

2023 Bright Autumn Festival

Friday, April 28th 2023 to Sunday, May 7th 2023
Celebrating Alpine Life in the Valleys.



Welcome to the 60th Bright Autumn Festival! The Autumn festival began in 1962 when the town celebrated its centenary and we missed two years due to Covid. Our parade day has now been named the Al Findlay Memorial Gala Day in honour of former Town Crier Al Findlay.

We hope you enjoy the stunning Autumn colours and local produce of Victoria's Alpine High Country and don't miss the market, music and parade on May 6th 2023. This year's parade theme is "Everyday Heroes", honouring our amazing people who save lives and property in our local area.

Also unmissable are our Open Gardens, the Autumn Art Exhibition, and lots of daily events!

Saturday, May 6

Bright Gala Day

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR EVERYDAY HEROES

Gala Day, Highlighting Celebrating the Brave and Caring People of Bright

The theme for the 2023 Grand Parade is "Everyday Heroes".

We want to honour and thank the brave people who work hard to protect and save lives in Bright and in the alpine area.

These everyday heroes are firefighters, nurses, doctors, first responders and emergency services, as well as many others. We invite everyone to join us in celebrating and cheering for them.

The parade will start approx 1:45 PM at the top of the Ireland street and end near Bright Brewery.



Come and support the everyday heroes of Bright!

9am – 1pm Bright Gala Day Rotary Market In Bright Township

The Rotary Club of Bright Rotary Market is back in Town where you will be able to enjoy many market stalls, some live music & great food.

9:30am - 2:30pm Bright Lions Ladies Auxiliary Uniting Church front lawn

Come to enjoy some tea, coffee and slices of fruit cake. The Lion Fruit Cakes will be also for sale.

1:45pm – GRAND PARADE Theme "Everyday Heroes".

The festival highlight with floats from businesses & community groups, brass & pipe bands and street entertainment.

3pm – Bright's Got Talent, Sibley Sound Shell, Howitt Park, Bright

This year marks the 11th year anniversary of Bright's Got Talent as part of the Al Findlay Memorial Gala Day of the Autumn Festival. It promises to be the biggest and best year yet. It is once again being brought to you by participants of The Mandala Project's Emerging Leader's Program.

The talent show will commence 'immediately' following the parade (approx. 3pm).

All acts are welcome – young, old, musicians, comedy, poetry, dancers – the more the merrier. There is no cost to enter and there will be some great prizes on offer.

For more information contact Anthony Nicholson on 0435 910 357.

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The Bright Autumn Festival committee would like to kindly thank its sponsors and supporters, for helping us to put on this wonderful event.

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Bright Brewery are excited to be able to continue our support of the Bright Autumn Festival. We are driven by our values to be authentic and sustainable in all that we do, and to embrace active lifestyles, celebrated with great beer. We use natural ingredients, making fun, award winning beers. This year we will be running events to support the Festival, please visit our website for more information.

www.brightbrewery.com.au



Foresight

Foresight Engineering Services is proud to continue our support for the Bright Autumn Festival. Foresight is a Bright based Engineering consultancy that supports residential and major projects across Australia, employing 15 people locally, undertaking Process, Mechanical, Civil and Structural Engineering, design and surveying.

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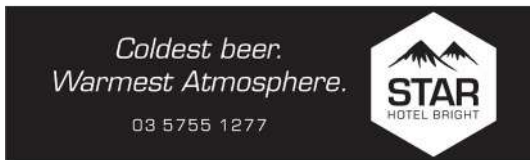
Chestnut Tree is delighted to continue our sponsor the Bright Autumn Festival in 2023. Situated on three acres of beautiful landscaped gardens in Bright, Chestnut Tree provides fully self-contained, north facing apartments and cottages that are perfect for your next escape to the country. We encourage you to visit our open garden during the festival.

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Journey is a sanctuary in the heart of Bright showcasing beautiful ladies clothing and home furnishings. We gain our inspiration from the ever-changing seasons, the natural serenity of the amazing Alpine region and the inspiring Bright community which we are very proud to be a part of. We look forward to welcoming you in store throughout this fabulous festival!

www.journeybright.com.au



Centrally located in Bright, The Star Hotel offers a great place to enjoy a drink with friends, a good hearty pub meal seven days a week for lunch and dinner (seniors meals available) with plenty of sports entertainment and pokies.

