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Compères: Merv Webster, Clarrie Weller

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WELCOME

by editor Mary Allen, editor@angloandceltic.com

On page 4, Scots in the Bush returns to Boondooma Homestead in August with a cracking line-up of entertainment.



On page 5, after being postponed due to rain, Brigadoon Highland Gathering is back and ready to get its kilt on.



On page 10, you can thank the Irish for Christmas in July. Find out how they started the Aussie tradition.



On pages 16 & 17, The Isle of Man is marking Tynwald Day, and Australia's Norfolk Island is celebrating the Manx!



On pages 18 & 19, as Australia marks Bonfire Night and Cracker Night, we look at the festival's English roots.



On page 33, we look at Irish thriller Bodkin, which has Netflix viewers falling in love with the West Cork scenery.



Queensland Irish Association Pipe Band had people dancing in the streets and, on our front page photo, Isla Corbett and Mary Allen of Anglo&Celtic with speaker Monica Norris at Bloomsday in Brisbane.

Happy birthday to us - one year old!

It's hard to believe that it's been a year since the first edition of Anglo&Celtic was published. It's been a busy, interesting, heart-warming, and fun journey.

I said in the first edition that the magazine would evolve over time, and it indeed has. The design has changed to pack more news in. It started out as mostly news from back in the home countries, but now it's primarily local news. That's thanks to the wonderful people who have been in touch and have sent in stories. We monitor which stories are most popular, so we can give you more of what you want.

The magazine retains its off-beat humour, sharing tales that are a bit of fun. After the challenging years we have just lived through, and with so much negativity in the mainstream news, it's good to look at the light side of life and share something fresh and positive.

Even though I spend much of my time at a desk making this magazine, and managing its website and social media channels, I still feel part of a wide and vibrant community thanks to those of you who have reached out to me.

I was elected to the board of directors of Queensland Irish Association this past year too. Combined with having a young family, life is busy. I'd love to be able to attend all

the festivals we feature around the country, but it's not possible. So, I rely on you to share your pictures and stories. I get to as many local events as I can - like Bloomsday in Brisbane last month, which is shown above and on our cover.

Helping the community is a huge part of what Anglo&Celtic is about, and we help community groups, small-budget festivals, etc., by offering media sponsorships and free promotions. The magazine doesn't get grants and is family-run and fully independent.

Inflation has gone up, but our ad prices haven't and they are flexible, so if you're on a tight budget, let us know. We have also set up a donate tab on our website. The magazine is free to download, but if you enjoy it and would like to make a contribution to support it, you can now do so. Sponsorships are also welcome. Details are in our media pack, which you can download from the Advertise tab on our website.

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Pack up yer pipes! Scots go Bush for annual bash

Boondooma Homestead gears up for its annual Scots in the Bush Scottish and Celtic festival from 14th to 18th August. This heritage-listed complex, nestled near Boondooma Creek and the Boyne River, offers a unique backdrop for a celebration steeped in culture and history.

Boondooma Homestead, a registered caravan park and historic site, was once the heart of the sprawling Boondooma Station. Founded in 1846 by three enterprising Scotsmen, the station played a crucial role in opening up much of Australia. Today, visitors can explore the beautifully preserved buildings from the 1850s, stroll through the elegant gardens, and even find connections to their ancestors who lived or worked on the station.

The Scots in the Bush festival honours the contributions of the Scottish settlers with a vibrant program that promises to delight all lovers of Celtic culture. From the stirring sounds of pipe bands to lively ceilidh dancing, the festival is a feast for the senses.

This year's line-up is a stellar collection of talent that showcases the best of Celtic music and dance:

- Australian Celtic Women: Showcasing the finest female talent in Celtic music, this group's harmonious voices are sure to enchant.
- Brian Letton - The Celtic Balladeer: Known for his heartfelt ballads, Brian's performances are a festival favourite.
- Celtic Cross Over: Infusing traditional Celtic music with contemporary flair, their performance promises to be very special.
- Clyde Cameron - Celtic Muso: A renowned figure in the world of Celtic music, Clyde's performance is a must-see.



