# **MEDIA RELEASE**

# Emu Park Lions

Bell Park, Emu Park

Saturday, 26th October

## *OKTOBERFEST*

October is the month for one of the most anticipated events on the Capricorn Coast! It’s time to gather your friends, dust off your dindls, grab your lederhosen and steins – it’s the season for Oktoberfest! Dress to impress and get ready for a day packed with music, dancing, delicious food and tons of fun, at the iconic Bavarian celebration. This lively event is hosted by the Lions Club of Emu Park at Bell Park, Emu Park on October 26th from 11am to 10pm.

Oktoberfest coordinator, Lion Denis Ratcliffe, promises an exciting day. Headlining the day will be *Safe Sax*, a powerhouse band, with over 40 years of national and international experience. The band features Mike Barber, a Brisbane music scene veteran, on vocals and guitar, Nathan Parker, one of Australia’s top saxophonists, on saxes and vocals, and the multi-talented Leah Tharlai on vocals and instruments. Together, they’ll deliver an unforgettable musical experience, from classic folk tunes to modern hits. Their high-energy performance is sure to get the crowd on their feet!

But that’s not all—local favourites *Dawn and the Sax,* with *Peter Fields* on guitar, will also take the stage, adding their unique blend of soul, R&B, jazz, pop, and rock to the festivities. Between these two acts, the park will be buzzing with incredible music all day long.

Festival-goers will also get to dive into some traditional Bavarian fun. Brush up on your *Das Fliegerlied* and Chicken Dance moves, because you won’t be able to resist joining in! Feeling competitive? Test your strength and endurance with the classic hammer and nail or stein-holding competitions—winners get serious bragging rights.

Of course, no Oktoberfest is complete without the delicious German cuisine. Treat yourself to mouth-watering sausages, pretzels, crispy kartoffelpuffers, and delectable desserts like apfel strudel, bee sting and black forest cakes.And, what’s Oktoberfest without a stein full of imported bier? Raise your glass, say "Prost!", and toast to good health and great times.

Don’t forget to enter the raffle for a chance to win incredible prizes, including two nights’ accommodation at Heron Island, Great Keppel Island Hideaway, Salt Yeppoon, or Oshen Apartments Yeppoon. Pre-sale tickets are also available outside Drakes Supermarket in Emu Park.

For event rules, bus schedules, and important info, visit the Oktoberfest website. Organise transport and accommodation beforehand so everyone can enjoy the festivities safely. Let the good times roll without worrying about driving!

Thanks to CDC Queensland, special bus services will run in addition to the usual Saturday service, making it easy and safe for all to attend - *from Zilzie 3.00pm & 5:00pm; to Zilzie 9.10pm & 9.40pm; to Yeppoon 9.30pm & 9.45pm; & 3 services to Rockhampton (via Zilzie & Yeppoon) at 10.30pm. There will be three Zilzie pick-up & drop-off points, so getting there is a breeze – near Fire Brigade on Hartley St; cnr Hartley & Claude Sts & Svendsens Rd; & near the golf clubhouse in Monaco Dr Zilzie Bay.* With pick-up/drop-off points conveniently located, there’s no excuse to miss out on the fun!

Please remember, strict licensing laws are in place, and no outside alcohol is allowed. Only sealed bottles of water or diabetic drinks are permitted. Minors must be accompanied by an adult, and after 6:00 pm, only those 18 and older will be allowed in the licensed area. Be ready for bag checks, age verification, and a day full of fun! Leave your pets and eskies at home. Pass outs will be available for those who wish to leave and return throughout the day.

Get ready for an amazing Oktoberfest! Prost! To good health, great music, and a festival experience you’ll never forget!

****In brief:**

Event: Emu Park Oktoberfest

Where: Bell Park, Emu Park

*When: Saturday, 26th October – 11am-10pm*

 *[Persons under the age of 18 are not permitted after 6:00pm] Pass outs are allowed*

*Tickets: Tickets available on* https://www.trybooking.com/CUDGV *or at the gate*

*Cost: 18 years plus-$25; Pensioners-$20(at the gate); 15-18 years-$5; under 15-free.*

*Web:* [*http://www.emuparkoktoberfest.com*](http://www.emuparkoktoberfest.com)