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WELCOME TO BRIGHTER DAYS 2024



Hello and welcome to the 2024 Brighter Days Festival. As I put pen to paper, I feel like it was only yesterday we were here at Pioneer Park for our very successful 2023 festival. If you are new to the Brighter Days family this year – a warm welcome and thank you for being part of this very special event.

Organised by our dedicated committee in this beautiful region and supported by hundreds of volunteers, we come together on the Labour Day weekend each year to raise much-needed funds for very special children's charities and we have an extremely good time whilst we do it! Our 3 day program is jam-packed with live music, fun events and good times with family and friends. Check out the program on pages 8, 9, 10 for all the details.

A lot has happened since we last spoke. We have strong messaging and awareness for Sudden Unexplained Death in Children (SUDC), and we are encouraged by the advancements in Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) research.

In May 2023, a significant milestone was achieved with the approval of the first therapy to treat EB by the United States Food and Drug Administration. Concurrently, various treatments for EB, including the clinical drug trials for Filsuvezm, are undergoing evaluation across 50 clinical centres spanning more than 20 countries.

This breakthrough signifies important progress. While the Brighter Days Foundation did not contribute funding to this specific drug's development, we view it as a positive step forward for the entire EB community which you are all a part of and which we very much support. Your contributions, generosity and donations are helping to improve the outcomes for those living with EB, while keeping trials and research pushing and striving to find a cure. #FightEB

DEBRA Family Support tells us that since the 2023 Brighter Days, there have been 3 more births of babies with severe EB, a decrease from the previous year which is a positive trend. Additionally, there is an expanded program aimed at providing increased support to EB families. Notably, DEBRA has launched a new Podiatry program in Queensland to complement existing programs in NSW and Victoria. Furthermore, their psychology and counselling services have expanded to serve more EB families. The respite program has also grown, accommodating an additional 5 families, totalling 15, allowing EB families to take much-needed breaks from medical appointments and hospitalisations. In addition to the annual Mum's respite, they have also introduced respite opportunities for 12 Dads, offering them essential time away with other Dads of children with EB.

The Brighter Days Foundation extends its support to SUDC, and through the Cooper Trewin Foundation, we contribute funding to ongoing research efforts. Currently, a two-year genetic testing study is underway with Boston Children's Hospital, yielding promising results. The ongoing research holds the potential for identifying genetic markers that can be tested at birth; an immensely promising prospect. Additionally, the Bairnsdale Hospital Sleep Safe Swaddle program continues to thrive, providing new mothers with safe sleep options and educational resources.

We are looking forward to welcoming representatives from our charities along with several of our EB families at Brighter Days 2024 so if you see them around be sure to say hi and have a chat.

The Brighter Days Foundation wishes you all the very best for a fantastic few days filled with fun and fundraising while enjoying the good company of family and friends. We are proud to showcase a remarkable event in the picturesque Bright and express our gratitude to the Alpine Shire for their support.

Have a great weekend.

Cheers,
Paul



WHAT'S ON

COTTON BALL RUN

Friday 8th March

Departing from Funfields, 2356 Plenty Road Whittlesea approx 10.30. Join The Green Team Eliza's ride and ride to Bright via Whitfield.

Rolling bike & car show. Entry \$30

SOUNDS OF SILENCE

Friday 8th & Saturday 9th 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 9th March

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 PUNKA

Saturday 9th March 11am

SPONSORED BY ALL TERRAIN CYCLES

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 MAIN STAGE

All Weekend

SPONSORED BY LITE GUARD TRENCH SHORING

Bring your picnic rug and chairs and enjoy sensational entertainment throughout the weekend from some of Australia's best-loved artists including Kate Ceberano, Chocolate Starfish, Ross Wilson, Russell Morris, Boom Crash Opera, Rogue Traders and of course, our favourites Screamin' Eagles featuring Mahalia Barnes... plus many more.