Scots In The Bush 2023. Picture: [Facebook/BoondoomaHomesteadofficial](https://www.facebook.com/BoondoomaHomesteadofficial)

- Dr Heather Clarke - Ceilidh: Leading the ceilidh, Dr Clarke invites everyone to join in the spirited Scottish dancing.
- Hervey Bay Pipe Band: Their powerful and moving performances are a highlight of the festival.
- Ishka Celtic Music: This energetic band brings traditional Celtic tunes to life with a modern twist.
- Maryborough Musos Ukulele: Adding a unique touch to Celtic music, Their ukulele performances are delightful.
- Moreton Celtic Fiddle Club: This club brings the joyous sound of strings to life with their dynamic performances.
- Mouldy Haggis: This band serves up fresh and lively Celtic music that will have everyone tapping their feet.
- Murrumba Pipes and Drums: Bringing the heart-stirring sound of the bagpipes, this band will fill the air with

traditional Scottish and Celtic tunes.

- Noosa & District Pipe Band: Another fantastic pipe band, Noosa's performances are known for their precision and passion.
- Rum City Highland Dancers: Adding a visual delight, these dancers perform traditional Highland dances with grace and energy.
- Tom Kimmet: Known for his powerful voice and charismatic personality, Tom brings a rich repertoire of Scottish and Celtic songs.
- Toowoomba Caledonian Society Pipe Band: Their stirring performances are a testament to their dedication to preserving Scottish musical heritage.
- Vince Pagett - Celtic Muso: A Celtic muso with a deep love for traditional tunes, Vince's performance is sure to captivate.

Hosting the event, Merv Webster and Clarrie Weller

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will be your comperes, guiding you through the festivities. Tony Coombes will perform the traditional Address to the Haggis, adding a touch of humour to the celebration.

Whether you're a seasoned performer or a budding musician, the festival offers plenty of opportunities to join in the fun. Walk-up artists are welcome on Wednesday and Thursday. Stall holders are encouraged to participate, with special tickets available. For accommodation, nearby Lake Boondooma and Manar Park offer cosy cabins to rest after a day of festivities.

So grab your tickets for a journey back in time, celebrating the enduring legacy of Scots and Celts in the heart of Australia.

Back in the swing at Bundanoon

The Brigadoon Highland Gathering, held annually in Bundanoon, New South Wales, is a beloved event, celebrating Scottish culture. The 2024 gathering, which had been set for 1st April, was postponed due to bad weather and will now go ahead on 3rd August. It promises to be a day filled with traditional Scottish festivities, competitions, and fun family activities, drawing thousands of visitors to the picturesque Southern Highlands.

The day begins with the sound of bagpipes as the massed bands parade through Bundanoon. This parade features numerous pipe bands from across Australia, as well as clans and floats, creating a powerful and stirring atmosphere. Following the parade, the opening ceremony officially kicks off the day's events, setting the stage for a series of competitions and displays.

One of the highlights of Brigadoon is the Highland Games, where athletes participate in traditional Scottish sports such as caber tossing, stone put, and tug-of-war. The Bundanoon Stones of Manhood challenge tests the

strength and endurance of competitors as they lift and carry heavy stones. These events not only showcase athletic prowess but also celebrate the rich history and traditions of Scotland.

Scottish dancing is another key feature of the gathering, with dancers performing intricate and energetic routines. The Highland and Country Dancing competitions draw talented dancers of all ages, who compete in various categories.

The gathering offers a range of family-friendly events. Children can enjoy games, storytelling sessions, and the Bonnie Bairns competition, which celebrates the youngest attendees in traditional Scottish dress. There are also dog obedience displays, featuring Scottish breeds and live music performances throughout the day. A variety of stalls and vendors offer Scottish-themed goods, including kilts and tartans, and food stalls provide a taste of Scotland.

Brigadoon was founded in 1978 and has since become a significant cultural event in the Southern Highlands. It not only celebrates Scottish heritage but also supports



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Kilted Warriors in action at Brigadoon 2023. Picture: Nick Bowers/Supplied

local charities and promotes tourism in the region. The event's popularity has grown over the years, drawing visitors from across Australia and beyond.

The gathering offers a

unique opportunity to experience the rich traditions of Scotland in the beautiful setting of Bundanoon. Bundanoon is a charming village located in the Southern Highlands. Nestled in picturesque countryside, it is renowned for its natural beauty, friendly community, and rich history.

