

THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER BUSH FESTIVAL Corryong, Victoria April 7th - 10th, 2022



Morgan Webb competes in the Brumby Catch on his way to winning his second Man From Snowy River Challenge in 2021.

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2022**

There was movement at the station for the word had passed around...

As we attempt to get back to our normal lifestyles, another great celebration of the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival is about to get underway.

The in-depth planning that has gone into this year's event reflects the time and effort of the many and varied teams of supporters, volunteers and staff in putting this festival together. There is no doubt life is a bit tougher for many people due to events experienced in the last few years.

In its own small way getting the festival off the ground is testament to the Spirit of the Bush.

Special thanks this year goes to Tourism Victoria and Bushfire Recovery Victoria in providing both financial and hands-on support in not just keeping events like the festival going but also supporting new initiatives such as Upper Murray Ag Field Days.

The bush festival plays a vital role in the Upper Murray community and it is greatly appreciated that it is recognised as such by government and supporting bodies.

The festival board and staff express their deep appreciation to the sponsors, patrons, volunteers, competitors and landowners. Without their contribution this festival would not exist.

Let the fun begin

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MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER CHALLENGE

COLOUR GROUPS

2022 COLOUR GROUPS MFSR CHALLENGE

RED GROUP	
1	Morgan Webb
2	Kelsie Lupson
3	Ben Belcher
4	Larissa Guaran
5	Andrew Hindmarsh
6	Madeleine McVean
7	Jazmine Collier
8	Harrison Scarlett

YELLOW GROUP	
9	Sam Webb
10	Alyssa Arnold
11	Lachie Whiteley
12	Kieran Davidson
13	Bernie Dallaglio
14	Stew Moroney
15	Claire Cottrell
16	Sharni Perdon

DARK BLUE GROUP	
17	David Mitchell
18	Chris Caslick
19	
20	Marnie Egan
21	Carrie Jones
22	Scott Nimmo
23	Matilda Phegan
24	Lacey Quinn

LIME GREEN GROUP	
25	John Mitchell
26	Phillip Peters
27	Alex McDonough
28	Matt Maliki
29	Danna Boulton
30	Wendy Sheather
31	Harriet Shaw
32	Emily Pendergast

LIGHT BLUE GROUP	
33	Travis Bandy
34	Emma O'Shea
35	Bridget Gallagher
36	Chris Connley
37	Riley Quinn
38	
39	Claire Thomas
40	Harrison Baxter

DARK GREEN GROUP	
41	Stephen Connor
42	Sally Stockwell
43	Lachie Sim
44	Megan Russell
45	Laura Clancy
46	Scarlett Chaston
47	Mackenzie Dunn
48	Harrison Mackillop

PINK GROUP	
49	Michael Green
50	Kristen Allen
51	India Phelps
52	Amber Connley
53	Trent Stocks
54	Troy Nicholls
55	Annie Triggs
56	Mack Whelan

ORANGE GROUP	
57	Brad Pierce
58	Hayley Hinton
59	Olivia Carey
60	Kye Willis
61	Danicka Ryan
62	Codie Sutton
63	Millie Triggs
64	Jess Phegan

WHITE GROUP	
65	Daryl Baines
66	Breanna Arnold
67	Jacob Awramenko
68	Melissa Baxter
69	Sean Purcell
70	
71	Bill Phegan
72	Katie Bradley

CHALLENGE FINALS

9.30am-10.30am: Striplings Challenge Final

12 noon-12.30: Junior Final

12.30pm-1.00pm: Ladies Brumby Catch

1pm: Open Brumby Catch

2pm: Stock Saddle Buckjump

3pm: Presentations

NOTE: GROUPS WERE CORRECT AT THE TIME OF PRINTING

MFSR STRIPLINGS CHALLENGE COLOUR GROUPS

BROWN		MAROON	
1	Darcy Dallaglio	7	Emily Phegan
2	Brooke Uren	8	Grace Brabin
3	Cooper Fitzgerald	9	Elizabeth Scarlett
4	Harry Hiscock	10	Harriet Brabin
5	Paige Baxter	11	Jake Dallaglio
6		12	
PURPLE		DARK BLUE	
13	Jessica Foster	19	Sammy Easey
14	Lucinda Foster	20	Sybil Triggs
15	Luke Turnbull	21	Tyla Kleinitz
16	Mitchell Browne	22	Zoe Willis
17		23	Milly Richmond
18		24	

They can crack whips, shoe horses, catch brumbies and ride like The Man From Snowy River - and they assemble in Corryong every autumn to battle for the title as the best stockman or woman in the country.

Challenge competitors will take part in demanding tests of skill including a vet and gear check, stock handling, packhorse, bareback obstacle riding, horseshoeing and cross country riding.

Only the top ten competitors will take part in the daring final events - brumby catching (pictured) and stocksaddle buckjumping.

