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**TWILIGHT HAWKERS MARKET BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

The Twilight Hawks Market will once more bring great fun and flavour to Euroa on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at the Seven Creeks Park from 6pm.

Celebrating diversity and inclusion, this year's celebration will feature the Sapphire Bollywood Dancers, who guarantee laughter and participation from all spectators.

Fabulous food, lively entertainment and kid's competitions are what have attracted crowds in the past, so this winning formula will stay in 2019.

Strathbogie Shire Council has backed the event by kicking in a \$3,000 Arts, Culture and Events Grant through their successful Community Grants Program.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said Council is pleased to be able to support community events that contribute to the social fabric of the local community.

"Events like the Twilight Hawks Market are fantastic in providing social, cultural and recreational connectivity for our community, as well as contributing to local tourism and economic development."

"We encourage locals and visitors to attend and support this event which is leading the way towards a zero waste future," Cr McClaren said.

Strathbogie Inc. Coordinator, Shirley Saywell said both the 2016 and 2017 Twilight Hawks Markets were run as minimum waste events, encouraging a new approach to public event management of packaging and rubbish creation.

"We are proud of the shift we are creating in public waste management and at this year's event we will be ramping up the action," Ms Saywell explained.

Ms Saywell said food packaging will be barred at the event and all food will be served on plates and cutlery donated by local op shops. Strathbogie Inc. has also invited the "War on Waste" producers to film the event, to show that large events can be successful without producing mountains of waste.

"Everyone who turns up on the night is supporting community endeavour - and the abundant joy, generosity and goodwill is truly inspiring," Ms Saywell said.

When you see locals from every walk of life, sharing stories as they patiently queue for food, the sense of connection is powerful."

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