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## **Swing your partner!**

### **Tallangatta bringing back the Bush Dance**

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Farming families across Towong Shire are set to have a hoot of a good time at a traditional bush dance being organised by Towong Shire Council and supported by the Mount Beauty & District Community Bank®.

The bush dance, which will be held on Saturday 25 November, will give farmers and the wider community the opportunity to come together to have a good time and learn skills in developing resilience.

Towong Shire Council Mayor Cr David Wortmann said that traditional bush dances are a great way to boost community spirit and help agricultural families through times of adversity.

"Bush dances were always a fundamental part of country life, and give local farmers the chance to build networks, remove themselves from the everyday stresses of the farm and simply have a good time," said Cr Wortmann.

As well as showcasing music from well-known local bush band The Remnantz, the bush dance will also feature a talk from Warren Davies, The Unbreakable Farmer.

"As a farmer Warren Davies has seen it all. High interest rates, low commodity prices, flood and drought have all taken their toll on his business, family life and most significantly, his mental health," Cr Wortmann said.

"His resilience, persistence and determination have all been tested, and Warren now uses his experience to assist other farmers and small businesses.

"Farmer or not, I think many people could benefit from hearing what Warren has to say," Cr Wortmann said.

The bush dance will be held from 7pm to 11pm on Saturday 25 November at the Tallangatta Memorial Hall, 13 Towong Street. Tickets are \$10 each and are available through Eventbrite (search for "Tallangatta Bush Dance" on eventbrite.com.au, click the link below or visit Towong Shire Council's Facebook page). Free buses (with limited seats) are running from Corryong and the Mitta Valley. Supper will be provided, BYO drinks.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tallangatta-bush-dance-tickets-39238708032?aff=es2>

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