

THE BRIDGE HOTEL, CASTLEMAINE

GIGS COMMENCING FIRST WEEK OF JULY

TOOT TOOT TOOTS, DAVE GRANNEY, COURTNEY BARNETT, HARRY HOWARD & THE NDE PLUS MORE TBC

Nestled in the enchantingly picturesque Central Victorian gold-fields town of Castlemaine, **The Bridge Hotel** is excited to announce the commencement of live entertainment every Wednesday to Sunday, from the first week of July, and have got some fantastic gigs coming up including **The Toot Toot Toots**, **Dave Granney**, **Harry Howard & The NDE** to name a few.

With the hotel being founded in 1860 during the gold rush era, it is entirely apt that **The Toot Toot Toots** will be the ones to kick off Saturday night shows having just recently shot their music video clip for their song *Fools Gold* just outside of Castlemaine. Their latest album *Outlaws* has been described as "spaghetti western rock opera, based on the Australian gold rush". Catch **The Toot Toot Toots** on Saturday 7th July at 8.30pm, Free entry.

Joining **Toot Toot Toots** on Opening Weekend will be **Courtney Barnett** who plays her own special blend of anti-folk, which has been enjoying airplay on Triple J, and also plays slide guitar in psychedelic country band Immigrant Union along with Brent DeBoer (Dandy Warhols). Courtney Barnett Friday 6th July from 8.30pm, \$10 Entry.

Harry Howard & The NDE will be performing songs from their recently released, critically acclaimed album *Near Death Experience* with "a cracking band which plays like their lives depend on it" including luminaries Dave Granney on bass, Clare Moore on drums and Edwina Preston on keys. Howard's rich musical history includes having played in brother Rowland's outfit *These Immortal Souls*. **Harry Howard & The NDE** on Friday 13th July at 8.30pm, \$10 entry.

Returning from his rhythm section duties from the night before with Harry Howard, Australia's undisputed king of smooth **Dave Granney & The MistLY** grace The Bridge Hotel stage on Saturday 14th July. Touring in support of their new album *Flash in the Pantz* Granney, Moore and Stu Thomas are bound to deliver with characteristic wit and unparalleled musicianship. 8.30pm, \$10 entry.

And all throughout July : *Ghouls Gambit* (Wednesday residency), 8pm Free Entry; every Thursday Open Mic Night, 7.30pm Free entry, and Sundays at 4pm Flying Tongue Kiss, free entry.

Brendan Noonan and Kat Hamilton, (former managers of The Northcote Social Club in Melbourne and The Old Bar, respectively) took over the reigns of **The Bridge Hotel** at the beginning of 2012, and have been busily restoring the hotel. With a new energy and a focus on great food and music, the venue is bound to impress locals and out-of-towners alike.

In only a short amount of time since re-opening **The Bridge Hotel** is fast becoming an iconic and unique fixture on the artistic & cultural community of the town, where punters feel instantly welcome. It prides itself on being a great country pub with fantastic locally grown food, well priced, with excellent service, and good variety.

Located only 120 kilometres northwest of Melbourne and a seventy-five minute train ride, Castlemaine has become home to many tree-changers over the past few years.

Live performances from local & national musicians will take place from the first week of July bringing you the best of live music and entertainment to warm up any winter's night. Whether it's a case of leisurely imbibing a drop from the wine list, enjoying a wonderful dining experience, witnessing a premier entertainment act or rubbing shoulders with the locals, a visit to **The Bridge Hotel** is always a memorable moment

The Bridge Hotel is located at 21 Walker Street, Castlemaine opposite the Botanic Gardens.

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