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On page 9, we meet Dee Thomson whose life journey took her from Highland dance to running autism camps.



On pages 10 & 11, we bring you some of Australia's wackiest celebrations planned for Australia Day 2024.



On page 12, we look at why Scotland loves Robbie Burns so much and what's happening to celebrate Burns Night in Australia.



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On page 26, Brisbane Excelsior Band brings the Best of British to Redlands Performing Arts Centre.



# WELCOME

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The annual Australia Day Live event at Sydney Opera House in 2023. Picture: [australiaday.com.au](http://australiaday.com.au)

## Sydney gears up for a month of festivities

Sydney is ready to shine. The world has all eyes on the Sydney New Year's Eve fireworks, as usual, but that's just the beginning of a very busy month of festivities for the city.

With Australia Day also coming up, Sydney is gearing up for Australia Day Live 2024 featuring live musical performances choreographed to a flotilla of yachts, projections on the Sydney Opera House sails, and stunning pyrotechnic displays over Sydney Harbour.

Sydney Festival is also happening this month with a multitude of performers. Pet Shop Boys fan Michael Griffiths will be performing his show in tribute to the English duo, It's A Sin: Songs of Love and Shame, as part of the festival. The Pet Shop Boys themselves will be hitting Australian cinemas this month with their Dreamworld Greatest Hits live film.

A whole host of English acts are about to arrive on our shores - Dire Straits Legacy, The Human League, Go West and From The Jam are featured in this issue. Plenty more will be arriving in the coming weeks and months, like Ralph McTell, The Darkness, The Chemical Brothers, Elvis Costello, The Streets. Did we mention Louis Tomlinson? (Cue screams).

We were delighted to be contacted by our friends at Esperance Stonehenge to let us know that Bill Bailey had visited the amazing

site to feature it in his latest travel series. You'll find the story on page 8.

Our beautiful cover photo is of the Lyons Highland Dance Studio and it comes courtesy of Overnewton Castle in Victoria, which held a Scottish Festival recently. It was featured in our November edition. We have a picture spread from the festival on page 28.

And speaking of Highland dancers, meet Dee Cooper on page 9. Dee went from years on the dance circuit to her new calling, helping children with autism and their families through therapy camps. What amazing work Dee and her crew are doing!

Scottish bard Robbie Burns will be celebrated this month and you'll find a guide to what's on for Burns Night on page 12.

There will also be a wealth of leftfield, fun events happening across the country for our national day. Everything from cockroach races to ute rallies. For a guide to what's on, go to [www.australiaday.com.au](http://www.australiaday.com.au).

Plans are already afoot for our February and March editions. We will have St David's Day for Wales and St Piran's Day for Cornwall featured in our February edition. With St Patrick's Day also coming up and a huge influx of Irish acts on their way, there's going to be mighty craic. Happy New Year!

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# Celtic Club reveals plans for new venue in Melbourne

Australia's oldest Irish Club, The Celtic Club in Melbourne, could soon have an impressive new home, but its location is being kept secret.

The club presented a [slide-show](#) of concept plans for the venue to members at its AGM at the Victoria Hotel in Melbourne last month.

The slideshow gave details of the concept for a new venue, as well as new branding and logo design.

The club emailed members and posted on their website and Facebook page in December saying: "Thank you to our members that attended the 2023 AGM at the Victoria Hotel in Melbourne on Sunday 3rd December, followed by our Christmas drinks and afternoon tea celebration. Along with the order of the day, Mr Rob Clifford presented a slideshow to members of our new venue concept and branding."

They added: "This is a very exciting time for our Celtic Club members and although we are legally unable to disclose the exact location of the venue for another few weeks, we are working hard in the background to deliver the warm and welcoming club that our members have waited so long for".

The new branding concept includes a logo with two intertwining 'C's and a slogan in Gaeilge, 'Ní neart go cur le chéile' (there is no strength without unity). The branding concept "reflects the rich history of the Irish in Australia, the great contribution made to our society and the unique relationship between the two nations".

In the concept plan, the new club venue will also be a high-street bar and brasserie venue, to provide a commercial base for hospitality operations. The ground-floor bistro and bar would be called The Wild Geese and would be open to both members and non-members.



The former home of the club, on Queen Street, was sold in 2016.

The Wild Geese is described as "a quintessential Irish pub, with great food, entertainment and welcome".

There are also concept plans for a members-only bar and function rooms on level one. This area would host a large range of Irish whiskeys, and members would be able to hold whiskey in private lockers.

Four rentable function rooms would cater for a wide array of functions and events.

According to the plans, club members are being offered the opportunity to sponsor a piece of history prior to the opening of the venue. Members can sponsor a piece of furniture. The members' name and county would be engraved on a naming plate and attached to the item.

On December 5th, the Celtic Club hosted Ambassador of Ireland, HE Tim Mawe, Irish Abroad Director Aidan Cronin, Deputy Head of Mission Daniel Lowe, and ABC sports journalist Catherine Murphy, along with some of their members, at a luncheon to present and discuss their new venue for the home of the Celtic Club in Melbourne.

The club posted on social media saying: "Rob Clifford presented our new venue design and concept, detailing our plans and strategy for the new club venue, with the

Ambassador and his guests offering their full support and assistance to work with us on a successful launch and promotion of the Club in the coming months."

The Celtic Club sold its former home in Queen Street in 2016.

The club bought The Limerick Arms in Clarendon Street in 2021 and held functions there while leasing out the bar.

Celtic Club management added: "We will keep you informed of the progress of the venue in the coming weeks.

"The future is bright for our Celtic Club community and there has never been a better time to thank existing members for their support and welcome new members to the club."

Click on this link if you would like to support the club by [joining](#).

You'll find details of the concept plans and read the club's news updates on their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/themelbournecelticclub](http://www.facebook.com/themelbournecelticclub) and on their website at [www.celticclub.com.au](http://www.celticclub.com.au)

## Melbourne Comhaltas Irish Weekend in Queenscliff



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# Dorset doc's locks are tops at World Mullet Championships

Dr Alastair Bush, a British Army doctor from Dorset, has been crowned with the title of best international mullet at the World Mullet Championships here in Australia.

Driven by the lockdown hair crisis of 2021 when barber shops were closed due to Covid restrictions, and inspired by his nephew's mullet, the 45-year-old medic embarked on a two-year mission to grow the most glorious mullet known to man. His aim was for his tressess to take him to the far reaches of New South Wales, where the World Mullet Championships awaited.

In February, Dr Bush flew to the tiny town of Kurri Kurri in the Hunter Valley where one of the heats of the competition was held. He won and was invited back to take



part in the grand final, which was held in Hunter Valley on December 2nd.

Dr Bush's mullet, cultivated with love during those scissor-less months, became

a fundraising beacon for Testicular Cancer UK.

He said: "I work as a civilian GP for the army and many of my patients are in the at-risk age group for

developing testicular cancer. Sadly, this disease is becoming more common."

He has been raising funds for the cancer charity at [justgiving.com](http://justgiving.com) and said on his fundraising page: "The Aussies may have retained the Ashes but 2023 is going to be the year that the UK beats them in the arena of competitive mullet growing.

"I have been growing my mullet since 2021 with the intention of winning the international mullet championships at Mulletfest in Australia. This is widely considered to be the Everest of the competitive mullet growing world."

The eccentricity of Mulletfest is renowned worldwide. Dr Bush's 'do was judged not only for its follicular finesse but also for the overall presentation and stage presence.

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## The Croft at Glen Innes getting new owners

The Croft Celtic Cultural Centre and Cafe at The Australian Standing Stones in Glen Innes is getting new owners.

Petar and Jess Grulovic, who run The Red Lion Tavern in nearby Glencoe, New South Wales, will soon be running The Croft too.

The Croft is currently run by Pamela O'Neill, who is also principal of the Australian School of Celtic Learning.

Announcing the news on The Croft's Facebook page, Pamela said: "We are absolutely delighted to announce that as from early January, The Croft will be owned by Petar and Jess Grulovic, proprietors of The Red Lion Tavern in Glencoe.

"Petar and Jess have shown their commitment to Celtic culture, the local community and delicious food at the Red Lion, and will bring that same commitment to The Croft, while continuing to



operate the Red Lion as well. We couldn't be happier!"

Petar and Jess said: "We are very excited to announce that early in the New Year, we will be the new business owners of The Croft in Glen Innes, situated at the Australian Standing Stones.

"We are greatly looking forward to continuing the Celtic culture and tradition of The Croft. We are very excited to be offering breakfast, brunch, morning/afternoon tea and light lunches to the wonderful customers of Glen Innes, the New England region and further."

# Glenworth Valley hosts its second Scottish weekender

In a symphony of bagpipes, haggis, and lively tunes, the Scottish Weekender No2 is set to paint Glenworth Valley in hues of tartan from January 19th to 21st.

Hosted by the sensational Mary Kiani, this festival promises a unique blend of Scottish tradition and down-under revelry.

Friday's kick-off: The festivities begin at 3pm with a check-in, followed by a deep-fried feast at The Chip Shop by Shona Tough.

As the night unfolds, the air will be filled with live music around the fire pit, featuring Mary Kiani, Ramsay McInnes, and Tricia Kerr. Fancy yourself a singer? Bring your guitar and join the musical bonanza!

Saturday's highlights: The day kicks off with a hearty breakfast, followed by a solo



bagpipe competition and a Ceilidh dance practice. The evening sees the grand Burns Supper proceedings, complete with piping in the haggis, Burns' poetry, and a traditional Scottish feast prepared by top chef Karen McPherson. The night crescendos into a live Ceilidh featuring Chris Duncan, Cath-

erine Strutt, and a Scottish DJ.

Sunday's cure: Ease into Sunday with a hangover breakfast, a friendly game of rounders, and a light lunch. The event, featuring a live Ceilidh band and special appearances by Scots on the Rocks and Pipers of Distinction, promises a weekend

filled with Scottish spirit, music, and camaraderie.

Don't miss this Scottish extravaganza – where the Glenworth Valley transforms into a Highland haven for a weekend of music, dance, and genuine Scottish merriment!

Grab your tickets [here](#) and join the celebration!

## Advance your knowledge of Irish family history research

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Enquiries: [irish@qfhs.org.au](mailto:irish@qfhs.org.au)

# Bill Bailey films at WA's Esperance Stonehenge

For many in the UK, the iconic image of life Down Under is a cluster of familiar cities and busy suburban life. But almost half of the world's largest island continent is given over to a vast, ancient expanse where nature runs wild, the scenery is dazzling, history teems with incredible stories, and where its proudly independent people live by their own rules, enjoying a lifestyle that is rich in everyday pleasures and the envy of the world: This is Western Australia.

Enter UK national treasure, Bill Bailey, comedian and TV presenter, best known for comedy series *Black Books* and comedy quiz *QI*.

He sets out to discover what makes Western Australia... so Western Australia! Over four fun and fascinating episodes, Bill embarks on a 21,000km trek along this vast coastline and inland, seeking to quench his own insatiable thirst for exploration and knowledge by meeting the people, experiencing its renowned lifestyle, discovering its natural wonders and uncovering the secrets of this



Comedian and TV presenter Bill Bailey has been discovering Western Australia, including Esperance Stonehenge. Picture: Channel 4

amazing and undiscovered world.

The series has been broadcast both on Channel 4 in the UK and on ABC here in Australia.

In episode one, Bill starts with a bang, kicking off his journey near the pink lakes of Esperance. Along the way, he explores iconic landmarks,

including a visit to Esperance Stonehenge, an exact size replica of Stonehenge in England, which was featured in the August 2023 edition of this magazine.

Tracey Gillard, who owns Esperance Stonehenge with her English husband Oliver, shared with Anglo&Celtic the exciting news about the visit.

"The secrets out! We had the pleasure of the legend himself @billbaileyofficial, visit us at Esperance Stonehenge, whilst filming his new show, *Wild West Australia*," said Tracey.

You can watch the series here: <https://iview.abc.net.au/show/bill-bailey-s-wild-west-australia>

## Irish actress Nicola Coughlan to star in Dr Who

Bridgerton star Nicola Coughlan is set to trade the ballroom for the TARDIS, as she joins the cast of *Doctor Who*.

