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# WELCOME TO BRIGHTER DAYS 2025



## Hello and Welcome to the 2025 Brighter Days Foundation Annual Festival!

The Brighter Days Festival is our main fundraising event, and its success—along with the raffle proceeds—marks the culmination of a busy and challenging year. Despite the tough economic climate, the Brighter Days Foundation committee and our incredible volunteers have worked tirelessly to make this event possible.

This year, we are proud to celebrate a major milestone: since the Foundation's inception, we are on track to have donated an incredible **\$5,000,000** to those in need.

That figure is a massive amount and is a credit to you—our dedicated supporters—who have made this achievement a reality. Your generosity ensures that current **Cure EB, DEBRA, and The Cooper Trewin Foundation** programs continue their critical work. These funds not only sustain existing initiatives but also pave the way for new programs that will one day help to find cures for these devastating diseases.

I say will help, not may help, because the research funded by your support is already making a real difference. These contributions advance studies into **Sudden Unexplained Death in Children and Epidermolysis Bullosa**, fund additional nurses to care for newborns, and provide essential family support—helping parents navigate how to best care for their children while minimizing their pain, which is a very hard thing for a parent to do. Tragically, some children don't get the chance to grow up, and others face a lifetime of hospital visits and suffering. As a parent, I cannot imagine a greater heartbreak.

Your donations also sustain the ongoing health programs our partner charities run, each contributing to the broader impact of the Brighter Days Foundation.

At the heart of our foundation is community. Over the years, the Brighter Days Foundation has built a true Brighter Days Family – a community that stands together, supports one another, and is pushing to create real change.

I am proud and thankful to be part of this community and on behalf of the Brighter Days Committee and our dedicated volunteers, I'd like to thank you for being part of it too.

We've planned an incredible weekend for you all and hope you enjoy it as much as we've enjoyed getting it organised.

Thanks again for your continued support.

**Cheers,**

**Paul**

# WHAT'S ON

BRIGHTER DAYS 25'



## COTTON BALL RUN

**Friday 7th March**

Departing from Funfields, 2356 Plenty Road Whittlesea 8.30am. Join The Green Team Eliza's ride and ride to Bright via Whitfield.

**Free Entry**

## SOUNDS OF SILENCE

**Friday 7th & Saturday 8th March**

**SPONSORED BY MCKENZIE ROSS**

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**

## BUCKING BULL COMPETITION

**Friday 7th 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 8th March**

**SPONSORED BY SOUTHERN CROSS HARLEY-DAVIDSON**

The Poker Run will depart from Pioneer Park approx 10.15am 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 and more.

## PEDAL TO PUNKA

**Saturday 8th 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.**

## 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 Thirsty Merc, Joe Camilleri & The Black Sorrows, Casey Barnes, Eurogliders, The Great Big Beer Band featuring Reece Mastin, Taylor Henderson, Absolutely 80's and of course, our favourites Screamin' Eagles with special guests... and many more!

## CRUISE FOR A CURE

**Saturday 8th March**

**SPONSORED BY STRETCH ELECTRICS**

Join in our 'Cruise for a Cure'

Departing Bright approx.10.15am from Pioneer Park with COOPER CARD RUN, to make a fantastic GRAND PARADE. Then cruising off for lunch to Stanley.

**Cruise cost per car \$15**

Every vehicle receives an entry into the Lucky Door Prize. Lunch Bookings essential as numbers are limited.

**The Stanley Pub, General Store and Wine Bar  
\$35 Adults / \$18 kids**



## BABES BLING BINGO

**Sunday 9th March**

**SPONSORED BY MCQUINN ELECTRICAL**

Throw on your best bling and join us for a fun-filled event hosted by Drag Queens Opal Essence & Ellectra Kute. Enjoy a welcome drink, finger food, and three rounds of bingo with plenty of bling! Between rounds, try your luck at Silent Auctions, Raffles and Games for amazing prizes.

