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**SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2023**

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# WELCOME

by editor Mary Allen, [editor@angloandceltic.com](mailto:editor@angloandceltic.com)



A green and orange vista over Lang Park stadium in Brisbane as Ireland played their final FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 game against Nigeria. Pic: Anglo&Celtic

# Women's World Cup smashes records

What an extraordinary time it has been! The FIFA Women's World Cup has brought us unforgettable moments of excitement, drama, and historic triumphs. It has elevated women's sports to new levels of popularity.

Congratulations to the England team on getting to the final, what an achievement!

It was wonderful to play a small part in the success through our role in the Community Champions program.

We have shared dozens of stories on our social media channels, both through Anglo&Celtic and our other publication, [Irish Queenslander](#). We followed the travails of not one, but three teams - England, Ireland and Australia. As well as attending matches, we held a competition to give away prime tickets to our readers, making six people very happy in the process, and we organised a hugely successful supporter party in Brisbane.

It's been a record-breaking tournament. An unprecedented 32 teams competed across a record 64 games, delivering a record 164 goals in the process, in front of a record 1.978 million people. That's a lot of records!

The overwhelming majority of tickets were snapped up by locals, who embraced the event with fervour. The strategy behind this triumph was a partnership with Cultural Pulse, a Sydney-based marketing agency with Irish ties, specialising in engaging communities.

By working with community leaders and media figures through their Community Champions program, they unleashed a vibrant diaspora presence that contributed to the electrifying atmosphere.

The excitement resonated far beyond the stadia and into homes. The FIFA Women's World Cup semi-final between Australia and England achieved record-breaking television viewing figures here in Australia. The match drew a peak audience of 11.15 million, marking the highest viewership ever recorded in this country. In the UK, the final garnered 12 million viewers via BBC and 14.4 million via ITV, setting a record TV audience for a Women's World Cup final.

Thank you for your part in making this FIFA Women's World Cup a celebration of unity, diversity, and boundless joy.

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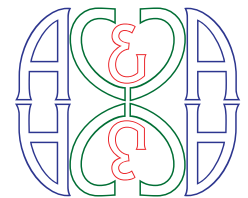
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# Kilt it! Scots School Albury band snares global crown

The Scots School Albury Pipe Band has clinched the title of Grade 4B champions at the 2023 World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow.

Their bagpipe symphonies echoed through the Scottish streets as they also secured Best Drum Corps and the prestigious Champion of Champions titles, which takes into account their remarkable victories at the Scottish Championships and the World Championships.

The Scots School Albury is situated in the picturesque regional city of Albury in New South Wales, on the northern banks of the Murray River, right on the border with Victoria.

The Scots School Albury Pipe Band was established in 1972, emerging from the amalgamation of Albury Grammar School and Woodstock Presbyterian



Girls' School. Rooted in deep traditions, the school is one of the oldest in New South Wales and the oldest regional boarding school in the state.

This remarkable achievement demonstrates the incredible dedication and

musical prowess of the band members, who have also graced the stage at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

This triumph in 2023 echoes their previous success when The Scots School Albury Pipe Band was crowned World Champion Pipe Band

in 2020, further solidifying their impressive reputation as a musical force to be reckoned with.

The school community is elated by this extraordinary accomplishment, which adds yet another shining chapter to their history.



Foil Arms and Hog have released their Swines comedy show for free.

## Swines for the taking

Get ready for snouts in the trough because Foil Arms and Hog, the hilarious Irish comedy trio, is set to release their uproarious 2022 special, Swines, for free on YouTube.

Released on August 24th, the comedy act is not sure how long it will stay on YouTube for free, saying: "We'll see how it goes."

Foil Arms and Hog's Swines promises an hour of

scripted nonsense, unforgettable characters, music, and off-the-cuff improvisation. This live comedy special garnered rave reviews and became the top-selling show at the 2019 Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the world's largest arts festival.

With more than 100 million YouTube hits, this trio has made a name for themselves with their online sketches.

You can read more about this Swines [here](#).

## Lisa McGee writes new comedy thriller series

Lisa McGee, the writer of the much-loved TV series Derry Girls, is set to thrill audiences with a new comedy thriller, How To Get To Heaven From Belfast, which has been commissioned by Channel 4 in the UK.

This eight-part comedy series follows the lives of three friends – Saoirse, Robyn, and Dara, who have been inseparable since their school days. Now in their late thirties, their paths have diverged. Saoirse is a successful writer with a knack for self-sabotage, Robyn is a no-nonsense mother of three boys, and Dara cares full-time for her elderly parent, still residing in her teenage bedroom.

Their worlds are turned upside down when they receive an email informing them of the death of Greta, an old

classmate. The trio decides to attend Greta's wake and soon finds themselves entangled in a dark and mysterious web of secrets.

As they navigate the eerie landscape of Belfast and the wilds of rural Donegal, their adventure becomes both terrifying and thrilling, with their own complex lives often complicating matters further.

This isn't just a 'whodunit,' but a 'what the hell happened,' promising an enthralling and humorous exploration of friendship, memory, and life's unexpected twists.

Lisa McGee, the creative force behind the show, expresses her excitement, saying: "I cannot wait to share these flawed, funny women with everyone."

Further details, including casting, will be revealed soon.

# Irish tale becomes world's first virtual reality musical

A new musical based on an Irish book, *Castle Gillian: An Irish Tale*, marries music, technology, and Irish heritage in a captivating blend.

The world's first virtual reality musical, it is the brainchild of two talented developers, Dr Kevin Purcell and Victor Kazan.

Australian Dr Kevin Purcell, a distinguished composer and conductor with deep Irish roots, has poured his heart and soul into this musical journey. With a career spanning over 35 years across the USA, Europe, and Australia, Purcell's passion for orchestral and opera music shines through.

His connection to the Celtic Club in Melbourne, where he has been a member since 1975 and used to work in the bar many moons ago, adds a personal touch to the musical's significance within the Irish community of Victoria.

Dr Kevin told Anglo&Celtic: "I'm Australian but my great-grand parents on both sides were from Tipperary."

Teaming up with book writer and lyricist Victor Kazan, Purcell's musical genius breathes life into *Castle Gillian*.

Based on the novel by Irish author Maurice Walsh, this virtual reality musical ventures into uncharted territory. The first-ever full-length musical designed as a VR experience, it utilises ground-breaking technology



A scene from the trailer of *Castle Gillian: An Irish Tale*.

to transform live actors into avatars, making it an immersive visual delight.

Dr Kevin told us: "Castle Gillian: An Irish Tale is the world's first musical ever created in 360 degree virtual reality. It is 127' (feature film length). Most importantly, it is a celebration, as a theatrical adaptation, of the storytelling of the Irish author, Maurice Walsh. He is somewhat forgotten now, but he was one of Ireland's most successful novelists throughout the 1930-40s. His stories are sublime."

The musical unfolds in 1948, following Gill Morris, a young Irishman grappling with the scars of WWII. Determined to rescue his ancestral home, Castle Gillian, he embarks on a journey of

love, faith, and redemption. The engaging storyline is elevated by the expertise of 12 of Australia's top musical

theatre performers, who were motion-captured to create the avatars.

Embrace the magic of *Castle Gillian: An Irish Tale* by exploring the trailer [here](#) and understanding the various viewing formats [here](#).

The musical is available for a limited time as an online event as part of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Secure your tickets [here](#) and experience a musical odyssey that transcends boundaries and embraces Irish roots.

It is available to view in 360° video on desktop computer, laptop, tablet, smartphone or view immersive in any head-tracking equipped head-mounted display, such as MetaQuest 2 or MetaQuest Pro VR headset.



Victor Kazan, left, and Dr Kevin Purcell who developed the VR musical.

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# All the bells and whistles packed for Morris Ale

Get ready to kick up your heels and wave those handkerchiefs – the Australian Morris Ale is hitting Fremantle in Western Australia from 22nd to 25th September.

Morris dancers from across Australia, England, and even New Zealand are descending on this port city for four days of rhythmic revelry and lively leaps.

Around 70 dancers and musicians, bedecked in their traditional garb, are shimmying their way to the YHA at Fremantle Prison, ready to infuse the streets with their infectious energy. Local enthusiasts are joining the party too, swelling the numbers to an anticipated 90 performers dancing and clashing sticks at iconic Fremantle venues.

Saturday kicks off at Walyalup Koort from 2pm to 3.45pm, where the dancers will weave their enchanting magic.

But the fun doesn't stop there! On Sunday, join the merriment outside Fremantle Prison from 4pm and at Bathers Beach Reserve from 2pm to 3.30pm, as the lively crew continues to enchant



Marlee Morris group from Perth are heading to Fremantle in Western Australia for the 2023 Morris Ale.

with their leaps, twirls, and handclaps.