These will determine who will leave Corryong with the prestigious Modern Man from Snowy River title. There is also a Junior and Ladies section as well as a Striplings Challenge.



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After a tough year of bushfires and coronavirus lockdowns, causing the cancellation of the 2020 Man From Snowy River Bush Festival, Corryong hosted a successful event last year - and all indications are the 2022 version will be even better!

The bush festival proudly celebrates our Aussie bush heritage for four days in the heart of the high country and the showcase event this year will be the 26th running of the MFSR Challenge.

The entertainment features musical acts on the live stage, headlined by Frankie J Holden and Wilbur Wilde and extends to a fraternity of highly talented bush poets, artists and photographers through to the dust busting action of the rodeo on offer.

This year's event will mark 26 years since the inception of the festival in its current format.

The iconic Man From Snowy River Challenge will once again be the main attraction, where 70 of the country's highest calibre of riders come together to compete for the ultimate accolade.

Local horseman, John Mitchell, is shooting for four titles after a hat trick from 2016-18 and is likely to have keen competition from his brother and former champion, David.

Other notable locals among the competition are Lachie Whiteley, Wendy Sheather, Brad Pierce, and

former junior challenge winner Travis Bandy.

Reigning champion, Morgan Webb will be defending his title in his quest for a third challenge title

In the women's division, Emma O'Shea will be striving for an amazing eighth consecutive victory.

The festival also pays homage to 'Banjo' Paterson's *Man From Snowy River* poem in a live re-enactment, with crowds watching 'in very fear' as mountain horsemen take on the steep and winding mountains in pursuit of 'the colt that got away'.

The dust busting action of the rodeo on Saturday evening showcases the best rough stock the country has to offer.

The festival will also feature a ute muster, kids party, street parade, bush markets, Aussie bush idol,

bushman's whip crack competition and working cattle dog championships.

"The authentic nature of our festival, the spectacular scenery, the variety and high calibre of competition, entertainment and friendly

locals are the fundamentals that bring thousands of wanderers to Corryong," said festival co-ordinator, Jenny Boardman.

"To make sure you don't miss out on anything, purchase an official souvenir program."

Young guns show skills

It's not only the adults who get a crack at competing in one of the most prestigious challenge competitions in the country, - the kids also get a run!

Featured on the Sunday in the main arena will

be the running of the Striplings Challenge where riders aged between 10 and 14 years will compete in a 'mini challenge' that includes elements of all the preliminary events of the Open Challenge.

"We are very excited

to be continuing an event that encourages the younger generations both to be actively involved in their community and one that requires them to learn specialised horsemanship skills," said events co-ordinator, Maureen Thomas.

"It's a fantastic starting block for them to begin their Challenge careers."

The event was won last year by Jessy Fox.

Feature Horse Events

The Rooftop Express Show is one of the leading entertainment features available in Australia today. With a list of world first stunts in his holster, show director, Dave Manchon, is keen to bring an all star line up of horses to one of the leading equine events in Australia.

Dave Manchon's exciting arena show will enable its festival audience to experience the variety and adrenaline of a fast paced Wild West Show and broadcast an interactive, intelligent, fun and educational message about primary production, horses and the bush.

The Australian stock horse is recognised world wide for its versatility and superior performance among work and leisure breeds and their prowess will be on display at the Campdrafting competition on Sunday from 7am to 10am.

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Bards gather at the block



The Man from Snowy River Festival has something for everyone and a home base at the Lions' Club Hall and the surrounding Banjo's Block, at the corner of Strzelecki Way and Donaldson Street, is the place to be for poetry and bush music enthusiasts.

Breakfast walkups and other concerts will feature Geoffrey W Graham, The Rhymers from Ryde, Melanie Hall and Susie Carcary (Mel and Susie - pictured), Christine Middleton and Tim Sheed and Trevor Best and Bonza Blokes Bush Band.

There is also plenty of room and time for other

poets and first timers to also 'have a go'.

The competition is keen particularly The Man From Snowy River recital. The first round has been judged pre-festival with three finalists reciting Banjo's famous poem on Friday at 6pm in the Lions Youth Hall.

Catering at Banjo's Block during the festival will be capably supplied by Kim and Greg in their Melting Madness Food van.

The festival will also host the Victorian Bush Poetry Championships

The 'Written Serious', 'Silver Brumby' and humorous 'Corryong Larrikin' sections have

been judged before the festival.

Performance sections include traditional, modern, original serious and humorous and yarn sections which are woven around the festival core events. The 'Matilda' and 'Clancy's Choice' awards are presented to the Victorian Female and Male Overall Performance Champions.

Further fun is to be had at the Carol Reffold Memorial 'One Minute Poem' at the Bottom Pub on Thursday night.