**12.30 - 3.30PM. The Pavilion, Pioneer Park.**

**Ticket price: \$65 per head.**

**Online Bookings essential as numbers are strictly limited.**

## BIKE SHOW 'N SHINES

**Sunday 9th March**

**SPONSORED BY SOUTHERN CROSS 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 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.**

## CAR & 4WD SHOW 'N SHINE

**Sunday 9th March**

**SPONSORED BY AUSSIE ARVOS**

Introducing brand new 4X4 categories, Best Rough and Tumble and Best Tough Tourer plus Best Car in Show and 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 9th March**

**SPONSORED BY BENDIGO BANK BRIGHT COMMUNITY**

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, 10am. Pre-registration of your team is recommended.

## THE ELIZA BAIRD BRIGHTSTARS

**Sunday 9th 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 9th March**

**SPONSORED BY: BAYFORD FORD, HARLEY-DAVIDSON, SOUTHERN CROSS 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 6PM SUNDAY 9TH MARCH 2025

at Pioneer Park, Bright, Victoria. Winners notified by phone

Visit [www.brighterdays.org.au](http://www.brighterdays.org.au) for full T&C's

## 1ST PRIZE



FORD RANGER XLT 4X4 READY TO GO ANYWHERE WITH A FULL TUS OFFROAD CONVERSION

THANKS TO BAYFORD FORD & TUS OFFROAD RETAIL VALUE \$123,000

## 2ND PRIZE



HARLEY-DAVIDSON CUSTOMISED STAGE 2 STREET BOB

THANKS TO HARLEY-DAVIDSON AUSTRALIA AND SOUTHERN CROSS 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 TITANIUM WORKSHOP TOOL KIT 1050 PIECE 22 DRAWER 60"

DONATED BY KINCROME AUSTRALIA RETAIL VALUE \$9,999



## 5TH PRIZE



H HARDWARE VOUCHER

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



## 6TH PRIZE



HUSQVARNA AUTOMOWER 310 MARK II + ACCESSORIES

DONATED BY ALL SEASONS GARDEN SOLUTIONS RETAIL VALUE \$2,500



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ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR CHOSEN CHARITIES. \$100 PER TICKET - 6000 TICKETS

**BUY TICKETS ONLINE – BRIGHTERDAYS.ORG.AU**

\*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

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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](http://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](http://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](http://www.cureeb.org.au)



# EVENT SCHEDULE

BRIGHTER DAYS 25'



## FRIDAY 7 MARCH

TIME	BRIGHTER DAYS PRECINCT
4pm	<p><b>GATES OPEN</b> <b>ALL DAY ATTRACTIONS</b> Brighter Days Tents open for event registrations, raffle &amp; merchandise sales.</p> <p><b>KIDS ZONE,</b> <b>FOOD COURT &amp; VENDORS</b></p>
4.45pm	<p><b>ARTIST: DAMN'D SAM &amp; THE PREACHERS</b></p>
6pm	<p><b>WELCOME</b></p>
6pm - onwards	<p><b>BUCKING BULL COMPETITION</b></p>
6 - 8:00pm	<p><b>SOUNDS OF SILENCE SILENT DISCO - ALL AGES</b></p>
6:45pm	<p><b>ARTIST: THE GREAT BIG BEER BAND FEATURING REECE MASTIN</b></p>
8:00pm	<p><b>CHARITY PRESENTATION / AUCTIONS</b></p>
8:30pm - 10pm	<p><b>ARTIST: CASEY BARNES</b></p>