Morris dancing, with its origins dating back to 1458, brings history to life through rhythmic movement. From Cotswold Morris to Border

Morris, these styles add a dash of mystery and mirth. Notably, Morris dancing is undergoing a modern revival across continents, with Morris dancers even performing at this year's Brit Awards.

Keen to join the jig? Contact Steve at 0400 731 049 for details on joining a Morris dancing group.

We will have a more in-depth look at Morris dancing in an upcoming edition.

## Australian stray cat picked up in Scotland



Melvin the cat was picked up on the streets of Glasgow, but his microchip was registered to an address in Australia. Pic: SSPCA

One expat moggie has proved that he has nine lives and 9,000 air miles.

Melvin the cat was registered to an address in Australia but was found living on the streets in Scotland.

Melvin was picked up by the Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) when a member of the public reported their concerns for the stray. He had been visiting their home for months for a free meal twice a day. However, they had grown concerned for him after a decline in his health.

SSPCA vets scanned Melvin to see if he was microchipped and were surprised when it was revealed he was registered to an address in Australia.

After some investigation, the mystery behind Melvin's epic journey was solved and the team were able to reunite him with his owners Jacqueline and Matt Dick, after nine months apart.

The couple had previously lived in Australia and adopted Australian-born Melvin as a kitten. After 14 years living here, they decided to

move home to Scotland, and brought Melvin and their border collie Max with them. However, eight weeks later, Melvin went missing.

Discussing the reunion, Scottish SPCA chief inspector Laura McIntyre said: "We were delighted to be able to reunite Melvin with Jacqueline and Matt after all this time."

The team later learned that while in Australia, Melvin was attacked by a hungry dingo and only survived thanks to their collie Max, who scared the dingo off.

# Queensland pub crowns its ginger king and queen

Queensland has spoken, and the fiery titans have been crowned!

Finn McCool's Irish Pub, at Fortitude Valley in Brisbane, set the stage ablaze with its quest for the hottest gingers in town.

The verdict is in, the Ginger King and Queen of 2023 are Arthur Henry and Ashlyn Tobin.

It was the third year running of Finn McCool's famed competition, and there's one important rule - your ginger hair can't have come from a bottle, it's got to be the real McCoy. The winners got a modelling contract and a \$500 cash prize.

Finn McCool's Irish Bar Fortitude Valley is the only Irish bar in Australia to hold such a competition.

"It proved to be not only a massive success, but a really fun evening," shared Luke Mellers of Finn McCool's, encapsulating the electric atmosphere that enveloped the event.

Not only was the bar packed wall to wall with redheads, but they were also



served red wines, fire engine cocktails, vodka Red Bulls and espresso martinis.

As the fervour of the Ginger contest simmers down, Finn McCool's is gearing up for their next extravaganza - turning from a sea of red to

a sea of green for Finns Fest. Set to be a day of musical magic and pure Irish revelry, this festival promises to whisk you away on a journey of toe-tapping tunes and foot-stomping rhythms.

For a full day on October

21st, Finns Fest will feature performances by top-notch bands like The Gathering, Limerick, Tartan Shamrock, Amaidi, and Tales of Strangers, across two stages.

You'll find more information at Finn McCool's [website](#).

# CelticFest has so much to see, but they had us at hairy coos

A medieval village, strongmen championships, pipe bands, re-enactors, markets, energetic Irish bands – so much is on offer at CelticFest 2023, but let's face it, one of the highlights of the Queensland festival is always the gloriously gentle Highland cows (or hairy coos, as they prefer to be known).

Visitors to CelticFest Warwick on the October long weekend will be able to immerse themselves in the best of Celtic music and culture during the festival, which consists of a two-day ticketed event at the Warwick Showgrounds on Saturday, 30th September and Sunday, 1st October, and the CelticFringe from Friday, 29th September to Monday, 2nd October.

All the festival favourites will return, including Highland Games, The Gathering Irish band, medieval village, dancing, markets, animals, pipe bands, gathering of the clans, and a Celtic-inspired bar and yummy foods.

CelticFest is also playing host to an impressive three national championships. On Saturday and Sunday, be blown away by the strong men and women taking part in the Australian Highland Games Championship. You can watch as they perform putting the stone, the farmer's walk, and the caber toss.

And if bagpipes are your thing, you're going to love the SCOTS PGC College Australian Juvenile Pipe Band Championship on Saturday. Twenty pipe bands from around Australia will descend on Warwick to battle for supremacy.

SCOTS PGC College are also hosting the Australian Piping and Drumming Solo Championships on Friday as part of the CelticFest Fringe.

The craic at the showgrounds will kick off at 2pm on Saturday, with an outstanding line-up of bands



entertaining the crowd on the Main Stage all afternoon.

Enjoy the sounds of Rebecca Wright and Donald McKay, Auld Alliance, Australian Celtic Women, and Highlander.

The Scotsman will lead a family ceilidh, hosted by the Darling Downs Irish Club, in The Pavilion at the Showgrounds from 5pm.

In the evening, The Gathering Irish band will have you dancing along to traditional favourites, contemporary tunes, and cover songs.

On Sunday, from 9am on the Main Stage, you'll get a second chance to see all the performers from the Saturday, plus The Outlanders, Lissa-Kathe Celtic Harp, Munsterbucks and The Scotsman.

Take a stroll through Warwick Shire Medieval Village to take you back in time. See striking Viking battles, skilful Jacobite swordsmanship, a blacksmith forge, tribal belly dancing and demonstrations of medieval village life.

Visitors will also be able to watch displays by pipe bands and highland dancers, wander through markets, marvel at the beautiful animals, trace their genealogy, and feast on Celtic-themed food and drink.

The Australian Celtic Women is another act to put high on your list of must-sees. They will be performing short sets on both days at the Showgrounds, and a full-length feature show at the Club Warwick RSL on Friday (separately ticketed by the RSL).

Club Warwick RSL will also host Cape Byron Celtic Dance on Friday.

Warwick Thistle Pipe Band turns 100 years old this year. To celebrate, as part of CelticFringe, a huge street parade with hundreds of pipers, drummers, medieval re-enactors, strongmen and women, among others, will march along Palmerin Street in Warwick from 8.30am on Saturday.

Warwick Town Crier Bob Townshend will take visitors on an historical town walk after the parade.

The Southern Downs Explorer heritage train will run tours on Friday night and Saturday lunch time.

There will be Celtic music and themed meals in local eateries. Historic buildings, including the Abbey Boutique Hotel, Pringle Cottage and Glengallan Homestead, will be open to visitors.

Warwick Parkrun will have a kilted dash on the banks of the Condamine River on Saturday.

CelticFest Warwick also has exciting workshops on offer as part of both CelticFest and the CelticFringe.

Lorna Warner will run a  
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The Gathering will headline CelticFest Warwick. Pic: Supplied

# CelticFest has so much to see

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free Bucket List Scottish Gaelic Language Workshop at 11.30am on Saturday at Club Warwick RSL.

The Warwick Artist Group will host a Celtic Art Workshop at The Art Hub from 10.30am on Saturday. The two-hour workshop costs \$40. Bookings to warwickartistgroup@gmail.com or Sue on 0402 460 919.

Learn about the mechanics of playing a musical instrument. Bring your own musical instrument or your voice, and singer and musician Amie Brûlée will show you how subtle changes in the way you hold an instrument and move your body can make playing notes or singing easier. This free workshop will be held at 10.30am on Saturday at Club Warwick RSL.



Celtic line dancing workshop at CelticFest, and, right, Warwick Artist Group will host a Celtic Art Workshop. Pics: Supplied

Or you could learn to Celtic line dance. Last year's Celtic line dancing workshop was a runaway success and returns to the CelticFringe at Club Warwick RSL on Monday, 2nd October, from 9.30am. Enquiries to Jenny on 0437 009 906.

Ticket holders to CelticFest

at the showgrounds will also be able to participate in more exciting workshops.

CelticFest tickets are available now from [www.celticfestqld.com.au](http://www.celticfestqld.com.au). Pricing for an adult is \$20 for Saturday, \$25 for Sunday, and \$35 for a weekend ticket (Saturday and Sunday). Pensioner



pricing is \$15 for Saturday, \$20 for Sunday and \$30 for a weekend ticket. Children's tickets (for children aged between 5-17), are \$5 for Saturday, \$5 for Sunday and \$10 for a weekend ticket. Children under 5 are free.

For more information, visit [www.celticfestqld.com.au](http://www.celticfestqld.com.au).



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# Australian project to be performed in Scotland

Skye Gaelic singer Anne Martin's musical piece, *An Tinne*, featuring songs and stories from Scots, Gaelic, modern Australian, and First Nation artists, is set to be performed in Resolis, Croy, and Inverinate in Scotland as part of the upcoming Blas Festival.

