

BRUTHEN BLUES & ARTS FESTIVAL

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FEBRUARY 19-21 2016

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WELCOME

The Bruthen Arts and Events Council Inc. and the community of Bruthen welcome you to our town. We hope you have a wonderful weekend whether you get involved in the activities we have planned for visitors or take a more leisurely approach and just enjoy the music and the atmosphere. As usual there is a lot to do and see. We have organised a packed lineup of fantastic artists at the Streetstage, the Pub, Bullant Brewery and the Blues Café. We also bring you a great range of workshops and special events. The daytime activities are situated in the beautiful Main Street Gardens, with a colourful and eclectic market, children's activities and free Streetstage.

WUNMANNJINDE

Which means "Welcome" in the language spoken in these parts for tens of thousands of years. The event organisers acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which the festival is held, the Gunnaikurnai people. We acknowledge the cultural significance and true history of these lands as well as the thousands of generations who have walked here before us. We pay respect to the Elders, both past and present, as well as all the indigenous community members.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Festival Information Stand

The Festival Information Stand will be in the main street gardens all day Saturday, and on Sunday till early afternoon. Passes for main events, Duck Race tickets and Raffle tickets can be bought here. You can also check out the souvenirs available to buy; Blues stubby holders, Bruthen Blues guitar picks, t-shirts, caps, earrings, badges and keyrings. Merchandise can also be purchased from the Bruthen Art & Information Centre. Festival tickets and Blues souvenirs can be purchased at each of the venues, and the Festival Information Stand (located behind the Street Stage).

PLEASE DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Did you know that Bruthen is one of only a few towns in East Gippsland where you can enjoy an alcoholic drink in a public place? This means we are able to hold open air events where our visitors can enjoy their drink of choice in the beautiful Main Street Gardens. We don't want to risk losing that position and appreciate your cooperation in the responsible consumption of alcohol while enjoying our festival.

You may BYO glass-free beverages to some venues

While there will be stalls at the free streetstage where you can buy a coldie or a snack, you are welcome to BYO refreshments at the following venues; the daytime Streetstage on Saturday the 20th, the evening Blues Café at the Mechanics Hall on Saturday the 20th, and the daytime Streetstage on Sunday the 21st. The various eateries around town will each have their own policies, so it is best to check with them first if you wish to BYO.

No Glass Please!

When enjoying the festival in our public areas we must ask that you to adhere to our STRICTLY NO GLASS POLICY. Sorry, but it's dangerous when it gets broken. This is a requirement of our event permit, and will be enforced by security staff.

ENTRY FEES|WRISTBANDS|PASSOUTS

The festival is held at various venues around the town of Bruthen. While many events are free to attend, some of our venues have an entry fee. See the program's middle pages for costs per venue.

When you purchase a single venue ticket, or full weekend ticket, you will be fitted with a wristband. The wristband colour is representative of your ticket type. Take good care of your wristband. It is not transferable and once it is removed it becomes invalid. You will be required to present your wristband to security on request. Your wristband acts as your passout. No wristband, no entry.

Earlybird Tickets

If you have purchased an Earlybird Ticket, you may exchange your receipt for a festival wristband at one of the following locations: Friday afternoon at the Bruthen Caravan Park, Friday night at the Bruthen Inn Hotel, Saturday Information Stand (behind the Street Stage in the Main Street Gardens), Saturday night at the Bruthen Inn Hotel.

FESTIVAL TICKET INFORMATION

Full Festival Weekend Pass

\$80 (All venues all weekend)

Friday Night Jam \$15

Saturday Night Blues Bash

Adults (18 plus) \$50

U/18yrs \$25 (accompanied by an adult)

(also includes access to the Blues Café)

Saturday Night Blues Cafe

Adults (18 plus) \$18

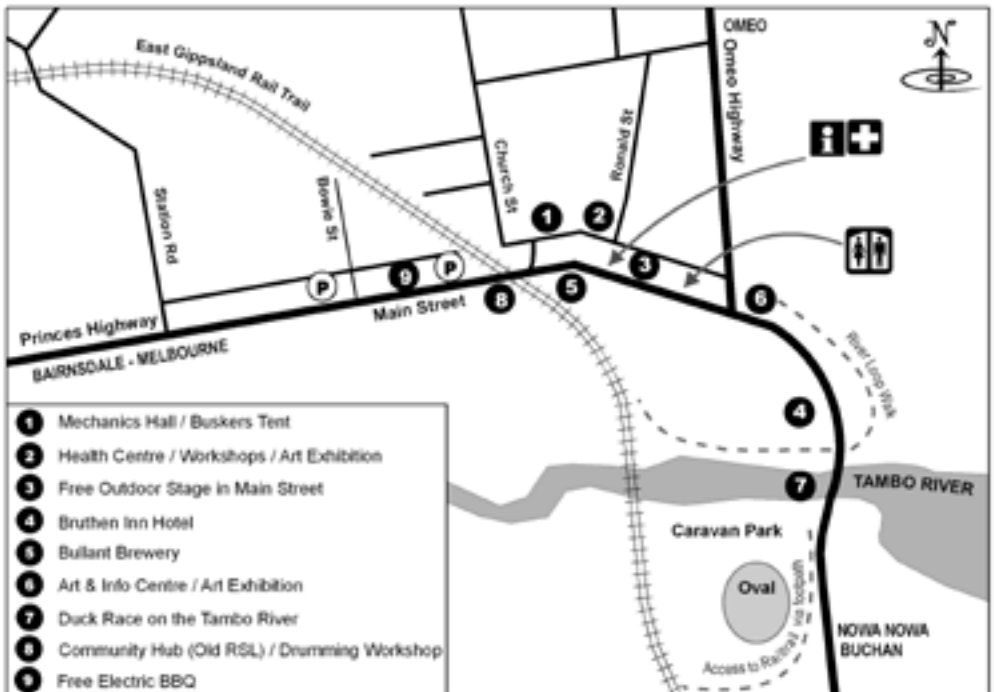
13-18yrs \$8, U/13 free

Sunday Blues Recovery

Adults (18 plus) \$30

U/18yrs \$15,

U/13 free (accompanied by an adult)



BRUTHEN BLUES & ARTS FESTIVAL 2016 GIG GUIDE

FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

Jam Competition from 7.30pm

Bruthen Inn Hotel

Sponsored by Alec & Bruna

Cattapan

Welcome to Country

Jam Competition at Bruthen Inn Hotel,
hosted by Freshwater Funklords

Bullant Brewery from 6pm

Tony J King

SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

Free Music Stage from 11am to 5pm

Main Street Bruthen

Sponsored by Bullant Brewery

Brody Young

Tony J King

Miss Whiskey

Wilson & White

Robin Johnson

Amnesia Blues Band

'Walk Your Blues Away' music and arts tour, 1.00-3.00pm.

