

## SouthFest 24



This year's SouthFest played an important role in revitalizing the Tuggeranong Town Centre Laneways, a feat we hadn't accomplished since 2019. Beyond this, we were able to support, coordinate and promote over 50 events across the Tuggeranong suburbs, significantly enhancing community engagement.

We ambitiously expanded our scope beyond the suburb-focused SouthFest in the Suburbs of last year, successfully orchestrating four major events in the Laneways, connecting SouthPoint and the lake. Despite operating with less than half of the resources we had in 2019, these events drew an impressive attendance of 6,000 to 7,000 people.

Feedback from attendees has been overwhelmingly positive, with a strong desire expressed for a unified, large-scale event next year. Such an endeavour would inevitably require more substantial investment and support, something we are looking at now starting with securing an initial grant of \$15,000 from the ACT Government for SouthFest 2024.

We encourage anyone interested in being involved in SouthFest 2024 to please join our SouthFest Planning Committee. You can do this by contacting us either [info@tuggeranong.org.au](mailto:info@tuggeranong.org.au) or 0431 235 970. Your presence could bring us fresh ideas and valuable insights and expertise to our team.

Please see below pictures from some of the various Tuggeranong laneway events:

### **Battle of the Bands - Friday night 10<sup>th</sup> November (4 to 9pm)**

- 12 young bands and various young performers performed at this youth focussed, family friendly event



**Our Tuggeranong Community Day, Saturday 11 November (10am-3pm)**

- The Community converged on the Laneways with a day of performances, markets, community information and connection. The Tuggeranong Arts Centre, Community Centre, Library and 55 Plus Club also offered a range of activities.



**Laneways Alive - Saturday night 11<sup>th</sup> November (5-9pm)**

- Suited a different audience with parents and young children listening and dancing to the music of Martin Lambert with Phil Essau, the Divine Devilles and Code Red.



**Live Well: Tuggeranong Wellbeing a Sustainable Living Expo, Sunday 12 Nov. (9am to 2pm)**

- Supported by Icon Water and SEE Change, the event offered markets, information stalls, workshops, come and try activities. People connected with local sustainable businesses and health providers.



*Healthy Waterways Stand*