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ROCK ICONS GOOD CHARLOTTE SET FOR BENDIGO BLOCKBUSTER

Iconic US pop-punk band Good Charlotte will bring the lifestyles of the rich and famous to Bendigo this summer for a high-octane night of hits, backed by the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos announced the chart-topping band will headline a huge show at Bendigo Racecourse on Saturday, 21 February – in a set which will turn up the volume and light up the city, drawing fans from across Australia to the region.

Fronted by twin brothers and music icons Joel and Benji Madden, it will be one of the band's first shows in Australia in almost a decade – and is part of their Motel Du Cap World Tour, celebrating the release of their highly-anticipated eighth studio album.

The crowd will also be treated to nostalgic 2000s tunes like *The Anthem*, *Little Things*, *Lifestyles of the Rich & the Famous* and *I Just Wanna Live* as part of a powerhouse performance packed with hits.

This is the latest in a pipeline of events in regional Victoria, with rock legend Lenny Kravitz playing at the Mildura Sporting Precinct on Friday, 28 November.

The Labor Government is backing events around regional Victoria through the \$38 million Regional Event Fund, with the show adding to an epic events calendar including Comedy in the Vines, OK Rochester, the Mildura Fringe Festival and Sunnyside Ballarat.

Pre-sale tickets for the Good Charlotte show go on sale from Wednesday, 15 October at 9am, with tickets for the general public available from Monday, 20 October at 11am.

For tickets or more information, visit the [ticketmaster.com.au](https://www.ticketmaster.com.au) website.

Quote attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos

"Victoria is the cultural capital of Australia and we're investing in regional events because they support jobs and boost local economies across the state – and this one is really going to light up Bendigo."

Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo East Jacinta Allan

"Good Charlotte fans will want to be in Bendigo to see these rock icons take the stage to perform some of their biggest hits – importantly, this gig will also support our local cafes, restaurants and accommodation providers."

Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards

"This event will have Bendigo buzzing and give locals the chance to see these superstars right here in their own backyard."

Quote attributable to Visit Victoria CEO Brendan McClements

"Concerts like this convert interest in the region into bookings and connect Bendigo with visitors from across the country – boosting our \$43 billion visitor economy."

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Quote attributable to Good Charlotte lead singer Joel Madden

“Hey Bendigo, we’re back! Can’t wait to see you guys down under, especially in Bendigo. We’ll see you guys there.”