The Galway-born actress has made a huge impact in film and television having starred in standout roles such as the hilarious Clare Devlin in award-winning drama comedy series *Derry Girls*, Penelope Featherington in the regency-era international sensation *Bridgerton*, and not to forget one of the Barbies in mega-blockbuster *Barbie*, alongside the Fifteenth Doctor Ncuti Gatwa.

Nicola is now set to make a big impact when she takes a trip through time and space in



Nicola Coughlan in *Dr Who*. Picture: James Pardon/Bad Wolf/BBC

this exciting undisclosed role.

On joining *Doctor Who*, Nicola Coughlan says: "I'm excited to join the Whoniverse under the leader-

ship of the inimitable Russell T Davies.

"I've been a fan of Ncuti Gatwa for some time and getting to share the screen

with him as the Doctor has been an absolute joy."

Showrunner Russell T Davies says: "This has been the most brilliant shoot, with Nicola lighting up the set and bringing joy. From Derry, via *Bridgerton*, to the TARDIS, it's the trip of a lifetime."

*Doctor Who* returned in November 2023 with three special episodes featuring David Tennant as the Fourteenth Doctor to coincide with the 60th anniversary.

Ncuti Gatwa's first episode as the Fifteenth Doctor in the *Doctor Who* Christmas Special aired on BBC on Christmas Day and is available to stream on Disney+.

# Dee's journey from Scottish dance to autism camps



We meet Dee Thomson, who runs Spectrum Adventures, providing adventure camps for children with autism and ADHD and their families. Dee has been nominated for a 2024 Australian of the Year Award.

Tell us about your Scottish background and involvement with Highland dancing.

"My grandfather's family on my dad's side came from Lockerbie in Scotland. The family settled in Casino, northern New South Wales, where my grandfather Sam ran a car sales yard until his death when my dad was in his teens.

"As a consequence, my childhood pursuit of dance meant I had the joy of doing both ballet and Highland for years - wearing my dress Thomson kilt until I shot up, injuring myself with swords and traveling all over south-east Queensland most weekends in the pursuit of dance competitions. I studied dance with Petrea Gibbins School of Dance and Balmoral dance, both in Brisbane."

Did you enjoy the social and travelling aspects?

"I always found the highland dance community to be super social, with regular Friday night ceilidhs at the Brisbane Caledonian Society at East Brisbane. I loved dancing to live bagpipes, and even took part in a debutante tradition alongside the Wynnum Pipe Band. When



Dee Thomson with her team at a Spectrum Adventures camp in Tangalooma, Queensland.

I entered my teens and had to choose which dance to continue, Highland won my heart."

Why did you set up Spectrum Adventures?

"I set up Spectrum Adventures three years ago with a friend. We saw a need to bring social opportunities to connect our autistic community beyond random catch-ups.

"We also understood the growing body of evidence around natural, organic neurodivergent connection - rather than following prescribed or behavioral approaches in what social supports should look like.

"We knew our autistic community needed opportunities for genuine, natural opportunities to explore friendship and form a connection over shared interests.

How does camp help these children?

"I've seen children whose parents have told me they have no friends, they struggle with forming connections

among peers, and those children have found a safe space at camp, where stims, noises and movement are encouraged."

How does the camp help parents and families?

"For some families who attend camp, going away for a weekend is unheard of. Seeing their children or family go out to dinner at all is something they don't do. Often spaces are too overwhelming, noisy, or food is too unfamiliar for our families to consider. It all becomes too hard.

"At camp, we remove all of these barriers. We provide accommodation that is private so each family has a retreat.

"We take care of food preparation and provision. We also book exclusive activities so that the general public isn't waiting for children who may need more time than usual to try new things. So if they struggle, they are alongside others who get it, and children can experience

new things with their parents alongside to support them and celebrate with them."

What does the work at Spectrum Adventures mean to you?

"This work delivers great meaning and joy to my life. I myself am neurodivergent, like other parents I meet at Spectrum Adventures. Discovering my own inherent and deep understanding of my children's needs came alongside years of attending therapies or advocating for school or supports in different environments."

How can people get in touch with you or learn more about Spectrum Adventures?

"Via the website or socials! I'm always around to chat and delight in autistic family life. My camps are very popular and unique in our approach to support the whole family unit to build everyone's capacity."

For more information, go to [spectrumadventures.com.au](https://spectrumadventures.com.au)

# Fireworks, thongs, utes and roaches - it's Australia Day!

Australia Day, on January 26th, is the official national day of Australia, and you'll find it marked with citizenship ceremonies and community festivals. Many of the festivals range from the wacky to, well, even wackier!

Here are some of the various events happening across the country on the day.



## Darwin Australia Day Ute Run, NT

The annual ute run includes a vibrant display of utes, flags, and fun characters. The journey goes from Darwin to Humpty Doo. The day features a spectacular parade of decorated utes. Participants will wave flags and toot their horns, set up BBQs and enjoy the day with family and friends. Led by the Larrakia Nation Ute as part of the 'first nation, first ute' package, the parade will start at Hidden Valley Raceway and end at the Noonamah Tavern. Up to 500 vehicles will participate with owners proudly decorating their cars to reflect Australia Day.

January 26th from 9.30am at Hidden Valley Raceway, NT. [www.variety.org.au/nt/event/australia-day-ute-run](http://www.variety.org.au/nt/event/australia-day-ute-run)

## Brisbane Australia Day Cockroach Race, QLD

The hugely popular, annual cockroach race at Kangaroo Point in Brisbane began in 1981 as a bet between friends. Participants can bring their own cockroach or buy one at the venue. The race raises funds for charity. 2024 event TBC. Story Bridge Hotel, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane, QLD. [www.storybridgehotel.com.au](http://www.storybridgehotel.com.au)



Darwin's Australia Day Ute Run. Pics: Variety NT

## Australia Day Cruises, Sydney Harbour, NSW

Experience the Sydney Harbour fireworks on a three-hour cruise with seafood and carvery buffet dinner, dessert, and a fully licensed bar. You can also enjoy the Australia Day Live Concert at the Sydney Opera House with spectacular views of the fireworks display.

January 26th at Vagabond Spirit, Sydney Harbour, NSW. [www.vagabond.com.au](http://www.vagabond.com.au)

## Australia Day Hamilton Celebration, VIC

Join the Southern Grampians Shire Council's official Australia Day Celebration at Hamilton Botanic Gardens. Enjoy a celebration with food, entertainment, and awards. Similar events take place in Coleraine, Dunkeld, Peshurst, Balmoral, Branxholme, Glenthompson, Byaduk, and Cavendish.

January 26th, 10.30am at

Hamilton Botanic Gardens, VIC. More info: [AusDay@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](mailto:AusDay@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au)

## Australia Day Ararat Celebration, VIC

Join Ararat Rural City Council's Australia Day celebration. Activities include a free BBQ breakfast, Australia Day Awards Ceremony, Citizenship Ceremony, and a family-friendly Picnic in the Park with music and entertainment. January 26th at Alexandra Oval, Ararat, VIC. More info: (03) 5355 0200

## Australia Day Aquathlon, Bundaberg QLD

Participate in the Australia Day Aquathlon at Norville Pool. Enjoy a day of swimming and running. January 26th at Norville Pool, 148 Enterprise Street, Bundaberg, QLD.

**The Australia Day Games, The Buff Club, NT**  
The Buff Club brings you a

day of fun events including the Foot Long Sausage Roll Competition, and thong throwing. There's also music from Crocodile Country. 26th January at The Buff Club, Stuart Park, Darwin NT.

## Australia Day BVRT Bike Ride 2024, Fernvale QLD

Join the free family-friendly Australia Day Bike Ride on the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail from Fernvale to Esk (44 km). Enjoy a scenic ride and a traditional Australia Day BBQ brekkie roll at Esk Station. January 26th, 6am to 1pm, Fernvale Futures Centre, 1483 Brisbane Valley Highway, Fernvale, QLD. [Website](#)

## Newcastle Harbour Ocean Swim, NSW

A tradition for nearly 30 years, the Newcastle Harbour Ocean Swim attracts hundreds of swimmers to the New South Wales Hunter region. It's a community event

with a longstanding history. January 26th at Newcastle, NSW. [Website](#)

### Derwent Valley Australia Day, TAS

Head down to The Esplanade to enjoy a free family day co-hosted by New Norfolk Lions Club – enjoy a sausage sizzle, dessert vans, and family-orientated games and music.

25th January, from 11am, at New Norfolk, TAS.

### Wanda SLSC Australia Day 1K & 2K, NSW

Participate in the Australia Day 1K & 2K ocean swim events at Wanda Surf Life Saving Club.

January 26th, 8am to 5pm at Wanda SLSC, Cronulla, NSW. [Website](#)

### Australia Day Weekend Show, Shine & Swap Meet, VIC

This fundraising event has been running for 10 years and features over 200 display vehicles and stalls.

Sunday, January 28th, 6am to 12pm at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve, Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi, VIC. [Website](#)



### Barham Koondrook Australia Day Lilo Race, VIC

Barham's annual lilo race features a barbecue breakfast at Riverside Park. Participants register at Koondrook Boat Ramp and the race begins at 10.30am, floating down the Murray River to the Barham Boat Ramp. It's a leisurely and enjoyable way to spend Australia Day.

January 26th, from 9am, Koondrook, Gannawarra, VIC. [Website](#)

### Australia Day Ceremony and Markets in Yass, NSW

Celebrate Australia Day in



Cockroach Races at Story Bridge Hotel in Brisbane. Pic: Story Bridge Hotel

Yass with a ceremony, family fun day, markets, inflatables, face painting, and free entry to Yass and Binalong Pools. Riverbank Park, Yass, NSW. [Website](#)

### Triple MMM Australia Day Ultra 25/50/75/100km, WA

Participate in the Australia Day Ultra Marathon with various distances including 50k, 100k, and more. January 20th, Australind Foreshore, WA. [Website](#)

### 2024 BVRC Australia Day Rally, QLD

The Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club Australia Day rally is quickly becoming one of the largest historic and classic vehicles events in Queensland.

The event usually attracts over 500 cars, motorbikes, trucks and buses. Entry is free. To enter just turn up on Australia Day. Free breakfast, tea and coffee from 7am. Raffle proceeds donated to local charities. Rally runs set off across the Redlands and Wynnum from

about 10.30am. 26th January, 7am, Ormiston, QLD. [Website](#)

### Australia Day in Bourke NSW

Join Bourke's Australia Day celebrations with free pool entry, a breakfast, an official ceremony, awards presentation, and various activities. January 26th at Bourke War Memorial Swimming Pool, Bourke, NSW. [Website](#)

### Australia Day Party in the Park, Forbes, NSW

Party in the Park is a free event at Lions Park with amusement rides, food vans, entertainment, and fireworks. 26th January, from 6pm at Junction St, Forbes, NSW.

### Warrah Creek Australia Day Celebrations, NSW

Kick off your Australia Day celebrations at Warrah Creek with the annual Australia Day community cricket match, followed by a dog-jumping competition and a BBQ lunch. 26th January, from 8am, at Warrah Creek Hall & Tennis Courts, NSW.

### Australia Day Murder Mystery, Darwin NT

Join in an Aussie Murder Mystery event featuring the intriguing storyline of the mysterious disappearance of Patty M. Follow the clues, interrogate suspects, and piece together the puzzle to discover the truth behind Patty M's disappearance. Dress in Aussie style, whether it's a cork hat, plaid shirts, or classic Aussie attire. A prize will be awarded for the best-dressed detective.

January 27th, 6pm, at The Last Supper, Cavenagh St, Darwin, NT. [Website](#)

### The Hancock Prospecting City of Light Show, Perth WA

A special City of Light Show will be held at Langley Park thanks to Hancock Prospecting with plenty of family entertainment and food trucks from 3pm and a combined drone and fireworks display after 8pm over the Swan River.