This project explores connections between Scotland and Australia through music and storytelling, with a special focus on the impact of settlers on Indigenous people in Australia.

The performance line-up includes traditional songs and new works by various artists from Scotland and Australia, including playwright, script-writer and musician Richard Frankland of Australia's Gunditjmarra people, who addresses the injustices done to Australia's Indigenous people.

Anne Martin hails from Skye, and this project was inspired by a chance meeting with an Australian whose ancestors were from the same area. The connection between their ancestors,



Anne Martin at the abandoned Greaulainn village in Skye.

and a cooking pot hook on a chain (an slabhraidh) which had been taken from a village in Skye to Australia with a family forced from their homes during the 19th century Highland Clearances, formed the basis of *An Tinne*, which means The Link.

The township they left was Greaulainn, now a long-abandoned village in Kilmuir, and in 1852 Donald and Anne MacPherson boarded a ship to Geelong, Victoria, for a new life in the 'New World'. The slabhraidh

was passed down through the generations and remains a constant reminder to the MacPherson families of their journey from Skye.

The Blas Festival, taking place from September 1st to 9th, celebrates Gaelic culture and traditional Scottish music. Anne Martin's performance is a highlight of this festival, showcasing the enduring connections between Scotland and Australia through music and storytelling.

For further information, go to the festival [website](#).

## Edinburgh and Adelaide fringe festivals teaming up

The Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society and Adelaide Fringe have formed a transformative alliance, officially solidified by a historic Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU).

This dynamic partnership seeks to elevate both festivals to new heights of artistic exchange and innovation.

With the world's largest performing arts extravaganza and the Southern Hemisphere's premier cultural event united, it promises a creative surge. CEOs Andrea Michaels and Angus Robertson inked the MOU during the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, a milestone that will resonate widely.

By combining their resources and insights, the festivals aim to nurture artist and industry growth, while enriching the global arts scene.

Key components of the MOU encompass cross-festival initiatives, an ambitious artist exchange program, and a commitment to amplify exposure for participating artists.

You can find further details on this story [here](#).



Captain Ian Young to be Chieftain of Bundanoon Highland Gathering. Pic: Amanda Ray Images (supplied)

## Bundanoon announces Gathering Chieftain

Bundanoon Highland Gathering is delighted to announce that the Chieftain for the day will be Captain Ian J Young.

Bundanoon Is Brigadoon 2024 will take place on Saturday, 6th April. The Highland Gathering, held in New South Wales, is considered the premier Scottish gathering in Australia and has been taking place since 1978. Its principal aim is to raise funds for local charities and bring tourists to Bundanoon and the Southern Highlands.

Captain Ian Young is a medical officer and orthopaedic surgeon in the Royal Australian Navy and serves as

Director Fleet Health at Fleet Headquarters in Sydney.

Captain Young is highly involved in the Scottish community.

He is of Scottish descent, from Ayrshire, and has a keen interest in genealogy.

Captain Young was appointed as a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia in the Military Division on the Australia Day 2019 Honours List. He and his wife Vanessa permanently reside in Melbourne and have four children.

You can read more about Captain Young on our website [here](#).

# Medieval magic lights up Balingup



Balingup in Western Australia transformed into a realm of medieval wonder at the Balingup Medieval Carnivale in August, a two-day event that enchanted this year's huge turnout.

The grounds of the Balingup Community Centre came alive with the sounds of music, dance, and thrilling medieval combat.

The grand parade, featuring knights, jesters, and noble dames, dazzled the crowds, while Saturday night's highlight, the burning of the dragon, lit up the sky in a fiery spectacle.

As well as performances by historical reenactors, there was maypole dancing, morris dancing, archery, a pyro show and more than 100 market stalls.

Attendees enthusiastically embraced the medieval dress code, adding to the festival's enchanting ambiance.

For more details on the festival, see their [website](#).



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The couple stopped for a photo op at Sydney Harbour Bridge while cycling across Australia.

# Scottish couple aims to cycle round the world on tandem

A Scottish couple who says: "We are not cyclists, and we don't own any lycra," have embarked on an epic round-the-world tandem challenge.

In an extraordinary feat of determination and charity, Bob and Deborah Gulliver took on the challenge in a mission to raise funds for Children's Hospices Across Scotland and the Hospices of Hope Ukraine Appeal.

Setting off from Rachel House Hospice in Kinross, Scotland, in March 2022, the couple was inspired by long-distance cyclist Mark Beaumont's book, *The Man that Cycles Around the World*.

Despite having little cycling experience before the journey, they fearlessly pedaled through 27 countries, covering a whopping 22,000 km. Their recent triumph involved

completing the Australian and New Zealand legs of their adventurous tour.

To officially cycle around the world as recognised by the Guinness World Records, the couple must start and end in the same place, pedal 28,000 km, and pass through an 'antipodal pair' – two points on the planet directly opposite to each other. Bob and Deborah chose Alaejos in Spain and the New Zealand Parliament in Wellington as their antipodal points.

While they aren't aiming to break any official records, the Gullivers are well on their way to meeting the Guinness World Records stipulations, with a target of completing 30,000 km by the end of the year. They plan to finish their incredible journey where it all began, at Rachel House Hospice.

The next adventure on their list is the United States, where they plan to cycle from Los Angeles to Fort Lauderdale before flying to Morocco and then cycling back to Scotland through Spain, France, England, Wales, the Republic of Ireland, and Northern Ireland.

Reflecting on their amazing journey, Bob shared some of the unforgettable moments, from staying with monks in a Thai temple to encountering camels in Kazakhstan and chilling with a koala on an Australian roadside. But what struck them the most was the kindness and generosity of strangers they met along the way.

To keep up with Bob and Deborah's escapades, you can follow their updates on their website at [thegulliverstravels.com](http://thegulliverstravels.com)

## AT A GLANCE

- Scots Bob and Deborah Gulliver are cycling around the world on a tandem for charity.
- With no prior experience, they've covered 22,000 km in 27 countries.
- They fulfilled Guinness World Record requirements by cycling between antipodal points.
- They aim to complete 30,000 km this year.
- They've been to Australia and will pass through Ireland, Wales, and England on the way home.
- They'll finish where they began, at Kinross in Scotland.



# By George, they're back!

It's hard to describe just how huge Culture Club became when they burst onto the scene in the 80s. They were more of a cultural phenomenon than pop stars.

The band are heading to Australia this September for their Greatest Hits Tour, celebrating 40 years of music.

Born out of the London club scene, Culture Club combined Boy George's outrageous fashion sense, good looks and charming wit with an expert sense of popular music.

During the early 80s, the group racked up seven straight Top 10 hits in the UK and six Top 10 singles in the US with their light, infectious pop-soul.

These were the glory days of MTV, when it showed back-to-back music videos and not reality shows, and with Boy George's standout

image, that exposure helped push songs like Do You Really Want to Hurt Me and Karma Chameleon to the top of the charts. The Grammy Award winners have sold more than 50 million albums and were the first group since The Beatles to have three Top Ten hits in America from a debut.

Even before their record label began to push the band's new singles in 1982, Culture Club received media attention after George appeared in fashion magazines covering the New Romantics scene. His charisma proved to be the group's best promotional tool.

The band split in 1986 amid George's struggle with drug use but reunited in 1998.

Boy George was raised in England by Irish parents, from Thurles in County Tipperary. He said he found his

childhood family trips back to Ireland difficult because he was too flamboyant for his conservative relatives.

During school holidays in the 60s and 70s, the singer often travelled over to stay with family members in both Dublin and Tipperary.

Speaking about those holidays, he told the US-based Irish Voice: "We definitely had far too much personality for some of our relatives in Ireland back then. My mum was told, 'Look at the way you're bringing up these kids!'"

Last year, Boy George was in Australia to take part in reality TV show I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out Of Here. He was the most expensive guest to ever appear on the show, reportedly being paid nearly \$1 million for his appearance.

Culture Club were frequent

## TOUR DATES

Culture Club 2023 Australian Tour  
with support by Berlin:

5 SEP Perth WA

8 SEP Sydney NSW

9 SEP Melbourne VIC

11 SEP Adelaide SA

14 SEP Brisbane QLD

visitors to Australia in the mid-2010s, touring three times between June 2016 and late 2017. However, they've not toured the country since then, with the upcoming shows marking their first run of Australian dates in almost six years.

They are supported by 80s synth pop group, Berlin. Their hits included Take My Breath Away, which topped the charts worldwide after being used in the movie Top Gun.

## Festivals

### CRAIC FEST 23

Festival of Irish music at the Colmslie Hotel. Sasta, Murphy's Pigs, Munster Bucks, Tartan Shamrock.