Les Kiss to speak at Ireland Funds luncheon

The Ireland Funds Australia will have their annual Brisbane Luncheon on Friday, 2nd August at Hillstone Saint Lucia. They are thrilled to have Les Kiss, the Queensland Reds and former London Irish coach, as one of their speakers and Catherine Murphy, an Irish sports journalist, as MC.

Teresa Keating, Executive Director of The Ireland Funds,

said: "Come and join us for an afternoon filled with friends, entertainment, a delicious three-course luncheon, beverages and of course, Irish Coffees. Let's have some fun whilst giving back."

The Ireland Funds Australia was established in 1987, it is a non-political, non-sectarian registered Australian charity which funds community projects in Ireland and Australia.

The Ireland Funds' mission is to harness the power of a global philanthropic network of friends of Ireland to promote and support peace, culture, education and community development across the island of Ireland and among Irish communities around the world.

You can book your tickets at <https://irelandfunds.org/event/brisbane-luncheon/>



Les Kiss. Picture: London Irish

Sydney has blast on Bastille Day in salute to French ties

When we think of the European exploration and settlement of Australia, the British typically come to mind. However, hot on the heels of the British First Fleet was a French expedition, leaving an indelible mark on Sydney's history and geography. The area of La Perouse and Frenchmans Bay stands as a testament to this.

In January 1788, the French explorer Jean-François de Galaup, comte de Lapérouse (count of Lapérouse), arrived in Sydney with his two ships, the *Astrolabe* and the *Boussole*. Lapérouse's expedition had left France in 1785 with the mission to explore the Pacific and chart unknown territories.

Lapérouse's ships arrived off the coast on 24th January 1788 but were unable



Bastille Day celebrations at La Perouse headland.
Picture: laperouseheadland.com

to enter Botany Bay. On 26th January, the very day that Governor Arthur Phillip raised the Union Jack at Sydney Cove, Lapérouse and

his crew anchored in Botany Bay. They set up camp in what is now known as La Perouse, named in honour of the French explorer.

Lapérouse and his men stayed in Botany Bay for six weeks, repairing their ships and engaging in scientific exploration. They established friendly relations with the local Aboriginal people and documented the flora, fauna, and geography of the area.

The French were meticulous in their observations, and their scientific work complemented the efforts of the British. Despite the geopolitical rivalry, there was a sense of mutual respect between the French and British explorers. Lapérouse even sent letters and reports to Governor Phillip, which were then forwarded to the French government.

After departing from Botany Bay in March 1788, Lapérouse's expedition vanished. The fate of the *Astrolabe* and the *Boussole* remained one of the great maritime mysteries until the early 19th century when wreckage believed to be from the ships was discovered on Vanikoro in the Solomon Islands.

The suburb of La Perouse in Sydney's south-east is named

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in honour of the French navigator. It is a vibrant area with a rich history, reflected in its celebration of Bastille Day. Frenchmans Bay, located nearby, further commemorates the French presence.

The La Perouse area boasts several historical landmarks. La Perouse Museum is housed in a heritage-listed building, showcasing the history of Lapérouse's expedition and the area's Aboriginal heritage.

The La Perouse Monument, erected in 1825 by the French, commemorates Lapérouse and his crew.

Bare Island, fortified in the late 19th century, was used to protect Botany Bay from potential sea attacks and is now a popular tourist destination.

Every year, La Perouse and Frenchmans Bay come alive with Bastille Day celebrations. These festivities include French food, music, and cultural activities, drawing locals and tourists alike to celebrate Franco-Australian friendship.

This year, Randwick City Council will hold a civic ceremony on Sunday, 14th July, at the Lapérouse Monument featuring speeches, wreath laying, and the firing of cannons.

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Aberdeen Highland Games celebrates 25th anniversary

The 2024 Aberdeen Highland Games will celebrate its 25th anniversary in the picturesque Hunter Valley, New South Wales, on Saturday, July 6th.

This event, deeply rooted in Scottish tradition, begins with a colourful parade featuring bands and clan representatives, followed by the Massed Band Salute and the Chieftain's Address.

Dr Cameron Collins, an esteemed equine veterinarian with a profound appreciation for Scottish culture, will serve as the Chieftain of the Day.