26th January, 3pm to 9pm at Langley Park, Perth, WA. [Website](#)

# Supper's ready to celebrate Scottish bard Robbie Burns



**A traditional Burns Supper of haggis, neeps and tatties, washed down with whisky.**

In the heart of Ayrshire, Scotland, amid the toil of farming, a poetic genius emerged from humble origins.

Robert Burns, the national poet of Scotland, began weaving verses at the tender age of 15, channeling the essence of solidarity, fairness, equality, and liberalism into his works – a voice that would resonate for centuries.

In 1786, Burns found himself on the brink of emigration to Jamaica, seeking a better life. Fate intervened when his debut collection, *Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect*, became an unexpected sensation, selling out all 612 copies in a month. The Heaven-Taught Ploughman transformed into a literary luminary, captivating Edinburgh society with his verses.

As fame embraced Burns, his financial fortune lagged. Attempts at farming and a stint as an excise officer drained his health, culminating in his premature death in 1796 at the age of 37. Nevertheless, his legacy endured, and in 2009, a Scottish television poll crowned him the greatest Scot of all time.

Burns penned the timeless New Year anthem, *Auld Lang Syne*, a global ode to

reminiscence. His patriotic masterpiece, *Scots Wha Hae*, echoed as Scotland's unofficial anthem for nearly two centuries and remains the Scottish National Party's party song.

In a poetic twist, even boxing legend Muhammad Ali marveled at Burns' prowess, musing, "they told me his work was very, very neat, so I replied: 'But who did he ever beat?'"

Among Burns' supernatural creations, *Tam O'Shanter* stands tall. Narrated at Burns Suppers, this 1791 poem unfolds a night of revelry, witches, and the Devil himself, showcasing Burns' prowess in blending folklore with the art of storytelling.

As the world prepares to celebrate Burns Suppers on the anniversary of his birth, the spirit of Robbie Burns lives on.

Robbie Burns Day, celebrated on January 25th, is an annual event honouring his life and poetry.

Across Australia, Robbie Burns Day is marked by lively gatherings, festive feasts, and a rich display of Scottish arts. Australians with Scottish heritage and those simply eager to partake in the festivities

join hands in commemorating Burns' literary contributions and culture.

The celebrations typically kick off with a traditional Burns Supper, a hearty feast featuring haggis, neeps (turnips), and tatties (potatoes), accompanied by the recitation of Burns' famous *Address to a Haggis*. This culinary centerpiece is often ceremoniously presented, with a bagpiper leading the procession.

Spread across Australia, a variety of events will pay homage to Burns, showcasing a blend of Scottish music, dance, and poetry. Ceilidh dances, accompanied by the sounds of bagpipes and fiddles, fill the air as attendees don their tartans and kilts, embracing the lively spirit of Scottish tradition.

Among the more unusual events taking place this year is the *The Australi' Ceilidh in Airlie Beach* which "smashes together Scottish and Australian cultures with a huge live music party on the beach!"

A party for boaties taking part in the 23-24 Clipper race, it celebrates Australia Day and Burns Night combined. It promises Highland dancers and the Mackay and

## BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATIONS

19 JAN:  
Australi' Ceilidh  
Woodwark QLD

25 JAN:  
Burns Supper  
The Red Lion Tavern, Glencoe  
NSW  
The Wee Potty Burns Night  
Pottsville NSW  
Burns Supper at Bribie Island Golf Club  
Bribie Island QLD  
Burns Supper at Crown Hotel  
Lutwyche QLD  
Robbie Burns Supper at The Scottish Prince  
Palm Beach QLD  
Society of St Andrew of Scotland (Queensland) 2024 Burns Supper  
Brisbane QLD  
Fox and Hounds Burns Supper  
Wongawallan QLD  
Uraidla Ceilidh Bush Dance  
Uraidla SA  
Burns Supper at The Church  
Campbell Town TAS  
Robbie Burns Day at Blairgowrie Cafe  
Blairgowrie VIC  
Gallus Ceilidh Band  
Fremantle WA  
The St Andrew Society of Western Australia Burns Supper  
Perth WA

24, 25 & 27 JAN:  
Burns Night at The Fox Hole  
The Rocks, Sydney NSW

27 JAN:  
Burnie Highland Pipe Band Burns Supper at Hellyers Road Distillery  
Burnie TAS

3 FEB:  
The Canberra Highland Society and Burns Club Robert Burns Supper 2024  
Kambah ACT  
Hunter Valley Scots Burns Night  
Teralba NSW  
The Warringah Scottish Society Burns Night  
Collaroy NSW  
St Ives Club Burns Night Celebration  
St Ives NSW

District Pipe Band getting together "for a jolly good knees up on the beach".



# Making new connections far from home

In the vast expanses of Australia, being a Scotsman has never been more thrilling – or perhaps, sunburned. Over the past month, the melodies of Scotland have echoed from coast to coast, creating unforgettable moments in this sun-soaked land where sunscreen is our new clan tartan.

From a quaint gig in Launceston, where 50 voices belted out Wild Mountain Thyme as if auditioning for the next Braveheart musical, to a ceilidh in Exeter, Tasmania, where 150 Aussies attempted the Scottish reel with the enthusiasm of kangaroos on a dancefloor, the spirit of Scotland has woven itself into the fabric of these lands.

A defining moment unfolded at the St Andrew's Shindig in Cronulla, where 130 like-minded folks gathered in a hall that transported me back to the ceilidhs of my childhood – a nostalgic affair, complete with kilts, fiddles, and the occasional struggle with the complexities a do-si-do. Whilst the Scottish passion was there, the 30+ degrees certainly highlighted that us Scots are not built for

the Australian summer! I often find it difficult to be so far from "home" but what all of these events have shown me is that the warmth and generosity inherent in those connected to Scotland, be it first, second, or fifth generation, is unmistakable. It's a shared spirit that eases the distance, making the world feel smaller and our hearts a wee bit fuller.

As we approach the end of another year, Launceston is in for a New Year's Eve celebration like never before. The upcoming Hogmanay Hootenanny promises a night steeped in Scottish tradition – with whisky flowing, haggis sizzling, shortbread and tablet tempting palates. Find out more by heading to [newyeartasmania.com.au](http://newyeartasmania.com.au).

Finally, I hope everyone has a wonderful festive period and, as a shameless plug, check out the Distant Shores album for all of you guys who are not able to get back to Scotland but need a wee reminder of home ([shop.thescotsmanmusic.com](http://shop.thescotsmanmusic.com)).

Graeme McColgan  
The Scotsman



Gigging in Launceston, Tasmania. Pictures: The Scotsman



St Andrew's Shindig in Cronulla, New South Wales.



Ceilidh in Exeter, Tasmania.

## Distant Shores takes you on a Scottish adventure



The Scotsman and The Stovies are thrilled to cast off their debut album Distant Shores.

A captivating compilation of Scottish folk songs, the album combines 200-year-old poetry and contemporary arrangements to take listeners on an adventure across Scotland's gusty seas, bracing lochs and wild highlands.

With modern adaptations of traditional songs, Graeme 'The Scotsman' McColgan and The Stovies have created a loving tribute to the joy, sorrow, passion and humour at the heart of Scottish folk music.

International collaboration with UK-based, award-winning Scottish fiddle player Stephen Cordiner as well as

Tasmania-based choir One Note Stand, Victoria-based accordionist Myra McRae and three-year-old Rosie McColgan provide a magical experience for listeners young and old.

The album is available now as a digital download and also as a limited edition CD at [shop.thescotsmanmusic.com](http://shop.thescotsmanmusic.com)



# Louis Tomlinson Faith in the Future tour hits Australia

Former One Direction sensation, English singer-songwriter Louis Tomlinson is set to dazzle Australian fans on his second solo tour here.

He has extended his world tour to include captivating performances in Melbourne, Brisbane, and Sydney.

The chart-topping pop star will hit the stage later this month and in early February, presenting his latest tunes from the recently released *Faith in the Future* album.

The album was a big hit with local listeners here in Australia, reaching number 2 on the ARIA Charts.

Tweeting about the album on its release in February 2022, Louis wrote: "Faith In The Future is finally out! This

## TOUR DATES

JAN 28 Melbourne VIC  
JAN 30 Brisbane QLD  
FEB 2 Sydney NSW

album means everything to me, massive thank you to everyone involved and obviously a massive thank you to you the fans! Can't wait to tour these songs!!"

Tomlinson, who describes Australia as a cherished destination, is eager to create more unforgettable tour memories.

"Australia is somewhere I've always loved and really enjoyed visiting," he shared.

"I have some incredible tour memories there, and I

can't wait to return and bring the Faith in the Future tour to Australia."

*Faith in the Future*, designed for the live environment, has not only secured Tomlinson's first UK chart-topper but also made waves globally. Following the success of his 2020 debut, *Walls*, the artist continues to make his mark on the international music scene.

Adding another layer to his musical journey, Tomlinson treated fans to the revealing documentary film, *All of Those Voices*, last year. The film offers an intimate look at the singer's life, featuring never-before-seen home movie footage and behind-the-scenes glimpses of his 2022

world tour.

In November, Louis played to a sold-out O2 arena in London and he said on social media platform X: "Days like today feels like a reminder of how far we've come and what we've been through together."

"I can't even believe I'm saying this but we f\*\*king sold out the O2. Absolutely mind blowing."

Here are the dates for Louis Tomlinson's Australian tour:

Sunday, January 28th:  
Sidney Myer Music Bowl,  
Melbourne, VIC;

Tuesday, January 30th:  
Riverstage, Brisbane, QLD;

Friday, February 2nd:  
Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney,  
NSW.



# The Darkness light up stages with anniversary tour dates

Fresh off the electrifying announcement of their Let There Be Rock live show spectacle in Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane, multi-platinum UK rock royalty The Darkness are extending the highly anticipated 20th Anniversary celebration of their classic debut album, *Permission To Land*.

The band has announced additional tour dates across Australia playing shows in Adelaide, Fremantle, Canberra, and crossing the pond with dates also added in Auckland and Wellington this January and February.

Delivering iconic songs such as *I Believe in A Thing Called Love* and *Love Is Only A Feeling*, the band's album, *Permission to Land* will be performed live, in its entirety,

## TOUR DATES

JAN 26 Wellington NZ  
 JAN 27 Auckland NZ  
 JAN 30 Adelaide SA  
 FEB 1 Fremantle WA  
 FEB 3 Melbourne VIC  
 FEB 7 Brisbane QLD  
 FEB 9 Canberra ACT  
 FEB 10 Sydney NSW

ty, for fans, plus a string of album b-sides and rarities.

Irrepressible frontman Justin Hawkins reflects on the anniversary of their debut album with fondness: "When *Permission to Land* landed twenty short years ago, we were bathed in shock and awe. As if by magic, rock wasn't dead! Fun wasn't

banned! And spandex was almost acceptable again... Well, guess what? Twenty years on, the same rules apply. So please squeeze yourselves into those inappropriate leggings, back-comb your mullet, splash on a big handful of attitude, and come celebrate with us! We promise everything and we deliver, every time. Bring on the next twenty!"

Igniting the mainstream rock scene in the early 2000s with their trademark falsetto, spandex, guitar riffs and theatrical live shows, the band's album topped the UK charts almost overnight, surpassing 5x Platinum and selling more than 1.5 million copies in the UK alone. It's no wonder the album swept The Darkness into a whirlwind of global

success, sharing the stages alongside rock icons such as Queen, Guns 'n Roses, Black Sabbath, Def Leppard, and the immortal, KISS.

Joining the band on these added shows will be Melbourne pop-punk duo Cry Club for the Australian dates, and pop-rockers, Volts in New Zealand.

Prepare to have the sounds, fashion and extravagance of classic hard-rock resurrected before your eyes with a touch of The Darkness' trademark British flamboyance.

Fans can expect a bucket list rock show experience when *Permission to Land* comes *Down Under*.

Tickets are on sale at [www.thedarknesslive.com](http://www.thedarknesslive.com) and [www.sbmpresents.com](http://www.sbmpresents.com)

# Comedian Steve Hughes is dishing out Tough Love

Australian comedic legend Steve Hughes has returned to Australia after spending the past four years in the UK.