Sponsored by East Gippsland Shire Council

Bookings essential at info stand

Bullant Brewery from 2pm

Brody Young

Mission Brown

Blues Café, door opens at 6pm, music from 6.30pm

Bruthen Mechanics Hall

Sponsored by Marban Music

Dan Dinnen

Jam Winner

Warwick Dean

Wilson & White

The Blues Lizards

Big Blues Bash from 7.00pm

Bruthen Inn Hotel

Sponsored by the Bruthen Inn Hotel

Matt Borg Trio

SAFARI MOTEL

Blue Eyes Cry

Mike Elrington Band

SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Free Music Stage from 10am to 2pm

Main Street Bruthen

Sponsored by Yeates

Communication

(with a short break at 12 noon for the Street Parade to take off for the Duck Race)

The Rogues

Riley Walsh

Organic Joe

East Gippsland Brass

Blues Recovery from 2pm

Bruthen Inn Hotel

Sponsored by Bruthen Inn Hotel

Jed Rowe

Mike Elrington & Rod McLeod

Justin Yap Band

John Luke Shelley & High Speed Steel

Bullant Brewery from 2pm

Joshua Novak

With lots of workshops, exhibitions and special events in between!

See pages 14-16 for more details



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Come and enjoy our selection of hand crafted beers, Gippsland Wines and our fantastic selection of fine food.

Sit on the expansive deck and sip and ponder the wonders of beer making.

FRIDAY

Lunch 12noon to 3pm
Snack menu available 3pm to 6pm
Dinner 6pm to 9pm

SATURDAY

Lunch and dinner
11am right through to 8pm

SUNDAY

Lunch 12 noon to 3pm
Snack menu after 3pm

46 Main Street, Bruthen
Ph. 51575307

www.bullantbrewery.com

WORKSHOPS & EXHIBITIONS

FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

Music in my eyes! Art Exhibition @ The Bruthen Art and Information Centre

The festival is an absolute feast of music which fills our ears for the weekend, but how do visual artists see it? The festival weekend is a chance to celebrate all arts in Bruthen and we wanted to throw some visual art into the mix. The Bruthen Art and Information Centre has got into the mood by hosting a special art exhibition for the festival called Music in my eyes! Drop in and see how our artists have interpreted this interesting theme. There are also gifts and souvenirs to help you remember your time in Bruthen.

Opening hours: Friday to Monday 10am to 4pm-ish

SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

Exhibition by Monday Muse Art

Bruthen's Naive Art Group will be staging an exhibition and sale of their work, this also includes brooches and cards for sale. Group members will be on hand to talk about their art style and to encourage new members. Exhibition is located in the Gippsland Lakes Community Health building behind the outdoor music stage, and will be open on Saturday 20th from 10am to 5pm

11.30am Beginners Ukulele Workshop with Ken Gates

Ken is a very talented, warm and fun teacher. You will go away learning several basic chords, strumming patterns and 4 to 6 tunes! You will also learn how to keep in time with others. BYO Ukulele and they are available for loan and purchase @ \$35 each

Ken Gates has been attending the Bruthen Blues & Arts Festival for many years, introducing festival goers to the joy of harmonica and ukelele. His warm and encouraging nature is perfect for teaching beginners, and his workshops are always very well attended. Ken is well loved, and he and his little dog have become an institution at the festival.

1.30pm Drumming Circle with Roderick McLeod

Join Roderick from Full Circle Drumming in a rhythmic adventure through sound as we explore the wonderful world of percussion and connecting through the drum. During this Workshop we will explore basic and exciting rhythms/ techniques on the djembe, learn to creatively express through the drum and have FUN! Djembes and percussion provided or you are welcome to bring your own! www.fullcircledrumming.org

3pm Beginners Harmonica Workshop with Ken Gates

Learn the basics of harmonica playing with experienced musician Ken Gates. You will learn how to play a tune by the end of the session! No experience required. Please BYO 'C' harps or harps available for purchase @ \$20 each.

SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

11.00am Groove-Based Acoustic Blues Guitar Workshop with Mike Elrington

Mike will focus on "putting the groove" into acoustic blues guitar playing by looking closely at rhythmic techniques and how important it is to always maintain this whilst playing. Solid rhythm playing is crucial as it provides the all important foundation to any type of song/guitar part.

During the session Mike will be going through the different types of rhythms he currently use in his songs & the various covers that he plays. He will be discussing these in detail and how they can be used at different tempos & levels of intensity.

He will also discuss his approach to soloing and the importance of "maintaining the groove" when playing lead guitar. Participants are encouraged to bring their guitars as the workshop will be interactive.

12.30pm Beginners Ukulele Workshop with Ken Gates

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SPECIAL EVENT

SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY WALK YOUR BLUES AWAY

Sponsored by East Gippsland Shire Council
Go 'Around the Loop' to Walk Your Blues Away!

Bruthen Arts & Events Council has created a new event for the 21st Bruthen Blues and Arts Festival.

'Walk Your Blues Away' is a roving tour of entertainment around the recently upgraded rail trail circling the Bruthen Township.

This picturesque walk will take participants on a slow paced adventure of blues music, interesting characters, poetry and fun. The walk is designed to increase awareness and understanding of Mental Health and Wellbeing and promote the positive effects that music, being with people and outdoor exercise can have on 'the blues' (or mental health issues such as depression and anxiety).

With that in mind Mike Elrington, the festival's headline act, has written an original song especially commissioned for this project. Entitled 'There is a light', he will perform this piece for the first time in the rail trail tunnel at the beginning of the walk.

Another festival highlight renowned for his Hendrix style guitar playing, John-Luke Shelley will also be performing an original piece on the walk about his trials and tribulations of being accepted TWICE on Australia's Got Talent then knocked back both times!

