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Bellingen's long running Jazz festival on for 2011

Earlier this year it was announced the Bellingen Jazz festival was cancelled due of a lack of experienced volunteers to organise it.

Now local musician and Bellingen Jazz festival patron, Brett Iggulden says the 21-year tradition will be unbroken and the festival will be staged.

But he says the format will change.

"It'll still be bigger and better than ever but it'll be in slightly fewer venues and it'll be more looking at things that have worked very beautifully in recent times.

"One of those things has been a big concentration on gypsy music and Manouche jazz.

"From the other side of the music the way in which most of that'll be presented is what is called a Jazz party," he said.

The 22st Bellingen Jazz festival will be staged on the third weekend in August, the 19th through the 21st.

Mr Igguden says he expects the Jazz party format to be popular.

"It's where we get the stars of the previous jazz festivals, throw them into bands, some of which they've played with before and others which they haven't.

"Jazz is an improvised music and many of the best gigs are gigs where people who have played together in various different band are put together in slightly different settings and come up with a whole different sound."

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