Steve's return to the country will be celebrated with two exclusive shows in Melbourne and Sydney. These will be his first shows in the country since 2019.

With a capacity of just 150 tickets for each show, these will sell out fast so get in quick to be one of the first to experience Steve in 2024!

Steve comments on his return: "In early 2020, I headed off overseas for a three month tour of the UK and my beloved Ireland. Then BANG – They shut the world. Somehow three months became four years. But finally I made it back. The time had come to get out there and do some Aussie shows. So grab a ticket and a beer – take a seat and let's get some laughs happening in these the craziest of times."

Steve will also be personal-



ly selecting two comedians in both Melbourne and Sydney to open the shows.

Known the world over for his hard-hitting, take-no-prisoners comedy, Steve tells it like it is.

At times confronting, always engaging and to some, even a little alarming.

But he's guaranteed to

always be hilarious.

The issues Steve addressed over a decade ago regarding the direction the world was heading in were simply brushed off by many as conspiracy theories. But today, people are less likely to fob off his predictions. And he warns that things are only getting more outrageous...

## TOUR DATES

JAN 20: Melbourne VIC

JAN 21: Sydney NSW

JAN 24: Sydney NSW

Tough Love is the kind of show some might find offensive. But for others, it promises to be right up their street.

The show dates are January 20th at The Bendigo Hotel in Melbourne and January 21st in The Crowbar, Sydney. A second show in Sydney, on January 24th, has just been announced. These are very exclusive return shows and will be limited to only 150 tickets per venue, so first in, best dressed. More shows are being planned.

Steve Hughes has appeared on Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, Live at the Apollo and performed in nearly 30 countries to rave reviews.

# Seek out Declan McKenna's debut tour

British singer-songwriter Declan McKenna is set to make his debut headline appearance in Australia, exciting fans with his upcoming 2024 shows in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

The shows, presented by Secret Sounds and Live Nation, are part of his global tour, offering audiences a sneak peek at his highly anticipated album, *What Happened to the Beach?* which is due to release on February 9th.

McKenna's musical journey has been remarkable, featuring hits like *Brazil*, *British Bombs*, and *The Key to Life on Earth*. His new album presents a unique and fresh era as a songwriter. *What Happened to the Beach?* is characterised by a unique blend of sounds, full of tone



and colour. The album offers a deviation from his previous high-tempo tracks, showcasing a more reflective and

immersive side of McKenna.

This upcoming album reflects the events and emotions of the past few years, bring-

## TOUR DATES

JAN 2: Brisbane QLD

JAN 3: Sydney NSW

JAN 5: Melbourne VIC

JAN 6: Adelaide SA

JAN 8: Perth WA

ing both light and darkness to the forefront. It captures the artist's growth as he chooses to break free from the constraints of lyrical statements and allow his music to breathe and speak for itself.

The announcement of the Australian tour comes following McKenna's performance at the Reading and Leeds Festival and a series of successful US tours. His Australian concerts will add an exciting chapter to his musical journey.

# Author Neil Gaiman teams up with FourPlay for Aussie dates

Neil Gaiman, the British literary wizard, and Australia's very own FourPlay electric string quartet are joining forces for two truly enchanting shows, at the Sydney Opera House and Melbourne Arts Centre.

This unusual grouping, fresh from the release of their debut album *Signs Of Life*, is about to sprinkle some magic into your life.

Mark your calendars for Monday, January 15th, 2024, when this extraordinary collaboration will take centre stage at the iconic Sydney Opera House concert hall, and Thursday, January 18th, when they grace the stage in Melbourne. This show promises to be a literary and musical spectacle like no other.

Now, you might be thinking, "What in the realms of



fantasy brought these two together?" Well, it all began over a decade ago at the Sydney Opera House, where the best-selling British author and the eclectic FourPlay first crossed paths.

Neil Gaiman reminisces: "I first stepped onto the stage of the Sydney Opera House in August 2010 with the members of the FourPlay String Quartet."

He recalls: "It was an

## TOUR DATES

JAN 15 Sydney NSW  
JAN 18 Melbourne VIC

astonishing show, unforgettable, and it started a collaboration with FourPlay that continues to this day."

Alongside a mesmerising performance of *Signs Of Life* (nominated for Best Classical Album at the 2023 ARIA Awards), prepare to be whisked away by a selection of unreleased enchantments from Neil Gaiman and FourPlay.

So, brace yourself for a night of wonder, where literature and music merge in a truly exceptional experience. Neil Gaiman and FourPlay will leave you spellbound.

# Paul Di'Anno returns after health battle

One of the legendary pioneers of the New Wave Of British Heavy Metal, Paul Di'Anno will be in Australia during January 2024 for a run of must-see metal!

As the original voice behind Iron Maiden's iconic first two albums, the 1980 self-titled masterpiece and the legendary 1981 release *Killers*, Di'Anno has left his indelible mark on the world of heavy music. Get ready to sing along to unforgettable classics like *Running Free*, *Sanctuary*, *Wrathchild*, *Remember Tomorrow*, *Murders in the Rue Morgue*, and many more.

Merging punk's energy with metal's riffs and prog rock's complexity, early Maiden served as the blueprint for future heavy music genres including thrash and speed metal and heavily influenced later progressive bands.

Since his departure from Maiden in 1981, Paul

## TOUR DATES

JAN 16: Perth WA w/ Silent Knight  
JAN 17: Adelaide SA w/ Dirty Pagans & Firestorm  
JAN 18: Brisbane QLD w/ Revenger  
JAN 19: Melbourne VIC w/ Nothing Sacred & Flitcraft  
JAN 20: Sydney NSW w/ Killrazer & Bastardizer

Di'Anno has been a musical force to be reckoned with, releasing numerous albums both as a solo artist and as a member of various bands like Gogmagog, Battlezone, Praying Mantis, Killers, Rockfellas, and Warhorse. No matter his musical incarnation, he always found a way to connect with his fans, delivering unforgettable live performances that have rocked audiences worldwide.

In recent years, Paul faced serious health challenges that nearly brought his career to an end. However, thanks to



his unwavering determination and the incredible support of his loyal fans, he's back on the road and heading to Australia! This heavy metal icon

with the heart of a punk rock rebel has always given his all to music and his fans, and that's why they've stood by him for nearly five decades.

## Festivals

**LAKE SCHOOL OF CELTIC MUSIC SONG & DANCE**  
January 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> 2024

### LAKE SCHOOL OF CELTIC MUSIC, SONG AND DANCE

School of song, dance and music.

Koroit VIC

2 - 7 JAN

### CYGNET FOLK FESTIVAL

Wallis Bird, Dallahan, The Tannahill Weavers, Clare Sands, Good Habits.

Cygnnet TAS

12 - 14 JAN

### ILLAWARRA FOLK FESTIVAL

Andy Irvine, Dallahan, Ryan Young, Tom Lewis, Wallis Bird, Winter Wilson.

Woolongong NSW

19 - 21 JAN

### TAMAR VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL

The Bottom Pub Ceilidh Band, Cornish tunes with Michael Manhire, Hetty Binns and Susan Buggy.

George Town TAS

19 - 21 JAN

### DELORAINE CELTIC MUSIC WEEKEND

A fun weekend full of trad music with Session Players Tasmania.

Deloraine TAS

26 - 28 JAN

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## PARKES ELVIS FESTIVAL

Parkes NSW

This festival is held in the second week in January each year, coinciding with Elvis Presley's birthday. It promises rockin' n' rollin' fun and more Elvis acts than you could shake your hips at, including Johnny Lee Memphis from Clackmannanshire in Scotland, pictured.

10 - 14 JAN

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**MON 1 JAN**  
161st Maryborough Highland Gathering  
Maryborough VIC  
Faithless  
North Sydney NSW  
Saoirse  
Black Rock North VIC  
Hogmanay Ceilidh  
Home Hill QLD

**TUE 2 JAN**  
Lake School of Celtic Music, Song and Dance (to 7 JAN)  
Koroit VIC  
Jimeoin  
Bateau Bay, NSW  
mclusky  
Melbourne VIC  
Declan McKenna  
Brisbane QLD  
Dallahan  
Brisbane QLD

**WED 3 JAN**  
Gallus Ceilidh Band New Year Ceilidh  
Mandurah WA  
Wallis Bird  
Brisbane QLD  
mclusky  
Melbourne VIC  
Declan McKenna  
Sydney NSW  
Jimeoin  
Soldiers Point NSW  
Australian School of Celtic Learning Celtic Christmas Songs and Poems webinar  
Online at [www.celticlearning.com](http://www.celticlearning.com)  
Festival of Small Halls with Ryan Young and Alana Wilkinson  
Yetman NSW  
Norwood Hotel Irish Feast Takeover  
Norwood SA  
Griff  
Sydney NSW

**THU 4 JAN**  
Scottish Chamber Orchestra  
Viennese New Year  
Perth WA  
Jimeoin  
Forster NSW  
Wallis Bird  
Byron NSW  
Dallahan  
Nanango QLD  
Holly Humberstone  
Sydney NSW  
Festival of Small Halls with Ryan Young and Alana Wilkinson  
Ashford NSW

**FRI 5 JAN**  
Jimeoin  
South West Rocks, NSW  
Faithless  
Brisbane QLD  
mclusky  
Adelaide SA  
Declan McKenna  
Melbourne VIC  
Dire Straits Legacy & Nazareth  
Melbourne VIC  
Dallahan  
Dorrigo NSW  
Andy and the Odd Socks  
Perth WA  
Festival of Small Halls with Ryan Young and Alana Wilkinson  
Currabubula NSW

**SAT 6 JAN**  
Wildlands (featuring Central Cee)  
Perth WA  
Wallis Bird  
Sydney NSW  
Faithless  
Elwood VIC  
mclusky  
Sydney NSW  
Declan McKenna  
Adelaide SA  
Jimeoin  
Port Macquarie NSW  
Dire Straits Legacy & Nazareth  
Sydney NSW  
Ireland Calling Nollaig na Bán - Women's Christmas Cruise  
Sydney NSW  
Andy and the Odd Socks  
Perth WA  
Holly Humberstone  
Heaps Good Adelaide SA  
Nollaig na mBan open mic evening for Irish Support Agency  
The Gaelic Club, Sydney NSW  
Women's Little Christmas  
Irish Club of WA

**SUN 7 JAN**  
Wildlands (featuring Central Cee)  
Adelaide SA  
Jimeoin  
Yamba NSW  
Wallis Bird  
Katoomba NSW  
mclusky  
Brisbane QLD  
Andy and the Odd Socks  
Perth WA  
Lansdowne Club AGM and Christmas Drinks  
PJ O'Brien's Sydney NSW  
Festival of Small Halls with Ryan Young and Alana Wilkinson  
Orange NSW  
Dallahan

Woolongong NSW

**MON 8 JAN**  
Dire Straits Legacy & Nazareth  
Gold Coast QLD  
Declan McKenna  
Mount Lawley WA

**TUE 9 JAN**  
mclusky  
Perth WA  
Dire Straits Legacy & Nazareth  
Gold Coast QLD  
Dallahan  
Vallencia Creek VIC  
Andy and the Odd Socks  
Adelaide SA  
Sydney Queer Irish Sunset Harbour Cruise  
Sydney NSW

**WED 10 JAN**  
Wallis Bird  
Adelaide SA  
Dire Straits Legacy & Nazareth  
Gold Coast QLD  
Dallahan  
Northcote VIC  
Festival of Small Halls with Ryan Young and Alana Wilkinson  
Woodstock NSW

**THU 11 JAN**  
Bad Boy Chiller Crew  
Brisbane QLD  
Cygnnet Folk Festival Presents: A Night at the Nolan feat Clare Sands  
Hobart TAS  
Andy Irvine  
Bathurst NSW  
The Whistlin' Donkeys  
Brisbane QLD  
Festival of Small Halls with Ryan Young and Alana Wilkinson  
Dalton NSW