There is something for everyone on this journey: the 'Blue Fairy' who is so, very, sad needs the kids to help her work through her dilemma; a local choir will use harmony to uplift audiences; local artist Gerry Thurlings will be joined by Melbourne musicians Money4Jam to perform a light-hearted look at not having the blues and Wuk Wuk poet Phil Evans will recite some of his work to prompt us to think about our thinking!

Groups of between 10 and 20 walkers at a time will be provided with a mental health information pack and a walk guide. The first walk will leave from the festival information stand at the Bruthen Music store in the main street at 1pm on Saturday the 20th of February. There will be 9 tours in total, with limited numbers, to ensure they are an intimate and relaxed experience – so make sure you book your ticket for the Walk Your Blues Away 'tour 'd loop' on Friday at the festival

THE BRUTHEN ARTS & EVENTS COUNCIL PROUDLY PRESENTS:
GO AROUND THE LOOP AND...

WALK YOUR BLUES AWAY

Bringing the community together to raise awareness about mental health and promote physical and mental well-being

An interactive music and arts walk around the beautiful, recently upgraded Bruthen Township rail trail loop.

Original blues music, poetry, choir, the 'Blue Fairy' and more...

Saturday 20th February
(as part of the 21st Bruthen Blues and Arts Festival)

**First walk leaves at 1pm
and the last at 3pm**

Book your ticket at the
Bruthen Blues & Arts Festival information stand
(Friday night at the Jam at the Bruthen Inn Hotel
or Saturday morning in the main street)

For more information call Norm Borg on 0427 063 494

This project has only been made possible with funding from
the East Gippsland Shire Council
Thank you for supporting our community project!



opening Jam night or on Saturday morning at the festival information stand outside Bruthen Music.

"This will not only be an exciting adventure along our beautiful recently upgraded rail trail, but the experience will leave people feeling connected and uplifted. It's so important that we continue to develop awareness and understanding around our own and other people's mental health. What better way to be part of that conversation than by being outdoors, getting some exercise and experiencing fabulous music!" said the project coordinators Norm Borg and Eva Grunden.

To book visit the Information stand.
Adults \$5 (but the walk it is included in the festival weekend wristband).
Everyone under 18 years of age walks free!

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SHIRE COUNCIL

FRIDAY NIGHT JAM **FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY - 7.30PM** **BRUTHEN INN HOTEL**

Opening & Welcome to Country

Join us at 7.30 as we begin the festival with the a Welcome to Country from Grattan Mullett, representing the Gunnaikurnai people, the traditional custodians of the lands on which the festival is held.

Jam Competition Host Band **Freshwater Funklords**

The explosive, edgy and creative 2015 Jam Competition winners, the Freshwater Funklords, are back on stage by popular demand as our jam hosts. A young and energized lineup, the Freshwater Funklords describe their music as:

Rising from the smouldering ashes of a time long gone comes an unadulterated, understated, swollen, inflated, angled, fished and master baited eruption of groove that'll be sure to rock your head tubes 'n' fill your ear orifices with ooze. Featuring Willy the Kid, brassed up chops freakin and smashin ya lid; Itch Twitch Mitch that crazy guitar player with freakin' fingers that chitter and twitch; Davey Jones, the scurvy sea rat that'll be rattlin' ya bones and P diz the guunky rat, skitzin ya' domes.

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The Bruthen Blues & Arts Festival wouldn't be as amazing as it is without the production talents of

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REG-FM offers Music, Memories and More (easy listening format with minimal chat), from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday. Consisting of Top 40 hits of the 50's & 60's mixed with Easy Listening Hits from the 70's, 80's and 90's through to the present, National News, East Gippsland Weather and the Gippsland Lakes forecast on the hour.

Being "All About East Gippsland" our broadcast offers Free Community Service Announcements for not for profit clubs and groups, which go to air every hour of local broadcasting, approximately 6am to 9pm 7 days a week.

For businesses there is a limited amount of advertising available per hour with 2-3 spots per ad break scheduled, so ads are never jumbled in with a stream of other commercials.

Production and voicing of professional commercials is carried out at our Bairnsdale Studios.

Highlights include, Rock N Roll, 30's -50's Reminiscing, Country, Blues and Jazz, Gospel, 80's, Guitar, Classics, All Local Sport Show, Bairnsdale Country Music Club and Yakety Yak from Noweyung (disability provider).

REGFM have supported the Bruthen Blues Festival for many years and the Festival wouldn't be the success it is without their support!

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Gippsland Lakes Community Health (GLCH) is a high profile health service provider in East Gippsland that is noted for its extensive range of health and community services, its ability to relate to and provide services to the most disadvantaged communities, and its championing of the social model of health.

For more information go to www.glch.org.au



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Dyers' suite of unique distribution solutions are supported by a password protected, secure on line service where freight forwarders are able to book their consignment requirements and view their proof of delivery images directly from Dyers website.

While Dyers originate from Gippsland, today Dyers Distribution provides a range of proactive contract distribution solutions that extend far beyond Gippsland, servicing many of Australia's largest retailers and manufacturers.

Although whatever their size and wherever they need us, our objective is to exceed our customers expectations in everything that we do.

For more information go to: www.dyers.com.au

BULLANT BREWERY SATURDAY STREET STAGE

SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY – FROM 11AM TO 5PM
BRUTHEN MAIN STREET GARDENS



BRODY YOUNG

Brody Young is more than an acoustic mastermind. He began performing all-original tunes in his local clubs and music festivals and recorded his first album, *Dream A Little*, at 18. Passionately independent, Young's music is distinctively rich with influence and revels in a strong percussive and rhythmical guitar style. This union of rootsy-blues and folk sound in his live performances is mirrored in his most recent album, *One Way*. Recorded on the Central Coast of NSW, *One Way* follows his previously sold-out albums.



TONY J KING

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MISS WHISKEY

Miss Whiskey is a Melbourne-based blues duo putting their raw and original stamp on blues music. Formed in 2014 as an avenue to focus on the music they love, they are quickly making their mark on the blues scene. Winning the 2015 MBAS Blues Challenge in the Solo/Duo category, they'll hit the stage at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis in 2016. With Anna Scionti on guitar and vocals and Julie Noble on harmonica, this gritty female duo mix up their own original music with classic blues standards from the greats like Junior Wells, Slim Harpo and Big Mama Thornton.