Gather on Sunday at around noon, after the yarnspinning, at the Lions Youth Club Hall to enjoy an Aussie singalong.

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The Man From Snowy River Museum in Corryong is a must see attraction!

The museum is filled with thousands of treasures relating to the history of the Upper Murray.

The collection highlights:

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FRIDAY 8TH APRIL: INTENSITY 8PM

SUNDAY 10TH APRIL:

TRACEE JAMES ON THE DECK 1-4PM



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CLASSIC – Tomatoes, ham, cheese \$20.00

PANCAKES:

Berry compote, maple syrup and cream/ice cream \$22.00

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Songs like On The Prowl, Looking For An Echo, Diana, Eagle Rock, The Wanderer, Get A Job, Twistin' The Night Away and much more make for a great night of classic rock and roll, presented in a hugely entertaining stage show that can best be described as "controlled mayhem."

Frankie J and Wilbur also bring to the stage their incredible skills and broad experience as all-round entertainers, honed through their work in all the other areas of their long and successful careers.

They are musicians,

certainly but they are also raconteurs.... and ragers!

They don't just play the songs, they play the audience and take them on a journey, making them laugh, sing, and dance.

Frankie J and Wilbur take to the stage at 8.30pm.

Their support act is the 2020 Toyota Star Maker at Tamworth, Sammy White, who performs at 7pm.

Despite the tribulations of the pandemic last year, Sammy remained positive and focused, continuing to write songs and connect with fans online.

Raised on the land but located on the Reef; armed with a cuppa and pen, born quiet and sweet, Sammy White is the perfect walking contradiction.

As an "emotionally fuelled" writer, she draws inspiration from life experiences.

The final act on the Friday is Blake O'Connor

who is bringing his exhilarating electric show to bush festival.

Having won Star Maker in 2019, last year Blake took home the prestigious Best New Talent of The Year Golden Guitar at Tamworth.

He has performed in Nashville, the UK and all across Australia making Blake a seasoned songwriter, guitarist and performer.

The entertainment continues on the Saturday night when Jade Gibson and The Viper Creek Band perform.

A North East native, Jade has spent most weekends over the past 10 years traveling all over the countryside, sharing her stories and songs. In 2022, Jade is hitting the Australian festival scene starting at Tamworth where she was a Toyota Star Maker finalist.

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Relive 'The Man's' Ride



The Man From Snowy River Bush Festival is proud to again present the stirring re-enactment of Banjo Paterson's iconic poem at Thowgla on Friday at 10am (follow the signs from the western end of town).

The re-enactment of Banjo's famous poem 'The Man From Snowy River', is located in the Thowgla Valley with the mountains as the backdrop and the stage is set for an event not to be missed.

The re-enactment pays tribute to the men, women and horses of the past.

Bring your chair, sit back, relax and enjoy the pre-performance entertainment as the early settlers set up camp in their summer mountain hut.

Gates open at 8am and Guy McLean and his bullock team will entertain the crowd. At 11am Khancoban Station's Riley's Ride@ group is welcomed, as the horsemen and women arrive from their epic journey.

The ride traces the last journey of legendary Upper Murray stockman, Jack Riley, who reportedly met Banjo Paterson in 1890 and is locally regarded as the inspiration for his famous ballad.

It is held to commemorate Jack Riley's life and

the part he played in the early days of this district and also to laud the efforts of those who selflessly sought to rescue him under harsh conditions.

After their arrival, the iconic poem then comes to life with an exceptional display of mountain horsemanship with the show beginning around 11.30am.

Jack Riley is buried at Corryong Cemetery and a granite headstone has been erected in his memory.

In 1995 the Upper Murray celebrated the centenary of the publication of Paterson's 'The Man from Snowy River and Other Verses' with a festival which has developed into an international event.

The final journey

More than 40 riders have rolled their swags and saddled up and are currently making their way from Tom Groggin Station, through the spectacular scenery of the Snowy Mountains and down to Corryong in time for the 2022 Bush Festival.

Known as 'Riley's Ride' the event is an essential element of the bush festival.

It traces the last journey of legendary Upper Murray stockman,

Jack Riley.

This annual ride is held to commemorate Riley's life and the part he played in the early days of this district and also to laud the efforts of those who selflessly sought to rescue him under harsh and trying conditions.

Instigated in 1989, the ride offers spectacular views and the chance to meet people from far and wide, many which hail from different walks of life but share a love of the Australian bush and horses as well as deep respect for the pioneering families of the area.

It is a challenging ride and a character building experience, so congratulations go to the riders and organisers for another fantastic year.

Over the four day trek riders travel on average about 30kms a day and spend between five and eight hours in the saddle each day.

To book a place on the 2023 ride you can enrol at this year's Man From Snowy River Bush Festival. Bookings and a deposit will be taken on the Sunday morning of the event - contact the Festival Office.

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