**FRI 12 JAN**  
The Kopycat Killers (UK)  
Sydney NSW  
Andy Irvine  
Katoomba NSW  
Bad Boy Chiller Crew  
Melbourne VIC  
Dire Straits Legacy & Nazareth  
Toowoomba QLD  
Cygnnet Folk Festival  
Cygnnet TAS  
Gulgong Folk Festival  
Gulgong NSW (to 14 JAN)  
Andy and the Odd Socks  
Melbourne VIC  
The Whistlin' Donkeys  
Melbourne VIC  
Festival of Small Halls with Ryan Young and Alana Wilkinson

Goulburn NSW

**SAT 13 JAN**  
The Kopycat Killers (UK)  
Melbourne VIC  
Brendan Dolan at Sydney Darts Club  
Sydney NSW  
Dire Straits Legacy & Nazareth  
Brisbane QLD  
Cygnnet Folk Festival  
Cygnnet TAS  
Andy Irvine  
Bathurst NSW  
Andy and the Odd Socks  
Melbourne VIC  
Sweet Sorrows  
Yass NSW  
The Whistlin' Donkeys  
Sydney NSW  
Festival of Small Halls with Ryan Young and Alana Wilkinson  
Galang NSW  
Caroline Keane & Tom Delany  
Concert at The Gaelic Club  
Sydney NSW

**SUN 14 JAN**  
Desolated  
Northbridge WA  
Cygnnet Folk Festival  
Cygnnet TAS  
Andy Irvine  
Canberra ACT  
Festival of Small Halls with Ryan Young and Alana Wilkinson  
Humula NSW

**MON 15 JAN**  
Bruno Major  
Sydney NSW  
Neil Gaiman and Fourplay  
Sydney NSW  
Dallahan  
Hobart TAS  
Andy and the Odd Socks  
Canberra ACT

**TUE 16 JAN**  
Jimeoin  
Merimbula NSW  
Paul Di-Anna (ex Iron Maiden)  
Perth WA

**WED 17 JAN**  
Jimeoin  
Narooma NSW  
Bruno Major  
Melbourne VIC  
Paul Di-Anna (ex Iron Maiden)  
Adelaide SA  
Wallis Bird  
Franklin TAS  
Canberra Irish Club Film Society  
screens A Night To Remember  
Canberra ACT

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## Tours

English Scottish Irish Welsh Celtic Other events



### NEWSTEAD LIVE

Newstead VIC

40 great acts will be playing at Newstead Live Musical Festival this January long weekend. They include Austral, Winter Wilson, Good Habits, Emily Lawler, Saoirse, and Morrigan & Wilding. Plus Australia's original trad disco and pool party!

25 - 26 JAN

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Andy Irvine / Dallahan  
Bermagui NSW  
Andy and the Odd Socks  
Sydney NSW  
Festival of Small Halls with Ryan  
Young and Alana Wilkinson  
Pambula NSW  
Alone It Stands  
Kiriibilli NSW

THU 18 JAN  
Jimeoin  
Nowra NSW  
Paul Di'Anno (ex Iron Maiden)  
Brisbane QLD  
Desolated  
Marrickville NSW  
Scottish Stramash at Glyde-In  
Fremantle WA  
Neil Gaiman and Fourplay  
Melbourne VIC

Andy Irvine  
Yaitte Yaitte NSW  
Andy and the Odd Socks  
Sydney NSW  
Festival of Small Halls with Ryan  
Young and Alana Wilkinson  
Pyree NSW  
Aine Tyrrell  
Mayfield NSW

FRI 19 JAN  
Bruno Major  
Brisbane QLD  
Paul Di'Anno (ex Iron Maiden)  
Melbourne VIC  
The Kopycat Killers (UK)  
Brisbane QLD  
Wallis Bird  
Melbourne VIC  
Dan Webster & Emily Lawler  
Hepburn Springs VIC  
Scottish Weekender (to 21 JAN)  
Glenworth Valley NSW  
Illawarra Folk Festival (to 21 JAN)  
Bulli NSW  
Tamar Valley Folk Festival (to 21 JAN)  
George Town, TAS  
Andy and the Odd Socks  
Sydney NSW  
The Whistlin' Donkeys  
Adelaide SA  
Aine Tyrrell  
Wingham NSW  
Lisa O'Neill  
Sydney NSW  
David Keenan  
Sydney NSW

SAT 20 JAN  
Jimeoin

Kiama NSW  
Bruno Major  
Adelaide SA  
Paul Di'Anno (ex Iron Maiden)  
Sydney NSW  
The Kopycat Killers (UK)  
Adelaide SA  
Wallis Bird at Illawarra Folk Fest  
Illawarra NSW  
Desolated  
Frankston VIC  
Beans On Toast  
Collingwood VIC  
The Whistlin' Donkeys  
Perth WA  
Aine Tyrrell  
Marrickville NSW  
Steve Hughes  
Melbourne VIC  
David Keenan  
Sydney NSW

SUN 21 JAN  
Jimeoin  
Fairy Meadow NSW  
Wallis Bird at Illawarra Folk Fest  
Illawarra NSW  
Desolated  
Richmond VIC  
Dallahan  
Sydney NSW  
Australian School of Celtic Learning  
Lebor Gabála Erenn webinar  
Online at www.celticlearning.com  
Murphy's Pigs  
Tamworth NSW  
Aine Tyrrell  
Cronulla NSW  
Steve Hughes  
Sydney NSW

MON 22 JAN  
Bruno Major  
Perth WA  
Andy and the Odd Socks  
Brisbane QLD  
Andy Irvine  
Petersham NSW

TUE 23 JAN  
Andy and the Odd Socks  
Brisbane QLD

WED 24 JAN  
Jimeoin  
Hervey Bay QLD  
Festival of Small Halls with Ryan  
Young and Alana Wilkinson  
Broke NSW  
David Keenan  
Adelaide SA  
Steve Hughes  
Sydney NSW

THU 25 JAN  
Burns Supper at The Red Lion Tavern  
Glencoe NSW  
Details here  
Ensemble Theatre: Alone It Stands  
Sydney NSW  
Gallus Ceilidh Band  
Fremantle WA  
Rabbie Burns Day at Blairgowrie  
Cafe  
Blairgowrie VIC  
Rabbie Burns Supper at The Scottish  
Prince  
Palm Beach QLD  
Society of St Andrew of Scotland  
(Queensland) 2024 Burns Supper  
Brisbane QLD  
Fox and Hounds Burns Supper  
Wongawallan QLD  
Burns Supper  
Campbell Town TAS  
The St Andrew Society of Western  
Australia Burns Supper  
Perth WA  
Burns Supper at Bribie Island Golf  
Club  
Bribie Island QLD  
Fremantle Burns Night at Fremantle  
Sailing Club  
Fremantle WA

Newstead Live Music Festival (to 28 JAN)  
Newstead VIC  
Festival of Small Halls with Ryan  
Young and Alana Wilkinson  
Bolin NSW  
An Evening Without Kate Bush  
Caloundra QLD

FRI 26 JAN  
Red Lion Session (live music)  
Glencoe NSW  
Details here

Australia Day Warm Up Party  
Woodgate Beach Hotel QLD  
2024 Australia Day Concert &  
Fireworks  
Rooty Hill, Sydney NSW  
Australia Day Celebration  
Salisbury SA  
Australia Day street party  
The Rocks, Sydney NSW  
Parramatta Park Australia Day  
celebrations  
Parramatta NSW  
Australia Day Live  
Sydney NSW  
2024 Australia Day at Boondooma  
Homestead  
Boondooma QLD  
Australia Day Fireworks  
Bribie Island QLD

Gold Coast Australia Day Celebrations at HOTA  
Gold Coast QLD  
Australia Day in Armadale  
Armadale WA  
The Kopycat Killers (UK)  
Perth WA  
Canberra Scoil Samhraidh - Irish  
language summer school (to 28 JAN)  
Canberra ACT  
Deloraine Celtic Music Weekend (to 28 JAN)  
Deloraine TAS  
Festival of Small Halls with Ryan  
Young and Alana Wilkinson  
Coramba NSW

SAT 27 JAN  
Jimeoin  
Gold Coast QLD  
Numerella Folk Festival  
Numerella NSW (to 29 JAN)  
Festival of Small Halls with Ryan  
Young and Alana Wilkinson  
Whiporie NSW  
David Keenan  
Melbourne VIC  
The Reflex - The Australian Duran  
Duran Experience  
Black Rock VIC

SUN 28 JAN  
Louis Tomlinson  
Melbourne VIC  
Jimeoin  
Caloundra QLD  
Irish Sundays  
Finn McCool's Fortitude Valley QLD  
Festival of Small Halls with Ryan  
Young and Alana Wilkinson  
Wardell NSW

TUE 30 JAN  
Louis Tomlinson  
Brisbane QLD  
UB40 with Ali Campbell  
St Kilda VIC  
The Darkness  
Adelaide SA  
David Keenan  
Brisbane QLD

WED 31 JAN  
RAYE  
Sydney NSW  
Ensemble Theatre: Alone It Stands  
Sydney NSW  
Texas  
Melbourne VIC  
David Keenan  
Melbourne VIC

### PAUL D'IANNO

16 JAN Perth WA  
17 JAN Adelaide SA  
18 JAN Brisbane QLD  
19 JAN Melbourne VIC  
20 JAN Sydney NSW



### DIRE STRAITS LEGACY

5 JAN Melbourne VIC  
6 JAN Sydney NSW  
8, 9 & 10 JAN Gold Coast QLD  
12 JAN Toowoomba QLD  
13 JAN Brisbane QLD



### THE DARKNESS

30 JAN Adelaide SA  
1 FEB Fremantle WA  
3 FEB Melbourne VIC  
7 FEB Brisbane QLD  
9 FEB Canberra ACT  
10 FEB Sydney NSW



### WALLIS BIRD

3 JAN Brisbane QLD  
4 JAN Brunswick NSW  
6 JAN Sydney NSW  
7 JAN Katoomba NSW  
9 JAN Canberra ACT  
10 JAN Adelaide SA  
17 JAN Franklin TAS  
19 JAN Melbourne VIC



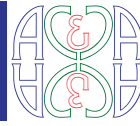
### LOUIS TOMLINSON

28 JAN Melbourne VIC  
30 JAN Brisbane QLD  
2 FEB Sydney NSW

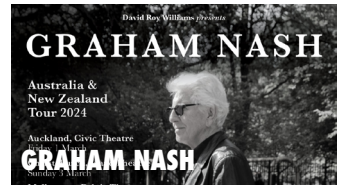


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# GIGS & REELS



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## FEBRUARY

### Tours:

RAYE VIC, NSW  
 UB40 WA, NSW, QLD  
 Louis Tomlinson NSW  
 The Darkness VIC, QLD, NSW, WA, ACT  
 Blanco White VIC, NSW, QLD  
 The Chemical Brothers QLD, NSW  
 Simple Minds NSW, VIC, SA, QLD  
 Paul Weller NSW  
 Shane Todd WA, QLD, NSW, VIC  
 Greentea Peng QLD, NSW  
 Magwai VIC, QLD, TAS, SA, NSW  
 Daniel O'Donnell VIC  
 Ralph McTell NSW, QLD, ACT, TAS, VIC  
 Luka Bloom VIC  
 Texas NSW, VIC  
 Jersey Guys (UK) ACT, VIC, NSW, QLD, SA  
 Pop Will Eat Itself WA, QLD  
 The Animals NSW

### Festivals:

Stomzy at Laneway Festival QLD, NSW, SA, VIC, WA  
 Tasmanian Highland Gathering TAS

## MARCH

### Tours:

Yussef Dayes WA, QLD, NSW, VIC  
 The Chemical Brothers VIC  
 Five QLD, VIC, NSW, SA, WA  
 Graham Nash VIC, SA, WA, NSW  
 The Human League QLD, NSW, VIC, SA, WA  
 Teenage Fanclub NSW, VIC, QLD  
 The Tumbling Paddies NSW, WA, VIC  
 Maisie Peters QLD, NSW, VIC  
 Tom Jones WA, SA, NSW  
 Elvis Costello NSW  
 Daniel O'Donnell VIC, NSW, QLD, SA, WA  
 Dylan QLD, NSW, VIC  
 Jimeoin NSW, ACT, VIC  
 The Streets WA, NSW, VIC, QLD

