth as a musician. As Sheridan embarks on the next chapter of his career, he is set to enchant an even larger audience with his eagerly anticipated debut album, *Troubadour*. This album



is more than a collection of songs; it is a rich tapestry of heartfelt stories and soul-stirring performances.

To celebrate this milestone, Sheridan will be touring nationally with the legendary Jimmy Barnes, bringing his evocative sound to stages across the country. Taylor Sheridan's music is an immersive experience, blending soulful vocals and masterful guitar work that invites listeners into a world of raw emotion and storytelling. His performances are not just concerts; they are intimate journeys that leave a lasting impact.

As he continues to blaze a trail in the music industry, Sheridan remains a compelling and irresistible force, promising to enchant audiences with every note. Don't miss the chance to witness this extraordinary artist live, as he continues to redefine the landscape of acoustic music in Australia and beyond.

BANDS

SUNDAY PARTY VIBES



REECE MASTIN

You know the name and you've heard the voice that never disappoints! Reece Mastin is back with a brand new show full of all your favourite hits from across his ever growing catalogue and career.

Coming off a massive 18 month long tour with sold out shows all around Australia and New Zealand, Reece is turning it up a notch as he takes the 'One Night Stands' tour to the next level. The multi Platinum selling artist hits the road with his killer band, awesome light show and one of the most exciting rock shows currently touring the country, this is a show not to be missed.



SWEETHEARTS

Purveyors of all things Soul, Sweethearts bring a new energy to the genre with their exciting performances.

Sweethearts mesmerizing blend of soul, funk, and R&B transcends generations. With each member bringing their own unique talents to the stage, from intense saxophone solos to delicately crafted melodic storylines, the band creates a sonic tapestry that is as rich and diverse as the women who comprise it.

Sweethearts pay homage to the legends of soul while fearlessly carving out their own unique musical identity. With boundless talent and undeniable charisma, Sweethearts inspires a new generation of soul music lovers, and with performers ages ranging from 14-18 years, Sweethearts performance skill and experience is well beyond their years.

Over the years, Sweethearts have graced countless stages around the globe, from sold-out festivals to intimate clubs, enchanting audiences with their infectious energy and powerful performances. Their collaborations with icons such as Bernard "Pretty" Purdie, Pee Wee Ellis, Gil Askey and Vivian Sessoms, have solidified their dedication to soul music.

"Sweethearts are keeping the music of Soul alive and I feel confident that it's in great hands" Vivian Sessoms, Vocalist, USA.



Following the success of their long-awaited EP "Miss Mighty", Sweethearts continue to explore their songwriting, and with a new record release set for mid 2026, Sweethearts are excited to bring even more new music to the world.

"There is nothing like this band in the world. These girls need to be heard." Bernard Purdie, Drumming legend, USA.

Experience Sweethearts for yourself to see why they are loved by people around the world.

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Waste Warriors

Learn to rethink your waste, recycle right, and send less to landfill!

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving our waste management at the festival, Brighter Days is pleased to welcome some much needed help again this year from our 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 help by making sure your UNCRUSHED CANS are only deposited in the yellow top recycling bins.

Please help keep the festival grounds looking clean by disposing of your waste correctly throughout the event and especially before you leave each night.