Sponsored by Bullant Brewery





Miss Whiskey



WILSON & WHITE

Troy Wilson & Matthew White play nothing but the finest pre-war and Chicago blues. This acoustic duo will take you right back to the source to drink in the original music that has influenced thousands of blues artists. Wilson & White – MBAS Solo/Duo Blues Competition Finalists for 2014 & 2015.

The Saturday Street Stage wouldn't happen without the support of
Dyers Distribution



ROBIN JOHNSON

Well-known local musician Robin Johnson has been a regular at the Blues Festival Jam for many years now and this year she will be performing on the Saturday Street Stage with a band formed especially for the festival. The band features Drew Cassidy on guitar, Ben Curnow on bass, David Long on drums, Niq Reefman on trumpet and backing vocals, Andrew Long on keyboard and backing vocals, and Eva Grunden on backing vocals. They will be performing their versions of a variety of blues standards and much more.



AMNESIA BLUES BAND

Amnesia Blues Band are a Gippsland based traditional blues band, bringing you original blues and the music of Muddy Waters,

Elmore James, John Lee Hooker and Buddy Guy. 2016 brings the release of their debut album, "We Still Remember", featuring 8 original songs and 4 'not so obvious' covers. The band's name stems from the fact that the boys aren't getting any younger, so remembering songs and where they left band members can be a bit of a struggle.

Amnesia Blues Band has been playing together since early 2013. They can be found at www.amnesiabluesband.com and www.facebook.com/amnesiabluesband



Mission Brown



Josh Novak

BLUES AT THE BULLANT BREWERY

Savour the fine ale and food at our fabulous local brewery while enjoying the dazzling tunes of some amazing Blues artists.

Friday February 19th from 6pm with Tony J King

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Saturday February 20th from 2pm with Brody Young and Mission Brown

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album, *One Way*. Recorded on the Central Coast of NSW, *One Way* follows his previously sold-out albums.

Foot Tappin' 2 Piece Juke Joint Band St. Kilda's Blues duo 'Mission Brown' are regulars on the local music scene, consistently dishing up an infectious live show packed with a foot tappin' hillcountry blues sound that would be at home in any Mississippi Juke Joint. They mix solid songwriting with a select number of classics from the likes of RL Burnside and Hound Dog Taylor. Gus Kelly provides the entire rhythm section as he skillfully plays foot percussion on his stripped back drum kit, whilst playing solid rhythm guitar at the same time. Max Maxey provides the lead vocals and raucous slide guitar playing on his home-made cigarbox guitars and retro six strings. Mission Brown are not your ordinary two piece, and while they draw heavily on the past, they have a sound that is all their own.

Sunday February 21st from 2pm with Josh Novak

Josh Novak is a fresh new musician from Melbourne. This one man band delivers a catchy blues/folk/roots/rock sound inspired by Xavier Rudd armed with a great selection of covers & originals. With his ability to keep audiences dancing, singing and laughing with a comic nature, Josh will keep the venue hooked show after show. Josh will be releasing his debut EP "Rat Race" soon. Watch out for him!

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!





BIG BLUES RAFFLE

Bruthen Arts & Events Council Inc.
Big Blues Raffle 2016 - \$2 per ticket

1ST PRIZE

Queenscliff Blues Train, tickets for four valued at \$440.00

Tickets for four adults. You and three friends will have a night out you'll never forget on the legendary Blues Train on the Bellarine Peninsula.

(Sponsored by the Queenscliff Blues Train)



2ND PRIZE

Queenscliff Blues Train, tickets for two valued at \$220.00

Tickets for two adults. You and your best mate will shake, rattle and roll on the legendary Blues Train on the Bellarine Peninsula. (Sponsored by the Queenscliff Blues Train)

3RD PRIZE

1 Full Weekend Festival Pass for 2017 Bruthen Blues & Arts Festival plus festival souvenirs.

Drawn Sunday 21st February 4.45pm at the Bruthen Inn Hotel Recovery Event
All prizes can be mailed if you are not present for the draw.

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**BRUTHEN
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FESTIVAL PROGRAM OF EVENTS

FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

Time	Event	Venue	Price
	Full Weekend Festival Pass - Buy a Weekend Pass and you have the golden ticket to go anywhere!	ALL VENUES ALL WEEKEND!	\$80.00 from the info stand and venues
From 6.00pm	Blues at the Bullant Brewery with Tony J King - Savour the fine ale and food at our fabulous local brewery while enjoying the amazing tunes of Tony J King.	Bullant Brewery	Free entry – beer and meal prices as per menu
7.30pm	Indigenous welcome - Please join us as we acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional owners with Welcome to Country by Grattan Mullett to officially launch our 21st festival.	Bruthen Inn Hotel	FREE
7.35pm -12.30am	The Jam - Local band Freshwater Funklords will host this music smorgasbord of local and visiting musicians. LIMITED Jam spots, STRICTLY two songs per jammer. Best 'live performance' jam act wins \$100 paid gig at the Music Café on Sat night and a gold pass to the festival. Best 'deserves to be recorded' act wins 4 hour recording session at our own Bruthen Music studio! Other great prizes. Come and strut your stuff! Thank you to the members of the Matt Borg Trio who have kindly donated their time and expertise to be our jam judges this year. Proudly sponsored by Bruna & Alec Cattapan.	Bruthen Inn Hotel	\$15.00 (Registered Jammers FREE)

SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

Time	Event	Venue	Price
10.00am - 5.00pm	Festival Market - A HUGE variety! Clothing, jewellery, CD's, wines, local produce, food, and much more.	Bruthen Main Street	Various
11.00am - 4.00pm	Busker's Tent - Come and check out the Bruthen Blues and Arts Festival Busker's Tent at the rear of the Mechanic's Hall. Talent from far and wide will entertain you acoustically – street style.	Near the Food Stalls Behind the Bruthen Mechanics Hall	Free or pay what you like!
From 10.30am	Bruthen General Store Street Stall - Our general store bringing its service close to you. Alcoholic beverages and cold drinks for sale at very reasonable prices. Please drink responsibly.	Bruthen Main Street	Various
From 10.30am	Kids Activities & Light Lunch - The Bruthen Primary School enjoys bringing you plenty of kids activities including the "Fish Dip" with prizes and "Name the Toy" competition. You can also enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch with sausages and drinks for \$2 and a Cake Stall! Yum! Help support the Bruthen Primary School!	Bruthen Main Street	Various

