

Seniors Festival – a celebration in more ways than one

Over 55s are invited to a free celebration to mark the 34th Victorian Seniors Festival this month.

The 2016 South Gippsland Seniors Festival Concert will feature authentic rock 'n' roll band, Honey B and The Stingers, taking participants on a nostalgic musical journey back to the 1950s and 1960s. The event will also celebrate special guest, Marjorie Jarvis from Leongatha, who is a finalist in the 2016 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards.

Mrs Jarvis, who is 95 years young, has dedicated much of her life volunteering and supporting the South Gippsland community. Nominated by a close friend, Mrs Jarvis will attend a special awards ceremony at Government House in Canberra this month where she will be honoured for her contributions.

Aged and Disability Services Coordinator, Louise Brydon, said the event promised to be one to remember.

"This year's concert will be one of the best," Ms Brydon said, "which we know is a big call coming off a remarkably successful event last year.

Participants provided some wonderful feedback following last year's concert that we are incorporating into this event and to have a local nominated in the 2016 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards really adds a nice shine. We are excited to be able to share this occasion with Marjorie."

The local Seniors Concert is one of many free or low cost events being held throughout Victoria in October, including dances, theatre shows, celebratory morning teas, tours, and a host of indoor and outdoor recreation activities. A program of events is available from Council's main office, libraries and community houses, or you can request a program by phoning 1300 135 090 or visiting www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au.

If local seniors are travelling during this time, the State Government is providing eight days of free public transport for Victorian Seniors Card holders in metropolitan and regional Victoria for the period Sunday 2 - Sunday 9 October, and five days of free V/Line travel on Monday 3, Tuesday 4, Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 and Saturday 8 October.

The South Gippsland Seniors Festival Concert will be held on Friday 7 October at the Korumburra Indoor Recreation Centre in Elizabeth Street. The doors to the centre will be open at 11.30am. The concert itself will start at 1.30pm sharp.

Although a free event, tickets are required. Tickets can be obtained by contacting Council on 5662 9200.

Photo caption 1: Rock 'n' roll band, Honey B and The Stingers, are all set to go for the South Gippsland Seniors Festival Concert.

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