Brisbane QLD

2 SEP

### NEURUM CREEK MUSIC FESTIVAL

Acoustic music camping weekend. The Barley-shakes, Amaidi.

Neurum QLD

8-10 SEP

### MANDURAH HIGHLAND GATHERING

Pipe band contest, highland games, medieval fighting, stalls

Mandurah WA

9 SEP

### BONY MOUNTAIN FOLK FESTIVAL

The little festival in the bush with music, poetry, pipe bands.

Upper Wheatvale QLD

15-17 SEP

### URANQUINTY FOLK FESTIVAL

Small, family-orientated music festival. Wallanbindi, Toby Mobbs and Luke Robinson.

Uranquinty NSW

29 SEP - 2 OCT

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FRI 1 SEP

Rhythms of Ireland  
Frankston VIC  
Ross Noble  
Geelong VIC  
Stuck In A Moment - U2 & INXS  
Brisbane QLD  
Australian Historical Dance  
Limestone Frolic  
Ipswich QLD  
Bouzouki Bros, Paul Loudin & Pat  
Hunt at The Gaelic Club  
Sydney NSW  
Black Vinyl British tribute band  
Woodvale WA  
Australian Van Morrison Show  
Bendigo VIC  
St Andrew Society of WA Reggiew's  
Tribute Fundraiser Ceilidh  
Irish Club of WA, Subiaco WA  
Fiona Rea and Val Cutler  
JB O'Reilly's, Perth WA

SAT 2 SEP

Craic Fest  
Colmslie Hotel, Brisbane QLD  
Ross Noble  
Werribee VIC  
Rhythms of Ireland  
Narre Warren VIC  
Port Adelaide Caledonian Society  
Birthday Ceilidh  
Exeter SA  
Perth Irish RFC Awards Gala  
Irish Club of WA, Subiaco WA  
Noasis  
Sydney NSW  
Dancing on Ayre  
Moonee Ponds VIC  
Muse Fest  
Lion Arts Centre, Adelaide SA  
Pop Up Gaeltacht  
The Gaelic Club, Sydney NSW  
Sugarcane and Sword Dances  
Ayr QLD  
Céad Mile Fáilte with Irish music,  
dancers and dinner  
Utopia, Wollongong NSW  
New Romantics  
Salisbury North Football Club, SA

SUN 3 SEP

Rhythms of Ireland  
Ringwood VIC  
Ross Noble  
Shepparton VIC  
Muse Fest at Lion Arts Centre  
Adelaide SA  
Fiona Rea and Brett Hardwick  
Dirty Nellys, Perth WA  
The Herberts  
Musicland Fawkes VIC  
Naarm Traditional Singers Circle  
The Last Jar, Melbourne VIC  
Irish Sundays at Finn McCool's  
Fortitude Valley, Brisbane QLD

TUE 5 SEP

Culture Club  
Perth WA  
Rhythms of Ireland  
Traralgon VIC  
Neck Deep  
Melbourne VIC  
Learned Kindred of Currie social  
Sydney NSW  
Napalm Death  
Perth WA  
Tidal Moon and Green Fieldz  
Biersal Brewery, Seaford VIC

WED 6 SEP

Rhythms of Ireland  
Bairnsdale  
Paul Kelly  
Brisbane QLD

THU 7 SEP

Rhythms of Ireland  
Sale VIC  
Paul Kelly  
Brisbane QLD  
Neck Deep  
Sydney NSW  
Limestone Morris every Thursday  
from 7pm  
Canberra ACT  
Queensland Irish Association  
drinks and Irish entertainment  
From 5pm, The Normanby  
Brisbane QLD  
RSVP here  
Napalm Death  
Adelaide SA

FRI 8 SEP

Culture Club  
Sydney NSW  
Neck Deep  
Brisbane QLD  
Noasis  
Adelaide SA  
Total Commitment  
Doo-Bop Bar, Brisbane  
Tubular Bells For Two  
Melbourne VIC  
Community Folk Dance  
Samford QLD  
Napalm Death  
Sydney NSW  
70s vs 80s vs 90s  
Amplifier Bar, Perth WA

SAT 9 SEP

Culture Club  
Melbourne VIC  
Neurum Creek Music Festival  
Neurum QLD  
Tubular Bells For Two  
Sutherland NSW  
Rhythms of Ireland  
Geelong VIC

Queen Bohemian Rhapsody  
St Kilda VIC

Murphy's Pigs  
Stanthorpe QLD  
Neck Deep  
Adelaide SA

Claymore

Yarra Valley VIC  
Mandurah Highland Gathering  
Mandurah WA  
Sydney Irish RFC Gala Ball  
Darling Harbour, Sydney NSW  
Napalm Death  
Melbourne VIC  
Eungella Ancient Arts & Craft Fair  
Eungella QLD  
Mulled wine & hot cheese  
Shindig  
Twamley Farm, Buckland TAS

SUN 10 SEP

Rhythms of Ireland  
Ballarat VIC  
Welsh Society of WA Pub CatchUp  
Whale and Ale, Perth WA  
How to Break into Ulysses:  
Episode 13, Nausicaa  
Assembly Hall, Southbank VIC  
99 Years of British opens at  
Brisbane Motor Museum (runs  
to 26 NOV)  
Banyo QLD  
Irish Wolfhound Club of NSW  
Picnic in the Park  
Sydney Park, Sydney NSW  
Eungella Ancient Arts & Craft Fair  
Eungella QLD  
Irish Sundays at Finn McCool's  
From 4pm, Fortitude Valley,  
Brisbane QLD

MON 11 SEP

Culture Club  
Adelaide SA  
Rhythms of Ireland  
Ararat VIC  
Neck Deep  
Fremantle WA  
Bony Mountain Folk Festival  
(runs to 17 SEP)  
Bony Mountain QLD

TUE 12 SEP

Rhythms of Ireland  
Warrnambool VIC  
Napalm Death  
Brisbane QLD  
Melbourne Irish Studies Seminar  
presents Sophie Cooper, Queen's  
University Belfast: Irish Diaspora,  
women and material culture  
Online only, go to isaanz.org

WED 13 SEP

Rhythms of Ireland  
Mount Gambier SA

Tim Finn  
St Kilda VIC

Australian British Chamber of  
Commerce presents AI: Panacea  
or Existential Threat? with Dr  
John Whittle, director, CSIRO  
Melbourne VIC

THU 14 SEP

Culture Club  
Brisbane QLD  
Rhythms of Ireland  
Bordertown SA  
Tim Finn  
Brisbane QLD  
Irish Theatre Players present By  
The Bog of Cats (14, 15, 16, 17,  
21, 22, 23 SEP)  
Irish Club of WA, Subiaco WA  
MAPS Presents Tamara and the  
Dreams  
Pig and Whistle, Main Ridge VIC

FRI 15 SEP

Rhythms of Ireland  
Horsham VIC  
Guildford Banjo Jamboree  
Guildford VIC  
Holding Back The Years - Simply  
Red Tribute  
Avoca Beach NSW  
Women in Scotland - SWI  
National Conference &  
Exhibition 2023  
Perth WA  
BRITPOP vs SKA!  
Amplifier, Perth WA  
Scotch Pipes & Drums Concert  
Hawthorn VIC  
Mampi Swift  
Perth WA  
BZH SYD Catch up and Breton  
Dance Class  
Rouse Hill NSW

SAT 16 SEP

Rhythms of Ireland  
Broken Hill NSW  
Groove Armada  
Sweet Relief! Brisbane QLD  
Guildford Banjo Jamboree  
Guildford VIC  
Van Walker & The Ferriters  
George Lane, St Kilda VIC  
Addicted to Love - Robert Palmer  
and Bryan Ferry tribute  
Palm Beach NSW  
Adelaide Irish Pipe Band presents  
Halfway to Saint Patrick's Day at  
Adelaide Irish Club  
Adelaide SA  
Townsville Eisteddfod  
Townsville QLD  
Women in Scotland - Family  
Evening Marketplace  
Perth WA

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**Noasis**  
 Hobart TAS  
 Amaidi at Soiree  
 The Gap QLD  
 The Phoenix of Gaia presents We  
 Say Her Name (with Aine Tyrrell)  
 Bangalow NSW  
 Halfway to St Patrick's Day at  
 Gilhooleys  
 Brisbane QLD  
 Nick Mason's Saucerful Of  
 Secrets  
 Melbourne VIC  
 Souths GFC 40th Anniversary  
 Pullman Mercure Brisbane QLD