Cameron's love of all things Scottish – food, drink, games, music, and dress – were cultivated during visits to the Highlands when he was working in the UK. He said that he is honoured to be the Chief of the Day.

Nicola O'Driscoll, President of the Aberdeen Highland Games, expressed her enthusiasm, stating: "It is a pleasure to announce that The Chief of the Day is Dr Cameron Collins who is a local veterinarian, along with being the managing director of the Scone Equine Hospital. Cameron has been a strong supporter of the Aberdeen Highland Games over the years."

Throughout the day, attendees will be captivated by a variety of traditional Scottish activities and competitions. Highland and Country dancing will highlight the elegance and vigor of Scottish dance, while the strongman events, featuring the Kilted Warriors, will showcase impressive feats of strength.

Fun activities, such as the three-legged races, will add a light-hearted touch to the celebrations. Additionally, the event will host numerous stalls selling Scottish heirlooms, clothing, and food, offering a comprehensive Scottish cultural experience.

"On the day you will be



Pipe bands in action at Aberdeen Highland Games in the Hunter Valley.
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able to peruse the wide array of stall holders who bring their wares for sale. The pipe bands will once again fill the air with the typical Highland soundtrack," Ms O'Driscoll added.

In the evening, the festivities will continue with a Pipe Band Quintet competition at the Aberdeen RSL Club, providing a grand musical finale to the day's events.

The Games are followed by the Kirkin of the Tartan on the Sunday morning.

Ms O'Driscoll said: "The final event in the program is the traditional Kirkin' of the Tartan service which is held at St Marks Anglican Church in Aberdeen on Sunday morning to celebrate the Tartan."

She extended her gratitude to all who make the event

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possible, saying: "I would like to thank all the members of the Aberdeen Highland Games committee for their hard work over the past year. We have a small, dedicated committee without which running the event would not be possible."



Crikey! Croc shock for cops in English village

In a scene that could have come straight out of an Aussie wildlife series, Thames Valley Police were called to tackle a supposed crocodile sighting in the quaint English village of Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire recently.

Officers received alarming reports of a reptilian head bobbing in floodwaters near Tring, on the border with Hertfordshire. With bravery worthy of an outback hero, the South Buckinghamshire team geared up for a face-off with a ferocious beast.

However, instead of a deadly predator, they discovered a cheeky replica crocodile head, likely bought online for a mere £6.99. It was all just a bit of fun, a good-natured prank.

Users of the police Facebook page had a laugh as the saga unfolded.

Taking it in stride, the force posted on Facebook: "Crikey! It's not every day that you get sent to reports of a crocodile in flood water near Cholesbury. Do not be alarmed, the croc is now with us at the police station."

They even threw in a classic dad joke: "Did you know that it is not that difficult to tell alligators and crocodiles



Police in Buckinghamshire received alarming reports of a reptilian head bobbing in floodwaters. Pictures: [Facebook.com/TVP South Buckinghamshire](https://www.facebook.com/TVP_South_Buckinghamshire)

apart? One will see you later whereas the other will see you in a while. #BadDad-Jokes."

Images showed the faux croc's head in the water and later being safely 'detained' at the station, much to the amusement of the public. One commenter dubbed the officer the "real Crocodile Dundee of TVP," while another praised their bravery.

Wayne Martin added, "Hope you made it snappy getting there," and Martyn Dehany even offered up



another model croc from his local pub, saying, "There's another one outside my local boozier if you want it."

Rest assured, the 'croc' is in safe hands, and the village can return to its peaceful routine.

Snakes cause hiss-teria in Welsh vaccine hub

A vaccination hub in Ceredigion, Wales, faced an unexpected closure as a pair of slippery visitors slithered onto the scene.

Dubbed Cwm and Cou in a nod to the Welsh village hosting the center, these serpentine intruders disrupted the daily operations with their impromptu appearance. Cou, the larger of the duo, garnered attention as an adder, while Cwm, a grass snake, injected a bit of panic when they were spotted. The centre, which provides



One of two snakes found at a vaccination centre in Wales. Picture: [Facebook/HywelDdaHealthBoard](https://www.facebook.com/HywelDdaHealthBoard)

healthcare services to Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire, had to close while a search was carried

out. The Hywel Dda Health Board found itself seeking counsel from wildlife experts to safely relocate its reptilian guests.

