

Your comprehensive guide to this Saturday's big Sugar City Sounds concert at BB Print Stadium Mackay



Top Aussie acts to rock Mackay

AN award-winning effort to host international superstar Sir Elton John in concert 12 months ago will ensure this weekend's Sugar City Sounds 2018 is seamless.

Top Australian live music acts — The Living End, Birds of Tokyo and Pete Murray — supported by local band ALT will rock BB Print Stadium Mackay this Saturday night.

It will be about 12 months to the day since last year's Elton

John "Once In A Lifetime" concert.

Council took out the 2018 Excellence in Teamwork gong at the Queensland LGMA awards for a combined effort, involving 16 different programs and more than 250 staff, in delivering the Elton John concert, including pre-and-post-event activations.

Mayor Greg Williamson said that experience in hosting an international concert meant

organisers were confident Sugar City Sounds would also be a success.

"We're sure this concert will be a wonderful experience for local music fans and visitors alike," Cr Williamson said.

"The Elton John experience means we have the formula right to ensure a great night of entertainment," he said.

"As with Elton John, there will be free park-and-ride shuttle

buses running to ensure getting to the concert and home is as easy as possible."

The headline acts are excited about taking to the stage in Mackay, providing video messages in the lead-up.

"We're really looking forward to coming back home and playing for our northern Queensland fans. What's sweet is we're playing at the Sugar City Sounds festival. We're going to feature some

new songs off our new record and we're going to play new stuff, and it's going to be a hoot. See you there." — *The Living End*

"It's been way too long since we've been back to Mackay, so we're super pumped to be part of the Sugar City Sounds line-up. It's a killer line-up too — Pete Murray and The Living End — it will be great to see those guys again. We've actually been

holed up in the studio for the better part of the year. You guys will definitely be the first to hear some of this new material. Really looking forward to seeing you all soon." — *Birds of Tokyo*

"I'm looking forward to playing in North Queensland in September. I'm going to be playing lots of old songs plus lots of new ones as well. It's going to be lots of fun." — *Pete Murray*

>> Sugar City Sounds 2018 is proudly presented by Q Live in association with Mackay Regional Council and the MECC. To book tickets, head online at themecc.com.au



ALT band members (from left) Taylor Bell, Alyssa Brache and Leyon Milner will open at Sugar City Sounds 2018 at BB Print Stadium Mackay this Saturday.

Sweet gig for local act ALT

YOUNG local musicians ALT will soak up the experience of playing their first stadium gig when they open at Sugar City Sounds 2018.

ALT, made up of Alyssa Brache, Leyon Milner and Taylor Bell, are more accustomed to playing at clubs and pubs.

But they will take to the big stage at BB Print Stadium Mackay from 4pm before headline acts Pete Murray, Birds of Tokyo and The Living End perform.

As well as playing in front of a big crowd of Mackay music fans, they will enjoy the full backstage experience, ranging from

sound checks to meeting some of Australia's greatest live music acts.

ALT secured their spot as the opening act by winning a local competition. They made the final after being one of five local acts featured on radio station Triple M and were then chosen by judges after three finalists played at the Beer and Barbecue Festival at Harrup Park late last month.