CRUISE FOR A CURE

Saturday 9th March

SPONSORED BY ACCESS PLUMBING

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 Tarrawingee.

Cruise cost per car \$15 -

Every vehicle receives an entry into the Lucky Door Prize.

Lunch Bookings essential as numbers are limited.

The Plough Hotel \$30 adults / \$15 kids

BUSKING BONANZA

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th 10 - 2pm

SPONSORED BY COSMIC SOUND & LIGHTING

Head into the BDF Food Court, grab a bite to eat and be entertained by an array of talented buskers.



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!

WHITER DAYS - LADIES DAY OUT

Sunday 10th March

SPONSORED BY MCQUINN ELECTRICAL

Indulge in a delightful afternoon filled with fun, games, and sisterhood. Enjoy a variety of finger foods, and sip on a complimentary glass of bubbles or wine upon arrival. This year, we're embracing the 'Whiter Days' theme, so dress in your most stylish white attire and let's make memories.

12.30 - 3.30PM. The Pavilion, Pioneer Park

Ticket price: \$65 per head

BIKE & CAR SHOW N SHINES

Sunday 10th March

SPONSORED BY GLEESON'S TWIN CITY HARLEY-DAVIDSON

Featuring the Paul Hallam Memorial Trophy for Best Bike in Show, all your favourite bike categories plus TOP 10 Cars. 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.

Each vehicle will receive a ticket at the Entry Gate to win a share of the \$5,000 CASH lucky door prize. (Must be on-site at 1.30pm to win)

RANDY'S JUNKYARD ACTION SHOW

Shows Saturday & Sunday

A highly skilled, professional, all weather, action packed motorcycle and bicycle trials stunt show which continually wows crowds with spectacular moves & gravity defying trials bike action while keeping fans laughing and giggling with its character's screwball antics.

See pages 9 & 10 for show times.

THE AMAZING CHASE

Sunday 10th 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.

THE ELIZA BAIRD BRIGHTSTARS

Sunday 10th March

SPONSORED BY BETTER BUSINESS BROKERS

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! **2pm**

BRIGHTER DAYS RAFFLE DRAW

Sunday 10th March

SPONSORED BY: BAYFORD FORD, HARLEY-DAVIDSON

POLARIS HUME, THE TOURING HUB, KINCROME

AUSTRALIA, SUZUKI AUSTRALIA, RAYVOLT,

ALL SEASONS GARDEN SOLUTIONS

Be there to see if YOU win 1 of 7 amazing prizes. See Page 6 for full raffle details.



RAFFLE 2024

PERMIT NO. 10337/23

RAFFLE DRAWN AT 6PM SUNDAY 10TH MARCH 2024

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 TRUCK

Thanks to Bayford VALUED AT \$116,662

2ND PRIZE



HARLEY-DAVIDSON
BREAKOUT MOTORCYCLE

Donated by
Harley-Davidson Australia
VALUED AT \$37,995



3RD PRIZE



POLARIS RANGER
570 HD EPS UTV

Thanks to
Polaris Hume & The Touring Hub
VALUED AT \$20,495



4TH PRIZE



TOOL ARMOUR 1053 PIECE
WORKSHOP TOOL KIT

Donated by
KINCROME Australia
VALUED AT \$12,999



5TH PRIZE



SUZUKI V-STROM
250SX MOTORCYCLE

Thanks to
Suzuki Australia
VALUED AT \$6,490



6TH PRIZE



RAYVOLT E-BIKE

Donated by Rayvolt Australia
VALUED AT \$3,250



7TH PRIZE



HUSQVARNA 405X
Automower + Accessories Kit

Donated by All Seasons Garden Solutions
VALUED AT \$3,000



ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR CHOSEN CHARITIES. \$100 PER TICKET - 6000 TICKETS
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*Buy 5 or more tickets online in one transaction and go into a separate draw to win a \$2500 Fuel Voucher - Donated by Arrow Wood Products



