

FIRST WAVE PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT



LAKE BOLAC EEL FESTIVAL

KUYANG LAPAKIRA

- PLENTY EELS -

12th Lake Bolac Eel Festival
23—25 March 2018



Keep in touch with further announcements at: www.eelfestival.org.au
Facebook – Lake Bolac Eel Festival

Friday 23 March 6pm

Art auction and dinner

An exciting evening of great regional art.

Meet the artists, hear their stories and celebrate their talents.

This is a great night but spaces are limited to 150 so don't miss out.

All art is available for sale by auction on the night.

Venue: Lake Bolac Memorial Hall.



Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 March

A weekend full to the brim of music, culture, films, cuisine sharing and caring

Saturday's events are held on the Lake Bolac foreshore.

Gates open 11:30 am with a Welcome to Country at noon. The Festival will wrap-up early Sunday afternoon.

Festival Forum

In 2018, Festival audiences will be treated to two of our highly regarded Forums held in the main Festival Marquee. Our forums set the tone for the weekend and reflect our core values.

Saturday's Topic is 'Care for Community' and Sunday's is 'Care for Country'.

Kids

Plenty of creative, engaging and entertaining children's activities including yarning with The Connies.

Workshops

Include:

- Indigenous basket weaving
- Local bush tucker
- Bush tanning – make your own eel leather
- How to set up a community solar farm

More to be announced shortly.



Films

Spear: Bangarra Dance Theatre

Motor Kite Dreaming: Australian outback adventure documentary

Fiery Creek – Connecting the Catchment: A look at the history and land management of the Fiery Creek catchment

The Willaura Yarn: An oral recording of Willaura Community elders with animation by Willaura primary school students.

Other activities

Throughout Saturday and Sunday enjoy a variety of market stalls and numerous information stands covering environmental, historical and cultural topics.

For the early risers:

- Yoga
- Lake Discovery Walk
- Meditation and the upbeat dance experience of ZUMBA

More to be announced via our website when confirmed.



Cuisine

Food vendors offer an array of tastes, great kicking coffee and our festival lounge serving healthy non-alcoholic sugar free refreshers.

A taste of our Saturday lake stage music line up...

DAVID BRIDIE. Solo (of My Friend the Chocolate Cake), a long-serving national treasure. A captivating performance.

ROSE BYGRAVE. Solo. Our own home grown sister of song - an illustrious musician and songwriter.

MICK THOMAS and his band (of Weddings Parties Anything) His ever-evolving talents as a writer and performer and raconteur continue to define a career as intriguing as it is enduring.

8-FOOT FELIX. A stomping good time. Inspired theatrics and musical prowess, a dancing treasure chest of infectious ditties speaking multilingual sea-shanties and polka-dotted blues.

BUSKERS STAGE. More fantastic musical talent waiting to be discovered.

WE ARE KEEPING SUNSET ACTIVITIES AS A MAGICAL SURPRISE.

Sunday

On the lake stage

NEIL MURRAY.

Born and bred in Bolac, one of the festival founders and founding member of the Warumpi Band. Most renowned for his song My Island Home, and well known for his work with Indigenous musicians from the top end and across Australia.

Neil will take us into his poetic world with some great spoken word and song.



DJAB WURRUNG RIVERTIME

A youth song writing project, inspired by the Hopkins River, performed by students from Lake Bolac, Willaura, Maroona, Ararat and Mildura in collaboration with Gunditjmara song writer Lee Morgan and dancer Adeline McDonald.

Acacia Gold Wind Quintet, performance of Dindy Vaughan's works 'Lake Bolac Dusk to Dawn' and 'Mt Napier'.



Second wave announced on-line in early 2018

TICKETS at www.eelfestival.org.au

Friday 23 March at 6pm - Art auction and dinner \$25 *(150 people only)

Catch your online only 'EARLY EEL' specials until end of January

Saturday \$75 Sunday \$35
Package \$100

After Jan 31

Saturday \$95 Sunday \$45
Package \$130

Students 16 & under FREE

** When you book your online tickets at www.eelfestival.org.au please indicate if you are planning to camp or use other accommodation. Camping fees are payable in cash to the ranger when you arrive.*



WHERE TO STAY

We are a lakeside camping festival but if you crave for more comfort there is alternative accommodation available visit – www.lakebolac.com.au for more details.

Information

Visit us at www.eelfestival.org.au
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For Festival dates and to book tickets visit www.eelfestival.org.au



We acknowledge the Djabwurrung as the traditional custodians of the land where the Festival is held and offer our sincere respect for elders past, present and emerging.

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"With still so many more great artists and special events to come, we wanted to give you a taste so you can start planning your weekend with us.

This friendly grass roots festival prides itself in providing a meaningful and inspirational program of music, conversation, culture and arts and is open to all ages.

The lake is bursting with life and is looking lush and abundant after two years of decent rainfall. Come SOAK up a full weekend"

Elyjah McLeod – Festival Director