

MEDIA RELEASE

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Ardlethan Art & Music Festival 2011

The Ardlethan Art & Music Festival takes place over two weekends in October this year with The Big ol' Bus Band coming to town on Saturday 8th October. This year's theme is "Burlesque" and Ball tickets are priced very favourably at \$80 per person, which includes the show, gourmet dinner and two free bottles of wine per table of ten people, thanks to the generosity of Westend Wineries. Numbers are limited and deposits are now being taken. Phone 02 6978 2190 or 02 6978 2169 to secure your booking. You are encouraged to dress in Burlesque theme, but if not then please comply with "cocktail" dress for all; strictly no casual dress allowed!

The second part of the festival will be over the weekend of 22nd, 23rd October, beginning on Friday 21st at 6pm with a cheese and wine evening to celebrate the opening of the Art Exhibition. Entertainment will be by local group "Leather & Lace" and the evening will include opportunities to meet the artists as well as purchases of art pieces. The exhibition will be in the Memorial Hall over the entire weekend.

Saturday Lion's Markets in the Park will include a smorgasbord of craft, as well as displays of sculpture and a photographic history of the district. There will also be "Music in the Marquee" featuring Mark Corey, acclaimed soloist of the East Coast. Mark provides a wide range of musical entertainment and he will be supported by local talented artists. There will be plenty of food venues as well as a bbq lunch in the park.

Saturday evening will continue with the musical theme at both the Ardlethan Bowling Club and the London Hotel.

Sunday morning there will be a church service in the Lion's Park as well as the Art Exhibition in Memorial Hall where the Hall Committee will also be serving delicious food in a relaxed atmosphere.

Campers are encouraged to come along and spend the entire weekend, enjoying the hospitality on offer at Ardlethan and taking in the many entertainment options on offer.

For more information phone 6978 2169 and artists interested in displaying their works are asked to contact Di McDermott on 6978 2055 and stallholders should contact Janice on 6978 2396.