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

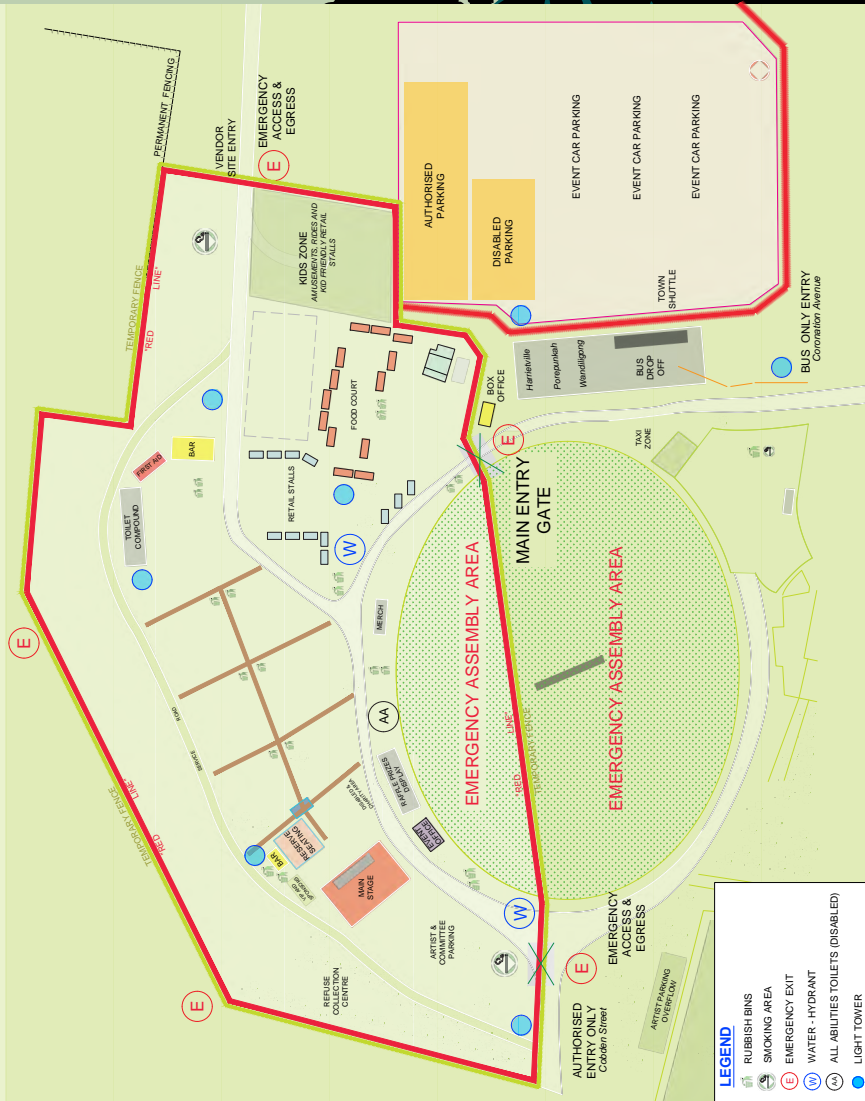


* **YELLOW TOP BINS** are for plastic bottles and UNCRUSHED aluminium cans ONLY (no cardboard or glass) - Clear bags / liner



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

EVENT MAP PIONEER PARK



LEGEND

- RUBBISH BINS
- SMOKING AREA
- EMERGENCY EXIT
- WATER - HYDRANT
- ALL ABILITIES TOILETS (DISABLED)
- LIGHT TOWER

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 Parking	

BUS ROUTES + EVENT



PICK UP POINTS

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

Bus tickets visit <https://bit.ly/41wabm6>

BRIGHT EAST ROUTE 1

- **BRIGHT CHALET - STOP 1**
Cnr Tyntynder Lane & Great Alpine Road
- **ORANA PARK - STOP 2**
Cnr Mountain Avenue & Great Alpine Road
- **BOGONG - STOP 3**
Cnr Great Alpine Road & Hawthorn Lane
- **SKATE PARK - STOP 4**
1 Delany Avenue
- **ALPINE HOTEL - STOP 5**
6-9 Anderson Street
- **ELDERLY CITIZEN - STOP 6**
Cnr Cobden Street & Ireland Street

BRIGHT WEST ROUTE 2

- **ROTUNDA - STOP 7**
Cnr Ashwood Avenue & Great Alpine Road
- **HIGH COUNTRY MOTOR INN - STOP 8**
17 Great Alpine Road
- **SPORTS CENTRE - STOP 9**
47 Gavan Street
- **BURGERVILLE - STOP 10**
87 Gavan Street
- **RIVERSIDE CARAVAN PARK - STOP 11**
Cnr Toorak Road & Masciorini Lane
- **STOCK ROUTE - STOP 12**
Cnr Mount Porepukah Road & Toorak Road
- **ALPINE HOTEL - STOP 13**
6-9 Anderson Street
- **MCFADYENS - STOP 14**
Cnr Bakers Gully Road & Hargreaves Road
- **COP SHOP - STOP 15**
7 Park Street

