



News Release

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TULIP TIME BURSTS INTO ACTION

The Southern Highlands has transformed into a sea of colour with the start of this year's 51st Tulip Time Festival located throughout its picturesque towns & villages. The 14 day long festival from Tuesday 20 September to Monday 3 October is the Southern Highlands flagship event attracting approximately 65,000 visitors.

Each year Tulip Time takes on a different theme & charity which guides both the garden bed plantings and the festivals entertainment & activities. This year's Tulip Time theme is Strength & Hope supporting its Charity Partner Parkinson's NSW with Ambassador and 70's entertainer Marty Rhone spearheading the entertainment & events. To compliment this years' theme and Charity, Tulip Time has taken on a 70's theme underpinned by a central colour of purple.

Over 110,000 colourful tulips have been planted in public garden beds in Mittagong, Bowral & Moss Vale and supported with barrels of tulips in villages of Berrima, Exeter, Bundanoon and Robertson.

An exciting program of events has been planned over the 14 days of the festival such as:

- 'Countdown to Tulip Time' 70's Rock n Roll Dinner Dance at Mittagong RSL starring Australia's 70's legends John Paul Young, Marty Rhone, Ray Burgess, Dinah Lee & host Donnie Sutherland – Thursday 22 September 6.30pm
- 'Tulip Time FREE Breakfast in the Park' – Friday 23 September 7am-9am
- 'Ride For A Reason' Charity Ride – Bong Bong Street Bowral Saturday 24 September 3pm
- 'Boral Tulip Time Street Parade' – Bong Bong Street Bowral, Saturday 24 September 3pm

- 'Renwick Tulip After Dark' – Corbett Gardens, Bowral Saturday 24 September 6.30-9pm
- "Tulip Time House & Garden, Food & Wine Street Fair' – Wingecarribee Street Bowral, Saturday 24 September 9am – 9pm & Sunday 25 September 9am – 4pm
- 'Time Time Festival of Golf' – Gibraltar Hotel & Country Club Bowral, Thursday 29 September – Saturday 1 October.

A crowd favourite event from last year was the lighting up of Bowral's Corbett Gardens. 'Tulips After Dark' will serve up a fun filled evening of entertainment, night markets & beautiful blooms – all illuminated by spectacular lighting that will excite the senses. So if you want to support this years Charity & experience one of Australia's premier gardens at night then pack a chair, rug & picnic and head to Corbett Gardens and reserve your space on Saturday 24 September from 6.30-9pm.

For further details about this years' Tulip Time Festival visit: www.tuliptime.net.au or call 1300 657 559

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FURTHER INFORMATION & IMAGES

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