**SUN 17 SEP**  
 Guildford Banjo Jamboree  
 Guildford VIC  
 Mna le Cheile  
 Carlton Brewhouse VIC  
 Tim Finn  
 Sydney NSW  
 Irish Sundays at Finn McCool's  
 From 4pm, Fortitude Valley  
 Brisbane QLD  
 Nick Mason's Saucerful Of  
 Secrets  
 Melbourne VIC  
 Village Fayre Day at Victory  
 Village at Riverbend  
 St Mary QLD  
 Start! The Music of Paul Weller  
 Norwood Hotel, Norwood SA

**MON 18 SEP**  
 Rhythms of Ireland  
 Murray Bridge SA

**TUE 19 SEP**  
 Rex Orange County  
 Adelaide SA  
 Rhythms of Ireland  
 Adelaide SA  
 Nick Mason's Saucerful Of  
 Secrets  
 Brisbane QLD  
 The Bug - Celtic Connections -  
 Lizzie Flynn, Munsterbucks  
 New Farm, Brisbane QLD

**WED 20 SEP**  
 Rhythms of Ireland  
 Adelaide SA  
 Nick Mulvey  
 Brisbane QLD

**THU 21 SEP**  
 Nick Mulvey  
 Sydney NSW  
 HandMADE & MADE TO LAST (led  
 by Liz Aggiss)  
 Hobart TAS  
 Australian British Chamber of

Commerce Trivia Night  
 Marys Underground Sydney NSW  
 Nick Mason's Saucerful Of  
 Secrets  
 Sydney NSW  
 Tara Irish Dance Co Trivia Night  
 at Darwin Trailer Boat Club  
 Fannie Bay NT

**FRI 22 SEP**  
 Rex Orange County  
 Brisbane QLD  
 Folk by the Sea 2023  
 Kiama NSW  
 Rhythms of Ireland  
 Mildura VIC  
 Nick Mulvey  
 Melbourne VIC  
 Rosewood Music Camp (runs to  
 25 SEP)  
 Strathbogies Ranges VIC  
 Australian Morris Ale 2023 (runs  
 to 25 SEP)  
 Fremantle WA  
 Community Folk Dance  
 Samford QLD  
 Aine Tyrrell - Irish as F\*ck Tour  
 Petersham NSW  
 Spring Equinox Celebration  
 Cheltenham NSW  
 Two of Us - The Songs of Lennon  
 and McCartney (with Damien  
 Leigh and Darren Coggan)  
 Warnambool VIC

**SAT 23 SEP**  
 Clans on the Coast  
 Raymond Terrace NSW  
 Rex Orange County  
 Sydney NSW  
 Rhythms of Ireland  
 Melbourne VIC  
 Dodgy  
 Melbourne VIC  
 British Rock Show  
 Avalon Beach NSW  
 Jacaranda in the Highlands  
 Glen Innes NSW  
 Addicted to Love - Robert Palmer  
 and Bryan Ferry tribute  
 Newcastle NSW  
 Guinness, oyster and whisky  
 festival at The Treehouse  
 North Sydney NSW  
 Monkey Spanner  
 Newcastle NSW  
 Ireland Funds Australia Young  
 Leaders Global SK  
 Two of Us - The Songs of Lennon  
 and McCartney (with Damien  
 Leigh and Darren Coggan)  
 Geelong VIC  
 Celtic Music - Unplugged  
 South Hobart TAS

Stand Up To Cancer Fundraiser  
 (Britpop, ska, British indie)  
 Woodvale Reception Centre,  
 Woodvale WA  
 Sinn Fein GAC 70th Gala  
 Celebration  
 Docklands VIC  
 Queanbeyan Medieval Fair  
 Queanbeyan NSW  
 Killer Queen  
 Mudgeeraba QLD

**SUN 24 SEP**  
 Rhythms of Ireland  
 Melbourne VIC  
 Dodgy  
 Adelaide SA  
 Celtic Music - Sunset Seisiums  
 Chelsea Yacht Club VIC  
 Rex Orange County  
 Sydney NSW  
 Irish Sundays at Finn McCool's  
 From 4pm, Fortitude Valley,  
 Brisbane QLD  
 46th Australian Winter School  
 (runs to 1 OCT)  
 Kiama NSW  
 York Medieval Fayre  
 York WA  
 Queanbeyan Medieval Fair  
 Queanbeyan NSW  
 10th Annual Cider Swig  
 Tacoma WA

**MON 25 SEP**  
 Tenth Australian Conference of  
 Celtic Studies (runs to 27 SEP)  
 University of Sydney NSW  
 Nick Mason's Saucerful Of  
 Secrets  
 Perth WA  
 Kids Dig It! Viking Family Fun  
 (runs to 29 SEP) at Abbey Muse-  
 um of Art and Archaeology  
 Caboolture QLD

**TUE 26 SEP**  
 EltonBilly  
 Broadbeach QLD  
 Australian British Chamber of  
 Commerce Spring Networking  
 Evening at Boola Bardip WA  
 Museum  
 Perth WA

**WED 27 SEP**  
 Rex Orange County  
 Melbourne VIC  
 Rhythms of Ireland  
 Melbourne VIC  
 Dodgy  
 Brisbane QLD  
 Scottish Chamber Orchestra  
 Perth WA

Sionnach Rua Great Irish Song  
 Book  
 Margaret River WA

**THU 28 SEP**  
 Australian Juvenile Pipe Band  
 Championships (runs to 1 OCT)  
 Warwick QLD

**FRI 29 SEP**  
 Rhythms of Ireland  
 Noarlunga SA  
 Dodgy  
 Sydney NSW  
 Perth & District Pipe Band 130th  
 Anniversary Ceilidh  
 Perth WA  
 Rex Orange County  
 Melbourne VIC  
 Uranquinty Folk Festival  
 Uranquinty NSW  
 Tubular Bells For Two  
 Canberra ACT  
 Irish Woolfest  
 Boorowa NSW  
 Medieval Irish Celtic Knights  
 Spring Hunt (runs to 2 OCT)  
 Patrick Estate QLD  
 Sionnach Rua Great Irish Song  
 Book  
 Bunbury WA  
 Best Of British  
 Hindmarsh SA  
 The Scotsman Music  
 The Red Lion, Glencoe, NSW

**SAT 30 SEP**  
 CelticFest  
 Warwick QLD  
 Sionnach Rua Great Irish Song  
 Book  
 Fremantle WA  
 Uranquinty Folk Festival  
 Uranquinty NSW  
 Irish Woolfest  
 Boorowa NSW  
 Caledonian Society of WA Ceilidh  
 Inglewood WA

**Dodgy**  
 Perth WA  
 Damien Leith in Concert - Roy  
 Orbison Orchestrated  
 Sydney NSW  
 Tubular Bells For Two  
 Canberra ACT  
 Lunch with Auld Alliance at The  
 Dairy Lounge  
 Warwick QLD  
 Django Django  
 Wanderer Festival NSW  
 Brisbane v Sydney Hurling and  
 Camogie at Queensland Gaelic  
 Football and Hurling Club  
 Willawong QLD

### CULTURE CLUB

English band

5 SEP Perth WA  
 8 SEP Sydney NSW  
 9 SEP Melbourne VIC  
 11 SEP Adelaide SA  
 14 SEP Brisbane QLD



### REX ORANGE COUNTY

English singer

19 SEP Adelaide SA  
 22 SEP Brisbane QLD  
 23 SEP Sydney NSW  
 27 SEP Melbourne VIC  
 1 OCT Perth WA



### DODGY

English band

23 SEP Melbourne VIC  
 24 SEP Adelaide SA  
 27 SEP Brisbane QLD  
 29 SEP Sydney NSW  
 30 SEP Perth WA



### TUBULAR BELLS FOR TWO

Mike Oldfield tribute

8 SEP Melbourne VIC  
 9 SEP Melbourne VIC  
 29 SEP Canberra ACT  
 30 SEP Canberra ACT  
 1 OCT Merimbula NSW



### NICK MASON'S SAUCERFUL OF SECRETS

Formerly of Pink Floyd

16 SEP Melbourne VIC  
 17 SEP Melbourne VIC  
 19 SEP Brisbane QLD  
 21 SEP Sydney NSW  
 22 SEP Sydney NSW  
 25 SEP Perth WA



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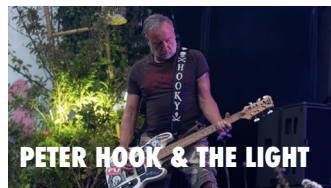
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## OCTOBER

### Tours:

Rex Orange County WA  
Tubular Bells For Two NSW  
Rhythms of Ireland WA, ACT  
Bad Manners NSW, QLD, SA, VIC, WA  
Happy Mondays QLD, NSW, SA, VIC, WA  
Billy Elliot: The Musical NSW  
Tommy Fleming NSW, VIC  
Paul McCartney SA VIC NSW  
The Corrs WA, QLD, NSW  
Sam Smith SA, VIC  
A Taste of Ireland QLD  
Il Divo NSW  
John Edward NSW QLD  
Sparks NSW, VIC, QLD, SA