The centre has since reopened and shared an update on its Facebook page: "We are delighted to share that our vaccination centre at Ysgol Trewen in Cwm-Cou has now re-opened."

"Following a wide-scale search of the premises, the centre has been declared a snake-free zone."

They added: "Thank you

for your support and patience while we have been dealing with this slippery situation – but it adder be done."

While grass snakes are commonplace and harmless across England and Wales, the adder holds the title of the UK's sole venomous snake. However, its venom poses minimal threat to most humans, typically causing discomfort and inflammation rather than serious harm, except in the most vulnerable individuals.

Aussie legend Dylan conquers England's cheesiest challenge

Brace yourself for gouda news, because an Aussie has just taken the crown in England's cheesiest competition!

Meet Dylan Twiss, the Perth daredevil who defied the odds (and probably a few laws of physics) to conquer the legendary Double Gloucester cheese-rolling race.

In a thrilling display of determination and daring, Dylan has etched his name into the annals of Gloucestershire's eccentric traditions by clinching victory in the renowned race. He emerged triumphant amidst the chaotic tumble down Cooper's Hill in Brockworth, England.

The event saw Dylan navigate the treacherous 183-meter descent, chasing a hefty three-kilogram wheel of Double Gloucester cheese hurtling down the muddy slope at speeds reaching up to 113 kilometers per hour. Despite intense competition, he narrowly outpaced a British competitor disguised as a gorilla in the nail-biting finale of the men's race.

However, victory did not come without its price. Nursing a leg injury described as a "gash," Dylan reflected on the exhilarating race, admitting that once he started rolling, there was no turning back. Yet, his determination and grit propelled him to



A race at The Cooper's Hill Cheese Rolling competition in Gloucester.
Picture: [Dave Farrancea on Wikimedia Commons](#)

success, fulfilling a promise he made to skeptical friends back home in Australia.

Celebrating his win with the Double Gloucester cheese held aloft in triumph, he joined the ranks of global competitors drawn to this peculiar spectacle.

The event, livestreamed by the BBC and attended by thousands, captures the essence of Gloucestershire's unique charm and camaraderie.

While the race's safety has been questioned, the spirit of adventure prevails in a race as old as it is exhilarating.



Dylan Twiss from Perth won the Double Gloucester cheese-rolling race. Picture: [Facebook.com/Blackwell Adventure](#)

SOME HOLES IN THE STORY

- The annual cheese-rolling event dates back centuries, but its exact origin remains a mystery.
- It may have originated as a means of asserting grazing rights on land surrounding Cooper's Hill.
- At the heart of the event is the pursuit of a 7lb wheel of Double Gloucester cheese, rolled down the steep incline by the "Master of Cheese" to kickstart the race. The first competitor to reach the bottom claims the cheese as their prize.

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Irish tourists created first Aussie Christmas in July

In Australia, the festive cheer isn't confined to December. The concept of "Christmas in July" has gained popularity across the country, offering a unique winter twist on the traditional holiday.

This celebration, occurring during the Southern Hemisphere's colder months, allows Australians to experience the cozy, wintery Christmas that their counterparts in the northern hemisphere enjoy in December. And it all started with a group of homesick Irish tourists in the Blue Mountains, New South Wales.

In 1980, some Irish tourists were staying at the Hotel Mountain Heritage in Katoomba. Delighted to see snow on their 'summer' trip, they nostalgically spoke of their traditional cold Christmases back home. They asked the hotel owner, Garry Crockett, to throw a Christmas party. The hotel's management embraced the idea, organising a special Christmas-themed event complete with traditional decorations, festive foods, and carols.

While the event may have started out as an intimate gathering, it has blossomed into a Blue Mountains tradition that has been warmly welcomed and copied across



Winter snow at the Hotel Mountain Heritage, the home of Christmas in July in Australia.

Australia. This initial celebration struck a chord with both locals and tourists. The success of the event led to it becoming an annual tradition at the Mountain Heritage Hotel and other establishments in the Blue Mountains. The idea quickly spread to other parts of Australia, becoming a beloved mid-year festivity.