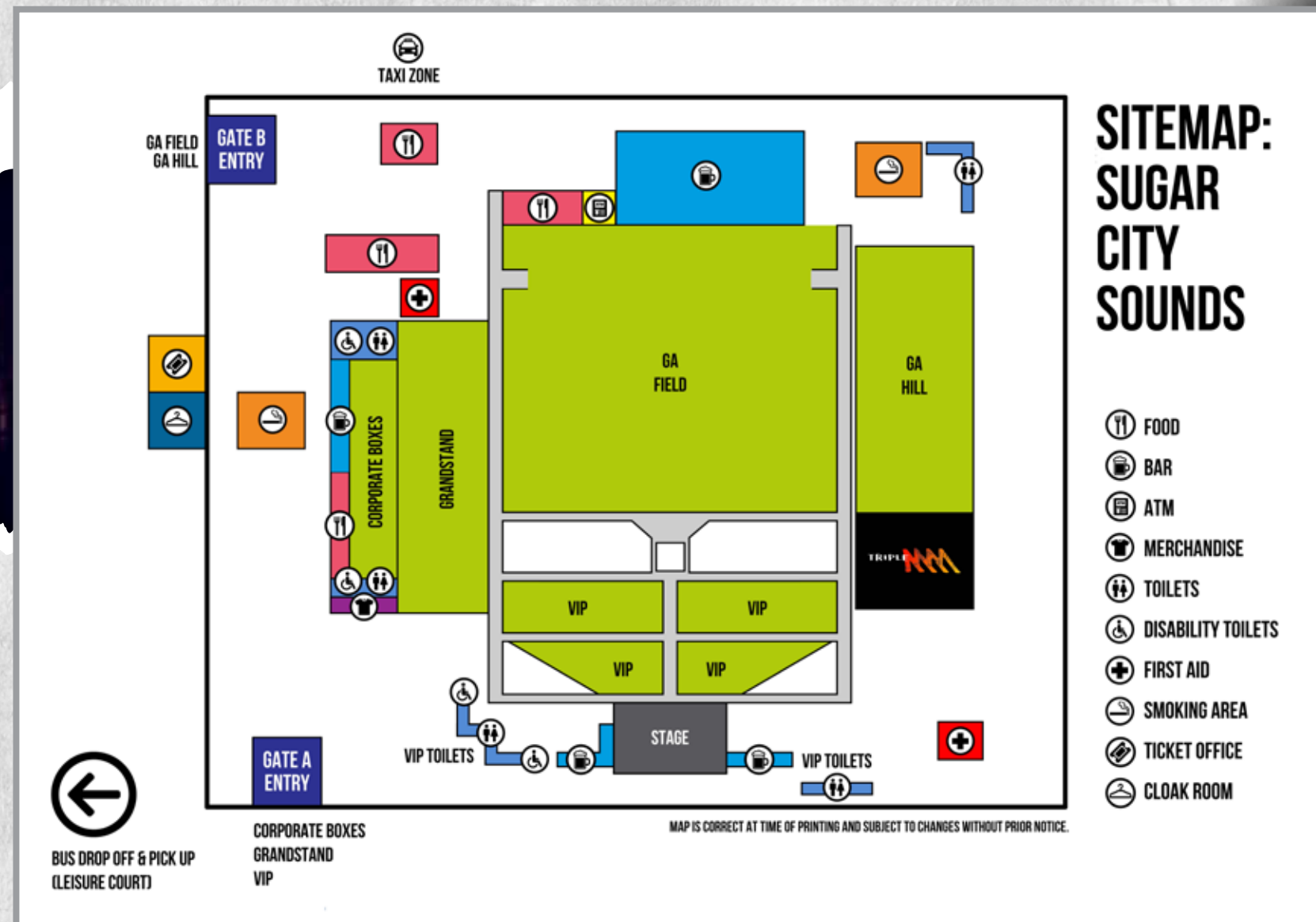
Mayor Greg Williamson said feedback from the judges was that they were blown away by the young local band's performance on stage at the Beer and Barbecue Festival a few weeks ago.

"They took into account how well the crowd responded to their sound, with the song You Don't Want Me a particular favourite," Cr Williamson said.

"Being the opening act at Sugar City Sounds is an amazing opportunity and we're excited we've been able to arrange this as part of the event."

ALT drummer Taylor Bell said she was speechless after ALT was announced as the winner of the local music acts competition..

She said they were trying to get their name out there so this "just means everything to us".



