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A RECIPE TO TITILLATE THE TASTEBUDS AND TANTALISE THE MIND

1. Start with country hospitality
2. Add a well known celebrity chef and masses of culinary gifted locals
3. Sprinkle in a bake off and gastronomic feast to enhance flavours
4. Stir in some quality Australian and home brewed beer
5. Incorporate the celebrity comedian into the mix
6. Cook in a large regional heartland for 3 days and you will have the perfect Biloela Comedy and Food Festival ready to enjoy.

The Biloela Comedy and Food Festival is an enthralling 3 day event held in Biloela, Central Queensland. Showcasing local produce with cosmopolitan flair, Biloela is fast becoming a sophisticated town still true to its bush roots.

Beginning in 2002, the Biloela Comedy and Food Festival can rival any of those found in major metropolitan areas. It blends an eclectic mix of home style cooking and gourmet delights which showcase the best local produce of the Banana Shire. In previous years the likes of cooking sensation, Iain Hewitson and comic acts like TRIPOD, Lano and Woodley and Mike Van Acker have featured at the festival.

This year is set to be better than ever with a number of interesting events. Kim Chilcott, Owner and Executive Chef of the multi award-winning Gold Coast restaurant Montegos, will be on hand to create quality culinary creations, host cooking classes, judge the "Bilo Bake-Off" and work with a dedicated team of Biloela State High School catering students to prepare a delicious dessert for the Saturday night's Festival Dinner.

The Bilo Beerfest is sure to be a hit with the announcement of the hotly contested Home Brew Review winner. Patrons will be entertained to the wee hours with local band, 'Uneeven' unleashing the boogie in everyone while Brisbane Comedy Club comedian, Ian McLaren will have attendees in stitches with his antics and great wit. Best of all, a variety of Australian beers and locally made home brews will be available for the avid beer connoisseur to "sample".

The highlight of the event is the Festival Dinner on Saturday night. Brought together in a theatre-style restaurant, attendees will be tantalised by the array of gourmet delights featuring the best of local produce. Local identities will entertain the crowd with the ever popular Comedy debate with this year's topic being 'The love of food is the greatest love of all' while Ian McLaren will provide the laughs throughout the evening.

The Biloela Comedy and Food Festival is held around October each year. For further information please contact Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Limited on 4972 4000 or www.gladstoneregion.info