

WINTER 2025 NEWSLETTER



Bringing Original Music to Centre Stage in Drouin: Last Friday Music Club

A little while back, during a chat with some folks from 3BBR and the local theatre group Off The Leash, we got to talking about something that's been missing around here — a venue with a chilled-out vibe, where the music is the main event, not just background noise behind clinking glasses at the bar.

Let's face it, it's tough for musicians to really showcase their original work in the usual noisy pub scenes, and even harder for music lovers to truly hear the talent we've got right here in our backyard.

That's where the Last Friday Music Club comes in.

Once a month, on the last Friday (naturally), we're transforming the Community Hub Hall on Oak Street in Drouin into an intimate, atmospheric space where musicians and audiences can really connect. The focus is on original music, with room for unique takes on well-loved covers too. And thanks to Garry Havrillay, our brilliant sound recordist, each show is captured live for broadcast on <u>3BBR's Gippsland Live</u>. You can catch Ethan Calway's show on our website here: 3BBR Gippsland Live. This project is a true collaboration between 3BBR FM and Off The Leash Theatre, with some wonderful start-up support from Baw Baw Shire and the Community Bank Drouin. And behind the scenes, a bunch of dedicated 3BBR volunteers have worked hard to create a space that feels special from the moment you walk in.

The feedback so far? Well, people are loving it. Musicians and audience members alike have said how refreshing the vibe is. "It was a blast!" said Ethan Calway, and an audience member summed it up perfectly with "Great show!"

We've already had some stellar acts take the stage — Libby Willems, Tegan Blackstock, Ethan Calway and Ally Row, Mark Howard, and Peter & Nikki Baird. Coming up, we've got Gretta Ziller, Alan Tatlow, and Tammy Patrick all amazing artists you can find on your favourite streaming platforms, many with albums out or on the way.

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As for the name? Well, scheduling-wise, the last Friday of the month seemed to dodge most other local gigs — like Acoustic Music Club nights or Jak's Open Mic. Plus, we liked that it had a cheeky nod to the "Last Chance Hotel."

None of this would be possible without the generous support of the Community Bank Drouin and the Baw Baw Shire Arts Committee — we're hugely grateful.

So, if you're into live music and want to hear something a little different in a space where people actually listen, come along. The Last Friday Music Club might just be what you've been looking for.

Exciting New Faces and Program Changes at 3BBRFM

We're excited to introduce some fresh faces and exciting changes to our lineup at 3BBR!

MORE THAN A GAME

Live from 3BBR's Drouin studios every Tuesday from 12 noon to 2:00pm, John Fromhold brings you the latest local football and sports news with interviews and great 70s to 90s contemporary music.



John Fromhold with new program More than a Game

MONDAY BREAKFAST

Ease into your working week with Jessielea who'll be selecting from a wide range of genres and timelines, with upbeat tunes mixed with timeless classics to start your day. Tune in to <u>Monday Morning Breakfast</u> for a breath of fresh air on the radio waves.



Jessielea, new host of Monday Breakfast

LIVE MUSIC IN GIPPSLAND

3BBR continues to actively make exclusive recordings of local live performances for broadcast on both the <u>3BBR FM Concert Hall</u> (Sundays 2-4pm) and <u>Gippsland Live</u> (Wednesdays 8:00 - 9:00pm, replayed Fridays 2:00 - 3:00pm).

Bringing concerts to life on your radio takes hours of volunteer time in recording, mixing and liaising with artists and venues. From the West Gippsland Arts Centre to the gorgeous acoustics of Wesley of Warragul to 3BBR's intimate new music initiative Last Friday Music Club at the Drouin Community hub, we have some fine performances to bring to you over the winter months. Tune in for the astonishing young pianist Joshua Hooke, singer/songwriters Libby Willems, Tegan Blackstock and Ethan Calway, new folk from Ally Row and Celtic music from Ireland, Galicia and Brittany from Mollimor, plus the Gippsland Symphony Orchestra.



Mollimor at Wesley of Warragul, 31 May 2025

ARRHYTHMIA

Toby Murfet takes you on a journey through the irregular pulse in music from around the world, Fridays 8-10pm. Expect a tasty mix of deep cuts and hidden gems. From afrobeats, funk, disco, and soul to hip hop, jazz, and electronic dance sounds, <u>Arrhythmia</u> speaks the universal language of groove.



Toby Murfe with his new show Arrhythmia

Details of our latest schedule changes are at <u>3bbrfm.org.au/news/latest-schedule-changes</u>

Get involved at 3BBR FM

At 103.1 3BBR-FM, we're your local independent community radio station in the Baw Baw region, and that's what sets us apart. Entirely fueled by goodwill and volunteer participation, we rely on the support of our Members, occasional grants, and local sponsors to cover expenses like rent, bills, and maintenance.

Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our station, ensuring we provide vital services like giving voice to local community groups, sharing information about support services and events, and offering a diverse range of music that reflects our changing demographic.



Interested in volunteering? Visit our website to learn more about how you can join our team and contribute to the vibrant community of 3BBR. You'll be amazed by the opportunities waiting for you! Visit <u>3bbrfm.org.au</u>.

Show profile: Songs of My Life



is the perfect role for me. I really enjoy live broadcasting and presenting the music I love for our listeners to enjoy.



Songs of My Life can be heard Wednesday and Thursdays from 7am or via listen again on the 3BBR website.

I love music & I am passionate about the importance of community radio, so being a volunteer presenter on 3BBR

Show profile: **Sunday Night Applause**



Presented by Graeme Marriott, Sunday Night Applause is a foray into the musical theatre of the Broadway, West End and Australian stages, featuring songs from the great musicals, complemented for added enjoyment by music from the movies.



Sunday Night Applause can be heard Sundays from 6pm or via **listen again** on the 3BBR website.

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