Time	Event	Venue	Price
11.00am - 5.00pm	The Bullant Brewery FREE Music Stage Sit in the shade of the beautiful Bruthen main street gardens and soak up the great FREE music thanks to Bullant Brewery. Featuring Brody Young, Tony J King, Miss Whiskey, Wilson & White, Robin Johnson and Amnesia Blues Band. Grattan Mullett will give a Welcome to Country at 1pm. Proudly Sponsored by Bullant Brewery	Bruthen Main Street	FREE
11.30am	Beginners Ukulele Workshop with Ken Gates Ken is a very talented, warm and fun teacher. You will go away learning several basic chords, strumming patterns and 4 to 6 tunes! You will also learn how to keep in time with others. BYO Ukulele or they are available for loan and purchase @ \$35 each.	Health Centre	\$5 per person or \$15 for a family (2 adults + 2 children)
1.00- 3.00pm	Special Event – Walk Your Blues Away Sponsored by the East Gippsland Shire Council A tour leaves every 15 minutes from 1pm to 3pm A picturesque guided walk will take participants on a slow paced adventure filled with blues music, interesting characters, history and information.	Departing from the information stand	\$5 for adults/ children free Free with weekend pass wristband.
1.30pm	Drumming Circle with Roderick McLeod Join Roderick from Full Circle Drumming in a rhythmic adventure through sound as we explore the wonderful world of percussion and connecting through the drum. Djembes and percussion provided or you are welcome to bring your own!	Community Hub (old RSL)	\$5 per person or \$15 for a family (2 adults + 2 children)
From 2.00pm	Blues at the Bullant Brewery with Brody Young and Mission Brown Savour the fine ale and food at our fabulous local brewery while enjoying the musical stylings of Brody Young followed by Mission Brown.	Bullant Brewery	Free entry – beer and meal prices as per menu
3.00pm	Beginners Harmonica Workshop with Ken Gates Learn the basics of harmonica playing with experienced musician Ken Gates. You will learn how to play a tune by the end of the session! No experience required. Please BYO 'C' harps or harps available for purchase @ \$20 each.	Health Centre	\$5 per person or \$15 for a family (2 adults + 2 children)
6.00pm - 11.00pm	The Marban Music Blues Café - A top quality family event at an affordable price. An eclectic mix of quality music in a friendly, laid-back atmosphere. Check out the Jam winner, Dan Dinnen, Warwick Dean, Wilson & White and The Blues Lizards! Hearty home cooked meals provided by Tambo Upper Primary School from 6.00pm to 9.30pm; Great food for reasonable prices. Vegetarians, gluten free & children catered for. BYO Drinks. Children under 18yrs must be accompanied by an adult. Proudly sponsored by Marban Music.	Mechanics Hall	Adult (18 plus) \$18; 13 - 17 years \$8; U/13 years free
7.00pm - 12.15am	The Bruthen Inn Hotel Big Blues Bash Bringing you the best blues in Australia! Featuring Matt Borg Trio, SAFARI MOTEL, Blue Eyes Cry and the Mike Elrington Band. A must see, must dance event! Proudly sponsored by the Bruthen Inn Hotel. Children under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult.	Bruthen Inn Hotel	Adult (18 plus) \$50; U/18yrs \$25 (includes access to the Music Café)

FESTIVAL PROGRAM OF EVENTS

SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Time	Event	Venue	Price
10.00am - 2.00pm	Market Stalls - More great market stalls to peruse at your most casual and leisurely Sunday pace.	Bruthen Main Street	Free
10.00am - 12.00pm	Recovery Brunch in the Gardens - Bruthen CFA will be cooking up delicious egg and bacon sandwiches and sausages in bread at The Rotunda.	Bruthen Main Street	Various
11.00am	Groove-Based Acoustic Blues Guitar Workshop with Mike Elrington Learn from the master! Mike will focus on "putting the groove" into acoustic blues guitar. Participants are encouraged to bring their guitars as the workshop will be interactive.	Mechanic's Hall	\$5 per person or \$15 for a family (2 adults + 2 children)
10.00am - 2.00pm	Main Street Music - Soak up the morning sun with more free music from Riley Walsh, The Rogues, Organic Joe and East Gippsland Brass. Sponsored by Yeates Media.	Bruthen Main Street	Free
12 noon	Street Parade - Grab a percussion instrument, make some noise! Children and Adults alike can join in the fun as we parade our way with percussion, colour and crazy characters down to the river for the Duck Race. Sponsored by Yeates Media.	Main Street to the Tambo River	Free
12.10pm	The Duck Race on the Mighty Tambo - First duck across the line wins a \$100 gift voucher! 2nd \$50; 3rd \$25 and the last lame duck even gets a \$15 voucher. A must see, very fun event! Money raised will help ensure the future of the biggest lil' blues festival.	Tambo River	Back a duck for \$5
12.30pm	Beginners Ukulele Workshop with Ken Gates You will go away learning several basic chords, strumming patterns and 4 to 6 tunes! BYO Ukulele or they are available for loan and purchase @ \$35 each.	Health Centre	\$5 per person or \$15 for a family (2 adults + 2 children)
2.00pm	Blues at the Bullant Brewery with Joshua Novak - Savour the fine beer and food at the Brewery while enjoying Joshua Novak's music.	Bullant Brewery	Free entry – beer and meal prices as per menu
1.00 - 6.00pm	Sunday Blues Recovery - Soak up the sultry Sunday sounds, kick up your shoes or kick back to wind down and recover; listen to Jed Rowe, Mike Elrington & Rod McLeod, Justin Yap Band and John Luke Shelley & High Speed Steel. The Big Auction will be held at 3.15pm. Bid for one of a kind mementos of the festival, including the Blues Banner and signed festival posters. The Big Blues Raffle is drawn at 4.30pm. Proudly sponsored by the Bruthen Inn Hotel.	Bruthen Inn Hotel Children under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult.	Adult (18 plus) \$30, 13-17yrs \$15, U/13yrs free



East Gippsland Shire Council is again a proud supporter of the Bruthen Blues & Arts Festival.

Council supports many events across East Gippsland that help to create a vibrant community for our residents and visitors.

The Bruthen Blues & Arts Festival is an important event on our regional calendar.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable time.

