



MARCH 2022 BAF ANNOUNCEMENT

THE 2022 AUTUMN FESTIVAL REMAINS ON HOLD

WE NEED YOU!

**BAF WANTS TO ENGAGE WITH EVERYONE TO HEAR YOUR IDEAS AND HAVE YOUR SAY
WE NEED YOU AND WE MISS YOU BALLAN AND DISTRICT!**

Please join the BAF committee for some tunes from local musicians, a bite to eat, and have a chat.

Venue: **McLean Reserve** (Mechanics Institute wet weather contingency)

Date: **March 20th**

Time: **3pm – 5pm.**

COVID SAFE OUTDOOR EVENT

Remember when we could all come together from around the district, invite our friends to see our wonderful town showing its Autumn colours, and make new friends with other locals? So do we!

We can't do this alone; we've spent enough time in isolation! We need fresh ideas that will really talk to the town and make the region talk about Ballan. We miss the participants, the people, and the pets that come and visit Ballan. Please think about getting involved and sharing your ideas or maybe some of your time with BAF to really bring the colour back into our lives while welcoming friends we haven't seen for a long time.

As we transition into Autumn, we also transition out of the COVID restrictions and are starting to see the way we all approach the pandemic change. The way forward is looking up, and the committee's thoughts are with everyone who has been affected by COVID in the past few years. We know that holding an event with our local traders, children's rides, market stalls, and entertainment simply because it is what has been done in the past, is not enough to minimise the risk to the community and as such we have made the tough decision NOT TO PROCEED IN AUTUMN 2022 and to reimagine what BAF is for 2023 and beyond.

As for 2022, The Ballan Autumn Festival Committee recognise that the traditional event date – The Third Sunday in March – which falls this year on the 20th, should not go by without commemoration.

We are intending to host a covidsafe pop-up event in Ballan where everyone who is available can drop past and share in a very casual hello with the team.

Please come and join us for an afternoon of Music, Food and Conversation

For our next event to be just right, The Ballan Autumn Festival needs your assistance to help shape the future of the festival going forward. We're keen to hear your ideas and would love to see how more people in our growing community can get involved.

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