Saturday Sept 22
BB Print Stadium, Mackay

THE LIVING END
BIRDS OF TOKYO
PETE MURRAY

CONCERT TIMETABLE:
 > Box office opens 3pm
 > Gates open 4pm
 > Opening act (ALT) 4pm
 > Pete Murray 5.15pm
 > Birds of Tokyo 6.45pm
 > The Living End 8.15pm
 (approximate finish time 10pm)

PARK-AND-RIDE FOR FREE:

Free shuttle buses will run from 3pm until 5pm from the following eight key locations:

BUS 1: Caneland Central Shopping Centre*, Matsuura Drive bus stop; Gregory Street bus stop

BUS 2: Coral Cay Resort, Nebo Road bus stop; MECC, Alfred Street bus stop

BUS 3: Ooralea Shopping Centre*, Boundary Road bus stop

BUS 4: Mount Pleasant Shopping Centre*, Malcomson Street bus stop

BUS 5: Northern Beaches Central* (near Bowls Club), Mackay-Bucasia Road bus stop

Return shuttle buses will run from 10pm.

* Please note: The centre takes no responsibility for any damage to your vehicle whilst parked here.

WEATHER:

The concert will proceed rain or shine. Only exceptionally severe weather conditions will affect the event, so be prepared for either scenario. Umbrellas are not permitted in the venue, so bring a raincoat or poncho if inclement weather is predicted.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Vehicle access to the concert precinct will be restricted to only those authorised. As the local road network surrounding the stadium will be subject to changed traffic conditions, including road closures, and to avoid congestion, we strongly recommend all patrons:

- Allow plenty of travel time
- Consider public transport options and take advantage of the FREE park-and-ride shuttle service
- Take note of drop-off/pick-up locations and the walking distance thereafter
- Park legally and considerately

WHAT TO BRING:

- Concert tickets
- Valid photo ID
- Jacket or poncho for inclement weather. Umbrellas will not be permitted.
- Sunscreen and sun hat
- Comfortable shoes
- Small personal cameras and camera phones are permitted. Professional cameras with detachable lenses and all video recording devices are not permitted.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES:

This is a licensed event and there will be a large range of food and beverages available. Food and beverage stalls are CASH preferred (not EFTPOS). Proof of age photo ID is required to purchase or consume alcohol and service will not be provided to patrons who are under 18 years of age or intoxicated. The venue reserves the right to deny entry to and/or evict intoxicated patrons or under-age patrons found with alcohol. No alcohol can be removed from BB Print Stadium.

COUNCIL - in brief -

Global Grooves

Take your taste buds on a world tour at Global Grooves 2018. This free event, to be held Saturday, October 27, will feature an amazing array of 30 food vendors offering the flavours of the world. From Indian, Filipino, German, Italian and Thai to Pakistani, Maltese, Fijian and Chinese — there will be something exciting that will tantalise your tastes. Add a program of global music and dance running from 3pm to 8pm and a fireworks finale, and you have an amazing evening out for the whole family. The Queens Park location will also feature market stalls and interactive workshops held under the beautiful teepee. These will include African drumming and a local indigenous artist doing dot painting. For more information, head to thethecc.com.au

BBQ Rules

Sarina Neighbourhood Centre is holding our region's first Sarina Barbecue Rules competition. The event, which also features live music and kids activities, will heat up Sarina Cultural Hall as 24 barbecue teams cook off to see who will take home the golden tongs and be crowned barbecue champions. To be held on Saturday, October 6, time is running out to enter your team. Register now at mackay.qld.gov.au/sarinabbq

Sugar Bowl

The Sugar Bowl Mackay will officially open this Friday (September 21), just in time for the Queensland Street Skateboarding Championship event, Rumble on the Reef, next week. The \$2.2 million state-of-the-art facility features a three-metre competition bowl, intermediate bowl and an 80-metre street run. Rumble on the Reef will be held from September 25-29 and is free to attend.

Bursary open

For a decade, the Artspace Mackay Foundation has been offering a helping hand to local students pursuing a career in the visual arts. Applications are now open for the 2019 "Hands On" Bursary. This year, the Foundation upped the ante and has increased the bursary from \$1000 to \$4000. Email artspacefoundation@mackay.qld.gov.au for more details.