www.starhotelbright.com.au



2023 Festival Program

Throughout the Festival

61st Autumn Art Exhibition at the Bright Art Gallery

28 Mountbatten Ave, Bright
 Open daily 10am - 4pm.
 Over 500 quality Artworks! One of Australia's biggest and finest Art Show! Don't miss this opportunity to view or buy a piece of fine artwork as a quality souvenir of your visit. Works for every budget and taste! Only 15 minutes walk from the Alpine Visitors Centre.
 Entry: \$5
 Phone: (03) 5750 1660
www.brightartgallery.org.au

Bright & District Historical Society Museum

Former Railway Station, Railway Avenue, Bright.
 Turn right at the roundabout at the top of Ireland Street.
 Open 2pm - 4pm (Sat, Sun, Tue and Thur during festival)
 The museum displays railway, gold and social history of the area. There is rolling stock typical of that used on the Ovens Valley Railway. Many Chinese miners worked on the goldfields, and there is a replica of the Buckland Valley Joss House that was wrecked in the riots of 1857
 Entry: Adults \$3, Children \$1.
PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE EFTPOS.

Friday, April 28

Porepunkah Oval Fun Run

Porepunkah Oval
 Time: 4:30pm
 Entry: Free
 Fun run available for all age groups. Further details available on the Autumn Festival website.
www.brightautumnfestival.org.au

Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony

Howitt Park
 Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
 Entry: Free
 An Indigenous ceremony to welcome visitors to traditional land, including a smoking ceremony.

Autumn Exhibition at Alpine Light Gallery

102a Gavan St, Bright
 Time: 6pm to 7pm
 Entry: Free
 Come and join award winning photographers Mieke Boynton and Matt Palmer for an exhibition of their favorite autumn photos. Both have won many awards for their photography. Their autumn images are no exception.



Saturday, April 29

Bright Singers Concert '2023 Autumn Concert'

Bright Community Centre, Railway Ave, Bright
 Sunday 24th April @ 4pm
 Sunday 1st May @ 4pm
 Cost: \$5 per person, Children free.
 Tickets: Country Collectables, Ireland St, or at the door.

Bright State Battery Afternoon Tea and Talk

Doughertys Bridge, Morses Creek Rd, Bright.
 Time: 2:00pm
 Entry: \$10 Pay at the gate
PLEASE NOTE WE DO NOT HAVE EFTPOS
 Return to yesteryear with a fascinating description of the crushing process at the Bright State Battery, an intact quartz crushing battery in Coronation Avenue, just over Doughertys Bridge. Inspect our mining museum in the managers quarters. Parking across the road or at the paraglider landing field on the right.

Tuesday, May 2

Historic Buckland Cemetery Tour

Meet at Bright Museum, Railway Ave, Bright.
 Time: 9.30am to buy your ticket and get a map.
 Entry: \$10 per person
 Join local historian Diann Talbot as she explores the Buckland Cemetery and shares the stories of some of the people who rest there. **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE EFTPOS.**
 If it rains, the event will be canceled

Bright Garden Club

Meet at Bright Senior Citizens Hall
 2 Cobden Street, Bright
 Starts: 7.30pm
 Cost: \$6 (includes supper)
 Find out more about bulbs from Horticulturist, Veronica Harris with Van Berkel Bulbs & Garden Express.



Wednesday, May 3

Tour of the Bright Cemetery

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am
 Entry: \$5 per head for each entry. All proceeds go to the Bright Cemetery Trust.
 Local historian Diann Talbot offers an intriguing tour of the Bright cemetery. Discover the history of the Bright Cemetery with some fascinating histories of our early pioneers.

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Thursday, May 4

Bright Croquet Club

Bright Croquet Club, Burke Street, Bright
 Time: 9am - 3pm
 Experience Croquet, the World's oldest ball game at the historic Bright Croquet Club Burke Street opposite the Clock Tower. Established in 1904, the club is the 2nd oldest croquet club in Victoria. Please wear flat shoes, all equipment provided, free lessons and enjoy a sausage sizzle (gold coin) and coffee/tea afterwards.
 For more information, please contact us by phone 03 5750 1437.

'Murders and Mysteries'

Meet outside the Visitor Information Centre,
 119 Gavan Street, Bright
 Time: 6.00pm Bookings not required, but cap of 50 walkers.
 Entry: \$5. **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE EFTPOS**

Discover the secrets and scandals of Bright's past with local historian Diann Talbot on a walking tour. The tour lasts about an hour and covers the streets of Bright. Dress appropriately for an evening stroll.



Saturday, May 6

Bright Gala Day
 See front page for full details.



