

## EVENT DETAILS

# “Best Busker in the West” Quest

### WHAT IS THE STRAWBERRIES & CHERRIES WEEKEND?

The Strawberries & Cherries Weekend is a two day event that showcases locally grown fresh produce, with the experience to “pick your own” selection of cherries, strawberries, stone fruit and berries.

The Festival, now in it’s tenth year, invites the public to experience the delights of Bacchus Marsh and the huge diversity the community has to offer. In addition to the food related activities, such as fruit picking and strawberry & cherry themed lunches at the local cafes and restaurants, the entire main street will be free of traffic and host stalls the length of the town. There will be rides, face painting, free workshops, the majority of local shops will be open, there will be evening entertainment and fireworks in the centre of town on the Saturday evening.

This year’s Festival is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever. Visitors to Bacchus Marsh last year exceeded 30,000!

### HOW DOES THE “BEST BUSKER IN THE WEST” QUEST WORK?

This Quest was created for Street Performers and Buskers to have an opportunity to perform, build confidence, develop new skills and performance ideas and provide ongoing exposure in a safe and controlled environment.

### WHAT KIND OF ACTS CAN PERFORM?

Anyone can have a go! From solo singers, guitarists, magicians, circus acts and bands to school choirs. We endeavor to have a great diversity of performers, there by eliminating competitiveness between participants. Not all applications may be accepted in order to provide a wide range of entertainment over the weekend.

### HOW LONG ARE THE PERFORMANCE SETS?

Performers will be allocated a set between 10am & 4pm on the S&C Weekend. Each Act will be allocated a minimum of 2 (two) 30 minute sets. Sets will be scheduled with a minimum of an hour gap before repeating the set. Should performers wish to perform a longer set, or perform on both the Saturday & Sunday, please indicate this on the application form.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST? There is no fee to enter the Quest.

### PRIZE MONEY

First Prize	\$500	Judges will be appointed by the Bacchus Marsh Tourism Association.
Second Prize	\$300	Decisions are Final.
Third Prize	\$200	No correspondence will be entered into once judging has been finalised.

### HOW WILL THE BEST BUSKER IN THE WEST QUEST BE JUDGED?

Each performer will be judged to pre determined criteria by an impartial judge, or judges, selected by the Bacchus Marsh Tourism Association. Each act will be judged on a single 30 minute set. If the Act is playing for a longer set or multiple sets, it is the judge(s) discretion which 30 minute set is observed for judging purposes.

### CAN PUT MY “TIP HAT” OUT?

Yes! All tips that are earned over the 2 day event are the individual performers, or groups to keep.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

If you would like to be a street performer or busker in the Bacchus Marsh Strawberries & Cherries Weekend “Best Busker in the West” Quest, fill in and return an Application Form, along with a short entry video. (See following information).



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## APPLICATION INFORMATION

The performers must clearly state the type and style of Performance that will be displayed at the Strawberries & Cherries Weekend. (Eg; Amateur musician - folk songs - acoustic guitar & voice. One person circus act - juggling, magic tricks. School Choir - Grade 2's - 4 - various songs.)

Professional Acts (eg; acts that regularly perform and may or may not be registered as a business) must send their application form and promotional material, Youtube, video or link to [info@pahq.com.au](mailto:info@pahq.com.au) by **Friday 4th November**.

Non-Professional Acts: (eg; school choirs, young musicians or other acts) must send their application form and a good quality video short video video or link to [info@pahq.com.au](mailto:info@pahq.com.au) by **Friday 4th November**. A Video filmed on a tablet or other device is acceptable.

There is no cost to perform as part of the Strawberries & Cherries Weekend.

Acceptance of your application will confirmed by email by Tuesday 8th November.

Should the application not meet the requirements of Bacchus Marsh Tourism Association (BMTA) the application will not be accepted.

## PLEASE NOTE

This is a non-powered event. Power for equipment will not be available at performance points. Acts should aim to be non-powered, or provide their own power by way of battery powered equipment.

## PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOUR & FAMILY FRIENDLY REQUIREMENT

All material presented must be deemed 'family friendly'. Explicit or inappropriate material is strictly prohibited. No nudity or profanity will be permitted.

Polite and courteous behaviour of all buskers is expected at all times.

## ON THE DAY

Each Act will be allocated a number for judging purposes. This number should be displayed prominently whilst performing.

Each performance point will be clearly labled for ease of reference.

Performance Acts are asked to meet at their allocated Performance Point between 15 and 30 minutes prior to their allocated performance time. Acts are respectfully asked to finish on time, in consideration of the next performance.

Allocation of performance points will be confirmed by Tuesday 8th November. We ask that any last minute changes or requests are made well before this date as you can imagine the logistics of even the smallest change will have a run-on, domino effect for the other performers over the Strawberries & Cherries Weekend.

Please Return  
Entry Forms to:

Snail Mail:

Best Busker in the West Quest  
C/O Performing Arts Headquarters  
PO Box 670, Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340

In Person:

5 Grant Street Bacchus Marsh (Mon-Fri 10am - 6pm)

By email:

[info@pahq.com.au](mailto:info@pahq.com.au)

Need to Call?

Ph: 5367 6864 Mon-Thurs 10am - 6pm  
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Performer(s)/School or Group's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Acts Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Style of Entertainment: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable) (Eg: Solo Guitar & Voice)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Policy included: (Please Circle) Yes (Please attach a copy of the cover sheet)  
Working with Children check: (Please Circle) Yes (Please attach a copy of WWC - individual performers,  
or directors of groups that will be attending on the day)

PREFERRED TIME TO PERFORM S&C Weekend (Please tick)			
Saturday 19th November		Sunday 20th November	
Between 10am - 1pm		Between 10am - 1pm	
Between 1pm - 4pm		Between 1pm - 4pm	
Number & Length of Sets Preferred (Please Tick)		Number & Length of Sets Preferred (Please Tick)	
Two 30 Minute sets		Two 30 Minute sets	
One 1 Hour Set		One 1 Hour Set	
Two 1 Hour Sets		Two 1 Hour Sets	
PERFORMANCE TIMES WILL BE CONFIRMED VIA EMAIL BY TUESDAY 8th November			

## INDEMNITY

I, ..... (Print Name),

Performer/School or Group Representative Name (Parent/Guardian of Performer if Performer is under 18 years of age)

enter into the Bacchus Marsh Tourism Association's Strawberries & Cherries Weekend "Best Busker in the West" Quest at my own/ groups risk. I also give permission for persons authorised by Bacchus Marsh Tourism Association to seek appropriate medical aid in the event that I/a member of my group is injured. I/my group indemnify and keep indemnified, members of and volunteers associated with the Bacchus Marsh Tourism Association, against all reasonable costs, charges, expenses liabilities, outgoings, and payments which Bacchus Marsh Tourism Association pays, is liable to pay, or sustains in anyway arising from any circumstances or incident which may occur during my/my groups attendance at the Bacchus Marsh Tourism Association's Strawberries & Cherries Weekend "Best Busker in the West" Quest.

Signed:..... Date:.....

By entering the Bacchus Marsh Tourism Association's Strawberries & Cherries Weekend "Best Busker in the West" Quest, performers are agreeing that they have read and understood all information set out in the Event Details & Application Information. In particular the Professional Behaviour & Family Friendly Requirement. Performers, Schools & Groups enter the Bacchus Marsh Tourism Association's Strawberries & Cherries Weekend at their own risk.

## PERMISSION TO USE IMAGE/NAME IN PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

Performer images and Performers names may be used in advertising, social media and other forms of promotions for this event and future Bacchus Marsh Tourism Association events.

Signed:..... Date:.....