To learn more about our beautiful Shire go to:
www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au

DONT MISS THE BIG AUCTION AT THE SUNDAY RECOVERY!

Bid for a one-of-a-kind memento of the 21st Annual Bruthen Blues & Arts Festival. Make sure you stick around at the Sunday Recovery to bid on these unique items.

Once again, local artist Clare Edwards has created a unique banner work-of-art that will be a very special memento of the festival.

Festival posters signed by this year's performers will also be up for grabs, so save some cash for Sunday afternoon.

The auction will be held at 3.15pm at the Bruthen Inn Hotel.

SPECIAL THANKS TO GRATTAN MULLETT FOR THE WELCOME TO COUNTRY

SPECIAL THANKS TO CLARE EDWARDS FOR HER SERVICES TO THE ARTISTIC GROOVE

SATURDAY NIGHT MARBAN MUSIC BLUES CAFE

SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY – 6.30PM
BRUTHEN MECHANICS HALL

DAN DINNEN

Dan Dinnen plays the blues on harmonica & finger-pickin' guitar and he sings the blues with a voice that is soaring, sublime, a little bit sweet and a little bit gritty. Dan Dinnen's One Man Blues Show is performed with enough energy to raise the dead, as Dan stomps and taps his feet while playing and singing up a storm.



A singer/songwriter steeped in old blues, Dan's repertoire of originals range from smoking soulful blues ballads to juke joint hill country stomps. There's always a few standards in the set-list too, as Dan interprets the great originators and pays tribute to the masters. Dan Dinnen was the 2009 MBAS Blues Performer of the Year. He's performed his One Man Blues Show on Beale Street in Memphis TN, on the famous Blues Train in Queenscliff VIC and at festivals such as Blues On Broadbeach QLD, the Australian Blues Music Festival NSW, Thredbo Blues NSW, Echuca Winter Blues VIC, and the Eltham Heritage Jazz and Blues Festival VIC. He regularly performs in and around Melbourne VIC both as a solo act and with the Dan Dinnen Trio. Dan also sings lead vocals and plays harmonica for Greg Dodd & The Hoodoo Men, whose CD "3am Blues – Live" won the Age Music Victoria Award for Best Blues Album of 2014 and whose follow up CD "Movin' On" won them Band Of The Year in the 2015 Vic/Tas Blues Music Awards. Dan Dinnen is an exciting, dynamic, energetic blues performer with an authentic feel and style.

To find out more go to: <http://dandinnen.com>



WARWICK DEAN

Warwick Dean is a performer with a huge range of experience in Australia and internationally. A professional entertainer since 1972, Warwick's musical roots are in Blues, Soul, Jazz & Country.

Warwick has played for the US Navy in the Philippines, supported Cilla Black at the Perth Concert Hall and toured with the likes of Harry Secombe, Col Joy and Dianna Trask.

Warwick has a rich soulful voice that fills any room and is perfectly suited to the laid back informal atmosphere of the Music Café on Saturday evening.



WILSON & WHITE

Troy Wilson & Matthew White play nothing but the finest pre-war and Chicago blues. This acoustic duo will take you right back to the source to drink in the original music that has influenced thousands of blues artists. Wilson & White – MBAS Solo/Duo Blues Competition Finalists for 2014 & 2015.



THE BLUES LIZARDS

An amalgam of some of the finest musical talent within the vibrant Gippsland Blues scene.

Darryl Kerr (Bass), Brendan Deery (vocals), Marc Leyshan (guitar) were all members of the legendary Scrub Turkeys. Ken Mactaggart from the equally legendary Powerhouse Blues Band took on the drumming duties and MacLKD was born. Barry Walker (Harp) joined the band and with growing confusion on how to pronounce this new bands name MacLKD morphed into The Blues Lizards. Geoff Achsion recently commented: "We are digging The Blues Lizards, we reckon they just tore up the stage." We defy pigeon-holing; the closest we can get is Soul Funk'n Blues come and see us and give us your verdict.

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SATURDAY NIGHT BRUTHEN INN HOTEL BIG BLUES BASH

SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY - 7.00PM

BRUTHEN INN HOTEL



MATT BORG TRIO

The Matt Borg Trio are a musically energetic band that sound bigger than their 3 piece size would have you expect. Lead by the vocals and old school, driving Blues axe of Matt Borg, he truly is pushing the boundaries of what it means to be a Blues guitarist in a modern setting. Scott Zimmer, the work horse and engine room of the Trio, sits behind the kit. He can alter the mood of the room to a dancing extravaganza with his inescapable metronomic timing as easily as he can harmonize with Matt whilst Micky D McPherson grooves the bottom end of the tracks, and definitely does not sit back in the mix. His punchy and melodic bass lines definitely add a new school edge to an old school sound. The sound that comes out of the cacophony of styles, variations and feels is an eclectic, heavy Blues with major sonic influences of the funk, soul and classic R & B bands of old.

To find out more go to: <https://www.reverbnation.com/mattborgtrio>

SAFARI MOTEL

Performing regularly at festivals around the state SAFARI MOTEL have attracted a large and loyal following. Live performance has been the key to SAFARI MOTEL's popularity. Their mix of feel-good, high energy original funk, groove, blues and soul music has earned them a place in the thriving Melbourne music scene as one of its most sought after live acts.



Nicole Nehemia delivers a dynamic performance backed by her rhythm section Jason Nehill (bass), Neil Richardson (drums), brass section Nicholas Pearce (saxophone) and guitarist Dean James. Nicole has always demonstrated mastery over funk, gospel, R&B and soul and all her performances exhibit her versatility across the spectrum. Nicole brings heart, soul and passion to all she does.

SAFARI MOTEL are based in Melbourne and they can be found performing at many of the popular live music venues around town and are now regular performers at the major music festivals around the state including Motor City Music Festival, Echuca Winter Blues Festival, Wangaratta Jazz Festival and the Blues Train. As finalists in the MBAS International Blues Challenge and having their first album debut in the top 30 in the Australian Blues and Roots Airplay Chart, SAFARI MOTEL are certainly an act on the rise.