CHARITIES



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

EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 8 MARCH

TIME	BRIGHTER DAYS PRECINCT
4pm	GATES OPEN ALL DAY ATTRACTIONS Brighter Days Tents open for event registrations, raffle & merchandise sales. CONNECTED CIRCUS, KIDS ZONE, FOOD COURT & VENDORS
4.45pm	ARTIST: BLACK DOG
6pm	WELCOME
6 - 8:00pm	SILENT DISCO - ALL AGES
6:45pm	ARTIST: CHOCOLATE STARFISH
8:00pm	CHARITY PRESENTATION / AUCTIONS
8:30pm - 10pm	ARTIST: KATE CEBERANO

EVENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 9 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
10am - 2pm	BUSKING BONANZA - Food Court Stage
10.30am	RANDY'S JUNKYARD ACTION SHOW 1
11am	PEDAL TO PUNKA - FAMILY PUSH BIKE RIDE Departs
12.30pm	RANDY'S JUNKYARD ACTION SHOW 2
1:45pm	ARTIST: CHERRY CHAIN
3:15pm	ARTIST: THE PIANO MEN SHOW
4.15pm	RANDY'S JUNKYARD ACTION SHOW 3
5pm	ARTIST: JASON SINGH
6 - 8pm	SOUNDS OF SILENCE SILENT DISCO - ALL AGES
6.30pm	CHARITY PRESENTATION / AUCTIONS
7pm	ARTIST: RUSSELL MORRIS
8.45pm - 10pm	ARTIST: ROGUE TRADERS

EVENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 10 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
12:30 - 3:30pm	WHITER DAYS - LADIES DAY OUT * THE PAVILION
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
10am	THE AMAZING CHASE
10.30pm	RANDY'S JUNKYARD ACTION SHOW 1
10 - 2pm	BUSKING BONANZA Food Court Stage
12.30pm	RANDY'S JUNKYARD ACTION SHOW 2
1pm	EVENTS PRESENTATIONS including Cash Lucky Door Prizes
2pm	ARTIST: BRIGHTSTARS
3pm	ARTIST: BOB 'BONGO' STARKIE'S SKYHOOKS SHOW
4:15pm	RANDY'S JUNKYARD ACTION SHOW 3
4:45pm	ARTIST: ROSS WILSON
6pm	RAFFLE DRAW
6:30pm	ARTIST: BOOM CRASH OPERA
7:30pm	CHARITY PRESENTATION / AUCTIONS
8 - 10pm	ARTIST: SCREAMIN' EAGLES with MAHALIA BARNES

* Schedule subject to change

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BLACK DOG

Black Dog hailing from the heart of Melbourne's music scene. With their explosive sound and raw energy that will leave you breathless. Drawing inspiration from the golden era of rock, Black Dog combines blistering guitar riffs thunderous rhythms and soulful lyrics that resonate deep within your core. Their electrifying live performances are a wild ride of adrenaline and passion that will make your heart race and your fists pump in the air. Keep your eyes and ears open for this unstoppable powerhouse as they tear through stages and ignite the flames of rock 'n' roll rebellion. Brace yourself because Black Dog is coming for you.



CHOCOLATE STARFISH

*The Best of Everything:
30 YEARS OF CHOCOLATE STARFISH*

Chocolate Starfish marks 30 years with a spectacular Australian tour that celebrates the best of everything – the albums, the songs, and the exhilarating shows for which the band is widely renowned. Featuring the hits of their self-titled debut album and favourites from Box, Spider, Primitive and The Beautiful Addiction along with stand-out selections from their brilliant Classic Album Series - Bat Out of Hell, INXS Kick and Adam Thompson's Bohemian Rhapsody Concert, this celebration promises – and delivers – everything and more.

Still smoking from the 2023 tour of their acclaimed Bat Out of Hell show, Australia's most entertaining live band shows no signs of slowing down as they approach their 30-year anniversary in 2024. With audience accolades consistently pouring in, the Fish are winning new fans with every performance and welcome the latecomers with open arms.