## SATURDAY 8 MARCH

TIME	PIONEER PARK (OUTSIDE BDF FENCE LINE)
8am	<b>COOPER CARD RUN &amp; CRUISE FOR A CURE</b> Registrations open
10am	<b>COOPER CARD RUN &amp; CRUISE FOR A CURE</b> Depart
10:15am Approx	<b>GRAND PARADE OF CARS AND BIKES DOWN IRELAND STREET PAST THE CLOCK TOWER</b>
TIME	BRIGHTER DAYS PRECINCT
9am	<b>GATES OPEN ALL DAY ATTRACTIONS</b> Brighter Days Tents open for event registrations, raffle & merchandise sales. <b>KIDS ZONE, FOOD COURT &amp; VENDORS</b>
11am	<b>PEDAL TO PUNKA - FAMILY PUSH BIKE RIDE</b> Departs
3pm	ARTIST: <b>SUSSUDIO</b>
4.45pm	ARTIST: <b>EUROGLIDERS</b>
6 - 8pm	<b>SOUNDS OF SILENCE SILENT DISCO - ALL AGES</b>
6.15pm	<b>CHARITY PRESENTATION / AUCTIONS</b>
6.45pm	ARTIST: <b>ABSOLUTELY 80'S featuring SCOTT CARNE, BRIAN MANNIX, SEAN KELLY &amp; ALLY FOWLER</b>
8.45pm - 10pm	ARTIST: <b>JOE CAMILLERI AND THE BLACK SORROWS</b>

# EVENT SCHEDULE

BRIGHTER DAYS 25'



## SUNDAY 9 MARCH

TIME	PIONEER PARK (OUTSIDE BDF FENCE LINE)
8am	<b>BIKE, CAR &amp; 4WD SHOW 'N SHINE</b> Registrations open 8am - 2pm
11am	<b>BIKE, CAR &amp; 4WD SHOW 'N SHINE</b> Judging commences
12:30 - 3:30pm	<b>BABES BLING BINGO</b> * THE PAVILION
1pm	<b>EVENTS PRESENTATIONS</b>
TIME	BRIGHTER DAYS PRECINCT
9am	<b>GATES OPEN</b> <b>ALL DAY ATTRACTIONS</b> Brighter Days Tents open for event registrations, raffle & merchandise sales. <b>KIDS ZONE,</b> <b>FOOD COURT &amp; VENDORS</b>
10am	<b>THE AMAZING CHASE</b>
2pm	<b>ARTIST: BRIGHTSTARS</b>
3pm	<b>ARTIST: TAYLOR HENDERSON</b>
3:45pm	<b>ARTIST: NEWPORT JUNCTION</b>
4:45pm	<b>ARTIST: THE PIANO MEN - SONGS OF ELTON JOHN &amp; BILLY JOEL</b>
6pm	<b>RAFFLE DRAW</b>
6:30pm	<b>ARTIST: THIRSTY MERC</b>
7:30pm	<b>CHARITY PRESENTATION / AUCTIONS</b>
8 - 10pm	<b>ARTIST: SCREAMIN' EAGLES with SPECIAL GUESTS</b>

# BANDS

FRIDAY COUNTRY VIBES



## CASEY BARNES

2023 was a massive year for Casey Barnes, picking up Golden Guitar Award wins for Album of the Year and Top Selling Album of the Year for his latest album, *Light It Up*, along with the APRA Award for Most Performed Country Work for *God Took His Time On You*. ‘*Light It Up*’ also took out the 2022 ARIA Award for Best Country Album. Debuting #1 on the ARIA Australian Country Album chart and #3 on the All-Genre Australian Album chart, *Light It Up* features five smash hit singles including “Come Turn Me On”, ‘*Get To Know Ya*’ and the ARIA Gold sales accredited anthem, “*God Took His Time On You*”.

Produced by Melbourne based production team MSquared (Michael Delozrenzis and Michael Paynter), ‘*Light It Up*’ features ten new original songs, all co-written by Casey with MSquared and Nashville singer-songwriters Kaci Brown and Sam Gray. The album has spent over twenty months in the Top 20 of the ARIA Australian Country Album chart, while Casey’s catalogue has amassed over 60 million combined streams.

Casey’s electrifying live show has made him one of the most popular touring acts in Australian country and the massive ‘*Light It Up*’ Tour has taken him across Australia including festivals such as Bluesfest, CMC Rocks, Groundwater and Gympie Muster and to the U.S along where he showcased at CMA Fest.



Casey continued the heat in 2023, with ‘*Boys Like Me*’ and ‘*Never Give Up On A Good Time*’ both reaching #1 on the CountryTown Hot50 Airplay chart and closed the year with ‘*Never Give Up On A Good Time*’ picking up a sync on the promo spots for the ‘*New Year’s Eve Live: Nashville Big Bash*’ special on CBS in the U.S.