While Christmas in July might be a novelty, it has become a cherished tradition for many Australians. It provides an opportunity to gather with loved ones, enjoy festive foods, and embrace the winter chill, making it a unique celebration in the Australian calendar.

More than 40 years on and the Hotel Mountain Heritage is proud to be the original home of Yulefest, the Blue Mountains annual Christmas in July festival.

Yulefest 2024 promises a delightful array of festive events and dining experiences for locals and visitors alike. You can experience the magic of Yulefest at Hotel Mountain Heritage with dinner every Saturday in July. Celebrate Christmas in July in style with a sumptuous

evening. Other events happening in the Blue Mountains include a Winter Solstice Ball at The Carrington Hotel, where guests can dance the night away in jungle-inspired attire, and the Winter Magic Indoors celebration featuring folk music and a mesmerizing fireworks display.

The festivities continue with traditional Yulefest dining experiences at various venues throughout the region.

With a wide range of events and dining options available, Yulefest in the Blue Mountains is the perfect way to embrace the spirit of the season and create cherished memories with loved ones.

And it's all thanks to a hotel owner who wanted to bring the magic of a European white Christmas to a group of homesick Irish tourists.

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Following the clues to find a convict ancestor

Tasmanian Steve Harrison's quest to uncover the life of his great-great-great-grandfather, James (Jimmy) Harrison, Convict No 6071, has culminated in a fascinating series of YouTube videos. These videos not only chronicle Jimmy's extraordinary story but also serve as a tribute to the tireless research conducted by Steve's late father, Tony Harrison.

Steve's journey began with the wealth of information his father had compiled.

"My late father Tony did pretty much all of the research," Steve told Anglo&Celtic. "I've added some additional fact-finding to detail and explain contexts."

This collaborative effort has resulted in a comprehensive narrative that's both informative and engaging.

The Harrison family's roots trace back to Salford, UK, where Jimmy was convicted at the young age of 14. Steve has visited Salford,



Steve Harrison uncovers the story of his convict great-great-great-grandfather in a YouTube series. Picture: Steve Harrison/YouTube.

capturing a poignant moment outside the Salford Assizes, where his ancestor's fate was sealed. However, the search for any living relatives in the UK remains inconclusive due to the complexities and loss of records, exacerbated by Jimmy's name change from John Morris.

The catalyst for Steve's video series was a visit to

Norfolk Island. Intrigued by the island's history, Steve delved into Jimmy's charges of "piratically stealing a boat," uncovering new information that deepened his connection to his ancestor's story. This journey of discovery took Steve across various significant sites in Tasmania, including Southport, Hobart, and Port Arthur.

For those looking to explore their convict heritage, Steve offers practical advice: "Start with the public information available online. In Tasmania, we're fortunate to have the Tasmanian Names Index hosted by Libraries Tasmania. Then just start digging."

He also highlights the value of community support through helpful Facebook groups.

Steve's videos are a testament to the enduring legacy of his ancestor and the meticulous work of his father. They offer viewers a window into the convict history of Australia, bringing to life the struggles and resilience of those early settlers. To follow Steve's captivating journey, check out his YouTube playlist [here](#).

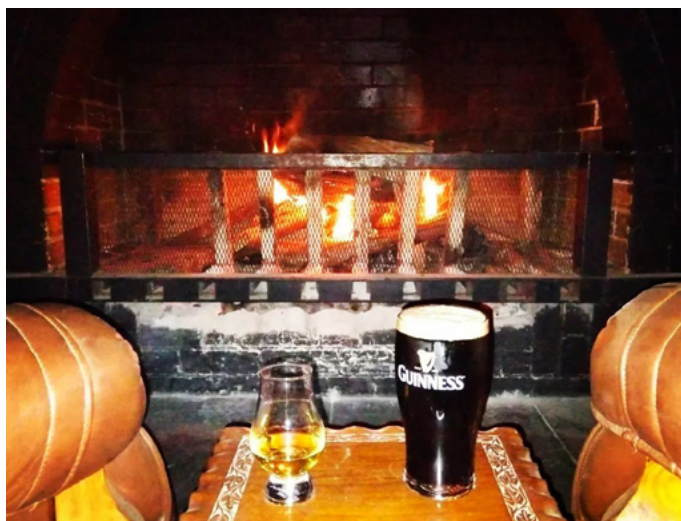
For more detailed information about James Harrison's life and Steve's research, visit the [Libraries Tasmania Digital Archive](#).