'Our audience is the centrepiece of the Starfish experience,' says electrifying front man Adam Thompson. 'We perform with them, not for them.'



They deserve the 'best of everything' – so that's what we will give them.'

The Best of Everything tour promises audiences everything they know and love about a Chocolate Starfish show – pure, unrivalled entertainment... and the joy of the unexpected.

'Sometimes it feels like these first 30 years, we've just been warming up,' muses Thompson. 'This truly is The Best of Everything we have to offer.'

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KATE CEBERANO

2023 sees Kate rack up 40 years and 30 albums into one of the most enduring and inspirational careers in Australian music.

11 platinum and 8 gold albums, 10 Top 10 albums, 15 Top 40 singles, 3 Countdown awards, 4 ARIA awards from 20 nominations (9 x for Best Female Artist) and over 6000 live performances.

I'm Talking's platinum debut, **Bear Witness**, brought Kate's jaw-dropping voice to national attention via their 5 Top 20 singles. It led to stages as historic as **Live Aid** and **Australian Made**. Today it's enshrined among Rolling Stone's Top 200 Australian Albums of all time.

There's her record-breaking run with John Farnham in **Jesus Christ Superstar**, her triple Platinum smash debut solo pop album **Brave**, her Platinum selling jazz album **You've Always Got The Blues**, her 2014 induction into the Australian Songwriters' Hall of Fame, Kate was a force of nature from day one.

It's a story that refreshes yet again with her latest ARIA #2 hit and ARIA nominated **My Life Is A Symphony**, a



breathtaking celebration of her songwriting, featuring her most iconic songs, **Brave** and **Pash**, and favorites reimaged amid the grandeur of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

In between performances of her sold out national orchestra tour across the nation, Ceberano's career has been celebrated, bestowed with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual Australian Women in Music Awards, held in late September, 2023. November 1st, see the release of **UNSUNG**, a beautiful illustrated memoir featuring Kate's inspirational song lyrics, stories, paintings and embroidery and much more.

THE PIANO MEN

'The Piano Men - The Songs of Elton John and Billy Joel'

Superband pays tribute to two of the greatest Piano Men of all time- Elton John and Billy Joel.

Jason Dean and his star-studded Superband will take you on a musical journey from the early years right through both incredible singer/songwriter's greatest hits!

This ultimate concert experience features a seven-piece live showband, spectacular visuals and state of the art stage production.

Non-stop piano hits from Elton John and Billy Joel, 'The Piano Men' is a celebration of the greatest songs of all time! Uptown Girl, Only the Good Die Young,



Piano Man, My Life, New York State of Mind, I'm Still Standing, Bennie and The Jets, Rocket Man, Tiny Dancer and many, many more! Do not miss the opportunity to experience the songs of the two best Piano Men in the one show!

BANDS



JASON SINGH

Since their formation in 1997, JASON SINGH and his band TAXIRIDE have engaged audiences with their unique sound and memorable hits. From the chart-topping double platinum debut album "IMAGINATE", and subsequent releases "GARAGE MAHAL", "AXIOMATIC" and "ELECTROPHOBIA", to ARIA awards and the most played song on Australian radio in 2002 "Creepin' Up Slowly", JASON SINGH and his band TAXIRIDE have consistently delivered unforgettable music that has stood the test of time.

Having toured the world and his home country, playing countless sold-out headline shows, Jason Singh and his band TAXIRIDE established themselves as one of Australia's premier live bands. As the charismatic and talented lead singer, JASON SINGH's uniquely recognisable powerhouse vocals are synonymous with TAXIRIDE. Through his commitment to and ongoing performances, JASON SINGH has established himself



as the driving force at the forefront of maintaining TAXIRIDE's continued success and legacy. In addition to his work with his band TAXIRIDE, JASON SINGH has achieved outstanding solo success, earning critical acclaim with his debut solo album HUMANNEQUIN and his #2 iTunes charting tribute album VALE.