He is set to take his career to new heights in 2024, when he performs at Stagecoach in Indio, California. Casey is the only Australian artist included on the line-up for the world’s biggest ticketed country music festival to be held on the Coachella site in April. With a new album in works, a growing global fanbase and big touring plans, 2024 is sure to be Casey’s biggest year yet.

## THE GREAT BIG BEER BAND

“Australia’s most overqualified drinking band”

With a setlist of crowd favourites and plenty to sing along to.

You’re in good hands with these boys, having played with the likes of Shannon Noll, Dale Ryder (Boom Crash Opera), Tones and I, Mark Gable (Choirboys), Dave Leslie (Baby Animals) and plenty more.

Fronted by a 12x platinum selling Artist with a voice that never disappoints, Reece Mastin.

Bring your dancing boots, drinking buddies and let The Great Big Beer Band do the rest!



# BANDS

## FRIDAY COUNTRY VIBES



## DAMNED 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.

## SATURDAY EIGHTIES VIBES

## JOE CAMILLERI AND THE BLACK SORROWS

Joe Camilleri is an undisputed icon of Australian music, who is marking the 40th anniversary of The Black Sorrows with his career 55th release – The Way We Do Business! Very few can make such claims. Joe’s seemingly tireless drive to record quality music has rewarded him legendary status and well-deserved longevity in the music industry. Add to this a massive tour bringing Sorrows’ hits and tomorrow’s classics to cities and towns nationwide. Since 1984, The Black Sorrows have toured Australia more times than anyone can remember, played sold out shows across Europe, won ARIA & APRA Awards, had multiple gold & platinum releases, and sold more than a million albums



worldwide. Joe’s a Hall of Famer and a rock n roll lifer. Camilleri has shown fans and critics alike that he is a prolific songwriter and performer with an undeniable energy and love of it all.

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SATURDAY EIGHTIES VIBES



## EUROGLIDERS

EUROGLIDERS, formed in 1981 in Perth, Australia, quickly became a global success with four albums, hit singles, and numerous awards. The band began as a love story between singer Grace Knight and songwriter Bernie Lynch, both with separate bands before merging into EUROGLIDERS. Their collaboration brought anthems like “Heaven” and “We Will Together,” leading to a string of chart-topping singles and albums.

In the following decade, the band gained international success, including a Billboard hit in the U.S. and MTV performances. After the 80s, Grace pursued a successful acting and jazz career, while Bernie worked in music and fashion. Despite a break, EUROGLIDERS reunited in 2006, releasing a new album and touring.

In 2015, they released *Don't Eat The Daisies*, blending new songs with reworked classics, followed by Grace's solo album *Fragile* in 2016, also featuring Bernie's



songwriting. Though no longer married, Grace and Bernie continue to share a deep friendship and passion for performing, embodying the enduring joy of music.

## SUSSUDIO – THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO PHIL COLLINS, GENESIS & FRIENDS

Phil Collins – One of music's most iconic and celebrated figures, legendary British singer, songwriter, drummer, and producer has made an indelible mark on pop culture during his five-decade-long career – both as a member of Genesis and as a chart-topping solo artist. Long counted as one of the world's all-time best-selling recording artists, the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer is also among its most decorated, with multiple GRAMMYS®, Ivor Novellos, BRITs, and an Academy Award to his name.

But what is perhaps more impressive is his ability to reach so many fans – across borders and generations – with a string of hits that have become ingrained in the collective consciousness, including “Against All Odds (Take a Look at Me Now),” “Sussudio,” “You'll Be in My Heart,” and, perhaps most famously, “In the Air Tonight,” which is not only one of the late 20th century's most enduring songs, but also features one of music's most recognisable drum breakdowns.



Sussudio – The Ultimate Tribute to Phil Collins recreates these legendary hits and more with their typical attention to detail and talent, to bring to life the passion of the ballads, and showcase the skill and hit songs of some of the world's best musicians who played alongside Phil in bands like Genesis, Mike and the Mechanics and even appearances with Sting, Eric Clapton, Phillip Bailey and Peter Gabriel.

