

## Music for the People Postponed

The 50<sup>th</sup> Music for the People concert will be postponed until 2018 due to unavailability of suitable headline bands for the event.

Despite significant effort, a suitable headline act could not be secured for the last Sunday in February.

A key element of the Music for the People event has been the involvement of local groups including the South Gippsland Brass Band and the South Gippsland Concert Orchestra, neither of which would have been available if the concert date was to be changed to March.

Council will focus its efforts on ensuring that the event next year will be able to progress; so far the very popular Australian Navy Band has been secured as the headline act.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Ray Argento said it was disappointing to have to postpone the event but is enthusiastic for the 50<sup>th</sup> concert to go ahead in 2018.

“It is unfortunate that this year’s Music for the People concert needs to be postponed.

“Our preference would be for the concert to proceed however this is not possible in the circumstances.

“Council envisages that the 50<sup>th</sup> Music for the People concert will be a major success. By securing the Australian Navy Band early we are heading in the right direction for a day of great entertainment in 2018,” said the Mayor.

The South Gippsland Brass Band intends to hold a social music day on the 26 February 2017 at Mossvale Park. More information about this event will be available in coming weeks.

Council is currently exploring other options including the possibility of a touring music event in 2017; more information will be provided to the community when available.

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