



News Release

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BATTLE OF THE BANGERS RETURNS IN JUNE

Southern Highland pubs will once again battle to see who has the best banger. Tulip Time Battle of the Bangers returns next month with weekly cook-offs to see whose sausage is the tastiest.

This year seven pubs will put their best sausage forward, including The Surveyor General where it all began, Sutton Forest Inn, Mittagong Hotel, The Grand Hotel, Burrawang Village Hotel, Moss Vale Hotel with the Bargo Hotel joining up for the second year.

The heats will commence week of June 9 with each hotel nominating a weekly 'cook-off' day for heats and finals in their pub.

Surveyor General Inn publican Ross Durney said there was a lot of excitement about this year's event.

"We've been getting a lot of inquiries and it will be even bigger and better this year," Mr Durney said.

He confirmed Lion Nathan and XXXX Gold had returned as the major sponsors this year.

"Once again, they're supporting the event by giving the grand final winner a \$2,000 travel voucher, to spend on an escape of their choice, with the finalists from each pub receiving a 95L esky and a case of XXXX Gold valued at \$500."

Finalists will compete in the final battle on October 6 at the Surveyor General Inn, Berrima, where the winner will take home the Tulip Time Battle of Bangers Trophy and major prize.

This year again the much loved People's Choice Award will be held, providing the public with the perfect opportunity to get fully involved.

2013 saw the second official Tulip Time Battle of the Bangers event, which involved seven pubs in the Highlands.

The sausages of Mick Hewson from Sutton Forest Inn reigned supreme at last year's finalist.

He went on to be crowned the winner with his lamb, mint and rosemary sausage, which was cooked by himself on the day.

Battle of the Bangers had been a tradition at the Surveyor General Inn for five years before Mr Durney expanded the event become part of the Tulip Time festival and involve pubs throughout the Highlands.

"When we started all those years ago I didn't think it would survive a second year," Mr Durney said.

He said each year the event grew and he just ran with what people wanted.

"All up, we had between 40 and 50 people involved in last year's battles just at the Surveyor General Inn, with the other pubs noting similar numbers."

The public is encouraged to contact their local pub to register interest in participating in this year's event.

PUB HEATS DAY/TIME:

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| Mittagong Hotel, MITTAGONG | Tuesday 7pm |
| Bargo Hotel, BARGO | Wednesday 6.30pm |
| Surveyor General Inn, BERRIMA | Thursday 5.30pm |
| Burrawang Hotel, BURRAWANG | Thursday 6pm |
| Moss Vale Hotel, MOSS VALE | Thursday 6pm |
| Sutton Forest Inn, SUTTON FOREST | Thursday 7pm |
| The Grand Hotel, BOWRAL | Friday 6pm |

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For full details and imagery regarding Tulip Time and associated events, please visit www.tuliptime.net.au or contact Debbie Pearce, Destination Southern Highlands Event Coordinator via email debbie.pearce@wsc.nsw.gov.au or call on 02 4871 2888