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### Festivals:

Canberra Highland Gathering ACT  
The Wombats at Grapevine Gathering VIC, QLD, WA, SA, NSW  
Nanga Music Festival WA  
Armadale Highland Gathering WA  
Illawarra Scottish Fair NSW  
Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival NSW  
Fleurieu Folk Festival SA  
Williamstown Highland Celtic Gathering VIC  
Irish Film Festival  
Mackay Eisteddfod QLD  
CelticFest Warwick QLD  
City of Cairns Festival of Highland and Irish Dancing Competition QLD  
Gympie Highland Rush QLD  
Finn's Fest at Finn McCool's Fortitude Valley, Brisbane QLD  
Dorrigo Folk and Bluegrass Festival NSW  
Harvest Rock (headlined by Jamiroquai) SA  
Tablelands Folk Festival QLD



**NOVEMBER**

### Tours:

The Corrs SA, TAS, VIC  
Tommy Fleming VIC, QLD, SA  
Il Divo QLD, VIC, SA  
Sam Smith NSW, QLD  
The Coronas QLD, NSW, WA, VIC  
Def Leppard (supporting Motley Crue) VIC, QLD, NSW  
Robbie Williams NSW, QLD, VIC, SA  
Interpol and Bloc Party VIC, NSW, QLD  
A Taste Of Ireland - A Celtic Christmas SA, VIC  
Coldplay WA  
EDEN NSW, VIC, QLD  
Gary Og QLD, VIC, NSW, WA  
Deacon Blue WA, SA, VIC  
Dara O Briain WA, NSW, QLD  
Kevin Bridges VIC, SA, QLD, NSW, WA  
John Edward WA, ACT, NSW, VIC  
Foy Vance QLD, NSW, VIC  
Dermot Kennedy VIC, ACT, QLD,



**PAUL McCARTNEY**  
GOT BACK

### Festivals:

Irish Film Festival  
Maldon Folk Festival VIC  
Bundanoon Folk Festival NSW  
Dermot Kennedy and Aitch at Spilt Milk festival ACT, QLD  
Maleny Music Festival QLD  
Beechworth Heritage Festival VIC  
Ska & British Music Festival '23 WA

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## DECEMBER

### Tours:

Robbie Williams WA  
Lloyd Cole TAS, NSW, VIC, SA, QLD, WA  
Deacon Blue NSW, QLD  
A Taste Of Ireland - A Celtic Christmas VIC  
Kraftwerk QLD, NSW, VIC, SA, WA  
Morrissey WA, VIC, QLD, NSW  
John Edward SA  
Dermot Kennedy VIC, WA, NSW, QLD



### Festivals:

Daylesford Highland Gathering VIC  
Dermot Kennedy and Aitch at Spilt Milk festival VIC, WA  
Kraftwerk at Meredith Music Festival Meredith VIC  
Woodford Folk Festival QLD  
The 18th Festival Of Folk Rhythm and Life VIC

## 2024

### Tours:

Russell Brand at Wanderlust Festival in NSW, VIC, QLD  
Teenage Fanclub WA, NSW, QLD, VIC  
Niall Horan QLD, NSW, VIC  
The Human League QLD, NSW, VIC, SA, WA  
Louis Tomlinson NSW, QLD, VIC  
Simple Minds WA, QLD, VIC  
Maisie Peters NSW, VIC  
Elvis Costello NSW, VIC  
Tom Jones (Byron Bay Bluesfest)  
Peter Hook & The Light SA, QLD, NSW, VIC, WA  
Eireborne QLD, ACT, WA, VIC, NSW  
The Chemical Brothers NSW, VIC, QLD

## Tours

### BAD MANNERS

British ska band

6 OCT Sydney NSW  
7 OCT Brisbane QLD  
12 OCT Adelaide SA  
13 OCT Melbourne VIC  
14 OCT Perth WA  
15 OCT Perth WA



### HAPPY MONDAYS

English band

19 OCT Brisbane QLD  
20 OCT Sydney NSW  
21 OCT Melbourne VIC  
24 OCT Adelaide SA  
25 OCT Fremantle WA



### DEF LEPPARD

English/Irish band,  
supporting Motley Crue

8 NOV Brisbane QLD  
11 NOV Sydney NSW  
14 NOV Melbourne VIC



### THE CORRS

Irish family band

25 OCT Perth WA  
28 OCT Bribie Is. QLD  
29 OCT Sydney NSW  
31 OCT Newcastle NSW  
2 NOV Adelaide SA  
4 NOV Launceston TAS  
6 NOV Melbourne VIC



### ROBBIE WILLIAMS

English singer

16 NOV Sydney NSW  
18 NOV Mt Cotton QLD  
19 NOV Mt Cotton QLD  
22 NOV Melbourne VIC  
23 NOV Melbourne VIC  
25 NOV Geelong VIC  
1 DEC Swan Valley WA





# Pink Floyd drummer Nick Mason sharing his Secrets

In huge news for Australian Pink Floyd fans, Nick Mason's Saucerful Of Secrets will hit our shores for a string of dates this September with The Echoes Tour.

Pink Floyd's founding drummer and the band's only constant member since their 1965 formation, Nick Mason originally assembled this supergroup — named after Pink Floyd's second album, 1968's *A Saucerful Of Secrets* — in 2018, for the fans.

His plan for the band was to revive Pink Floyd's pre-*The Dark Side Of The Moon* material, much of which had not been played live on stage in decades.

Nick Mason's Saucerful Of Secrets features Mason alongside Spandau Ballet's Gary Kemp, former Pink Floyd touring bassist Guy Pratt, guitarist Lee Harris and

keyboardist Dom Beken, all of whom bring fresh intensity and power to a selection of songs from the iconic band's halcyon formative years.

Nick Mason's Saucerful Of Secrets initially formed for an invitation-only performance at Dingwalls in Camden, London.

By focusing on the legendary British group's timeless early material, they gave fans an opportunity to experience Pink Floyd songs that had rarely been performed live.

Rave reviews and unanimous acclaim followed, which resulted in more shows being added — including a sold-out theatre tour of North America, Europe and the UK. Increased demand soon saw them returning for an encore season in 2019, which included two transformative

sold-out shows at The Roundhouse: the historic Camden venue where Pink Floyd first played in 1966.

'Nick Mason's Saucerful Of Secrets Live At The Roundhouse' — a live recording taken from the aforementioned sold-out shows — was released as a double-CD/DVD package, double-vinyl and on Blu-ray in 2020. Recorded almost a year to the day and just a few hundred yards from the first-ever Nick Mason's Saucerful Of Secrets show, this release captures the joy, passion and synergy of this extraordinary supergroup.

During the upcoming Australian shows, fans can expect a curated setlist featuring songs from Pink Floyd's early discography.

The sold-out houses and ecstatic worldwide critical

## TOUR DATES

16 SEP Melbourne VIC  
17 SEP Melbourne VIC  
19 SEP Brisbane QLD  
21 SEP Sydney NSW  
22 SEP Sydney NSW  
25 SEP Perth WA

acclaim that Nick Mason's Saucerful Of Secrets have amassed around the globe speak volumes.

"With the help of some like-minded friends, I have embarked on a voyage of discovery of the music that was the launch pad of Pink Floyd and my working life," Mason said regarding Saucerful Of Secrets.

"It seems too early to retire, and I missed the interaction with other musicians," he added.



# Ross Noble's stand-up tour promises inspired nonsense

Ross Noble, the comedic virtuoso hailing from Northumberland in England, has once again taken centre stage with his uproarious charm and unrestrained wit.

Renowned for his ability to spin mundane scenarios into laugh-out-loud anecdotes, Noble's comedic prowess knows no bounds.

Currently embarking on his 21st solo stand-up tour, aptly named the Jibber Jabber Jamboree, Noble invites audiences to a world where inspired nonsense reigns supreme. With a mane of hair that could rival even the most mythical figures and a mind that defies predictability, Noble's performances demand undivided attention.

Venturing beyond the stage, Noble's comedic magic continues to shine on TV, particularly in his appearances on British comedy quiz TV

show *QI*, where his quirky musings and distinctive hair add a layer of eccentricity that's hard to ignore.

From pondering why *Miss Universe* winners only hail from Earth, to conjuring amusing scenarios involving black widow spiders, Noble's comedic arsenal is brimming with one-liners that elicit genuine belly laughs. Whether he's contemplating the intricacies of swimming with dolphins or crafting humorous takes on the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, Noble's humour spans the spectrum from the whimsically absurd to the delightfully observational.

