

# Discover TUMBA FEST

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on the weekend of  
February 22-23

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# Something for everyone

EACH year, a group of hard-working, dedicated volunteers, known as the Tumbafest Committee, meet to plan and organise Tumbafest.

2014 will herald Tumbafest's 17th year and guarantees a great weekend of first class entertainment, the region's best cool climate wines and food.

The largest of its kind in the region, Tumbafest has become the region's finest quality music, wine and food festival.

Supported by Hyne Timber, Tumbarumba's largest

employer, Tumbafest is held annually on the last weekend in February.

The many attractions will include: a jam-packed schedule of Main Stage entertainment, sublime regional wines, lots of arts and craft vendors, extensive food stalls, wine tasting, a farmer's market, as well as numerous activities designed especially for young children, with many being offered FREE of charge.

BYO alcohol is not allowed and all Tumbafest venues are "pet free".



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Local talent and national artists will share the stage, which will be the focal point of the festival. Performances start at 10am each day and go through to late afternoon.

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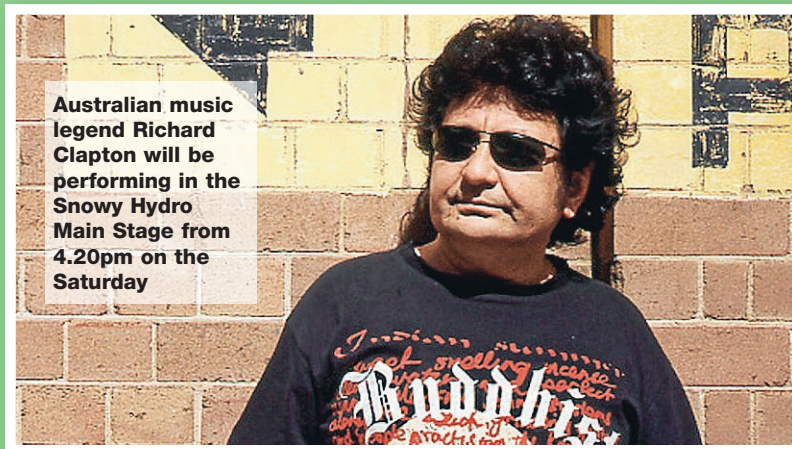
## SNOWY HYDRO MAIN STAGE

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 10:00am Tumba Voices
- 10:40am Tumba Pipes and Drums
- 11:00am Josh Needs
- 11:55am Official Opening
- 12:20pm Pugsley Buzzard
- 1:15pm One Night Stand
- 2:10pm Sound from Earth
- 3:05pm Baylou
- 4:20pm Richard Clapton
- 5:50pm The Convicts

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 10:00am Praisfest
- 11:00am Tumba Talent Quest Winners
- 12:00pm Richard Perso
- 1:05pm Sparrow Folk
- 2:10pm Kevin Bennett and The Flood
- 3:25pm The Go Set
- 4:40pm Fortunate Sons



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## TUMBAFEST ticket prices

Advanced Ticket Sales (if  
purchased before 5pm,  
Friday, February 14)

Adult Day Pass: \$33  
Adult Weekend Pass: \$48  
Pensioner Day Pass: \$18  
Pensioner Weekend Pass: \$28

Weekend Ticket Prices (after  
early bird closing date)

Adult Day Pass: \$38  
Adult Weekend Pass: \$58  
Pensioner Day Pass: \$23  
Pensioner Weekend Pass: \$33

### Kids

12 and under: FREE  
Junior Day Pass: \$8  
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(A Junior refers to someone  
aged between 13 and 17 years).

ID MUST be shown when any  
pensioner pass and/or junior  
pass are purchased. If tickets  
are purchased through the  
website, proof of ID must be  
shown to the Festival Office.

# And the rest is history

ON a hot January afternoon in 1997, a small group of friends were enjoying a drop of the local product and one was bemoaning the fact that jazz festivals were springing up everywhere, complete with the showcasing of local wines, but all involved various degrees of travel – Rutherglen, Wagga and Thredbo to name a few.

