

News Release

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TULIP TIME 2014 – THE COUNTDOWN IS ON! Tuesday 16 to Sunday 28 September 2014

With 15 days to go this year's Tulip Time program has been finalised with an expanded and rejuvenated program of events and activities to appeal to all age groups and interests.

SO MUCH HAPPENING AND LOTS OF NEW EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- **The Southern Highlands Food & Wine Festival** will kick off the Tulip Time Festival in Corbett Gardens on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September from 10am – 4pm. The best of the region's local food & wine producers will showcase their products with tastings and sales. Master classes will be also conducted and celebrity chef James Reeson will film an episode of his WIN TV Cooking Show 'Alive & Cooking' in the Gardens.
- Twice daily throughout this year's festival will be the **Tulip Time Talks Tent** in Corbett Gardens. With talks by garden designers, florists, horticulturalists and authors.
- 'A Colourful Life' is the Festival theme for 2014 and the *Street Parade* will incorporate this along with the 2014 colour of Yellow. It will be held on Saturday 20 September with a new starting time of 2pm and proceeding along Bong Bong Street. Prior to the beginning of the street parade will be the Bowral Little Athletics **Tulip Time Mile*** beginning at 1:45pm, seeing school aged children competing in the dash along Bong Bong Street. And, following the street parade will be the **Billy Cart Derby*** from 3:15pm to 4:15pm, when the billy carts will race down Bong Bong Street being timed by the 'boys in blue'. *Registrations required.
- Greg Page, everyone's favourite Yellow Wiggle will bring his new **Butterscotch's Playground** to entertain kids and families on Tuesday 23 September at 11am. And the popular **Walkabout With Reptiles** with enthrall all on Friday 26 September at 1pm.
- On Friday 26 September, the Mittagong RSL Club will host one of their popular **Winemaker Dinners**, to support the 2014 Tulip Time Festival. The dinner will feature Tyrell's wines and a four course dinner. Tickets are \$85 per person and bookings are essential – phone 4872 6700 to book.

- **Music In The Gardens** from 1:30pm on Saturday 27 September, will showcase local talent including Nyssa & Alex, Ella's Holiday and Bronwyn Kenny, and will be headlined by **Rachael Leahcar**, 2012 The Voice finalist.
- The popular **Tulip Time Street Market** has been moved this year to the second weekend, and will see Wingecarribee Street transformed into a bustling street market on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 September.
- The last day of the festival will be a day for the whole family including the family dog with **Dogs Day Out** between 9am and 4pm. Bring along your favourite four footed friend (on their leash, of course) and enjoy all of the special activities and entertainment in Corbett Gardens.
- This year Corbett Gardens will also celebrate its official **100th birthday** – one of the flower beds will be converted into a giant birthday cake to commemorate the 100 years of the official opening of the iconic public park back on the 16th December 1914. It all began in 1910 when a letter was sent to the then Mayor of Bowral asking for a meeting to discuss the purchasing of the land, a committee was formed, with Ada Corbett as the honorary secretary. It was proposed that the land become a 'carpet square', a beauty spot and a recreation 'resort' and garden, with a bandstand in the centre.

For more information on the 2014 Tulip Time Festival visit www.tuliptime.net.au .



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