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## Thredbo Blues Festival celebrates its 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in style



Over the weekend the Snowy Mountains came to life as hundreds of people flocked to Thredbo for their annual alpine blues pilgrimage. Returning this year for its 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary, the **Thredbo Blues Festival** delivered three days of stellar live music thanks to the event's biggest line-up to date.

Kicking off on 16<sup>th</sup> January; blues fans arrived at the spectacular venue early Friday evening, to catch the first of the 22 acts on the bill. Against the stunning backdrop of the Snowy Mountain multi-instrumentalist **Shaun Kirk** headed up celebrations at the Village Square with his soul infused blues. As more blues lovers poured into the region on Friday night, venues were packed by the time the final act, local quartet **Frank Sultana & the Sinister Kids**, took to the stage to enthrall the masses with the whiskey soaked sounds of the Mississippi.

From the poolside to the lounge bar, the Thredbo Alpine Hotel was bustling all weekend long with the sounds of soul, roots, funk, and of course, blues. Highlights included several explosive performances from local Sydney based blues rockers **The Snowdroppers** and sublime performances from the beautiful pop-roots trio **Blue Ruins**. Headliner **Russell Morris** delivered standout performances to fans at the Kosciuszko Room on Saturday night and the packed out Poolside Bar on Sunday while festival regulars – **Ray Beadle Band**, **Harry Brus Band** and **Jeff Lang** – packed out venues into the early morning hours across the weekend.

“The 2015 Thredbo Blues Festival was a huge success with over a thousand festival goers mainly coming from NSW and the ACT. After the event being such a great success, we are looking forward to the upcoming music events that are scheduled to take place in Thredbo this summer.” said **Nick McLaughlin**, **General Manager - Thredbo Alpine Hotel**.



Fans that missed this spectacular event can still experience the region this summer by heading to Thredbo to celebrate Australia Day. On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January, Australians are being invited to make their mark by venturing to the summit of Mount Kosciuszko to celebrate this iconic day with a BBQ at the rooftop of Australia.

Or, if its music you're after the [Snowy Mountain Country Music Festival](#) is set to take over the region on Saturday 21st March. The 2015 festival line-up includes the likes of **Adam Brand, The McClymonts, Morgan Evans, The Sunny Cowgirls, Catherine Britt, Wylie & The Wild West** and **Doug Bruce**, with performances taking place in one of Australia's most unique venues.

For more information visit <http://www.thredbo.com.au> or call Thredbo Resort Centre on 1300 020 589.

Images from Thredbo Blues Festival are available [here](#).

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