



## Films to star at the 2011 Birregurra Weekend Festival

Short films are a new addition to the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Birregurra Weekend Festival, which is on again this October 8 and 9.

Birregurra is the first leg of the Warrambeen Film Festival's regional tour, which showcases the best Australian and international short films collected over the past three years.

The popular weekend festival, in Victoria's Otway region, will also play host to the only regional heat of the Telstra Road to Discovery country music competition.

Visitors to this year's Birregurra Weekend Festival and Art Show will experience the best of country life with a focus on regional gourmet food and wine and great family activities.

The Bulla Dairy Foods gourmet food and wine precinct will host additional stallholders this year, with a broader array of the region's finest providores offering something locally produced for every pallet.

Food and wine precinct co-ordinator Amanda Garner said the festival is a great event for gourmet food lovers.

"We have so many fantastic producers in the Birregurra and Otway region, so it's the perfect place to showcase the region's amazing food and wine."

The Landpower Colac agricultural precinct will display the latest in farming products and technology, and will host wood-chopping and snake handling demonstrations.

Precinct co-ordinator Tim Farquharson said the precinct has been a welcome addition to the festival after its introduction two years ago.

"It's a real opportunity for local ag-based businesses to interact with current and potential customers, and for farmers to come and see the latest in farming equipment and expertise."

The main street will again be a hive of activity with market stalls and live music including performances from Spyndrift, Dave Steel and Tiffany Eckhardt.

The dog jumping competition is back and will be hotly contested again this year, while the children's petting zoo, many rides, a rock climbing wall, ensure the little ones have a great weekend at the festival.

The festival will kick off on Friday, October 7 with the opening of the Birregurra Art Show in the evening, and will continue throughout the weekend from 10am to 5pm both days.

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