

Greyhound goes German

There will be worry free transport for South East Queensland this Oktoberfest weekend as Greyhound Australia pulls on it's lederhosen to transport festival goers to and from the celebrations.

The two-week Oktoberfest party will kick off in Brisbane this Friday with the event expecting to beat last year's crowd of 18,000 and Greyhound is offering festival goers 10% off travel to and from the celebrations.

Greyhound Australia Chief Executive Officer Robert Thomas said travelling with Greyhound is safer and party goers can enjoy their beer steins without the worry of having to drive home.

"Last year's festival set record attendance numbers and this year looks to be bigger, better and busier," Mr Thomas said.

"With limited parking and large crowds expected at this year's event coach travel is the hassle free way to attend.

Oktoberfest is a traditional German celebration originating in 1810 and Brisbane's 2009 festivities will include two weekends of German dancing, Miss Oktoberfest and Bavarian Strongman competitions, alongside a smorgasbord of Bavarian food and beverages.

"If you are travelling from the surrounds of Brisbane, whether it be Toowoomba, the Gold and Sunshine Coast's, Ipswich or even Byron Bay, then let the 'dog' carry you safely," he said.

Mr Thomas said Greyhound travel is not only safe and hassle free it is also environmentally friendly.

"Oktoberfest revellers can help the environment by taking a Greyhound – one of the most environmentally friendly ways to travel in Australia," he said.

"Just one full Greyhound coach means there are 16 fewer cars on the road and has five times less CO2 emissions per passenger per kilometre than a jet aircraft on the same route.

"Passengers can also offset the carbon emissions from their travel for an additional \$1 through our travel green program."

To book travel to Oktoberfest celebrations either visit www.greyhound.com.au or call 1300 GREYHOUND (1300 473 946).

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