

Moomba line-up set to rock

With the Moomba parade permanently moving to St Kilda Rd the excitement is building for Southbank locals, after the music line-up was announced for the famous festival last month.

Country queen Kasey Chambers, folk singer Bob Evans and rock legend Mark Seymour head the list of home-grown acts set to entertain the crowd during the March Labour day long-weekend.

The acts will feature at a number of live-sites including Birrarung Marr, Alexandra Gardens and along the banks of the Yarra River.

Moomba program director Ros Abercrombie said the musical entertainment was a vital cog for the Moomba celebrations.

“Last year we showed fans that you don’t need to spend hundreds of dollars to enjoy a full weekend of quality live music. This year we’ve put together a program of high calibre Australian acts across an even more diverse range of genres,” Ms Abercrombie said.

She also said it didn’t matter what time of day you were around the multiple stages, as you would be able to hear great music.



Last year’s Australia Day party at Federation Square. Photo courtesy of David Simmonds.

Australia Day festivities

There will be plenty of opportunities to celebrate Australia day in Southbank this year.

The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) is holding the official Australia Day luncheon on the Thursday preceding it, January 24.

The business lunch is \$135 a ticket or \$1200 for a table of ten and will be attended by the

Governor and Premier of Victoria.

There are also plenty of less formal ways to celebrate, such as Federation Square’s free concert, as part of its Fed Square Live Summer Series.

There will also be a book market and the Australian Open Women’s final will be played on the big screen from 6.30pm.

To conclude the day fireworks will be set off around Melbourne, with great viewing anywhere along the Yarra River.



Blanket celebrations

300 Blankets held its Christmas and new year party at Queensbridge Square in December, as the charity celebrated a year of hard work.

The charity, which helps supply blankets to many of Melbourne’s homeless, also held fund-raising events here in Southbank throughout the year.

Director Warren Tu said the barbecue was the perfect way to thank the group’s tireless volunteers.

“The location was fantastic as our cases are focussed in the Melbourne CBD,” Mr Tu said.

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