Bright Brewery Village Campfire

It's time to find your perfect marshmallow-roasting stick for the annual Bright Village Campfire!
 The center of Bright will be ablaze with warming campfires, a central bonfire, and the sounds of a community coming together. Enjoy the best of Bright at the Bright Autumn Festival Gala Parade and kick on back at the free Village Campfire in the grounds of Bright Brewery. Please join us at this free community event and enjoy: Roaring fires, pink marshmallow roasting for the kids, outdoor bar, lawn games and more!
 The Village Campfire is an all-weather event with minimal rain cover. Please dress for the conditions on the day!

Sunday, May 7

Freeburgh Bush Market

Why not finish off your Autumn Festival enjoyment at the Freeburgh Bush Market on Sunday, May 7th.
 Come and enjoy homemade food at our lovely hall and grounds from 8am. BBQ, sausage rolls, scones with cream and jam, baked goods, sponges and cakes for sale. Maybe have a stall or a car boot sale for your goods.
 Always a good day for all and support our locals.
 Enquiries: Kath Jones - 0448 383 989 - joneshandk@gmail.com
 Entry: Free. All proceeds towards the new hall.

Bright Singers Concert '2023 Autumn Concert'

Bright Community Centre, Railway Ave, Bright
 Sunday 30th April @ 4pm
 Sunday 7th May @ 4pm
 Cost: \$5 per person, Children free.
 Tickets: Country Collectables, Ireland St, or at the door.

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OPEN GARDENS

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Look for the 'OPEN GARDEN' Signs!

Eleven wonderful gardens are on display. Enjoy their splendid autumn colours and be inspired by their diverse styles and designs. Some gardens are long established, others only a few years in the making. You will find a range of exotic and rare trees, ornamental plantings, plus gardens directed towards sustainable food sources. There are formal gardens, wild gardens, and farm gardens. Meet the gardeners; learn about their methods, plantings and ideas.



TATANKA
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NURSERY & CAFE

6430 Great Alpine Rd, Eurobin, Vic, 3739



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- Wander the garden and enjoy the autumn colours
- Enjoy a coffee, cake or toasties from Tatanka cafe
- Outdoor seating and picnic areas by the water
- A great wet weather destination.
- Extensive range of plants, pots, and homewares
- Qualified horticulturalists on site for expert advice
- Bike friendly opposite the rail trail
- Pet friendly
- Ample parking

Tatanka Gardens has been part of the alpine community since 2019 when Tammy and the team had a vision to develop the gardens and nursery into a destination for all to enjoy. With great local support, Tatanka Gardens has grown into a fully stocked nursery, large homewares and gift shop and cafe where there is something for everyone. The peace and tranquillity of the gardens offers visitors a chance to sit and relax or enjoy a catch up with friends.

1. Tatanka Gardens Nursery & Cafe

6430 Great Alpine Road, Eurobin.
Tammy Ph: 0411 559 199
Open: Daily 10am - 4pm
Entry: Free

Autumn is the perfect time to explore the gardens featuring Maples, Sapium, Nyssa, Dogwoods and many more interesting varieties. Wander through the nursery and homewares shop to find the perfect piece for your garden or home. The outdoor nursery stocks a great range of quality plants and you will often find something unusual. Qualified horticulturalists are available to help you select the perfect plant and pot for your space. The indoor nursery is warm and welcoming and features a large range of pots, homewares and gifts plus a cafe offering delicious coffee, cakes, toasties and cold drinks. Located opposite the rail trail between Myrtleford and Bright, Tatanka Gardens Nursery and Cafe is also a bike friendly and a unique destination for everyone including your four legged friends.

2. Elm Haven

13 Railway Avenue, Bright - near Bright Railway Museum
Christine Ph: 0407 511 360
Open: Sat 29, Sun 30 April, Wed 3, Thu 4 & Fri 5 May - 10am to 4pm
Entry: \$3 per person. Proceeds go to ECSA Dog Rescue.

Private town garden, framed by heritage listed 100 year old trees. This much loved garden allows you to wander through its collection of traditional and cottage plants and trees. An assortment of unusual, crafted garden art enhances the garden. The home sits harmoniously within the 1/2 acre site.



3. Chestnut Tree Holiday Units

154-158 Delany Avenue, Bright.
Tracy & Peter Ph: 03 5755 2100
Open: Daily - 10am to 4pm.
Entry: Gold coin donation. Proceeds to the Bright Autumn Festival.

Three acres of landscaped garden, rock walls, hedges, Standard Roses, Dogwoods, Maples, mt Fuji Weeping Cherries, Catalpas, Weeping Elms & Mulberries.



