

# Media release

## Echuca Moama Celtic Festival

Friday 27 February to Sunday March 8, 2009

### For immediate release

#### The Celts Take Over Echuca-Moama!

With a stunning backdrop of the Murray River, and just a 2<sup>1/2</sup>-hour drive from Melbourne, the Echuca-Moama Celtic Festival is a wonderful excuse to explore this delightful piece of Victoria, surrounded by fine wineries, delightful B&B's, boutique accommodation, numerous holiday parks and a wide range of motels.

Take delight in the soul stirring sounds of the bagpipes and marvel at the skill and grace of the dancers. Enjoy a weekend of entertainment featuring acclaimed musicians; **Claymore**, internationally recognised as one of Australia's most popular festival acts, a not to be missed extravaganza, **The Barleyshakes**, an exciting Celtic band, brewed in Ireland and distilled in Australia who present both traditional, original and world music in a modern format, **Dalriada**, who give traditional Celtic roots music a fresh coat of Australian pop-rock paint, **Braemar**, undoubtedly one of Australia's best Celtic duos delighting audiences around the country with an impressive performance resumé of classic Scottish and Irish songs. Jig to many more bands and wandering fiddlers performing in the variety of clubs, restaurants, pubs and streets of Echuca-Moama.

The **Gathering of the Clans Dinner** on Friday night is the launch event at the Moama Bowling Club, featuring Claymore, Braemar and Barker and Burke. For ticket information Freecall: 1800 306 777, (03) 5481 3777 or Email: [info@moamabowlingclub.com.au](mailto:info@moamabowlingclub.com.au)

On Saturday night, in addition to numerous venues a free concert at the Kerrabee Sound Shell, featuring bands and dancers will be a family highlight.

Come Sunday, following an **ecumenical service by the Murray River**, bands and performers will once again be found in the many venues that exist within the river towns of Echuca and Moama. For those wanting to learn more of Celtic music and tradition there are workshops to participate in.

*"Unless we learn to live with ourselves, how can we live with others?"* Contemplate this challenge on a **Spiritual Pilgrimage from Monday 2 to Thursday 5 March** and experience the grace and majesty of the Murray River, and the meandering of the Goulburn River, as you walk and contemplate the beauty of God's handiwork through Celtic Spirituality themes.

The festival concludes on Sunday March 8 with a concert in the Paramount Theatre by the **Australian Male Welsh Choir**.

**For more information**, please call Robert Arnold on 0400 563 399 or go to [www.celticfestival.com.au](http://www.celticfestival.com.au)  
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