To find out more go to: <http://nicolenehemia.wix.com/safarimotel>

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BLUE EYES CRY

Slick, modern and funky are words often used to describe multi-award winning blues band Blue Eyes Cry. Hard working would be another. From the un-air conditioned comfort of their touring van, the band regularly journey from their home base of Melbourne to perform at festivals and gigs across the Australia. Since the May 2013 release of their debut album, *Sleepin' Alone*, Blue Eyes Cry have gone from strength to strength. Upon release, the album saw two consecutive months at number one in the Australian Blues and Roots Airplay Chart, and continued to appear in the chart's Top 25 for the next 12 months. Following this, the band was awarded two prestigious Chain Awards in 2014 for New Talent of the Year and Song of the Year. Lead singer, Iseula Hingano, was awarded Female Artist of the Year in the 2013 Victorian and Tasmanian Blues Music Awards as well the band was awarded an Honourable Mention in the 2013 International Song Writing Competition.

From the humble conditions of their touring van, Blue Eyes Cry have made the journey to perform at some of Australia's biggest music festivals including Blues on Broadbeach, Wangaratta Jazz Festival, Gympie Muster, Apollo Bay Music Festival, Bay of Islands Festival (N.Z.), Blues at Bridgetown, and Sydney Blues and Roots Festival to name a few. In between, Blue Eyes Cry can be found performing at many of the live music venues across Australia. It's fair to say that they're just as comfortable with large festival stages as they are with the sticky carpets of inner-city pubs.

Upon recording their second album, the band has teamed up with award winning producer and engineer Anthony 'Tok' Norris. The album encapsulates the energy of what many consider to be Blue Eye Cry's greatest strength, their live show, whilst still having the production and refinement expected from a studio release. The end result is a slick, modern blues album with emotive song writing that goes beyond the standard blues formula, whilst still paying homage to the great artists of the genre.

To find out more go to: <http://www.blueeyescry.com/>



MIKE ELRINGTON BAND

Since forming in 2003, The Mike Elrington Band has shown promise as one of the most exciting Blues/Rock power trios on the Australian scene, combining the

passionate and raw elements of electric blues and the explosive elements of gutsy, gritty, groove-driven, jam-band rock.

Over the last ten years since releasing the critically acclaimed *Too Good To Be True* album, the band has cut its teeth playing blues clubs and festivals throughout Australia, the United States & Canada. Multiple tours to the USA saw them grace stages in some of North America's most prestigious blues clubs including Biscuits & Blues in San Francisco, J.J.'s Blues in San Jose, the Blue Cafe in Los Angeles, The Sand Dollar Blues Lounge in Las Vegas, Blaneys Of Westport in Kansas City & Sullivan Hall in New York.

To find out more go to: <http://mushroommusic.com/songwriters/mike-elrington/>

SUNDAY YEATES MEDIA FREE MUSIC STAGE

SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY FROM 10.00AM

BRUTHEN MAIN STREET GARDENS



THE ROGUES

The Rogues are a newly formed dynamic duo based in East Gippsland consisting of Brent Cook on guitar and lead vocals and local music shop “Bruthen Music” owner Brent Hodgkins on guitar and vocals. The two re-connected around 2 years ago after both moved back from stints living in Melbourne, both pursuing music in “the big city”. The Rogues have proven their abilities as great guitarists and complement each other with their captivating vocal harmonies. Playing a range of styles, The Rogues have demonstrated their versatility in recent shows playing music from acoustic easy listening sets to full pub-rock anthems. The 2016 Bruthen Blues Festival promises to be a performance not to miss with the duo planning to introduce never before heard original songs from the vault, and also employing the services of local drummer Glenn Lamperd and Bassist Peter Forrester to round out the full line-up.

EAST GIPPSLAND BRASS

East Gippsland Brass has been in existence since the early 1870s. It started as “Redenbach’s German Brass Band” and, over the past 140 years, has undergone several name changes including “Bairnsdale Municipal Band” and “Bairnsdale Citizens’ Band” before deciding on the more all-encompassing “East Gippsland Brass”.

The Band is made up of players of brass instruments from the local community from

as far away as Paynesville, Bruthen, Lakes Entrance, Bairnsdale, Lindenow, Nowa Nowa and all areas in between. Apart from the jazzy music we play at Festivals such as the Paynesville Music Festival and at the Merimbula Jazz Festival, the Band also plays traditional Brass music at concerts and parades such as at Anzac Day and Carols by Candlelight.

The Band has been conducted by Kees Dogger for the past 19 years or so and is going from strength to strength. New members on all Brass musical instruments are welcome any time to come play quality Brass music at Picnic Point Hall on Thursday nights from 7.00 to 9.00.



RILEY WALSH

Riley is 15 and from Bairnsdale, he’s been singing with Yvonne Van delden since he was 8 and started playing playing guitar when he was 10.

In Primary school Riley sung with with the Gondwana Voices children choir based in Sydney, they are probably most famous for the “I still call Australia home” advertising campaign for QANTAS.

Riley is a regular performer at Bruthens got talent, Bruthen open mic and the Lindenow pub open mic. Riley is currently working on some original songs which he plans on recording right here in Bruthen.

Riley's style can be best described as "relaxed", perfect for a summers day beside the Tambo river with good food and good friends.



ORGANIC JOE

Australian singer-songwriters, Philip Cappadona and Sharyn Dickeson are Organic Joe, a fusion folk band playing fresh, edgy, whimsical, original songs.

Both Philip and Sharyn are prolific songwriters and bring these talents together through Organic Joe to form an authentic recording and on-stage chemistry. Vocally, lyrically, harmonically and musically their songs are dynamic, thought provoking, fun and definitely quirky.

The Organic Joe sound, is an energetic fusion of contemporary folk, rock, blues, jazz and country; a style which is unique and versatile. When not performing as a duo, Organic Joe is backed by a showcase of talented musicians from East Gippsland including Brent Hodgkins on lead guitar, Peter Forrester on bass and Glenn Lamperd on drums. Organic Joe is currently back in the studio and working on their next album, which is planned for release in 2017.

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THE BRUTHEN INN HOTEL SUNDAY BLUES RECOVERY

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21ST FROM 1PM

BRUTHEN INN HOTEL



JED ROWE

The son of two musicians, Jed Rowe grew up in rural NSW and relocated to Melbourne in 2003. He showed early promise as an author, winning a national undergraduate short story writing award. He released a solo EP Life (2006) before forming The Jed Rowe Band and releasing two albums: Midnight Sun (2009) and The Ember And The Afterglow (2012), which was produced by ARIA Winner Jeff Lang. His work has garnered critical acclaim and national radio airplay, and he was awarded a highly competitive Arts Victoria contemporary music grant in 2012.

