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GAOLBREAK IS BACK! - BERRIMA GAOL OPEN FOR OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND

Berrima District Rotary Club has once again got the keys to Berrima Gaol. Open for 4 days only locals and visitors alike can tour the gaol and understand some of the haunting stories from its past. The event is being used to raise much needed funds for charities including supporting local youth initiatives. The last event on Australia Day raised in excess of \$90,000 for worthwhile causes.

One of the uniquely preserved parts of the highlands and Australia's colonial past has been undertaking a spruce up by the Rotary Club volunteers over the past few months at weekends.

The Gaol was constructed between 1836 and 1839 by convicts and was the oldest correctional centre in operation until its closure in 2011. Few people other than its inmates, their visitors and prison staff have viewed beyond the forbidding walls and portal gates and those taking the tour are sure to be awed at the spartan surrounding s inmates endured and the compelling history of the gaol.

If that wasn't enough the Rotary Club are hosting a number of evening events inside the atmospheric environment. These include a Blues Behind Bars Evening on the Friday night with Frank Macias and Los Amigos performing, an Opera in the Saturday night with internationally renowned performers including Cheryl Barker (AO) and Michael Lewis (OAM), and finally on the Sunday night 'Dead Men Talking on the writings of Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson performed by Warren Fahey and Max Cullen.

President Allen Cupitt said "I would like to pay tribute to all the volunteers and also our major sponsors Thompson Health Care without whom it would be impossible to stage such a huge undertaking. The events all sell out very quickly so I would urge anyone interested to visit www.gaolbreak.com.au to find out more and buy a ticket. The Gaol break events are great experiences and what's more raise much needed funds for worthwhile causes".

Ends.

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Ticketing information can be found at www.gaolbreak.org.au or by calling Destination Southern Highlands on 1300 657 559.

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