But it's not just his impeccable timing that sets him apart; Noble's knack for wordplay and off-the-cuff retorts keeps audiences on the edge of their seats. Even the mundane act of using a self-service checkout becomes

## TOUR DATES

SEP 1 Geelong VIC  
SEP 2 Werribee VIC  
SEP 3 Shepparton VIC

an opportunity for Noble to unleash his signature 'bleep'-filled hilarity.

Noble's comedic journey traverses continents, from his native Northumberland to his current home in Victoria, Australia, where he resides with his Australian wife Fran and their children. His extensive travels have honed his ability to connect with audiences from all walks of life.

Here's two anecdotes from Ross Noble on Australia that may be true, or may not, we can't confirm one way or the other.

"I have the key to the city of Port Pirie, in Australia. I was doing a gig, and I was talking to a bloke, turned out he was the mayor. So I went, 'can I have the key to the city?' and he went, 'yeah, alright then'. So I said, 'alright then'. I didn't want him to back out, I said, 'where's your office?' He says, 'on the High Street.' 'I'll be down there tomorrow.' So I turned up, he'd got a shed key and a ribbon and went, 'there you go'."

And another anecdote: "I had a sat-nav, after Port Pirie, and the Nullarbor Plain in Australia, the longest straight road in the world. And I turned it on and it said, 'Drive forward for two days'. And the next bit went, 'then turn left'. But the thing was... But the stupid thing was, it was such a long road, I missed the left-hand turn!"



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# Clans on the Coast march to new lands

Get ready to embrace your inner Celt, because Clans on the Coast is making a triumphant return to the festival scene after a Covid-induced hiatus, and it's back with a bang, a bagpipe, and a whole lot of Celtic charm!

Originating in the scenic Nelson Bay, New South Wales, Clans on the Coast is a vibrant Celtic festival that first graced our shores in 2007, thanks to the visionary Ron Swan OAM and his team of like-minded enthusiasts. The festival was held annually until 2019. Now the mighty Celts are back and ready to fling at a new location: Raymond Terrace.

Why Raymond Terrace, you ask? Well, Adam Nicholas, one of the masterminds behind the event, explained that this move made sense as Celtic folk were among the pioneers of the Hunter Region. He is also keen to keep the timeless traditions of Celtic culture alive amid the clutches of modern-age screen additions.

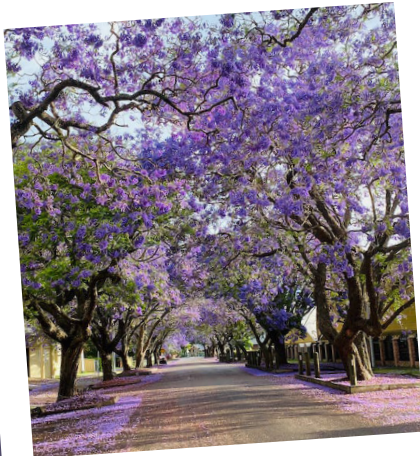
Mark your calendars for this spectacular day of all things Celtic, set to unfold at the Lakeside Sports Complex, a sprawling venue that's spread across two football fields.

Opening the day with a mass pipes and drums and the calling of the clans, festival goers are encouraged to wear something Celtic to help with the atmosphere.

There's a competition for the best-dressed student - both themselves and their school will receive a prize.

Expect all the classics to make a comeback - from burly strongmen flexing their muscles to lively reenactors, spirited dancers, and proud clans showing off their heritage. And for those foodies out there, fear not, because the stalls will be serving up scrumptious bites that will take your taste buds on a Celtic journey.

As the sun sets on the day, don't hang up your dancing shoes just yet, because the



Jacarandas in bloom in Raymond Terrace



Old shop fronts on King Street



View of the town foreshore on the Hunter River

evening is bringing an electrifying ceilidh to the Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. Expect folk music, singing, traditional dances and storytelling. And if that's not enough, brace yourself for a pipe and drum band parading through the clubhouse.

Hungry for more than just a feast for your ears? The ceilidh will satisfy your cravings with a delectable two-course meal, and experience the address to a Haggis by Robert Burns, with a sprinkle of pageantry.

If you're feeling adventurous, give the Haggis a whirl with a side of bashed neeps (turnip) - your taste buds will thank you.

So, fellow Celts and Celtic enthusiasts, mark your calendars, dust off your kilts and sporrans, and head to the Clans on the

Coast [website](#) to snag your tickets for what promises to be an unforgettable celebration of all things Celtic.

Saturday, 23rd September at Lakeside Sports Complex, Raymond Terrace, NSW.

Anglo&Celtic magazine is the proud media sponsor of Clans on the Coast 2023.

## AT A GLANCE

- Raymond Terrace is set on the banks of the Hunter River and further north, it traverses the Williams River.
- The iconic King Street, with its grand 19th century timber buildings and elegant verandas, stand testament to the town's history.
- On the corner of William and Hunter Street is the Junction Inn overlooking the river. This was once King's Hotel. It is said to be the second-oldest hotel in NSW.
- Clans on the Coast was first held at Nelson Bay in New South Wales in 2007.
- This year, the festival moves to a new, expansive location at Raymond Terrace. It takes place on Saturday, 23rd September.

# Clans on the Coast march to new lands



**Clans on the Coast is a vibrant Celtic festival that began in 2007 thanks to the visionary Ron Swan OAM and his team of like-minded enthusiasts.**





# All paths lead to Yass for Irish and Celtic music fest

As the Irish & Celtic Music Festival approaches, the town of Yass is buzzing with excitement, and at the centre of it all is festival director Janno Scanes, the driving force behind this beloved annual event. Set in a delightful rural valley with a rich heritage in Irish and Celtic traditions, Yass provides the perfect backdrop for a celebration of music, dance, and poetry.

Janno said the town has a long history of early settlement by Irish free settlers.

“Many orphan girls came here during the Irish potato famine, many of them becoming the matriarchs of families whose descendants still call Yass home,” she said.

Janno, along with her dedicated committee of volunteers, works tirelessly to organise an unforgettable



**His Excellency Mr Tim Mawe, Ambassador of Ireland, with festival director Janno Scanes.**

experience for festivalgoers. From curating a diverse line-up of talented performers to coordinating workshops and events, Janno’s passion for the arts shines through in every aspect of the festival.

As the third oldest town in New South Wales, Yass offers historical charm and

scenic beauty, making it an enchanting setting for a music festival.

The mostly walking precinct in the town’s centre becomes a hub of merriment, with unique venues hosting music, poetry, and Celtic markets. The historic buildings around town also become festival venues. The community’s warmth and hospitality add to the festival’s allure, making visitors feel right at home.

With Janno’s guidance, the event has gained national recognition and attracts music lovers from all corners of the country.

So, if you’re looking for good craic and a weekend filled with enchanting melodies, join Janno and the Yass Valley community at the [Irish & Celtic Music Festival](#) from September 15th to 17th.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Mad Kelpie Playdate, pictured, are a six-piece instrumental Celtic trad band with a modern flair.
- Award-winning duo The Raglins add a contemporary twist to Australian, English and Irish ballads.
- The Bottlers are a high-energy nine-piece folk music ensemble, who will have you dancing to the soaring chorus of bush ballads and sing-alongs.
- Yass’s own Daniel Kelly, a singer and songwriter, will add traditional Irish ballads to the festival, with songs inspired by the local Yass Valley.

# Rex Orange County returns after last year's cancellation

Rex Orange County, the acclaimed British singer-songwriter, is set to make a triumphant return to Australia with an eagerly awaited tour this spring.

Following the cancellation of last year's shows, fans Down Under can finally catch his live performance as he visits major cities across the country. This tour marks his first appearance in Australia since his participation in the Laneway Festival back in 2019.

With the tour commencing on September 19th in Adelaide, Rex Orange County will then grace the stages of Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.

The demand has been so overwhelming that additional shows have been scheduled in both Sydney and Melbourne. The tour will culmi-



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nate with an unforgettable performance in Perth on October 1st.

Rex Orange County, real name Alexander O'Connor, is renowned for his distinctive musical style that seamlessly blends heartfelt lyrics with infectious melodies. His music resonates with fans around

the world and spans genres like indie pop, alternative, and R&B.

His latest album, *Who Cares?*, released earlier this year, continues to showcase his unique sound and introspective songwriting. This record is a testament to his ability to craft emotionally

resonant tracks that explore themes of self-doubt, personal growth, and the complexities of modern life.

Don't miss the chance to experience Rex Orange County's captivating live performance, featuring a mix of his iconic hits and tracks from his latest album.