Black Country, New Road QLD, NSW, VIC, WA  
 From The Jam VIC, QLD, NSW, SA, WA  
 Ralph McTell VIC, SA  
 Luka Bloom QLD, VIC  
 Daoiri Farrell VIC  
 The Damned QLD, VIC, NSW, SA, WA  
 Pop Will Eat Itself NSW, VIC  
 James Bay NSW, ACT, WA, QLD

### Festivals:

Nannup Music Festival Nannup WA  
 Port Fairy Folk Festival VIC  
 Sandford Bush Music Festival VIC  
 Lost Trades Fair Toowoomba QLD  
 Lost Trades Fair Bendigo VIC  
 St Kilda St Patrick's Festival VIC  
 Brisbane St Patrick's Festival  
 Sydney St Patrick's Day Festival  
 St Patrick's Festival WA  
 Kidogo Irish Aboriginal Festival WA  
 Tom Jones at A Day On The Green NSW  
 Melbourne Highland Games and Celtic Festival VIC  
 Elvis Costello at Bluesfest NSW  
 Tom Jones At Bluesfest NSW  
 Melbourne Celtic Festival VIC  
 Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival QLD  
 Golden Plains Festival, Meredith VIC  
 Cobargo Folk Festival NSW  
 Liverpool Plains Military Tattoo NSW

## APRIL

### Tours:

Elvis Costello NSW, VIC  
 Tom Jones NSW  
 Riverdance WA, VIC, QLD, NSW  
 Jimeoin VIC  
 Dawn French WA, SA, NSW, VIC, TAS  
 Eireborne WA, NSW  
 Lebanon Hanover VIC, NSW, QLD, WA  
 Niall Horan QLD  
 Luka Bloom WA

### Festivals:

Bundanoon Highland Gathering NSW  
 Maclean Highland Gathering NSW  
 Ironfest NSW  
 The Thing (Viking Festival) ACT  
 Koroit Irish Festival VIC

## MAY

### Tours:

Niall Horan NSW, VIC  
 The SKIDS QLD, NSW, VIC, SA, WA  
 Eireborne ACT, QLD  
 Dawn French ACT, NSW, QLD  
 Peter Hook & The Light SA, QLD, NSW, VIC, WA  
 Ben Howard WA, SA, VIC, NSW, QLD  
 The Mary Wallopers VIC, NSW, WA, SA, QLD

### Festivals:

Australian Celtic Festival NSW  
 Wintermoon Festival QLD  
 SA Medieval Fair SA  
 Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival NSW

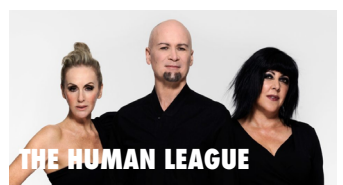
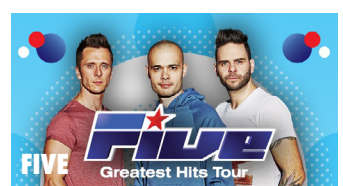
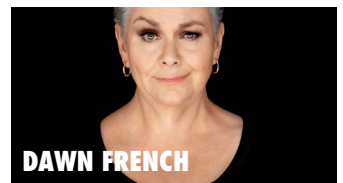
## JUNE

### Tours:

Dr Jane Goodall's Reasons for Hope Tour VIC, NSW  
 Jimeoin VIC  
 The High Kings QLD, NSW, ACT, VIC, SA, WA

### Festivals:

Townsville Folk Festival QLD  
 Sussex Inlet Viking Festival NSW  
 National Celtic Festival Portarlington VIC  
 10th Townsville Tartan Weekend QLD  
 Robert Burns Celtic Festival 2024 Camperdown VIC  
 Clydesdale Spectacular 2024 Boonah QLD  
 Scottish Week 2024 Sydney NSW



# Eighties invasion as huge UK names hit our shores

English synth-pop legends, **The Human League**, had such an overwhelming response when they announced their Dare 2024 tour in Australia, they decided to rearrange their schedule to accommodate even more shows, spreading the synth-pop love in Sydney and Melbourne.

Fans can't contain their excitement, and rightly so – they're a legendary stage act. You haven't heard *The Sound of The Crowd* until you've heard the band perform it live.

This thrilling tour will see The Human League celebrate their iconic synth-pop masterpiece, *Dare*, by performing the entire album live in March. They'll also be belting out other anthems and classics from their extensive discography.

The Human League, featuring the original member Philip Oakey and vocalists Joanne Catherall and Susan Ann Sulley, are pioneers of the synth-pop movement. Their influence on the music industry is immeasurable, and their tracks like *Don't You Want Me* and *Love Action* continue to captivate audiences worldwide.

There's a massive 80s double header in store for Australia too when chart toppers **Go West** and **Nik Kershaw** come together for a national co-headline tour in March.

Fans can expect to hear some of the best songs of the 80s and early 90s including *We Close Our Eyes*, *King Of Wishful Thinking*, *Call Me* and many more from **Go West**, whilst **Nik Kershaw** fans will relive songs such as *Wouldn't it Be Good*, *The Riddle*, *Wide Boy* and more. Both acts bring some surprising songs and covers to their sets too that promise an evening of music hits from across the decades.

"We always enjoy playing across Australia and it will be



**The Human League.**

extra special this year as we tour alongside our mate, **Nik Kershaw**. We look forward to seeing you all in March 2024!" announced **Go West**.

Hailing from Bristol, **Nik Kershaw** exploded onto the UK pop scene in 1984 as a solo artist. A string of global hit singles – including *Wouldn't it Be Good*, *The Riddle* and his biggest hit, *I Won't Let the Sun Go Down on Me* – helped to propel him to 62 weeks on the UK Singles Chart through 1984 and 1985 – beating every other solo artist, together with performing at Live Aid. Elton John has described **Nik** as "the best songwriter of a generation".

**From The Jam** will play their Final Tour of Australia dedicated to all the Australian fans of **The Jam**. For this finale in March, they will perform a special set of **The Jam's Greatest Hits** from their

complete back-catalogue including – *Town Called Malice*, *Going Underground*, *That's Entertainment*, *In the City*, *Start!*, *The Eton Rifles*, *English Rose*, *David Watts*, *Down In The Tube Station At Midnight* plus more

**From The Jam** features **Bruce Foxton**, legendary bass player from the original lineup of **The Jam**. On vocals is **Russell Hastings** who understands **The Jam's** history and admirably fills **Paul Weller's** shoes.

**From The Jam** have played over 1,000 live shows and gained a reputation for capturing the energy and excitement of live performances that sealed the reputation of **The Jam** back in the day.

**Red Hot Summer 2024** is set to bring back the nostalgia with a historic reunion of two iconic bands in February – **Icehouse** and **Simple Minds** – on the same stage. It's a



**Nik Kershaw and Go West.**

thrilling blast from the past as they recreate their 1981 touring line-up.

During that remarkable year, **Icehouse** supported **Simple Minds** on their UK tour, and in return, **Simple Minds** opened for **Icehouse** during the Australian leg. The camaraderie between the bands was evident, and now they are ready to relive those magical moments together in Australia.

**Jim Kerr**, front man of **Simple Minds**, expressed his excitement, saying they had the best time back then, and they can't wait to do it all over again with their mates, **Icehouse**. The bond with their Aussie fans is strong, and they are eager to perform in some of the country's finest outdoor locations.

**Iva Davies** of **Icehouse** reminisced about their first overseas journey and the special connection they formed with **Simple Minds**. Having shared the stage before, they are thrilled to co-headline the tour next year and create new memories together.

The **Red Hot Summer** tour series two for 2024 will also feature **Noiseworks**, **Daryl Braithwaite**, and **Bachelor Girl**.

**Simple Minds** have also added five more Australian shows as part of their **Global Tour** in February. They will play **Melbourne**, **Adelaide**, **Broadbeach** and two shows at **Sydney Opera House**.

This is in addition to the previously announced shows in **Mornington**, **Yarra Valley**, **Bribie Island** and **Perth** as part of the **Red Hot Summer Tour**.

# Dire Straits Legacy teaming up with Nazareth for Aussie tour

Prepare for a musical journey like no other this January as Dire Straits Legacy and Nazareth join forces for a spectacular series of shows along Australia's east coast.

Dire Straits Legacy (DSL) brings together key original members of Dire Straits who not only contributed to the British band's unique sound but also played a pivotal role in its recording and touring success, selling more than 120 million albums worldwide.

This extraordinary ensemble includes Alan Clark, Dire Straits' first keyboardist and a 2018 Rock'n'Roll Hall of Fame inductee, Grammy Award winner. He is joined by Phil Palmer and Danny Cummings, both of whom recorded the fabulous *On Every Street*, and Mel Collins, the saxophonist behind *Love Over Gold* and *Twisting By The Pool*. All these incredible musicians performed with Dire Straits on multiple global tours.

Completing the DSL lineup is Primiano Di Biase who is Europe's most sought-after keyboardist, George Michael's bassist Steve Walters, drummer Alex Polifrone, and frontman Marco Caviglia,



renowned as the world's leading expert on Mark Knopfler's guitar-playing style.

Expect a breathtaking live show that features all the classic Dire Straits hits, including *Money for Nothing*, *Sultans of Swing*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Walk of Life*, *Brothers in Arms*, *Tunnel of Love*, and many more.

Sharing the stage with Dire Straits Legacy are the legendary Nazareth. Emerging from the pubs and clubs of Scotland in 1970, Nazareth

became one of the world's most successful rock bands. Their hits, spanning five decades, include *Broken Down Angel*, *Bad Bad Boy*, *Dream On*, *This Flight Tonight*, *Hair of the Dog*, and the iconic ballad *Love Hurts*.

Nazareth, comprised of bassist Pete Agnew, guitarist Jimmy Murrison, drummer Lee Agnew, and vocalist Carl Sentance, plan on touring relentlessly in 2024, bringing their rock legacy to audiences around the world.

With Dire Straits Legacy

## TOUR DATES

5 JAN Melbourne VIC  
6 JAN Sydney NSW  
8 JAN Gold Coast QLD  
9 JAN Gold Coast QLD  
10 JAN Gold Coast QLD  
12 JAN Toowoomba QLD  
13 JAN Brisbane QLD

and Nazareth teaming up, you can expect an evening filled with classic hits that have become timeless.

# Irish singer Wallis Bird returns with Hands tour



Wallis Bird has been enrapturing audiences for over a decade, playing over 1000 shows in that time worldwide. She has won multiple international awards including two Irish Meteor Awards, and has also received a nomination for the Irish Choice Music Prize.

Her irrepressible energy on stage is one of her trademarks; even the Irish Times once noted it could 'kickstart an entire economy'.

Wallis returns to Australia for the fourth time, after the Covid restrictions put

her touring plans on hold in 2022.

That year, Wallis released her seventh studio album *Hands* - her most personal and experimental to date. *Hands* finds Bird turning the spotlight onto herself, raising subjects that are sometimes hard to confront. Among these are issues of trust, alcohol abuse, stagnation, self-censorship, and self-improvement.

Each is delivered by a voice uncommonly blessed with joy, ingenuity and empathy.

## TOUR DATES

3 JAN Brisbane QLD  
4 JAN Brunswick Heads NSW  
6 JAN Sydney NSW  
7 JAN Katoomba NSW  
9 JAN Canberra ACT  
10 JAN Adelaide SA  
12-14 JAN Cygnet Folk Festival TAS  
17 JAN Franklin TAS  
19 JAN Melbourne VIC  
20-21 JAN Illawarra Folk Festival NSW



# Pet Shop Boys bring live concert film to cinemas

Beloved English duo Pet Shop Boys are bringing a live concert tour to cinemas across Australia in January and February.

The electronic duo of Neil Tennant and Chris Lowe haven't played in Australia since 2014. However, fans will now get the chance to enjoy the live Pet Shop Boys experience at their local cinema.

