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Music Quiz Night event
Murray Bridge Regional Gallery

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ROCK MUSIC is the talk of the town at Murray Bridge Regional Gallery from 25 November and in to the New Year!

PUB ROCK: 26 November 2022 – 15 January 2023

This FREE EXHIBITION from the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra, celebrates the people, places and sounds of Australian pub rock and its enduring impact on the nation's identity.

Pub Rock features staged portraits and publicity shots, alongside images captured during unguarded moments and the grungy energy of live performances.

Gallery Director, Fulvia Mantelli, said the exhibition presents nearly 80 photographs that capture much-loved rockers and legendary venues, taken by leading Australian music photographers.

"The exhibition shows great moments from the 70s and 80s with bands that are now household names, including rock heroes who originated in Adelaide, such as Cold Chisel, AC/DC and The Angels" she said.

The exhibition includes pioneering 1960s performers such as The Easybeats, Little Pattie and Johnny O'Keefe, moving through to the early nineties via ground-breaking Australian punk; the bluesy, guitar-driven rock of the 1970s; the synthesised pop of the 1980s; and the sunburnt settings of music festivals and protest rallies.

Featuring internationally successful home-grown performers like AC/DC, INXS, Nick Cave, The Bee Gees and The Divinyls, the exhibition also explores the strident activism inherent in the music of Midnight Oil, Paul Kelly and Us Mob, and the enduring appeal of hard rock anthems penned by the likes of Cold Chisel, The Angels and Men at Work.

Pub Rock is A National Portrait Gallery exhibition, supported by the National Collecting Institutions Touring and Outreach Program, an Australian Government program aiming to improve access to the national collections for all Australians.

MUSIC QUIZ NIGHT: Friday 25 November, 6-9pm

A GREAT NIGHT of fun, games, giveaways and prizes at Murray Bridge Regional Gallery, will mark the opening of the *Pub Rock* photography exhibition.

Grab a few friends, pick a rockin' team name and book a table for a night of music and mayhem!

Gallery Director, Fulvia Mantelli said: "As an added bonus, you'll be the first to see the *Pub Rock* exhibition before it opens to the public!"

A Best Dressed Prize is up for grabs by those who dare to come as their favourite Pub Rock icon!

Prizes have been donated by Monarto Safari Park, Bridgeport Hotel, Woodlane Orchards, Willow Point Wines and more.

Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

Tickets: \$160 for a table of 10, or \$20 per person at a table where you'll meet new friends and team mates!

Bookings essential: https://Music_Quiz_Night.eventbrite.com

For more information visit the gallery's website: www.murraybridgegallery.com.au or contact Arts Officer Michelle Dohnt on 08 8539 1421 or m.dohnt@murraybridge.sa.gov.au



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