## TOUR DATES

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# From Down Under to Down, wallaby on loose in Lisburn

A wallaby was spotted wandering the roads of Lisburn, County Down, in Northern Ireland. Video footage circulated online of the wallaby in the middle of a road raised concerns about the animal's safety.

Authorities immediately launched a major search operation to capture the lost wallaby and ensure its well-being.

Thankfully, an update brought relief as it was announced that the wallaby was safe and under the care of dedicated professionals. The Lost and Found Pets North Down/Ards & Surrounding Areas/ Rescue & Rehoming group took to Facebook to share the positive news.

"After days of tracking a stray wallaby in the Ballynahinch/Lisburn area, we are pleased to inform everyone that the animal is now in ex-



perienced hands," the group wrote.

The rescue efforts involved collaboration between Skywatch NI, a professional

rescue team, and a veterinarian. Plans were put in place to capture the wallaby safely, but before they could execute their plan, a farm in the vi-

cinity managed to detain the animal without incident.

The post continued, expressing concerns about the wallaby's potential captivity, stating, "If this wallaby has been kept in captivity, he will have been starving and likely frightened." However, it was reassuring to learn that the wallaby is now in the company of other wallabies and will be allowed to stay in their care if no owner comes forward.

This unusual encounter of an Australian wallaby in Ireland has captured the hearts of many, and the efforts of the rescue teams have ensured a happy outcome for this adventurous marsupial.

As the story unfolds, authorities will continue to monitor the situation and search for any potential owner who may be missing their furry friend from Down Under.



Golden retrievers at the Guisachan Gathering. Pic: Ollie Sheppard, Golden Retriever Club of Scotland on Facebook

## Golden gathering

The Scottish Highlands resonated with 488 barking golden retrievers during the Guisachan Gathering.

This event, akin to a golden retriever convention, happens every five years to pay homage to Sir Dudley Marjoribanks, who lived in what was then Guisachan House.

Sir Dudley is credited with first breeding the golden retriever in 1868.

Participants from around the world converged to partake in dog demonstrations, and a haggis hurling contest.

Among the many international travellers on the day were Wayne and Sharon McGrath, who travelled from New South Wales. The McGraths have bred goldens for 40 years, and have been coming to Guisachan almost since the event's inception.

## Lobster Bluey pinches the spotlight in Achill

A true blue celebrity has arrived at the Achill Experience aquarium and visitor centre in Achill Island, Ireland, and his name is Bluey. But no, it's not the famous cartoon dog from Brisbane, in fact, it's a rare blue lobster.

This isn't your ordinary lobster tale; this stunning blue beauty is a one-in-two-million find, and the locals are flipping their tails over it.

Bluey found himself in a pinch when he was caught by Michael Kelly, a skilled fisherman from Sligo. Michael pulled in this dazzling catch and decided to share the spotlight with the lucky inhabitants of the Achill Aquarium. Accompanied by his wife Sheila and their grandchildren, Taylor and Kacey McLoughlin, the Kelly family personally delivered Bluey to the aquarium.



Taylor and Kacey McLoughlin with Bluey the lobster.

Named in homage to the beloved Aussie cartoon dog, Bluey the lobster joins the aquatic line-up at Achill Aquarium. You can find out more about Achill Experience and Bluey [here](#).



# Forget the bull, running of the sheep is the go in Boorowa

Never been to Spain to see the running of the bulls? Well, here's the next best thing. The Running of the Sheep at the fun-filled Boorowa Irish Woolfest is back on the October long weekend.

Located in the picturesque town of Boorowa in New South Wales, this festival celebrates the region's fine Merino wool and its strong Irish connections.

The woolfest is happening all weekend with the main day being Sunday, 1st October. That's when you can see the running of the sheep, the street parade and the main act, the highly-acclaimed modern Celtic band Limerick. They will be joined by the Shamrock Dancers on the main stage for a show that will get your toes tapping and your heart pumping.

The blessing of the fleece gets things underway on festival day, with a sheep shorn the old-fashioned way before the fleece receives a spiritual thanksgiving.



At midday, a group of spirited sheep are herded down the main street, accompanied by the cheers of the crowd and the leaps of Kelpies, the skilled sheepdogs.

Asked if it's similar to the Running of the Bulls, the organisers say: "Not quite as dangerous but certainly as visually exciting with the four-wheel motor bike in full throttle and the sheep dogs leaping on and off the sheep's back."

The festival boasts a range of other attractions, from sheep shearing demonstra-

tions to a street parade showcasing Boorowa's country life and Irish heritage. Celtic pipe bands, sheep-themed floats and tractors fill the streets, creating a vibrant and joyful atmosphere.

Other highlights include a pie-eating contest, sheep-shearing competition, accent competition, wood chopping, working dog demos and fairground rides.

You can also catch the fireworks display on Saturday evening.

And if you're a fan of canola fields, you're in for a treat!

Boorowa's Irish Woolfest coincides with canola season, and the gently rolling hills covered in bright yellow flowers create a stunning backdrop for photos.

Boorowa has strong Irish connections and is twinned with Clonoulty in Tipperary.

In the 1820s, cousins Roger Corcoran and Ned Ryan arrived in the area. They had been sentenced to transportation to New South Wales from Clonoulty. They were later granted 'Ticket of Freedom' and played prominent roles in the settlement of the area.

So, grab your friends, don your best woolly jumper, and head to Boorowa for a woolly good time at the Irish Woolfest.

Boorowa is located in the Hilltops region, about one and a half hours drive from Canberra. Around 15,000 people attend Boorowa Irish Woolfest every year.

For more details, go to [www.irishwoolfest.com.au](http://www.irishwoolfest.com.au)

# Experts baffled at Loch Ness but Aussie Nessie isn't shy

In an uproarious gathering of Loch Ness monster enthusiasts, hordes of Nessie superfans from across the globe embarked on the quirkiest expedition the Scottish Highlands have seen in decades – a quest to uncover the legendary Loch Ness Monster.

This two-day mission, held on August 26th and 27th, was masterminded by the revamped Loch Ness Centre and employed top-notch surveying equipment.

Anglo&Celtic, with no high-tech equipment whatsoever and only a battered old iPhone, easily spotted Nessie's Aussie cousin at Lake Bumbunga in South Australia recently. In a pink lake, no less!

But she's far less shy than her Scottish counterpart. Also, she's made of old tyres and doesn't move, which helps in the quest to spot her.

In Scotland, the Loch Ness Exploration team, led by the intrepid Ian McKenna, had an audacious goal: to document, study, and analyse the loch and any weird and unexplained phenomena that might arise. They're



Australia's very own Nessie at the pink Lake Bumbunga in South Australia. Pic: Anglo&Celtic

not just hunting for Nessie; they're aiming to inspire a new generation of Loch Ness aficionados.

Paul Nixon of the Loch Ness Centre couldn't emphasise enough the sheer accessibility of this monster hunt. Forget about exotic locales; you can roll up in your trusty

old jalopy, park by the Loch, and boom – you're officially part of Nessie's paparazzi!

The Loch Ness Monster tale hit the big leagues back in 1933. A man called Hugh Gray took his usual walk after church along Loch Ness. He said he saw "an object of considerable dimensions"

emerging out of the water. He pulled out his camera and took several pictures of what appeared to be an animal-like tail.

The fascination with the legendary creature keeps tourists flooding in since, giving the Scottish economy a huge boost.

## Ronan and Mescal star in new Australian movie

Get your popcorn ready, because two Irish acting legends, Saoirse Ronan and Paul Mescal, are gracing the silver screen in a sci-fi thriller that's set to captivate audiences.

The first glimpses of FOE promise a mind-bending exploration of marriage and identity in a futuristic world, all against a backdrop of mesmerising Australian scenery.

In this enigmatic film, Ronan and Mescal portray Hen and Junior, a married couple leading a peaceful life on a secluded piece of land. However, their serenity is shattered when an unex-



pected stranger, played by Aaron Pierre, arrives at their doorstep with a startling proposition.

Adapted from Iain Reid's best-selling novel, FOE weaves together striking visuals and profound questions about the essence of

humanity, both natural and artificial.

Directed by the incredibly talented Garth Davis from Victoria and co-written by Davis and Reid, FOE promises an enthralling cinematic experience that will have you on the edge of your seat.

You won't have to wait long to catch this gem, as it's set to hit Australian theatres on October 19.

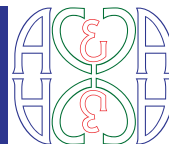
This film offers a unique Irish touch as both Saoirse Ronan and Paul Mescal bring their exceptional talents to an Australian production.

Before they embarked on filming in rural Wangaratta, Victoria, these Irish Oscar nominees had extensive Zoom sessions with the director and author, immersing themselves in their characters and the story.

An official trailer has been released by Transmission Films, you can watch it [here](#).

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