4. Chalet Lumineux

414 Back Porepunkah Road, Bright.
Julie Ph: 5750 1700
Open: Sat 29 & Sun 30 April, Mon 1, Fri 5, Sat 6 & Sun 7 May - 11am to 3pm.

Entry: Gold coin donation. Proceeds to 'Save the Bees'.

A beautiful, mature woodland garden, a variety of Arbre, lovely setting to lose yourself in. Colourful Oaks, Liquid Amber, Silver Birch, Azaleas, Camellias and much more. Plenty of parking and seating.

5. Nightingale Bros - Alpine Produce

708 Morses Creek Rd, Wandiligong.
Keith & Marianne Ph: 03 5755 1318
Open: Daily - 9am to 5pm.
Entry: Free.

We have many varieties of roses: standards bush and weeping Rhododendrons, beautiful Azaleas and Hydrangeas. A variety of Conifers, Poplars, Maples and Dogwoods, including many Acers.

6. The Twisted Peppermint

15 Higgs Lane, Wandiligong.
Glenn & Andrea Ph: 0419 200 688
Open: open Sat 29/4, Sun 30/4, Mon 01/5, Sat 6/5 and Sun 7/5 and 9am to 4pm.
Entry: Gold coin donation. Proceeds go to Four Kids & Carers Future Foundation.

Located in the beautiful valley of Wandiligong, you will find a true gardeners' garden belonging to Glenn & Andrea Jordan. The garden has been a work in progress over many years and continues to slowly evolve over time. It includes a diverse range of both exotic and native plants suited to the four seasons of the area.



7. Bright Memorial Arboretum

Mountbatten Ave, Bright,
Open: Daily - 8am to 5pm
Entry: Free

A wide variety of trees planted in a large park in memorial to two firefighters killed in a helicopter accident in 1978. This park is completely fenced, making it a perfect place to let the dog run free. New park benches have also been installed for those more contemplative.

8. Tiffany's Cottages

30 Coronation Ave Bright (enter off Ballroom Court)
Open: Fri 5 May 10-12 and Sat 6 May 10-12
Entry: \$2 going to Kidney Health Australia

Tiffany's is set on over half an acre of lush garden and was built for Edward Hunter in 1892, the Mine Manager of Pioneer Gold Mine. The garden design has English, Asian and Australian themed areas to enjoy. Tiffany's has a large range of ornamental trees and the beautiful Autumn leaves will be on display. The garden design is based on Edna Walling's rooms in a garden. For more information about this garden, please contact: Amanda Yorston 0404 079 617

9. Alpine Perennials Nursery

1828 Great Alpine Road, Harrietville.
Julie & Craig Ph: 0409 244 200
Open: Daily - 9:30am to 4pm.
Entry: Free

Alpine Perennials Nursery at Harrietville are specialist growers of beautiful flowering plants & shrubs. Since opening in September 2021, the nursery has experienced great support from locals and tourists. The majority of Alpine Perennials plants are grown on-site and are acclimatised to the conditions of the Alpine region. Craig and Julie Hulbert bring many years of horticultural expertise to the region with their extensive background in the nursery and landscaping industry.

10. Shady Brook Cottages

20 Mountain View Walk, Harrietville.
John & Anne Ph: 0438 050 475
Open: Daily 10am to 4pm

Entry: \$5 per adult and free for children. Proceeds to local charities. Complimentary tea/coffee provided on the walk.

A spectacular 14-acre garden of which over 5 acres are landscaped, bounded by Ovens River and a mountain backdrop of natural forest. Exotic trees include Maples, Oaks, Magnolias, Dogwoods, Birches and Conifers, many of which are rare. Along the mountain edge and throughout the garden are hundreds of Camellias, Viburnums, Rhododendrons, Azaleas and Australian native plants. Hydrangeas add magnificent colour in protected shady areas. Amble along the tracks and enjoy the prolific bird life, water features and vegetable garden.



11. The Golden Assayer's Garden

49 Robertson St, Myrtleford (crn Macfaydens Lane)
Alison Ph: 0421 520 392 Entry: \$4 going to Riding Develops Ability
Open: Fri 29, Sat 30 April, Thurs 04, Fri 05, Sat 06, Sun 07 May - 10am to 3pm

This historic property and land previously featured an entrance to Reform gold mine in the 1800's. Thoughtfully landscaped to balance old world charm with naturalistic planting - designed to attract birds, bees and insects. Indigenous plants, trees, flowers, fruit and nut trees, and vegetables are grown for enjoyment of humans and kangaroos!