From the early breakthrough success to the solo ventures and everything in between, this epic show will celebrate the musical milestones that have solidified both TAXIRIDE and JASON SINGH's place in Australian music history.

RUSSELL MORRIS

Russell Morris is one of Australia's most enduring singers. A major pop star in the late '60s, he went on to become one of the country's first singer/songwriters. Both ends of his career feature predominantly in the soundtrack to the movie **The Dish**. Russell Morris' career started in September 1966 with the formation of the Melbourne group **Somebody's Image**, which rose to prominence with a local hit version of the Joe South song "**Hush**." Morris was convinced to leave Somebody's Image for a solo career. His manager/producer, local music identity Ian Meldrum, spent unprecedented hours and money to create a seven-minute production extravaganza around a song called "**The Real Thing**."

Once the result was released to shocked radio programmers who had never been asked to play such a long Australian single before, it was up to Morris' personality, singing, and performing talents to make the record work. It reached Australia's number one spot in June 1969. Without any promotional support from Morris, "**The Real Thing**" reached number one in Chicago, Houston, and New York.



The second single -- "**Part Three Into Paper Walls**" ("The Real Thing" revisited) and "**The Girl That I Love**" (a pop ballad more indicative of what was to come) -- became a double-sided number one hit, the first time an Australian artist had scored consecutive number ones with their first two singles. Morris, in the meantime, had travelled to the U.K. to help promote the release of "**The Real Thing**." Russell Morris had now decided to concentrate on his own song writing and with the cream of Australian musicians, spent almost a year painstakingly recording and re-recording what became the **Bloodstone** album. It was one of the first Australian albums of its kind, the first from an Australian singer/songwriter, and a whole world away from the extravagant "**The Real Thing**." The hit single from Bloodstone was the resonant, romantic "**Sweet Sweet Love**."

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ROGUE TRADERS

Rogue Traders are an electric, pop rock band formed in 2000 by James Ash and Steve Davis, both DJ's and Producers hailing from the UK. In 2004 actress Natalie Bassingthwaight joined the band, alongside Ash, Tim Henwood and Cameron McGlinchey.

The group shot to fame both locally and internationally, releasing 7 top 20 hits on the ARIA Singles Chart, 'One of My Kind', 'Voodoo Child', 'Way to Go!', 'Watching You', 'We're Coming Home', 'Don't You Wanna Feel' and 'I Never Liked You'.

Rogue Traders have sold over 1 million records worldwide and toured both nationally and internationally. The band have won APRA's for 'Way to Go' and 'In Love Again', an ARIA for 'One of a Kind' and an MTV Award for 'Voodoo Child'.

Over the past few years, the group have taken a break from recording and touring, choosing to spend time on their solo careers and family. Natalie Bassingthwaight released a solo album, returned to television as host of



'So You Think You Can Dance' and a judge on 'The X Factor'. James, Tim and Cameron continued to focus heavily on music – writing, producing, recording and touring. All 4 members have never steered too far away from music.

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!!!

BANDS



ROSS WILSON

In the Summer of '24 Ross Wilson is hitting the road with his all star band **The Peaceniks** to celebrate over 50 Years of Hits including all the **Daddy Cool** and **Mondo Rock** favourites you'd expect along with the latest offering from an almost 6 decade career, tracks from his latest EP on Bloodlines Records **She's Stuck On Facebook All The Time**, and everything in between.

From **Daddy Cool** to **Mondo Rock** and as a solo artist with no less than 26 ARIA Top 40 hits to his credit as a singer, songwriter and producer, Ross Wilson is one of Australia's most awarded, respected and well-known artists! From the legendary band **Daddy Cool** whose number one anthem **Eagle Rock** and debut album "**Daddy Who?**" smashed all previous sales records in Australia an astounding 50 years ago in 1971, to the 1977 formation of **Mondo Rock**, delivering 80's hits '**Cool World**', '**State of The Heart**', '**Chemistry**', '**No Time**,



and '**Come Said The Boy**' and into the 21st century as a solo performer, Wilson has never been out of the limelight. His Latest release in 2023 **She's Stuck On Facebook All The Time** is a modern day tragicomedy in the blues genre. Twice inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame, Wilson's live performances are legendary.

