



## Music for the People

This year sees some changes to the concert that has been a highlight of South Gippsland's musical calendar for 48 years.

For the first time in its history, there will be free entry to the 49<sup>th</sup> Music for the People concert at Mossvale Park. Council recognises that the very dry weather is impacting on our local economy and making this event free is one small way Council can support the community.

The Boroondara Symphonic Band will feature as guest artist, replacing the Victorian Concert Orchestra. This fresh face to the event's historic line-up will bring the park to life with a repertoire of light classical, popular and show tunes. The afternoon's five hours of free entertainment will also include the South Gippsland Concert Band, Wonthaggi Citizens Band and the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band.

Community Strengthening Support Officer, Sophie Dixon, said Music for the People was the epitome of musical elegance, with the location adding to the whimsical atmosphere on the day.

"Organised by a dedicated band of volunteers, and funded and supported by Council, Music for the People is renowned for bringing the community together in an environment that oozes talent, cooperation and relaxation," she explained. "There really is no other event like it."

Seniors groups are again encouraged to take advantage of the hospitality being offered by the Leongatha Lions Club by providing seating and afternoon tea for pre-arranged bookings.

As there is no fixed seating or shelter at the park, participants are encouraged to bring a rug, chair, umbrella (for shelter from the rain or sun) and esky to help them enjoy the day. Limited food and refreshments will also be on sale for a gold coin donation to the Leongatha Lions Club throughout the afternoon.

The event will be held on Sunday 28 February from 10am. Although free, bookings are requested to help the organisers ensure that adequate essential services are available. Contact Sophie Dixon on 5662 9202 or via email at [sophied@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:sophied@southgippsland.vic.gov.au).

For a seniors group booking with organised seating and afternoon tea, contact Graeme Tuckett at the Leongatha Lions Club on 5662 3338.

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