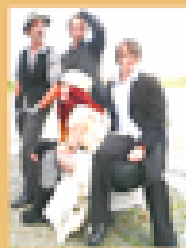


Birregurra Festival and Art Show



8th and 9th October 2011



SpynDRIFT

The only regional heat of the "Telstra Road to Discovery" with guest performers 2010/11 Performer Category winner Harry Hookey and 2010/11 Finalist Gena Rose Bruce

Live Music - with Warren Smith - Dave Steel & Tiffany Eckhardt - SpynDRIFT - The Fire Alive

The Bulla Dairy Foods gourmet food and wine precinct

Landpower Colac agricultural precinct - Wood Chop (Sunday) - Dog Jumping
 Snake Busters - Rock Wall - Classic cars - Trinity College Sophisticated Swing
 Music in the Church - Camel rides & Market Stalls

Art Show Opening Friday, October 7th, 7.30 - 11pm

10am -5pm Entry: Gold Coin Donation

For more information visit - www.birregurra.com/festival



Saturday 8Th October - Timetable

Time	Event	Location
10:30am	Colac Pipe Band	Main Street
11:30am - 1:00pm	Telstra Road to Discovery Heat	Main Stage
1:30pm	Sophisticated Swing	Main Stage
2:00pm	Dog Jumping	Near Skate Park
2:00pm - 4:15pm	Music in the Church	Christ Church
2:15pm	Dave Steel and Tiffany Eckhardt	Main Stage
3:30pm	Spyndrift	Main Stage
All Day	Snakebusters	Agricultural Precinct
All Day	Michael the Balloonologist	Everywhere
All Day	The Connies	Everywhere
All Day	Craft Display and Devonshire Teas	Health Centre
11:00am - 4:00pm	Warrambeen Film Festival	Masonic Hall
7pm and 9pm	Warrambeen Film Festival	Masonic Hall
9:15pm	Bus to Colac	Pharmacy Corner
10:15	Bus to Colac	Pharmacy Corner

Sunday 9Th October - Timetable

Time	Event	Location
10:00am	Ecumenical Service	St Peters Church
11:00am	High & Lonesome	Main Stage
12:30pm	Dave Steel & the Welcome Wagon	Main Stage
1:00pm	Gaz Jaz	Roving
2:00pm	The Fire Alive	Main Stage
2:00pm	Dog Jumping	Near Skate Park
2:00pm - 4:15pm	Music in the Church	Christ Church
3:30pm	Warren 'Wazza' Smith	Main Stage
10:00am - 4:00pm	Dazzling Dan - The Magic Man	Birregurra Park
All Day	Snakebusters	Agricultural Precinct
All Day	The Connies	Everywhere
All Day	Michael the Balloonologist	Agricultural Precinct
All Day	Craft Display and Devonshire Teas	Health Centre
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Message From The Festival Committee

Welcome to the 12th annual Birregurra Weekend Festival, an event highlighted by regional food and wine, agricultural displays, live music, market stalls and many children's activities. The festival begins with the opening of the Art Show in the Main Street Hall on Friday, October 7, from 7.30pm with the festival to continue from 10am-5pm on Saturday and Sunday. This year for the first time we will host the Warrambeen Film Festival's first stop on its regional tour. Located in the town's Masonic Hall, the best Australian and International short films will be shown throughout the weekend. A highlight of the festival for many years has been live music and Spynrift along with Dave Steel and Tiffany Eckhardt are just a couple of major attractions in 2011. This year, the festival is excited to have the only Victorian regional heat of the Telstra Road to Discovery, a national program aimed at uncovering independent performers and songwriters.

The Landpower Colac agricultural precinct is back by popular demand. The area will showcase the latest in farm machinery from Landpower Colac along with

equipment from other local businesses. Snake handling demonstrations and the very competitive woodchop competition on the Sunday will captivate the crowd. The Art Show – lauded as one of regional Victoria's most successful – attracts hundreds of both professional and amateur artists from across the state, with artworks from a range of media. We welcome back local manufacturer Bulla Dairy Foods, who is supporting our popular gourmet food and wine precinct. This area showcases some of the Otway region's finest providores.

Children won't be short of things to do at this year's event with loads of entertainment in the park including a rock wall to climb and the highly entertaining dog jump contest.

The streets will be packed with market stalls, buskers and live entertainment ensuring the 2011 festival will have something for everyone.

We hope you enjoy your time in Birregurra and the experience of one of Victoria's most popular weekend events.

"Music in the Church" - Christ Church

from 2pm to 4.15pm Saturday and Sunday

Local Talented Musicians playing Various Styles in a Beautiful Church with Excellent Acoustics

A perfect ending to a festival day



Birregurra - the town and its history

The picturesque Birregurra township dates back to the 1860s and has played a significant part in south-western Victoria's history. Always a lush agricultural region at the foothills of the Otway Ranges, Birregurra is now enjoying new popularity as visitors appreciate their "country experience" within two hours of Melbourne. Known as the "town of churches" Birregurra's eastern aspect overlooks the Barwon River silhouetting three distinctive church spires.

