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Australian National Busking Championships Grand Final & special guests

The ANBC in its 12th year is excited to announce the national final will be held in Cooma on Saturday 25 November 2023. The festival is expecting 30 finalists to perform combined with an array of activities for to all to enjoy throughout the day. To celebrate this wonderful festival of music this year it will feature special guest judges Ian 'Dicko' Dickson, Oz Bayldon and rapidly rising country star Taylor Moss who will also performing a free show in the evening.

The ANBC celebrates the rich diversity of Australian Music & Street Performance Culture and is held in various locations around the country, culminating in the national grand final in Cooma. The winner will receive the title of Australian National Busking Champion along with substantial prize monies and a chance to perform at Gympie Muster.

The festival will commence at 10am to 4pm with finalists performing around the town and winners will be announced on stage in Cooma Centennial Park at 3pm. The talent on show in this year's festival are from around Australia ensuring the festival will be the best yet with thousands of spectators expected.

Founder Allan Spencer said *"We are proud to hold the final in Cooma and I'm appreciative of how the town and businesses have come together to support this growing festival. We are fortunate this year to host legendary Ian 'Dicko' Dickson, Oz Bayldon (Operations Manager of Gympie Muster) and rising star Taylor Moss. The three share a connection with Dicko managing Taylor (for the past 4 years) and Oz providing a platform for Taylor recently taking to the iconic Gympie Muster stage for the 2nd year with a knockout performance!*

The Gympie Muster played a major part in launching the career of 'Tones and I' after she was discovered in 2018 ANBC Noosa busking championships with Oz as judge playing a key support role. Dicko and Oz are a genuine supporter of discovering and supporting emerging artists and are looking forward to their roles at ANBC.

Dicko shared *"I'm so looking forward to stepping back into the judge's seat for the Busking championship finals. Street performers are a crucial element of Australia's Musical eco system and busking is a fantastic method of honing the performance chops of any wannabe recording star. Any organisation that values music and the arts is providing a hugely valuable service for Australia. I'm really looking forward to seeing the quality and diversity of the talent"*.

Markets, street entertainers, free workshops and a Snow FM outdoor broadcast will add to the festive spirit with spectators having the opportunity to buy tokens and show their support for buskers; and go into a draw for 2 X 4 day passes to fantastic Gympie Muster 2023. The tokens will contribute towards the people's choice awards and proceeds will be donated to Cooma Community chest. A free show will be held at the Alpine Hotel commencing at 6pm with performances by the winning buskers and headlined by Country pop singer sensation Taylor Moss to celebrate.

ANBC has added some exciting new features to the program including closing Sharp Street (between Vale and Bombala St.) to add to the festival atmosphere and create space for artists and audiences alike, to soak up the music and move around freely. A free shuttle will be running between the town centre and Snowy Hydro discovery centre with buskers performing at this location and six entertaining interactive educational workshops. Plus, the festival will kick off with a Latin Fiesta welcome party at the Alpine Hotel complete with Latin band, percussion and Samba dancers starting at 6pm

Taylor Moss has hit over 10 livestreams and she's now one of the most streamed Artists in Australian Country Music and has just notched up her second number 1 single. [Click here](#) for more info and images.

Ian "Dicko" Dickson or simply "Dicko" is an [English Australian](#) television and radio presenter, television producer, music journalist and former record company executive and talent scout. He has been a talent judge on [Australian Idol](#), [The Next Great American Band](#), the 2012 reboot of [Young Talent Time](#) and [Australia's Got Talent](#) for more info [click here](#)

ANBC looks forward to welcoming everyone to this exciting festival with an aim to encourage, promote and develop pathways for emerging artists of all ages.

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