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Old School Night Out events return to rural city communities in spring

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RURAL CHARM: Sweet Buzz will perform at the Tarrawingee Hall and other venues as part of the this year's Old School Night Out series of events in local halls.

Old School Night Out events are returning to bring Rural City of Wangaratta communities together one hall at a time in spring.

Council says the events are set to be more than just a night of music, as they'll celebrate local halls and the communities that bring them to life.

This year's tour will see much-loved local band Sweet Buzz travel across four townships, filling halls with singing, dancing and laughter.

Supported by their local hall committees, each event will showcase the warmth, hospitality and community spirit that make these small towns so special.

The 2025 tour dates include events at: Myrree Hall on Friday, 5 September; Tarrawingee Hall on Friday, 10 October; Moyhu Soldiers Memorial Hall on Saturday, 25 October; and Everton Hall on Friday, November 28.

In 2024, the Old School Night Out brought people together in Springhurst, Edi Upper, Eldorado and Bobinawarrah.

Neighbours, friends and families shared food, stories and the dance floor, reminding us of the simple power of coming together in a local hall.

Grit and Resilience program coordinator Bek Nash-Webster said the events are about more than entertainment, they're about connection.

"Each hall has its own story, and when people gather in them, they strengthen the ties that keep communities resilient and vibrant," she said.

The 2025 tour promises another season of connection and celebration, with live music, home-cooked suppers and the joy of neighbours and visitors coming together under one roof.

This event series is proudly funded by the Grit and Resilience Program, with more information available at wangeratta.vic.gov.au/Community/Grit-Resilience/Whats-On.