

2018 Ballina Food and Wine Festival

BACKGROUND

This will be the 9th festival run by the Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond.

It is a multi-day event comprising of 2 different events over 2 days.

Asahi – After Dark Gala Dinner, Friday 29th June 2018, Ballina RSL Club

Main Festival Day, Sunday 1st July 2018, Ballina Jockey Club

Each year the proceeds of the festival are donated to worthy causes both local community and international projects.

This year we will be supporting the Ballina Shire Rural Fire Services, a vital community asset. There are five Rural Fire Service (RFS) Brigades across the shire consisting of Alstonville, Lennox Head, Meerschaum Vale, Newrybar and Wardell.

While our Festival provides financial support for one major beneficiary, we also support a number of other charities and organisations.

Main Festival Day - Sunday 1st July 11am-5pm, Ballina Jockey Club

At the Ballina Jockey Club, features exhibitors, information sessions, demonstrations and quality entertainment. Entry is strictly over 18 years only, photo ID required.

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 will be conducted throughout the afternoon. This is a unique opportunity to interact with the experts and sample the very best rich reds, elegant whites, and craft beers.

Entertainment

We have a great line up of talent playing at the festival this year.

- **DIESEL** - Distinctive guitar playing and vocals, Diesel is one of Australia's favourite artists who has been making music spanning 30 years. With over 35 singles, 16 albums and 6 ARIA awards, DIESEL is a journeyman of music.
- **Jed Zarb** - Jed is "A ONE-MAN BAND". Jed has developed a unique show that involves acoustic guitar, electric guitar and sax. His multi-instrumentation allows a variety of sounds and styles. From rich heart-felt ballads to rock, pop and the blues, from John Denver to The Black Keys, Jason Mraz to INXS, Neil Diamond to Kings of Leon, Jed will play your song!

- **Blake Taylor** - Blake takes inspiration from his family and the work he does with adults with disabilities as a Music facilitator at Studio Artes. His songs come from personal struggles and triumphs, leaving you breathless at every live show.

Cooking Demonstrations

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

- **Sean Connolly** – Chef & Culinary Director , Balcony Bar & Oyster Co, SBS presenter hosted SBS television series - My Family Feast
- **Blake Seymour** – Executive Chef, Ballina RSL Club
- **Gavin Hughes** – Head Chef, Byron at Byron Resort and Spa
- **Terase Davidson** – Chef and Founder of Taste Byron Bay
- **Franco and Andres** - Peruvian chefs from A Chef's Pocket

TICKETS

Tickets are \$25. Entry is strictly over 18 years only. At only \$5 return trip, keep the car at home and take the festival bus that will running around the region from Brunswick Heads, Byron Bay, Bangalow, Suffolk Park, Lennox Head, Lismore, Goonellabah, Wollongbar, Alstonville & Ballina.

Friday night 29th June – Asahi – After Dark Gala Dinner, Ballina RSL Club.

Enjoy a four-course gourmet dinner, designed and prepared by Ballina RSL Executive Chef Blake Seymour, using the finest of our regions local produce.

Available for purchase during the evening will be stunning wines and craft beers provided by De Bortoli Wines and Asahi Premium Beverages, which have been specially selected to complement each course.

This very special evening will feature performances by Elizabeth Lord and Leigh James. The 'Swing On In' dancers will also be performing a few dance moves on stage.

Tickets \$95 per person

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