

For immediate release



2016 BLUES ON BROADBEACH MUSIC FESTIVAL MORE MASSIVE NAMES ANNOUNCED

Diesel, Cookin' on 3 Burners featuring Tex Perkins, The Bamboos, and a Back in Blue tribute to AC/DC are just a few of the massive artists to headline the Blues on Broadbeach Music Festival, May 19 to 22, 2016.

The free event staged in the streets and in venues over four huge days throughout the popular Gold Coast hub will also feature Bondi Cigars, Owen Campbell, Blue Shaddy, Nick Barker and the Heartache State and North Carolina's Blues Man; Big Daddy Wilson.

These incredible artists join the 2016 headliner, and one of the 100 Greatest Voices of All Time according to Rolling Stone Magazine, **ERIC BURDON AND THE ANIMALS**.

In a festival first, the five-time ARIA Award winner singer, songwriter and guitarist, Diesel, will headline the Friday Night of the festival with a free full performance in the Jupiters Hotel & Casino Theatre.

The Star Entertainment Group Managing Director QLD Geoff Hogg said the annual event had been a phenomenal success in establishing the Gold Coast as an entertainment hot spot and one Jupiters was proud to support again in 2016.

"Blues on Broadbeach plays a vital role in attracting tourism to the Broadbeach precinct –welcoming tens of thousands of visitors to the Gold Coast every year," he said.

"The addition of this stage increases the size and footprint of the already iconic Blues on Broadbeach Music Festival, with the inclusion of a world-class act on stage in Jupiters Theatre for the very first time.

"To attract an act of Diesel's calibre is truly testament to the ongoing hard work and dedication that goes into ensuring Blues on Broadbeach is a continued success."

Australia's hardest hitting Hammond Organ trio, Cookin' On 3 Burners featuring raucous raconteur Tex Perkins, join the dots between Deep Funk, Raw Soul and Organ Jazz and will light up the main Surf Parade Stage on the Friday of the event.

Saturday will slide back into an iconic rock feel with Back in Blue, a tribute to AC/DC. This adrenaline filled show features the collaborations of Geoff Achison, Shaun Kirk, Lachy Doley, Greg Dodd and the

Hoodoo Men, Chase the Sun and Genevieve Chadwick. 'Back in Blue' is a live performance to accompany the recorded tribute album; a complete re-recording of AC/DC's classic 'Back in Black', with all profits made from the album release donated to **Beyond Blue** -to raise awareness of depression and treatments available within the community.

The festival will celebrate its milestone 15th year, in 2016 and organisers Broadbeach Alliance along with major partners Frizelles Automotive Group, Tourism and Events Queensland and the City of Gold Coast are thrilled that from humble beginnings, the festival has grown to become one the largest music festivals in Australia.

Presented by the award-winning team at Broadbeach Alliance, Blues on Broadbeach is a major Queensland event winning "Best Regional Event QLD" at the prestigious 2015 Australian Event Awards after taking out the same award in both 2014 and 2013.

CEO of Broadbeach Alliance Jan McCormick promises the 2016 festival will deliver some of the best artists in the country, whilst remaining free to attend.

"The Blues on Broadbeach Music Festival continues to grow every year and with the ground breaking line-up we are about to present, featuring Hall of Fame inductee Eric Burdon and the Animals, we believe people will fly from across the country to be a part of this incredibly unique event."

The 2016 festival will showcase Australian and international artists on outdoor stages and in venues throughout Broadbeach on the Gold Coast.

"Apart from being free, what is so unique about Blues on Broadbeach is that you can book a table at one of the restaurants or an apartment in Broadbeach and soak up the festival atmosphere and in some cases even see the main stages from the comfort of your table or balcony" said Mrs McCormick.

City of Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate said the Blues on Broadbeach Festival was an important part of the Gold Coast events calendar for locals and visitors alike.

"Securing world-renowned acts has elevated the reputation of the festival and has translated into thousands of international and domestic visitors," said Cr Tate.

"It has been enormously satisfying seeing the festival growth year after year, and I know that next year will be the best yet."

The event is supported by the Queensland Government through Tourism and Events Queensland and promoted as part of the *It's Live! in Queensland* event calendar.

The Blues on Broadbeach Music Festival May 19 to 22, 2016, is a free event to attend.

Visit www.bluesonbroadbeach.com for more information.





2016 BLUES ON BROADBEACH LINE UP

Eric Burdon and The Animals

DIESEL - The Bamboos

Cookin' on 3 Burners featuring Tex Perkins

Back in Blue - A tribute to ACDC - Raising funds for Beyond Blue

Bondi Cigars - Three Kings- Shaun Kirk - Owen Campbell

Greg Dodd and the Hoodoo Men - Blue Shaddy – Big Daddy

Wilson - The Lachy Doley Group Chase The Sun - Mason Rack Band – The Blues Preachers –

Nick Barker and the Heartache State

Alex Hahn and the Blue Riders- James Street Preachers – Geoff

Achison and The Soul Diggers - Felicity Lawless – Free Soul Collective

- Genevieve Chadwick 'Uptown' Brown! - Griffith University Schoolyard Blues and more.