A festival regular, Rowe has performed at Tamworth Country Music Festival, Port Fairy Folk Festival and Thredbo Blues Festival amongst others. In 2014 Rowe toured internationally for the first time, playing 25 solo dates in Europe in just 24 days. "Combines musicianship to die for with beautifully crafted songs. It's roots music magic!" Rory McCartney, BMA Magazine "The Ember and the Afterglow is now one of my favourite albums of all time." Sophie Hamley, Joelene: The Country Music Blog To find out more go to: <http://www.jedrowe.com/>



MIKE ELRINGTON & ROD MCLEOD

With his blistering guitar playing, soulful, gut-wrenching vocals and innovative songwriting, Mike Elrington is quickly showing promise as one of the most exciting young performers in Australia today.



Mike pairs with Rod McLeod, a professional drummer/percussionist/teacher who has a deep love and connection with music and the drum. Rod's journey has lead to lots of musical adventures,

touring both nationally and internationally. Mike & Rod deliver an original mix with raw passion and dynamite in every performance

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JUSTIN YAP BAND

Justin Yap – Guitar

Nardia Brancatisano – Vocals

Ollie Rolfe – Keys

Ben Wicks – Bass Guitar

Jim Moody – Drums

With their first album 'Long Way From Home' debuting at No. 3 on the Australian Blues Charts and remaining in the top 20 for four months, the Justin Yap Band plays a potent blend of deep blues, sanctified soul, and down-home funk.

The band delivers electrifying and dynamic performances, ringing out their chemistry and energy in full force at every show. The Justin Yap Band has a tight and exciting sound not to be missed.

Over the last 2 years the band have been gigging hard in and around Victoria, with highlights including the Wangaratta Jazz and Blues Festival, Echuca Winter Blues Festival, Bendigo Blues and Roots Festival, Wagga Wagga Jazz and Blues Festival and the Docklands Blues Music Festival. The JYB have begun work on a second album of all originals to be released in early 2016 and continue to push themselves musically and keep the groove! To find out more go to: <http://www.justinyapband.com/>

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JOHN LUKE SHELLEY & HIGH SPEED STEEL

John-Luke Shelley & his band High Speed Steel have been thrilling their audiences for six years now. The band originally started with just three members – John-Luke Shelley, Brett Shelley and family friend the late Tim Hancock.

Using the initials of their surnames HSS – High Speed Steel (an engineering term from Brett's background) the band was formed and they gigged locally around the Albury area.

Based now in Geelong, the High Country and Melbourne, the band consists of two of the original members John-Luke & his father Brett along with bass player Mick Field and drummer Johnny Tesoriero. The boys have built up an outstanding reputation for high quality 'modern-blues' and in great demand, they perform regularly in various venues around the country as well as interstate Music Festivals.

John-Luke has also been privileged to support great artists such as Mental as Anything, Geoff Achison, Joe Camilleri, James Reyne and Chris Wilson where he received great accolade for his performances.

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OUR BEAUTIFUL TOWN: THINGS TO DO WHILE IN BRUTHEN

Take the time to explore our forest while here. Find out about the Bruthen Walking Trails brochure from the Bruthen Art and Information Centre and take the short 2km drive up the hill towards Omeo to walk along one of a number of well marked tracks. There is even a short trail designed for people of all abilities.

Or maybe the Rail Trail appeals to you? Take a bike ride or walk along the popular East Gippsland Rail Trail that runs right through town and see some beautiful rural views. Venture through the old train tunnel and cross the Tambo river on a bridge that once carried trains. Imagine what it must have been like when the steam trains were using the track. Take a 20 minute drive out to the Fairy Dell rain forest. Children love the adventure of searching for small fairies living in nooks and crannies along the mossy, fern-lined walk.

If it is hot the river will beckon, so take a walk down to the sandy beaches on the Tambo. The easiest way to the river is between the highway bridge and the caravan park. There are number of scenic drives around our lovely little town but you might like to try driving down to Swan Reach via Mossface and returning along the other side of the river past the cliffs and some spectacular views. For the less energetic there is always the option of just sitting in the gardens listening to some great music or try one of our cafés, or the pub.

OUR MASCOT!

The Blue Banded Bee (*Amegilla*)

These beautiful native blue banded bees are found throughout Australia (except for Tasmania), and we are delighted to find them in our gardens in Bruthen. We quickly adopted them as our festival mascot!



These bees (mostly 8-13 mm long), with glittering stripes of blue or whitish hair across their black abdomens, are often seen darting around the flowers of lavenders and abelias. The females build nests in shallow burrows in the ground but they may also nest in mudbrick houses or in soft mortar. Each female builds her own nest burrow but many bees often nest together in the one place, like neighbouring houses in a village.

It is sad that many of our native bees are overrun by the introduced European honey and bumble bees, so we have also chosen this mascot to help raise awareness of their importance and plight!

You can find out more about them and how to support native bees at www.aussiebee.com.au

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**THE 21ST ANNUAL
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**FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
BRUTHEN INN HOTEL FROM 7.30PM
JAM COMPETITION**

**BULLANT BREWERY FROM 6PM
TONY J KING**

**SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY
FREE OUTDOOR MUSIC STAGE FROM 11.00AM TO 5.00PM**

**BRODY YOUNG
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**BULLANT BREWERY FROM 2PM
BRODY YOUNG
MISSION BROWN**

**BLUES CAFE BRUTHEN MECHANICS HALL FROM 6.00PM
DAN DINNEN
WARWICK DEAN
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THE BLUES LIZARDS**

**BIG BLUES BASH BRUTHEN INN HOTEL FROM 7.00PM
MATT BORG TRIO
SAFARI MOTEL
BLUE EYES CRY
MIKE ELRINGTON BAND**

**SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
FREE OUTDOOR MUSIC STAGE FROM 10.00AM TO 2.00PM
EAST GIPPSLAND BRASS**

**12 NOON PARADE TO THE DUCK RACE ON THE TAMBO RIVER
THE ROGUES
RILEY WALSH
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**BULLANT BREWERY FROM 2.00PM
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**BLUES RECOVERY BRUTHEN INN HOTEL FROM 1.00PM
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