BOOM CRASH OPERA

These here are crazy times. But Boom Crash Opera are one band you can rely upon.

The producer of their debut album told them: "The most important thing a group can do is stay together. Keep it together and you can do anything you want."

Boom Crash Opera took those words to heart, proudly becoming one of Australia's most-loved bands, with 13 Top 50 singles and five Top 50 albums.

As founding member Peter Farnan says, "We sounded like our name." It's an intoxicating mix of indie pop and stadium rock, with unforgettable hits such as 'Great Wall', 'Hands Up In The Air', 'City Flat', 'Onion Skin', 'Get Out Of The House', 'The Best Thing' and 'Dancing In The Storm'.



Nearly four decades after the band began, the start of 'Onion Skin' remains an irresistible rallying cry: Keep it in! Cut it out! Kick it out!

BANDS

MAHALIA BARNES

Mahalia Barnes has been in and around music her entire life. Throughout her childhood years she was exposed to everything from Ray Charles, Otis Redding, Wilson Pickett 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 albums and consistently play to capacity crowds around the country.



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!

They 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 Steve Dundon on vocals/guitar & Matt Powell vocals/guitar, Matt is an amazing singer and Dundo as frontman will keep you entertained for the duration.

Clocking up over 20 years playing alongside the boys also is Australian guitar legend John 'JD' Dallimore - vocals/guitar and Chocolate Starfish original, Norm Falvo - keys/vocals. Throw in another musical heavyweight, Kevin Murphy, an amazing drummer and singer (he did 7 years with LRB in the states) Kev has played with everyone and his smile is infectious.



Our most recent additions to this lineup are Neil (Ozzie) Osborne - keys and sax and Brett Hapi - Bass guitar. These boys have slotted in perfectly and most importantly are great blokes.

Screamin' Eagles have played all around Australia entertaining crowds with their stunning vocals, incredible musicianship and great entertainment. Make sure you don't miss them Sunday night at BDF24 with very special guest Mahalia Barnes.

TICKETS & EVENT ENTRY

Adult Reserved seating ticket (3 days)*	\$310
U18 Reserved seating ticket (3 days)*	\$160
Adult FESTIVAL pass (3 days)*	\$185
Adult 1 day pass (Fri, Sat or Sun**)	\$95
Youth FESTIVAL Pass (Aged 15-17) (3 days)	\$90
Youth 1 Day Pass (Aged 15-17) (Fri, Sat or Sun)	\$45
Child (14 & under) with Adult, must be registered FREE	

* 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 Bus Pass	\$12
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.



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 2024 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**



EXCEPT IN DESIGNATED AREAS

CANS FOR CAMBODIA

Cans FOR Cambodia



UNCRUSHED ONLY PLEASE!



DROP OFF LOCATION:
6939 Great Alpine Road,
Porepunkah

We are two nurses from Bright who recently had the amazing opportunity to volunteer our nursing skills in Cambodia. This experience saw us working in both orphanages and remote communities providing healthcare. The experience was confronting, impacting us both greatly. Cambodia is a third world country, and the standard & availability of healthcare is far below ours. Once home, we decided that we wanted to help, and collecting cans (uncrushed) from our local area to be recycled at 10c a can was a good place to start. All funds that we raise through Cans for Cambodia will be going directly to our cause. We are self funding our return to Cambodia in 2025, where we will deliver the funds raised and supplies to those who need them the most.



@cansforcambodiafundraise



Cans for Cambodia Fundraiser

WASTE WARRIORS RECYCLE RIGHT



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.

