



**Music at the Healesville Track is back for it's second year of
great music & entertainment,
Sunday November 20th
@ The Healesville Picnic Race Track**

After a successful first year in 2010, Healesville Amateur Race Club Committee is once again delighted to announce the second, annual community music festival at the Healesville Picnic Race Course, bringing an eclectic collection of talented artists, great food & wine, local breweries and much more for **Music At The Healesville Track 2011**.

The festival kicks off at 12 noon, winding up at around 8pm and allows locals and visitors to the Yarra Valley, a lazy Sunday afternoon in beautiful surroundings, listening to great music and sampling the delights of local produce, wine and beer makers. It's a chance to bring along the family and friends and relax in the afternoon sunshine, while enjoying everything Healesville has to offer.

'A lot of work in getting to this stage for the 2011 festival but to manage to get artists of this caliber, all together at one community event, in our own backyard for a paltry entrance fee, and in one of the most beautiful settings you would find in the Yarra Valley, together with great drink and food, yeah I'm bloody excited and Nov 20th I reckon can't come round quick enough!!' **Chris Young - MATHT Festival Director.**

The 2011 program features a fabulous line up of artists that will provide 8 hours of non stop music from 2 stages including Joe Camilleri and The Black Sorrows, Shane Howard and his band, Mick Thomas and The Roving Commission, Rebecca Barnard Trio, John Schumann (Of Redgum Fame) and The Vagabond Crew, Monique Brumby and her band, Damian Howard and The Ploughboys, Greg Champion and great local talent Ewan Cloonan & The Hills Villians, Cavey and his band, The Marlee Tree, Richie Langford & the Engine Room, Louie and The Pride, The Crooks and Ian Bland and his band.

Joe Camilleri is an icon of Australian music and without doubt one of Melbourne's finest musical exports. He has paved the way for four generations of singers and songwriters, writing and recording an enormous catalogue of incredible music over an astonishing 46 years. From Altona to Cooktown, from Oslo to Cannes and all over his beloved hometown of Melbourne, The Pope of Elwood has shown fans and critics alike, he is a performer with an undeniable energy and love of it all. It is this love, this sense of adventure that keeps Camilleri going and the punters coming back for more. Playing with **The Black Sorrows** @ Healesville this year will feature Joe Creighton on bass, Tony Floyd on drums, Claude Carranza on guitar and Atlanta Coogan on Vocals.

Mick Thomas has some secret magic to his writing... he surely can write great songs that make you say, "Why didn't I think of that?" but of course we never do. He writes about mates, ratbags, races, places, weddings, parties, funny stuff – anything – but they

are really good stories and great songs. Mick is truly a legend around the best of fair dinkum roots venues and festivals around the country. He is a character! He is funny! He will talk the leg off an old chair and play the arse off a guitar, sweat the shirt of his back and lay you in the aisles. Mick is joined on stage this year @ Healesville by Squeeze Box Wally (WPA legend) and John Bedgegood on keys and fiddle and is playing as **Mick and The Royal Commission**

Shane Howard is one of Australia's most important and respected songwriters. In a career that has spanned over 30 years, he has released 10 solo albums, including a double CD anthology and three albums with the band he formed, **Goanna**. " ..A wonderful, carefully crafted mixture of songs about love and politics. He sounds as though he has drunk deeply from the same fountain that gave the world Henry Lawson, Woody Guthrie and Bob Dylan, saturated in Australian imagery. " Bruce Elder, Sydney Morning Herald

If you liked **Redgum** then you'll love **John Schumann & The Vagabond Crew**. Reunited with his old Mate **Hugh McDonald** (Also Ex-Redgum) after 24 years, this is the closest thing to a **Redgum** reunion, fans will ever see. John is one of the very few songwriters who has changed the way a nation thinks. Accordingly, he holds a distinguished place in the Australian music industry. Best known, for his Vietnam veterans' anthem, "*I was only 19*", John Schumann first came to national attention in 1980 as legendary folk-rock band **Redgum**'s lead singer-songwriter. In the ensuing years John Schumann recorded nine albums and, with Redgum, toured the UK, Europe and Ireland where his songs are still played. In 27 years in Australian music, as a member of Redgum and as a solo artist, John Schumann has received almost every award the industry has to offer – some twice over. Described by rock historian Glenn A. Baker as "one of the finest songwriters this country has produced"; John's songs have been paid the ultimate compliment by becoming the property of the people and the country they were written about. His lyrics are on reading lists in schools, colleges and universities throughout Australia.

Damian Howard's latest CD release 'Out of My Hands' showcases a new sound and new line up. The new original material has a country roots-rock infused flavour and the first single release All I Ever Wanted has been featured on ABC's Rage earlier this year and on high rotation on CMC. The songs off Out of My Hands have been warmly received by audiences throughout Australia and Europe with performances at festivals and venues around Australia and two successful European Tours in 2008 and 2009 culminating with a performance at the famous Hebridean Celtic Festival on The Isle of Lewis, Scotland in front of 6000 people and filmed by the BBC. This performance has been regularly featured on the BBC over the past 12 months.

From a 13 year old singing with her father's band, **Rebecca Barnard** has spent many years in various bands refining her live performance and vocal skills. Starting her mainstream career with 10 years as a backing singer for Stephen Cummings, and after getting a bit more serious about her own song writing, one of Australia's most loved bands, **Rebeccas Empire** was born. They went on to record 3 EPs and 2 albums and appeared on JJJ's Hottest 100 albums, 3 years in a row. Rebecca has also recorded 2 solo albums, appeared on several radio and TV shows and sung backing vocals for various including Paul Kelly, Renee Geyer, Deb Conway and Tim Rogers, to name just a few.

Tasmanian born **Monique Brumby** is an accomplished guitarist, singer and prolific songwriter and record producer with 5 studio albums and 2 Arias to her name. Her trademark though is her live performance skills honed over many years, whether playing solo or with her band. This year **Monique** and her 5-piece band join the already impressive Healesville line up where she will make it her mission to connect with her audience and give them her heart and soul in performance. Monique has toured with The Bangles, Paul Kelly, The Stranglers, Luka Bloom, Shaun Colvin and Jeff Buckley just to name a few.

Born in Benalla Victoria and raised in South Australia, **Greg Champion** (Champs) is Australia's leading writer of AFL and cricket songs, with several Aussie Rules hit songs since the 1980s. His musical diversity however, extends beyond the sports fields to include more moving and descriptive pieces capturing the emotion of Australian life in the way John Williamson, Eric Bogle and Ted Egan are renowned for. Forging his own distinctive path through the Australian musical landscape, it's been said of Champs that he has contributed to the fabric of Australian culture.

For more info, please visit the website @ www.musicatthehealesvilletrack.com.au
And remember music At The Healesville Track is a community festival, run by dedicated volunteers and all profits from the day go back in to the race club, to assist with its many community projects.

For Tickets click on the following Moshtix Link:
<http://www.moshtix.com.au/event.aspx?id=49723>

Adults: \$35 (Concessions available) Children 14 to 18: \$15 Under 14: free (Free Children's entertainment) Family Ticket: \$85

Plus booking fee on all ticket prices

Or available from the Grind and groove and Sanctuary Lotto in Healesville and The Yarra Junction Post Office or will be available at the gate on the day.

BYO drinks and food or reasonably priced food and drink available on site (No glass)

Healesville Race Course, Chum Creek Road, Healesville (Melways 275 C1)
Gates open Midday – 8pm

For further information on the festival, sponsorship opportunities, food and market stalls, please contact Chris Young on 0417 380 298 or chris@densal.com.au .

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