

Billy Tea duo brings bush dance fun to schools



The Billy Tea Bush Band has been travelling around Australia for the past decade, with the main objective of connecting school communities “one bush dance at a time”.

From Cooktown to Kununurra bush musicians and dance callers Nick and Phil provide schools with a fun, entertaining and active social experience.

Over the years, they have provided incursions to schools of all sizes and demographics, delivering carefully structured workshops and concerts, each followed by

an early evening family bush dance. The laughter and smiles on everyone’s faces is evidence of the success of the Billy Tea experience for students, families and teachers.

50 years of combined performance experience has allowed them to give the traditional Australian bush dances a new lease of life. The ‘Circassian Circle’ is now the ‘G’day Dance’, where everyone greets each other in their native language, while the Gallopede becomes ‘The Horses in the Forest’.

A parent from a primary school in Victoria said: “It’s so great to see that something we grew up with as kids is still being enjoyed today as much as it was back in the ‘olden days’... every child and adult was having fun, laughing and smiling.”

In this hectic, digital world, The Billy Tea Bush Band offers a welcome time out, and an educational experience that ticks all the boxes.

Enquiries and bookings
<http://billyteabushband.com/>

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