Our Waste Warriors team will be joined this year by Sarah and Bree from the Cans for Cambodia campaign. 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

BUS ROUTES + EVENT PARKING

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

PICK UP POINTS

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

OTHER BUS TRANSPORT - PRE BOOK ONLY

HARRIETVILLE

WANDILIGONG

MYRTLEFORD

Supplier not confirmed at the time of printing.
Please check event socials for contact details.

EVENT PARKING

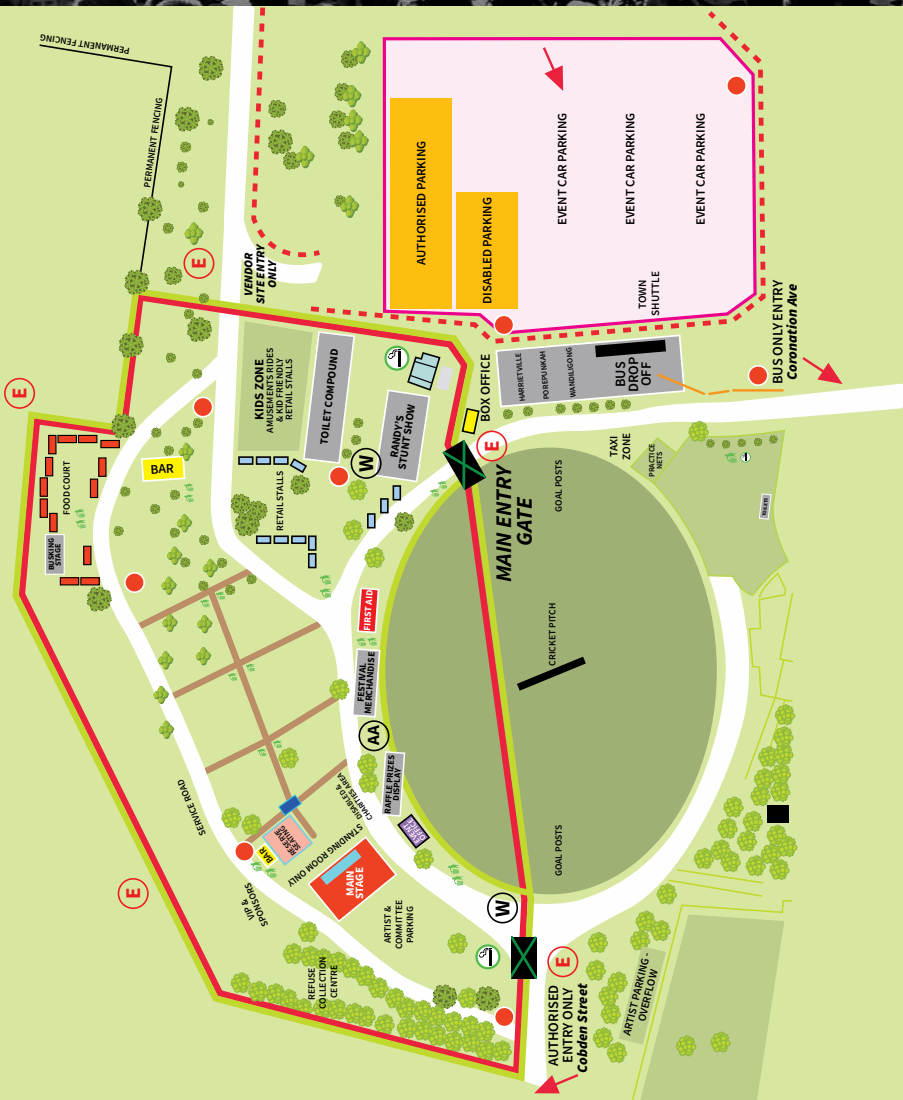
Entry to the public parking at Pioneer Park is from Coronation Avenue from the Churchill Avenue end.

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 \$12 ADULT \$6 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.

EVENT MAP PIONEER PARK



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	

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