Bowden's Point, as Birregurra was first named, developed as a settlement in the 1860s. It soon became known as

Birregurra-on-the-Barwon, after the earliest European settlement had to move from the Birregurra Creek site because of a lack of water. Earlier in 1839, the first Victorian aboriginal mission was set up below Bowden's Point known as Buntingdale Mission Station. Birregurra became a thriving town with its railway being the lifeblood of the vast Otways timber industry in the early 1900s. Now, in the 21st Century, Birregurra remains a unique and beautiful township in the Otway hinterland – a special place to live and visit.

Birregurra Art Show

The Birregurra Art Show is a must-see part of the Birregurra Weekend Festival, October 7 – 9. The Art Show transforms the local public hall ,attracting both professional and amateur artists from across Victoria. This year artists will exhibit in a variety of media including botanical art, drawing, pastelwork, watercolour, washwork, painting, photomedia, printmaking and mixed media. As well as

offering to the artists \$6,500 in category prizes, the Birregurra Art Show is known among buyers for its 'quality at an affordable price'.

The Art Show opens on Friday, October 7 at 7.30 pm and the admission price of \$12 includes finger food with drinks at bar prices. Admission on Saturday and Sunday is only \$4 for adults with no charge for children.

Tartuffe

Turmoil is created for a family. Who can see a way forward? Their issues and foibles are as relevant now as in the 17th century and the acting style draws on the Comedia del Arte style of farce of the period. Come with a group and enjoy this popular comedy at COPACC'S revamped Black Box Theatre 5th – 8th October at 8pm
Adult: \$24, concession: \$18, Groups(10+)

\$20 - Tickets at COPACC

Tartuffe by Molière in an adaptation by Simon Gray:

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The Fire Alive

From Yeodene and Colac respectively in the South West of Victoria The Fire Alive have been rocking out as the current line-up since late 2008. Originally the band started out in 2007 as a solo project for lead singer Josh Rigg when he was working on a debut Ep called 'Gone Away' at the ripe old age of 16. Warren and Travis both featured on the Ep with Travis alternating between electric guitar and drums. With this proving a difficulty when playing live they decided to find a drummer who came through Tom Maw and from then The Fire Alive was alight.

With the shift in musicians came the shift in their style of music from a mellow roots sound to a more rock orientated outfit with the different influences shining through to create a unique blend of Progressive Rock and Blues. After a couple of years defining their sound and writing songs The Fire Alive decided to take their music to the public and have been stunning audiences with their energetic live show at numerous

gigs throughout Melbourne, Geelong, Colac and appearances at the Queenscliff Music Festival, Apollo Bay Music Festival and most recently at PushOver Festival in Melbourne in which they were competing in the PushStart Grand Final and were awarded the APRA Award For Song Writing with judges comments like "your performance was up there with anyone on the entire PushOver bill." Currently, when finding time between gigging they are in the process of recording their self-titled debut Ep at Otway Studios in Lavers Hill with engineers Lloyd Barrett (Mia Dyson) and Rhys Britnell with aim's at an October 2011 release.

To follow where the band are at with the Ep, find out when they are playing or even listen to a couple of songs from their PushOver performance join their Facebook page;
www.facebook.com/thefirealive



Tiffany Eckhardt and Dave Steel

Tiffany Eckhardt has written and recorded six successful independent releases and as a songwriter and performer, has been adopted by the folk/roots scene in Australia as a firm favourite, receiving rave reviews and radio airplay across the country. Blues man, songwriter/producer and guitar master, Dave Steel has been writing songs and making albums for the past 20 years.

He has been an instrumentalist for many of Australia's best known artists and has earned himself a reputation of being one of our finest musicians himself.

This husband and wife team have recently released their new album 'SUNDAY'. Since the release of SUNDAY they have been on the road, performing their music unique brand of folk/roots to captivated audiences everywhere.

The magic between them on stage is spellbinding Honest, touching, humorous and uplifting- Australian folk/roots at its best.

www.tiffanyeckhardt.com

Spyndrift

With lashing of theatrics, delicious stage antics and dirty grooves this cheeky throng deliver an extravaganza of high energy and infectious rhythms!

Formed in 2004 and situated along one of the most stunning coastlines of Southern Victoria is award winning band 'Spyndrift'. Their music is raw, provocative, sassy and sweet. With genres ranging from ska, cabaret, burlesque, reggae and psychedelic the Show is vibrant.

Band members Elle, Hoya, Merin and Richard have two decades of music and theatrical performance under their belts ; drawing on a colourful background in theatre, children's pantomimes, puppetry and dance. In 2006-07 their self produced album 'Sound Swell' was recorded, and since then the music has undergone a

steady metamorphous from laidback groove to a dynamic power house show!! Spyndrift were the winners of the 2010 Vic Hunt Memorial Music Award at Sleepy Hollow Blues Club in Geelong. The prize money is going towards recording their second EP in Melbourne August/September. "The judges deemed Spyndrift as 'sensational' and if Vic was still alive, this band would have got him really excited." Franken Wax Sleepy Hollow Blues Club Spyndrift have regular appearances and call backs to popular coastal music festivals and are continuing to wow and captivate new audiences wherever they go. This band has it. On the night they showed not only a bit of cheek but a lot of audacity that will stand them in good stead for the future backed up by heaps of talent!

Mal Franken Wax SHBC Member.

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