As the wine flowed, the germ of an idea was born – to stage a festival in Tumbarumba which would celebrate cool-climate wines and fruits, provide a variety of food sourced locally and throw in some music for good measure.

On that afternoon, the motto for Tumbafest, as well as its name, was born – a magical weekend of Tumbarumba's best.

With Susan Cowell as the inaugural president and driving force, a committee of six begged and cajoled local businesses and wine companies with ties to Tumbarumba to provide sponsorship and entered the almost surreal world of booking bands to perform.

It was decided that the festival would be held in The Parade (Tumbarumba's main street), with tables and chairs placed on the roadway and the back of a truck used as a stage (a practice that is still in use today).



Publicity for the event consisted of Letters to the Editor placed in all newspapers within 300km range, a terrific arrangement with Prime Television and lots of word-of-mouth advertising.

Food stalls were operated by service and sporting clubs, providing such gourmet delicacies as roast dinners and trout on the barbecue.

While groups unknown to local people played, committee members circulated through the crowd, begging for money to start the whole process again the following year.

The crowd numbered around 500, the street had to be restored to

normality by 6pm and the exhausted committee members were heard to mutter quite loudly while stacking chairs and dismantling tables - "Never again!"

2014 marks the 17th annual Tumbafest event.

Sponsorship is now measured in the tens of thousands of dollars, there is an actual advertising budget, food and refreshment stalls have to be outsourced to cater for the crowds, performers are widely known and with the appointment of a paid Events Co-ordinator since 2005, the whole event has been put onto very much a professional footing.



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New to Tumbafest for 2014 is Rent a Tent. Rent a Tent offer affordable accomodation with a difference. For more information, visit: festivalbookings.com.au

## TUMBAFEST at a glance

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 22, 10am to 7pm, Sunday, February 23, 9:30am to 6pm  
**WHERE:** The Creekscape, Hammonds Lane, Tumbarumba.  
**MORE DETAILS:** Visit the website at [tumbafest.com.au](http://tumbafest.com.au), phone 6948 3333, or check out the Facebook page at [facebook.com/Tumbafest](http://facebook.com/Tumbafest)

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## Picturesque surrounds set the scene

THE town of Tumbarumba has an elevation of 592m above sea level while Khancoban has an elevation of 337m.

The average annual rainfall is 978mm, which falls mostly in winter and spring.

The shire has four distinct seasons marked by brilliant summer sunshine; a spectacular display of autumn leaves; winter views of snow capped mountains; and sparkling spring days.

The town of Tumbarumba was established in the 1850s and gold discoveries here and at Kiandra led to an influx of population which in the mid 1860s made Tumbarumba a town of considerable importance.

Many people stayed to select land which was available and suitable for agriculture.

Gold mining assisted the beginning of the timber industry.

As the gold became more difficult to obtain it was necessary to use fluming to bring water for sluicing.

Timber was also used for pit props in the deep-lead tunnels that developed around the turn of the century.

Tumbarumba had a thriving commercial centre by 1900 with around eight licensed premises and a number of general stores.

A brewery and a flour mill were in operation and by 1906 a newspaper was established.

The importance of the town declined after World War 1, which saw the death of the cream of a generation of young men.

The advent of the Wagga -Tumbarumba railway line in 1921 did much to service the timber industry had the effect of encouraging greater commerce with Wagga.

In 1927 a prison farm was established at Mannus, and softwood planting had commenced by the early 1930s.

The construction of the Snowy Mountains Scheme led to a dramatic increase in the population of the town in the 1960s.

Paradoxically, it was at the conclusion of this stage that the commerce of the town



reached its lowest ebb.

Improved facilities in Corryong and Tumut, a rural recession, the availability of the motor car and improved roads led to the closure of many shops and facilities in Tumbarumba.

This trend has been dramatically reversed in the 1970s with the commencement of production of pine sawn timber, a new rural resurgence, and a growing recognition of the aesthetic appeal of Tumbarumba as a place to live.

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