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Tabulam to host Blueberry Festival

Tabulam has proclaimed itself to be the blueberry capital of Australia and it's holding a festival to celebrate.

The one-day community festival on Saturday 13 May at the Tabulam Oval will celebrate the delicious blue fruit, recognise it's growing importance to the local economy and showcase the diverse Tabulam and district community and all it has to offer.

Event coordinator Vicki Stebbins said the festival had captured the community's imagination and was "growing" by the day.

"We will have activities for children including a puppet show and jumping castle as well as buskers, market stalls, industry displays and information stands, and of course delicious blueberry creations," Mrs Stebbins said.

"The CWA will be selling scones and blueberry jam and cream as well as jars of blueberry conserve, blueberry jam and blueberry compote.

"The local café, CK Café, will also have blueberry dishes on the menu as will the Duck and Ladle food van."

Those attending the festival will be encouraged to dress in blue and there will be cash prizes for the man, woman, boy and girl wearing the "most interesting" blue costumes.

"Mountain Blue Farms will have an information stand as will Soft Agriculture (Mara Seeds) and Enova Energy," Mrs Stebbins said."

"Local woman Vicki Atkinson has signed up to shave her hair on the day to raise funds for local emergency services and the Tabulam Rural Fire Service will be putting on a sausage sizzle. It will also have the fire truck there for people to inspect.

"It's shaping up to be an incredible day and we're inviting everyone to come along and enjoy the fun."

Kyogle Council is a festival partner and Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland has been working closely with organisers to help promote the event.

"Council is delighted to be working as a partner in the Blueberry Festival - it is a signature event featuring blueberries which grow amazingly well in the region," Cr Mulholland said.

"I hope to see the festival grow into an annual event that attracts visitors from across the Northern Rivers and South East Queensland."

The festival will kick off on Saturday 13 May at 9am and will run most of the day.

For further information check out the festival website at <u>www.tabulam-blueberryfestival.com</u>.

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