POREPUNKAH ROUTE

- **BIG4 CARAVAN PARK - STOP 16**
6647 Great Alpine Road
- **RIVERVIEW CARAVAN PARK - STOP 17**
18 Junction Road
- **MOUNT BUFFALO CARAVAN PARK - STOP 18**
Harrison Lane
- **POREPUNKAH BRIDGE CARAVAN PARK - STOP 19**
36 Mount Buffalo Road
- **OLD POREPUNKAH BRIDGE (TOWN PICKUP) - STOP 20**
Great Alpine Road
- **PINES CARAVAN PARK - STOP 21**
7065 Great Alpine Road

CHARTER BUSES PRE BOOK ONLY

HARRIETVILLE Price: \$20 per trip

WANDILIGONG Price \$15 per trip

FREEBURGH PRICE \$15 per trip

MYRTLEFORD Price \$30 per trip

Bus transfers from Harrietville, Freeburgh, Myrtleford and Wandiligong.

Prior **ONLINE** Bookings are essential.

Patrons to give location for pick up when booking.

Online Bookings at <http://bit.ly/3EUhnPV>

The Drivers will not accept cash.

[BDF BUS PASS DOES NOT COVER THESE SERVICES.](#)

ALL ENQUIRIES TO MICHAEL ON 0438 551 833

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.

ALL WEEKEND BUS PASS \$15 ADULT \$6 U18 Unlimited use

Town shuttle buses will run from the Event Site to designated points around Bright and Porepukah on a regular schedule Friday 3.30pm till close and Saturday and Sunday 1.00pm to close.

TICKETS & EVENT ENTRY

* Inc 3 days of live music, bike & car show 'n shine entry, Amazing Chase team entry, plus Silent Disco Headphones and Pedal to Punk entry
** Includes Show 'n Shine entry for 1 x vehicle

Adult Reserved seating ticket (3 days)*	\$350
U18 Reserved seating ticket (3 days)*	\$170
Adult FESTIVAL pass (3 days)*	\$195
Adult 1 day pass (Fri, Sat or Sun**)	\$100
Youth FESTIVAL Pass (Aged 15-17) (3 days)	\$95
Youth 1 Day Pass (Aged 15-17) (Fri, Sat or Sun)	\$50
Child (14 & under) with Adult, must be registered	FREE

Adult Bus Pass	\$15
U18 Bus Pass	\$6
Cruise for a Cure (Vehicle only)	\$15
Cooper Card Run	\$30
Cotton Ball Run	\$30
Show 'n Shine (Vehicle only)	\$20

*EFTPOS AVAILABLE

MERCHANDISE

Sneak Peek full range available
4pm Friday, 9am Saturday & Sunday.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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 2025 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, charter buses Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday to and from Harrietville & Freeburgh, Myrtleford and Wandiligong. See our website or Facebook for details.

IS THERE A SHUTTLE BUS TO BRIGHT TOWNSHIP?

Yes, there are 3 shuttle bus loops. Bright EAST, Bright WEST & POREPUNKAH. More details on page 20.

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 BRING MY DOG?

Sorry, only accredited service animals permitted within the Festival precinct. Patrons will be required to show animals' accreditation to gain entry.

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

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Kincrome’s commitment extends beyond tools. Since 2016, the company has been a proud sponsor of the Brighter Days Festival, donating 11 massive tool kits as major prizes and sponsoring bands to support the event’s incredible community impact.

To mark the 50-year milestone, Kincrome has released a special range of limited-edition products — a tribute to its heritage and a thank you to the Blue Bloods who’ve supported the journey. Keep an eye on your local Kincrome stockist throughout the year as the celebrations continue.

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