



Ballina Fine Wine and Food Festival 1-3 July 2016 - 3 different events over 3 days

This year's festival features 3 different events run over 3 days at various locations. Showcasing a fusion of the best produce, products, restaurants and culinary expertise our region has to offer along with premium wines, craft beer, cider and spirits from around Australia and abroad.

International singing, stage and TV sensations Rachael Beck, Michael Cormick and pianist David Cameron will be performing along with The Heart Collectors and Jed Zarb during the events.

Friday night 1st July will feature a 'Taste of Ballina Gala Dinner'. This very special evening will feature performances by singing sensation Rachael Beck & Michael Cormick accompanied by renowned pianist David Cameron. The evening will feature superb food, teamed with stunning wines and craft beers held at the Ballina RSL Club.

Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd July will feature 'Flavours of Northern Rivers Gourmet Tour'. Bus tour includes a wonderful mix of venues, showcasing the best the Northern Rivers Region has to offer. Tour attendees get to experience, explore, learn and indulge while touring the region. The specially selected tour destinations incorporate guided tours of the venues, food and beverage tastings and entertaining tour guides.

Sunday 3rd July. **The main Festival Day**, held at the Ballina Jockey Club will feature exhibitors, information sessions, demonstrations and quality entertainment. This stunning celebration of the Northern Rivers highlights Ballina and what the region has to offer. Rachael Beck and Michael Cormick accompanied by renowned pianist David Cameron will be performing on stage along with the The Heart Collectors and Jed Zarb. Entry to the festival is for 18+ years only. Buses will be running from various locations around the region.

Tickets to all 3 events will be available 1st May. Check the website for all the details:
www.ballinafinewineandfoodfestival.com.au

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

~ A FEW MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE 3 DIFFERENT EVENTS ~



The Main Festival Day 'Ballina Fine Wine and Food Festival'

**Sunday 3rd July, Ballina Jockey Club 11am -5pm
Festival Ticket \$25, Bus Ticket \$5 return**

The main festival day features exhibitors, information sessions, demonstrations and quality entertainment. This stunning celebration of the Northern Rivers highlights Ballina and what the region has to offer.

Cottage industries will showcase their wonderful products. Local restaurants will cook their signature dishes for patrons to sample with tasting plates available for purchase. A variety of wines, craft beers, ciders and spirits will be available to sample and glasses and bottles of wine, beer and ciders are available to purchase to enjoy on the day or to take home.

Winemakers and brewers are on hand to talk about products and share their knowledge at information sessions, which are conducted throughout the afternoon. This is a unique opportunity to interact with the experts and sample the very best rich reds, elegant whites, and boutique beers.

There will be cooking demonstrations using fresh local produce. Food producers and local restaurants will cook their signature dishes for patrons to sample.

By keeping the entry costs reasonable (\$25), it gives patrons an opportunity to experience a wide variety of products and enjoy world-class entertainment.

International singing, stage and TV sensations Rachael Beck and Michael Cormick accompanied by renowned pianist David Cameron will be performing on stage along with the The Heart Collectors - multitalented instrumentalists and singers and Jed Zarb – ‘a one man band’.

Buses will be running from various locations around the region from Brunswick Heads, Byron Bay, Bangalow, Lismore, Alstonville, Lennox Head and Ballina. Bus tickets are just \$5 return, so no need to worry about driving.

Entry to the Sunday event is for Adults -18 plus only. Photo ID will be required for entry.



‘Taste of Ballina Gala Dinner’

**Friday 1st July at the Ballina RSL Club
Tickets \$95**

Enjoy a four-course gourmet dinner, designed and prepared by Ballina RSL Executive Chef Blake Seymour, using the finest of our regions local produce. This is a perfect opportunity to indulge experience and be surprised with each dish. Enjoy a complimentary glass of champagne or boutique beer on arrival. Available for purchase during the evening will be stunning wines and craft beers provided by Cricketers Arms and Robert Oatley Vineyards, which have be specially selected to complement each course.

This very special evening will feature performances by international singing sensations Rachael Beck & Michael Cormick accompanied by renowned pianist David Cameron. These sensational performers are star of stage, theatre, TV and live concerts.

Rachael's exquisite voice captivates audiences around the country. Rachael has appeared in numerous productions including Beauty and the Beast, Les Miserables, Cats & the Sound of Music.

Michael is an accomplished actor and singer of international standing who played the title roles in The Phantom of the Opera, Mamma Mia & Beauty and the Beast.

David is one of Australia's most experienced Musical Directors and accompanists. David has toured nationally and internationally, accompanying some of Australia's finest entertainers, including Hugh Jackman, Marina Prior, David Hobson, Judith Durham, Debra Byrne, Silvie Paladino, Denis Walter and The Seekers.



'Flavours of Northern Rivers Gourmet Tour'

Friday 1st July & Saturday 2nd July
Tickets \$70

The Ballina-on-Richmond Rotary Club invite you to be part of this tour around the beautiful Northern Rivers, highlighting a cross section of fresh local produce and products. The bus tours include a wonderful mix of venues, showcasing the best the Northern Rivers Region has to offer.

Tour attendees get to experience, explore, learn and indulge while touring our region. The specially selected tour destinations incorporate guided tours of the venues, food and beverage tastings and entertaining bus tour guides. Join in the fun and experience the beautiful country side, diverse mix of venues and the opportunity to meet the owners, producers, growers, experts and chefs of some of our region's most stunning ingredients, this is indeed a unique opportunity.

The four tour destinations this year are Zentveld's Coffee, Harvest Café, Avocado Tom and Stone & Wood Brewery. Check the website for all the tour destination details.

This year our major beneficiary from the funds raised is **Our House**, a 20-unit accommodation facility providing cancer patients of the Lismore Cancer Clinic and their families a place to stay at a low cost whilst the patient is receiving treatment.

The Our House facility also provides accommodation for mothers and families of children who are in the Lismore Base Hospital's Children's Ward and Special Care Nursery.

Tickets for all events go on sale 1st May.

Tickets will be available online: www.ballinafinewineandfoodfestival.com.au and at various outlets in Ballina, Lismore and Byron Bay. Check the website for details.