Relive the history, relive the journey, and relive the Hits of Phil Collins and friends with Sussudio – The Ultimate Tribute to Phil Collins, Genesis and Friends.

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## SATURDAY EIGHTIES VIBES



## ABSOLUTELY 80'S

Scott Carne – Kids In The Kitchen  
Brian Mannix – Uncanny X Men  
Ally Fowler – The Chantoozies  
Sean Kelly – The Models  
& the Absolutely 80's Band

For an incredible 20 years the Absolutely 80's Show has been touring Australia with the biggest and the brightest iconic Stars of the 80's.

The Absolutely 80's **20th Anniversary Tour** rolls out in 2025 all around Australia performing all the massive hits and a selection of the best 80's songs from around the world.

The show will take audiences on a musical journey through the USA, UK, Europe, and Australia in a high-energy, 2-hour performance packed with nostalgia and unforgettable tunes.

Featuring some of Australia's favourite 80's pop icons:



Uncanny X Men's Brian Mannix, Kids in the Kitchen's Scott Carne, The Models' Sean Kelly, & The Chantoozies' Ally Fowler.

The Absolutely 80s **20th Anniversary Tour** includes 80s hits from artist such as Billy Idol, David Bowie, INXS, Dragon, The Clash, Divinyls Spandau Ballet, and more.

They also play their own big hits including 'I hear motion', 'Everybody wants to work', 'Change in mood', 'Wanna be up', 'Barbados', 'Current Stand', '50 years', 'Witch Queen', Party, 'Bitter Desire', 'Out of mind out of sight' and loads more 80's classic chart-toppers.

Get ready to relive the music, the style, and the memories that made the 80's unforgettable

## SUNDAY PARTY VIBES

## 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!

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SUNDAY PARTY VIBES



## SCREAMIN' EAGLES

### Brighter Days Festival Founding Band

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 (Steve Founding President and Matt Treasurer of BDF).

Clocking up over 20 years playing alongside the boys, Australian guitar legend John \*JD\* Dallimore vocals/ guitar. 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. On bass guitar and vocals, Brett Hapi is loving his time with the band, and rounding out the lineup is Neil (Ozzie) Osborne on keys, sax, and vocals. This will be Ozzie last gig for a while with the boys we wish him all the best in his overseas adventure.

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 BDF25 with a bunch of very special guests. You're gonna love it.

## TAYLOR HENDERSON

Taylor Henderson became one of Australia's most loved artists in 2013 with his unique soothing tone, rising to fame on the nostalgic TV show where he came runner-up on The X Factor. Since then, Taylor has built an impressive career with over 30 million streams on Spotify, and a devoted social media following of 500k across his platforms.

His musical achievements are significant, with ARIA #1 and #5 charting albums, along with multiple Top 50 singles. He has graced stages across Australia, supporting renowned acts like MKTO on their national tour and headlining his own successful tours, both in Australia and internationally.

In 2022, Taylor had the honour of performing at the Commonwealth Games Closing Ceremony in the UK, alongside musical icons Vanessa Amorosi and Baker Boy, showcasing his global appeal.

More recently, Taylor embarked on his Changing Seasons tour across Australia, with performances in VIC, SA, TAS,



and WA, as he continues to connect with fans and solidify his place in the Australian music scene.

As he continues to evolve musically, Taylor is also hard at work on new music, with plans to release fresh tracks in the year ahead, promising to offer fans even more of his emotive songwriting and captivating vocals.

# BANDS

## SUNDAY PARTY VIBES



## NEWPORT JUNCTION

All aboard at NEWPORT JUNCTION! This dynamic professional and very experienced duo bring live vocals, keys and drums to your event.

Bringing decades of experience on national and international stages in their wagon, having worked with The Angels, John Butler Trio, Mama Kin, The Truth, and the Nazz to name but a few, this duo knows how to read the needs of your particular celebration. NEWPORT JUNCTION will deliver a wide range of experiences to your guests. Ranging from ballads to a jumping dance floor, while everyone sings and grooves along to their favourite hits of the 70's, 80's, 90's, Carmen and Michael are the Funk, RnB and soul aficionados. These two know how to read a crowd and bring the party to the party.