The band said on their website: "Pet Shop Boys are excited to announce the theatrical release of "Dreamworld: The Greatest Hits Live At The Royal Arena Copenhagen", captured live by director David Barnard in a 14-camera shoot.

"Featuring a lavish stage show and mesmerising visual backdrops in front of an exuberant, sold-out audience, the concert film is coming to cinemas worldwide for two nights only on 31 January and 4 February 2024."

Dreamworld was filmed during a performance at Denmark last July. The greatest hits tour was in support of the band's recently-released



extensive singles compilation Smash.

Pet Shop Boys put on an exhilarating performance, featuring a full back-up band. This concert film includes all of Pet Shop Boys' greatest hits including West End Girls, Suburbia, Opportunities (Let's Make Lots of Money), Left to My Own Devices, Rent, Domino Dancing, Love Comes Quickly, Always on My Mind, What Have I Done to Deserve This? and It's a Sin.

Tickets can be purchased via [psbdreamworldlivefilm.com](https://psbdreamworldlivefilm.com)

## VENUES:

Two nights only - Wednesday, 31st January and Sunday, 4th February, at various times.

### New South Wales

- Event Cinemas: Bondi, George St, Kotara, Miranda;
- Hoyts Cinemas: Cronulla, Broadway;
- Independent Cinemas:

Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace, Ritz Cinema.

### Queensland

- Event Cinemas: Pacific Fair, Chermide, Indooroopilly, Maroochydore, Smithfield.

### Victoria

- Hoyts Cinemas: Chadstone, Forest Hill, Greenborough, Highpoint, Melbourne Central, Northland;
- Village Cinemas: Southland, Rivoli, Fountaingate, Jam Factory, Crown, Knox, Werribee;
- Independent Cinemas: Cameo Cinema, Classic Cinema, Lido Cinema, Cinema Nova.

### South Australia

- Event Cinemas: Marion;
- Hoyts Cinemas: Tea Tree Plaza, Norwood.

### Tasmania

- Village Cinemas: Hobart, Launceston.

### Western Australia

- Event Cinemas: Innaloo;
- Hoyts Cinemas: Carousel, Karrinyup.

# It's a win for Sydney Festival 2024

The mainstay of Sydney's high summer season, Sydney Festival, sails back this January with a first class line-up of world premieres, extraordinary immersive experiences, cutting-edge public art, and an epic live music offering.

Once again, Sydneysiders and visitors are invited to rediscover their city differently – from parks to beaches, harbour inlets to retro fun parlours – proving there's nowhere else but Sydney to experience an exhilarating summer of art.

From 5th to 28th January get ready for 24 days of music, performance, theatre, art, fashion, circus and dance right across Greater Sydney. Featuring 26 World Premieres, 29 Australian exclusives, 15 co-commissioned works and 43 free events amidst an expansive program of local and international highlights, several hailing from the UK and Ireland, Sydney Festival will host more than 1,000 artists and over 150 events.

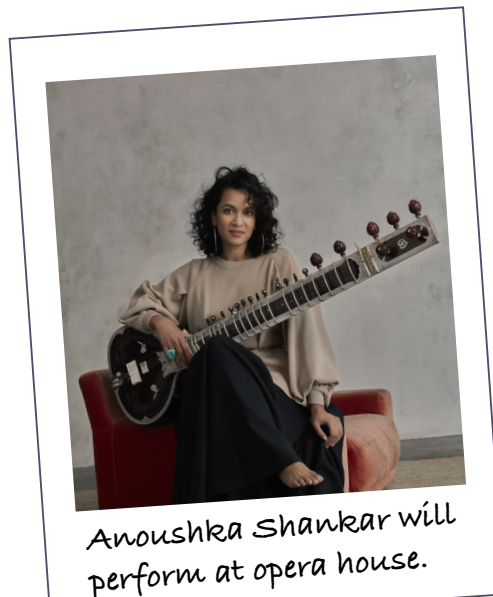
## SUMMERGROUND

The sounds of summer in the city will beam out from Tumbalong Park with the festival's three day live music event, Summerground.

Leading Sunday's line up is West London acid jazz pioneers, **The Brand New Heavies**, who'll perform alongside Sydney Symphony Orchestra in an epic career-spanning showcase.

## ART

Art strangles architecture on a grand scale in Hi-Vis, the sinuous sculpture taking over Walsh Bay wharf. British sculptor **Michael Shaw** – whose works have wound their way around international arts festivals, galleries and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London – uses the building like a mould to inform and form the geometry of his vibrant 46-metre-long installation. Designed specifically in response to the architectural features of the venue, HiVis' neon colours cast a luminous glow on the wood



Anoushka Shankar will perform at opera house.



Sadiq Ali in The Chosen Haram



The Brand New Heavies to play Summerground

of the wharf, and after the sun sets, UV lights make the sculpture glow in the dark.

## THEATRE

Award-winning Scotland-based circus artist **Sadiq Ali** delivers a heady mix of love and nightlife, expertly performed on Chinese poles and set to a banging soundtrack. Based on Ali's personal experience and candid interviews with members of the LGBTQI+ community who identify as (ex) Muslim, *The Chosen Haram* deals with themes of sexuality, faith, addiction and the intricacies of Islam. Stacked with physical humour, pain and joy, it's a love story like no other.

Ireland's **Brokentalkers** and New York's **Adrienne Truscott** unpack the cult of male genius in a slapstick comedy that stings. *Masterclass* proves all too familiar in its wickedly funny takedown of the macho artist.

From internationally acclaimed writer and one of the UK's most prominent trans voices, **Travis Alabanza (Burgerz)**, *Overflow* returns to Sydney after a rave-reviewed 2022 Australian premiere season at Darlinghurst Theatre Company, directed by **Dino Dimitriadis**.

## MUSIC

Appearing at the City Recital Hall is one of the most striking folk singers performing today, Ireland's **Lisa O'Neill**. Renowned for her transporting live shows, O'Neill's inimitable voice is raw, evocative and laden with emotion. A powerful storyteller with a strong sense of self, O'Neill's is a talent that demands to be heard.

## LIVE MUSIC AT THE ACO

At The Neilson, in the Australian Chamber Orchestra (ACO)'s base, week two opens with an Irish songman with a poet's soul. **David Keenan**'s prolific catalogue charts folk, rock, blues and his own keen-eyed poetry.



Michael Griffiths takes a dive into the catalogue of iconic English band Pet Shop Boys in *It's a Sin: Songs of Love and Shame*. Pics: Sydney Festival

### CABARET

Down by the harbour, Sydney Theatre Company's wharf theatres will together be transformed into an ol' fashioned speakeasy as the home of the festival's sizzling cabaret season.

UK singer-performer **Sarah-Louise Young** and Russel Lucas' award-winning chaotic cult cabaret rejoices in the raw and fearlessly pioneering artistry of one of the most influential voices in pop culture: **Kate Bush**. Far more than an act of mimicry, *An Evening Without Kate Bush* is a spellbinding, shape-shifting, communal spectacle for new and diehard fans alike.

Cabaret powerhouse and Helpmann Award-winner Michael Griffiths takes audiences on a very personal, funny and sometimes melancholic deep dive into the songs of pop superstars the **Pet Shop Boys**.

Directed by Dean Bryant, *It's a Sin: Songs of Love and Shame* sees Michael Griffiths bring his inimitable cabaret style to Pet Shop Boys' classic songs, including *Rent*, *Love Comes Quickly*, *Suburbia*, *You Only Tell Me You Love Me When You're Drunk* and *Go West*.



Hi-Vis by British sculptor Michael Shaw.

### VISUAL ARTS

The Museum of Contemporary Art presents a solo exhibition by British visual art **Tacita Dean** in what will be the largest collection of the artist's work in the Southern Hemisphere. One of the most important living artists of our times, Dean is best known for her works made with analogue film. Her use of the analogue medium in the digital age speaks to the precarious conditions of the contemporary era. At a time of constant change, her works are distinguished by meticulous attention to detail that encourages slow and careful observation of the surrounding world.

### WESTERN SYDNEY

Year on year, Sydney Festival has been committed to bringing some of the festival's best and brightest performers, artists and talents to audiences in Parramatta. Along with the sure-fire hit **BANANALAND** at Riverside Theatres, 2024 continues this connection with another packed program of events for festival-goers in the west.

And the starlit summer concert that audiences love is back at Parramatta Park with a soaring new program to lift this evening picnic into the stratosphere. This year, it will showcase the transportive sitar playing of **Anoushka Shankar**.

The British-American sitarist will also perform at Sydney Opera House.

A virtuoso musician and composer, Shankar and her hotshot quintet will fill the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall with a sublime and dynamic neoclassical approach to Indian music.

A world music superstar with nine Grammy nominations to her name, Shankar studied sitar under the instruction of her father – the maestro Ravi Shankar – and has captivated audiences since the age of 13.

Melding music styles has always been her modus operandi, from incorporating electronic music on *Rise and Breathing Underwater* to the flamenco meets raga 2011 album, *Traveller*.

Shankar's first Australian tour in 2008 sold out. Shankar leads the way in a five-piece of London instrumentalists, all startlingly talented solo artists in their own right, to perform hypnotic and achingly beautiful contemporary music that draws deeply from Indian classical roots and the lived experience of a global diaspora.

Tickets for all shows on sale now. Visit [sydneyfestival.org.au](http://sydneyfestival.org.au) for more details

# Brass band joins Scottish and Irish performers for Best of British show

Brisbane Excelsior Brass Band recently teamed up with sensational Irish dancers from Watkins Academy of Irish Dance and guest Piper Stuart McLeod to bring the Best of British Anthems to the Redlands Performing Arts Centre in Queensland.

This spectacular fusion brought classic British anthems like Pomp and Circumstance and Dam Busters to life.

With more than 30 brass players, the Brisbane Excelsior Brass Band, and a touch of Irish and Scottish magic, this concert was always bound to be a huge success.

We spoke to Howard Taylor, Musical Director for Brisbane Excelsior Brass Band about the concert.



**Brisbane Excelsior Brass Band and Piper Stuart McLeod at Redlands PAC. Picture: Supplied**

*Can you tell us about the event at Redland Performing Arts Centre (RPAC)?*

"There is nothing like a Proms concert, a long standing and world-renowned classical music festival held annually at the Royal Albert Hall in London. The Best of British is exactly that, overall. Attending a Proms concert offers a rich and varied musical experience with something to suit a wide range of tastes and preferences within the realm of classical music."

*The Brisbane Excelsior Brass Band is known for excellence and has achieved remarkable success in recent years. Could you share some highlights and memorable moments from your journey?*

"Having won 11 national titles in Australia and New Zealand since 2005, Brisbane Excelsior are the premier band in Australia. They have just claimed another Queensland title recently. With tours to the UK, Hong Kong and China, Excelsior strives for the best in their music making."

*Performing classic anthems and English standards from*

*the glory days of Great Britain sounds exciting. How do you choose the repertoire for such performances, and what inspired this selection?*

"I always ask myself, as a Brit, what would an audience want to hear? There are the obvious classics – Elgar, Holtz, but I wanted melodies from right around the British Isles. So, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and England are represented in this music extravaganza. Naturally, I have done so many of these concerts and hopefully by now, I know what works with the general public."

*This event featured an impressive ensemble of more than 30 brass players. Can you tell us about the preparation and rehearsal process for such a grand performance?*

"The Excelsior band are very busy and have to be very committed for such an ensemble. The players are, I believe, some of the best in Australia. They are given the music well in advance and the conductor (myself) brings it all together over the three weeks beforehand, with two rehearsals a week."

*We're intrigued by the inclusion of Irish dancers from Watkins Academy of Irish Dance and guest Piper Stuart McLeod. How did this collaboration come about?*

"I have worked with the Watkins Academy of Irish Dance and Stuart McLeod for many years. It is coming up for the 25-year anniversary since Riverdance hit us and what better way than to play this great musical number. What is it about the bagpipes that captivate any audience? The ever-popular Highland Cathedral is a must at any Proms concert."

