

## Media Release



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## Bavarian festivities back at the Brisbane Showgrounds

Australia's largest and most authentic annual German celebration, The Only Oktoberfest Brisbane, returns to the Brisbane Showgrounds on Friday after a two year hiatus.

More than 35,000 people are expected to dust off their dirndls and lederhosen for two weekends (7-9 and 14-16) of culture-seeking fun including live music, hearty German food, traditionally brewed beer, rides and plenty of entertainment.

For the first time in the event's 13 year history, The Only Oktoberfest Brisbane will open earlier at midday on Friday with a traditional beer keg tapping, catchy tunes from the new Bavarian Oompah Band, live performances from the energetic Alpenrosen Dance Group and more.

Adding to the program across the six day event is Miss Oktoberfest Brisbane, Bavarian Strongmen, The Big German Quiz and even an autoshow of more than 20 vintage German cars.

Brisbane Showgrounds General Manager of Venue Sales and Marketing Jago Coyle said they were looking forward to once again seeing the colourful atmosphere of Oktoberfest Brisbane take over the Showgrounds.

"We've been working with festival directors Kim and Boris Zoulek since the inaugural event in 2008 and each year they bring a jam-packed program to our venue," Mr Coyle said.

"Oktoberfest Brisbane was named one of the top 10 Oktoberfest celebrations outside Germany by National Geographic and it's a credit to Kim and Boris that the event has become so internationally renowned.

"The celebrations will cover more than two hectares of space at our venue, with tens of thousands of people from across the country attending."

Tickets to The Only Oktoberfest Brisbane are available online.

The Brisbane Showgrounds precinct is located 1.5km from Brisbane's CBD and is Queensland's largest indoor/outdoor events site. Visit <a href="https://www.brisbaneshowgrounds.com.au">www.brisbaneshowgrounds.com.au</a>.

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