## THIRSTY MERC

**THIRSTY MERC** are unquestionably one of Australia's finest live acts.

Having released 4 critically acclaimed albums, over 250,000 album sales under their belt, a finalist in the APRA Song of the Year for 20 Good Reasons (which also reached #1 on iTunes in Australia), 5 ARIA Award nominations, **Thirsty Merc** have found their way into the fabric of Australia's musical landscape.

**Thirsty Merc** formed in Sydney in 2002 releasing their debut EP, *First Work*, in September 2003, before being signed to Warner Music. The band's big break came in 2004 with the release of their debut, self titled, album which included the hits, *Someday Someday* and *In The Summertime* (the theme for *Bondi Rescue* since 2006). Two more studio albums followed - *Slideshows* in 2007 (#4 ARIA Album) and *Mousetrap Heart* in 2010 (#14 on the ARIA Album chart) which included radio staples, *20 Good Reasons*, *Mousetrap Heart* and *Tommy and Krista*.

**Thirsty Merc** marked the 10-year milestone since the release of their selftitled, double platinum debut LP with the announcement of their Acoustic Anniversary Album and national tour. Dubbed 'AAA' the album is a collection of acoustic interpretations of fan favourites. These recordings showcase the band's exemplary level of musicianship and hearing these well-known songs with acoustic production highlights the worldclass song writing ability of Rai Thistlethwayte. In 2015,



**Thirsty Merc** released *Shifting Gears*, their first wholly independent and first new material in five years, and spent the next 18 months crossing the country on 3 extensive tours, running up thousands of Frequent Flyer points and sold out shows. The first single *The Good Life* was nominated for Rock Work Of The Year at the 2017 APRA awards.

In 2018 the band released their debut live album simply entitled '**Thirsty Merc LIVE!**' and in 2021 dropped '**Celebration**' which features re-imagined classic tracks from legendary Australian artists. **Thirsty Merc** embarked on a massive anniversary campaign aptly named the '**20 Good Years**' tour in 2023 with many of the accompanying gigs reaching sold out status. Most recently the band has announced 22 shows starting in late 2024 under an all new '**Electric Summer**' concept, boasting an itinerary which covers all major markets and includes an extensive regional component to the travels.



# TICKETS & EVENT ENTRY

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

\* 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

\*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 Harrierville & 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](http://www.brighterdays.org.au)

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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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

# BUS ROUTES + EVENT PARKING



## 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 Porepunkah 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 Porepunkah on a regular schedule Friday 3.30pm till close and Saturday and Sunday 1.00pm 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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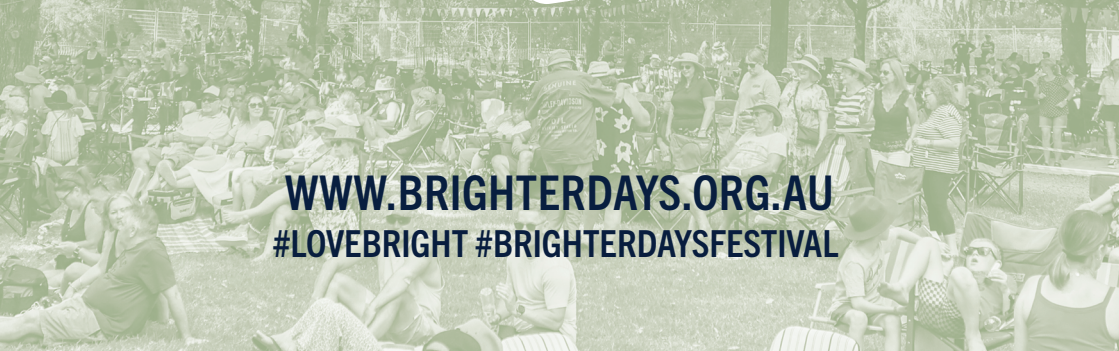
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