*The band is well-known for its traditional red livery. Can you share the significance behind this distinctive uniform?*

"Excelsior wanted to upgrade their uniform back in 2014 before a tour of China for the Shanghai Music Festival. This had been in the making for many years. We wanted to look smart, and we believe this has been achieved with the, now, distinctive Excelsior look."

*Could you tell us more about the role of brass bands in preserving cultural herit-*

*age and musical traditions, especially in the Australian context?*

"Brass bands are often a central feature of local festivals, parades and celebrations. Their music can be deeply intertwined with the cultural and historical significance of these events. Brass bands often serve as a platform for community members to actively engage with music. They provide opportunities for individuals to learn and play instruments, fostering musical education and appreciation."

*What are your future plans and upcoming projects for the Brisbane Excelsior Brass Band?*

"Excelsior just played their annual Christmas concert which also featured Windsor Brass (another brass band under the Excelsior umbrella). Early in 2024, the band will prepare for the Australian Nationals in March, which will be held in Adelaide. Along with community council park play-outs, it will be another busy but exciting time for the band."

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# Graham Norton to host Irish comedy series on Prime

Irish TV personality Graham Norton is set to host Prime Video's first Irish original comedy series, LOL: Last One Laughing Ireland, which will have its global launch on January 19th.

The series will feature some of Ireland's biggest and best comedic talent: Aisling Bea, Amy Huberman, Catherine Bohart, David McSavage, Deirdre O'Kane, Emma Doran, Jason Byrne, Martin Angolo, Paul Tylak, and Tony Cantwell.

Using his trademark wit, host Graham Norton will oversee the 10 comedic stars, brought together to make each other laugh by using every unpredictable comedic tool in the box... without cracking a smile themselves. With the added bonus of some celebrity cameos, their performances will have

viewers – but hopefully not their fellow stars – laughing out loud. As the clock counts down and the tension rises, whoever can outlast their competitors will be crowned the first winner of LOL:

Last One Laughing Ireland and win a grand prize of €50,000 for their charity of choice.

The fan-favourite LOL: Last One Laughing format has become the most watched title of all time on Prime Video in Italy, France, and Germany, and had hugely successful local versions in many countries including Australia and Canada. Australia's version was hosted by Rebel Wilson.

There is also much excitement around a new UK series launching on Prime called 007's Road to a Million, an unscripted adventure series inspired by James Bond.



## Fans go Wilde for Morrissey at Fortitude Valley

### REVIEW

**Morrissey  
Fortitude Valley Music  
Hall, Brisbane QLD**

Morrissey gigs are like stepping into another world. Not like any other gig you will ever go to, they somehow feel you're at like a private, intimate party at his gaff/chez Moz, even though you're surrounded by thousands of other people. Just like the man himself, his concerts always have a touch of class, humour and big personality.

The gig opened without a backing band, instead a handpicked selection of songs, clips from movies and old photos were shown, many of northern England in the olden days. It felt a bit like snooping through the Morrissey family photo album, record collection and old VHS tapes and really gave



Morrissey with Oscar Wilde backdrop at Fortitude Valley Music Hall. Picture: Anglo&Celtic

you a taste for what inspires him. A screening of Nothing Compares to You by recently deceased Sinéad O'Connor had the crowd cheering and emotional.

By the time Morrissey and his band arrived on stage, the crowd were well and truly up for it. He launched straight into We Hate It When Our Friends Become Successful, quickly followed by Suede-

head. Irish Blood, English Heart went down a treat, with a backdrop showing Irish writer Oscar Wilde. Big nod to his amazing backing band, and drummer Brendan Buckley, who was outstanding.

As the songs went on, Morrissey's shirt was gradually opened lower. By the time he performed How Soon Is Now?, it was almost waist

level. Now in his 60s, he is fit, full of energy, and his voice has not changed since his Smiths days. He was also in flying form, making quips and having banter with the crowd in between songs.

He's as outspoken and provocative as ever, darkly funny, highly entertaining, and just the tonic the world needs these days.

Mary Allen

# Scottish Festival at Overnewton Castle, Victoria



# From president to convict, Moore family's epic saga

By Michael Gerard

'The Irish Merchant of Alicante' might seem at first to be an odd name for my new historical novel but dig a little deeper and it makes sense. The story is about four generations of the Moore family who built the magnificent Moore Hall in Co. Mayo.

Chapter One sees young George Moore leave Ireland on a ship in 1754, bound for a new life in Spain as a merchant under the wing of his mother's relatives – Wild Geese exiles from the Jacobite Wars. Being the second son, he could not inherit the Ashbrook estate in Straide, Co. Mayo and as a member of an aristocratic Catholic family, he had no career prospects in Ireland under the terms of the Catholic-punishing Penal Laws – so he went to Alicante to learn the merchant trade.

George found great success in Spain and by the time the Penal Laws were relaxed he was a wealthy owner of a merchant business with his own fleet of ships. He purchased some 12,000 acres of land in his native Mayo, sold his shipping company and returned to Ireland with his wife Catherine and four Spanish-born sons, where he built his dream home on the shores of Lough Carra in the early 1790s – becoming the first Master of Moore Hall.

He had to take the Oath of Allegiance and follow the British-imposed landlord system of leasing most of his land as small holdings to poor Irish tenant farmers.

Almost immediately, his eldest son John was smitten by Wolfe Tone's revolutionary ideals, and he joined the Society of United Irishmen.

John was one of the first members of the Irish gentry to march in support of General Humbert's French expeditionary force in the



**John Moore took part in the 1798 Rebellion alongside the French expeditionary army of General Humbert. John was proclaimed the first President of an Irish Republic during that rebellion. He was sentenced to transportation to the Australian colonies and died in captivity while awaiting a ship. He was buried in Waterford. His remains were reinterred in Mayo in 1961 at state military funeral, which was attended by President Éamon de Valera and the ambassadors of Spain and France.**

1798 Rebellion and was appointed the first President of an Irish Republic – Connaught, before losing his life in the failed rebellion.

His father George also became a casualty – dying from a stroke brought on by the stress of his son's imprisonment and multiple trials.

The reins at Moore Hall then fell to his second son, George, a reclusive historian who was wooed and wed by Louisa Browne, a strong-willed beauty who was the niece of the notorious Denis Browne, High Sheriff of Mayo, who had prosecuted John for treason and hanged so many Mayo rebels that he was known as Denis of the Rope.

This marriage caused a split in the Moore family, including the self-imposed exile to London of George's mother, Catherine, the family matriarch.

The third generation was led by George Henry Moore, a

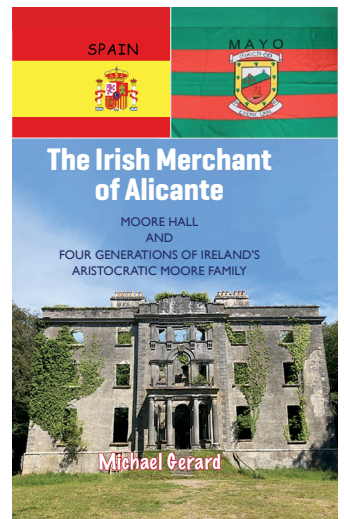
great horseman, celebrated horse trainer and popular Mayo MP at Westminster.

He firmly established the nationalist credentials of the Moores and was widely believed to have taken the Fenian oath.

In Parliament, he became the champion of the Tenant Rights movement and won many concessions for Ireland from the ruling parties by cementing the Irish members' block vote.

He led Mayo relief operations during the Great Famine and when his horse Coronna won the Chester Cup, he used the winnings to charter a shipload of American grain to feed the starving people of Mayo.

George Augustus was the fourth generation Master of Moore Hall, a cantankerous bachelor, a failed painter, a Protestant convert, a poor steward of the estate during a period of heightened agrarian unrest, a successful



novelist and early mentor of the Irish literary revival that led to the establishment of the Abbey Theatre.

My mission was to bring the reader along to witness the up-close lives of four generations of the Moore family as they navigated through the complex allegiances to family, religion, the Empire and growing Irish nationalism – while the power and influence of their landlord class was slipping away.

Available on Amazon worldwide. More details on Michael Gerard on [www.MichaelGerardAuthor.com](http://www.MichaelGerardAuthor.com)

# Faery Tale Meets Forest:

## An interview with author Joanne McFall

By Lauren Shapiro

Author Joanne McFall grew up spellbound by her native Ireland, an island steeped in history and sprawling, emerald landscapes. In childhood, she revelled in traditional Celtic tales which foreground the natural world and its fantastical essence.

Celtic myths communicate profound reverence for the earth and the spiritual forces within every river, mountain, and forest. Over centuries of oral storytelling, Celtic mythology evolved into popular folktales and fables, eventually immortalising in written form.

Like countless classic and modern Irish writers, the author's background formed her interest in mythology, nature, and ecological preservation. She knows first-hand how storytelling can change the way readers interact with the earth. In her recent collection of short stories, [Beyond the Forest Floor and other Forest Tales](#), the author uses mystical woodland settings to merge Celtic folklore with environmentalism.

While offering enchanting escapes, the stories remain rooted in promoting consciousness. As characters confront the fearful consequences of environmental change, the author plants seeds of eco-awareness in readers' minds. Her website, <https://beyondtheforestfloor.weebly.com/>, also allows readers to contribute to carbon removal projects and access links to environmental non-profits.

*Beyond the Forest directly converses with Celtic texts, bringing their themes into contemporary relevance. Has this genre shaped your writing?*

Immensely. All writers are influenced by landscape and other writing, consciously or subconsciously. The spirituality of Celtic literature is



closely connected to others, like Indigenous cultural writing. Folk and faery lore, particularly Anglo-Irish tradition, have greatly influenced my use of the supernatural. Genres such as gothic, faery, and supernatural are major influences.

*Like W.B. Yeats' romantic poetry, you harness atmospheric imagery while engaging with Celtic mythology and folklore to explore humanity's connection to the earth. Has his work guided your creative process? What other literary influences inspired your storytelling?*

Absolutely. W.B. Yeats is one of those giant figures who still influences so many writers. The Anglo-Irish writers had a special place - somewhere between traditional Irish and British culture - which enabled them to utilise this in their writing. Many people forget that they also had a 'lived experience' of Celtic spirituality, parallel to the many Irish lives that inspired them. Other literary influences include

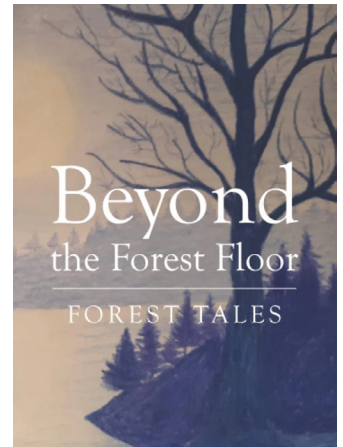
Leticia McClintock, Eamonn Kelly, Angela Carter, Marie and Seamus Heaney, John O'Donohue, Eddie Lenihan, Michelle Paver, and Éanna Ní Lamhna.

*How has life in Ireland impacted your relationship with nature?*

As with many other writers, both directly and indirectly. Directly, through growing up in rural southeast Ireland, a landscape filled with pastureland, rivers, forests, and mountains. Indirectly, through travels, living and working in other parts of the country and internationally, observing contrasting landscape features.

*Your stories use techniques (like anthropomorphism) which encourage reflection about our modern world's dissociation from nature.*

*What other considerations do you aim to highlight?* This, as with the techniques of many other writers, was not really planned; it just happened organically. Overall,



Author Joanne McFall, below, in her book [Beyond the Forest Floor - Forest Tales](#), uses mystical woodland settings to merge Celtic folklore with environmentalism.



the book is a light read, something appealing to all those interested in this type of fiction and who have a great love of and interest in the natural world, particularly forests. It also highlights the importance of family, community, and individuality.

*Finally, will you continue exploring environmentalism in future writing?*

Definitely, especially distinct landscapes both from Celtic and international lands and traditions.

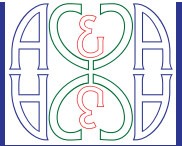
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