

# Makers of Murrumbateman

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**What:** Murrumbateman Moving Feast

**Where:** Artisan Businesses and Wineries in the Murrumbateman Region

**Planned:** Saturday and Sunday 3-4 October 2020

**Web:** [www.makersofmurrumbateman.org.au](http://www.makersofmurrumbateman.org.au)

### ***Cancellation of the 2020 Murrumbateman Moving Feast***

For 14 years the 'Makers of Murrumbateman' have been delivering to the Murrumbateman region, the very influential festival event 'The Murrumbateman Moving Feast' (MMF). The event has grown enormously since commencing in 2006, over the journey showcasing the region's finest wines, fresh local produce and artisan products.

On the doorstep of the nation's Capital, this event has always been a unique opportunity for locals and visitors to explore the area, and meet the passionate business operators who have established their backyard as home to some of the world's best wines and products.

To this end, and to protect the integrity of this fantastic event, the 'Makers of Murrumbateman' (MoM) have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 MMF due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Greg Birch, MoM president said, "the obvious nature of the current COVID-19 environment does not allow MoM to plan, support and operate the MMF without significant risk to patrons, operators and staff. Given continuing community transmission of the disease, associated event restrictions and border closures; the MMF operated in the historical format, represents risk for a high frequency of uncontrollable contacts resulting in unintentional community transitions of COVID-19. As such, the responsible MoM action is to not conduct the MMF".

However, Greg went on to say, "that although the MoM sponsored MMF was not being held, a number of venues would still be operating across the long weekend with a range of various offerings that suited their individual capacity and circumstances, as dictated by COVID-19 restrictions".

Patrons planning to visit the Murrumbateman area over this October long weekend, should look to directly contact individual business in order to establish what is being offered and the restrictions that will apply to any specific venue.

A program of individual venue events will be available at [www.makersofmurrumbateman.org.au](http://www.makersofmurrumbateman.org.au) or the MoM Facebook page and/or by phoning individual venues.

Greg finished by adding that patrons should note that MoM has now turned attention to the planning of a successful 2021 MMF event".