Red Lion Tavern serving up hearty winter menu

A blazing fire and a warming winter menu greets visitors this season at The Red Lion Tavern in Glencoe, New South Wales.

As winter's chill embraces the land, there's no better refuge than this cosy haven, where hearty Celtic-inspired dishes and roaring fireplaces await.

Indulge in their warming winter menu, crafted to keep you cosy during these frosty times. Start with a creamy seafood chowder served with fresh crusty bread, or savour their tender Welsh lamb shank with rarebit mash, seasonal greens, and a garlic chilli cream sauce. For a heartier option, try their beef and Guinness stew, perfectly paired with rustic mashed potatoes and a rich whisky



A cosy fireside seat awaits you at The Red Lion Tavern.

cream sauce. If you prefer something lighter, the Galette Bretonne, filled with ham, cheese, mushrooms, egg, and accompanied by a crisp

side salad, is sure to delight. And don't forget their Happy Hour from 5pm to 6pm, where you can enjoy pints of Tennant's Lager and Guin-

ness at schooner prices, and schooners at midday prices!

But wait, the merriment doesn't end there! Mark your calendars for the grand event: A Celtic Christmas in July! On Friday, 12th July, from 6pm, The Red Lion Tavern will transform into a festive wonderland. The incomparable Celtic folk group Kejafi will fill the air with enchanting tunes, setting the perfect backdrop for a magical evening.

Feast upon a two-course roast dinner, complete with delectable desserts, while you sip on fine beers, wines, and whiskies. It's an evening not to be missed, so secure your tickets now at [trybooking.com](#) and join in a night of joy, music, and Celtic cheer at The Red Lion Tavern.

Kate Bush fans flock to parks for Wuthering Heights day

Get ready to dig out your flowing red dresses and practice your dramatic twirls, because The Most Wuthering Heights Day Ever is sweeping across Australia once again in 2024!

This delightful and slightly bizarre event is a celebration of Kate Bush's iconic song "Wuthering Heights," and it promises to bring joy, laughter, and a lot of red fabric to cities across the nation.

Wuthering Heights Day is a global event inspired by the 1978 music video for Kate Bush's "Wuthering Heights," where she prances around in a red dress, embodying the spirit of the song's character, Cathy, from Emily Brontë's novel. The day was first conceived by a group called Shambush in 2013, who organised a mass gathering of 300 Kate Bush look-alikes in Brighton, England. The idea caught on, and now fans worldwide gather annually to recreate the whimsical dance.

Australians are known for their love of quirky, community-driven events, and Wuthering Heights Day fits the bill perfectly. It's a chance to let loose, embrace your inner drama queen, and celebrate the uniqueness of Kate Bush's music and persona. Plus, it's just plain fun to see a park



The Most Wuthering Heights Day Ever hits Australia this month. Credit: [Wagga Wagga/Humanitix](#)

full of people twirling and flailing with abandon.

No need to panic if you don't know the dance by heart. Many events provide practice sessions. The essential gear includes a red dress, a willingness to frolic, and a spirit of unadulterated joy.

Where to Wuther This Year?

- Brisbane QLD: Head over to Frew Park in Milton on July 20th at 2pm for a sea of red dresses and synchronised dance moves. Brisbane's rendition promises to be bigger and better than ever, with participants ready to "roll and fall in green" just like Kate.

- Gold Coast QLD: The Most Wuthering Heights Day Ever is back for its 6th year at the outdoor stage of HOTA, Home of the Arts, on Sunday, July 21st, from 9am to 12pm.

- Melbourne VIC: Meet in the beautiful Edinburgh Gardens, Fitzroy to celebrate the fabulous Kate Bush and raise funds to support the important work of Safe Steps. From midday on Sunday, July 21st.

- Sydney NSW: Sydney Park in Alexandria will host its event at 12pm on July 20th. This flash mob-style gathering invites everyone to join. The event will support the Women's Legal Service NSW.

- Guildford WA: Meet at Stirling Square on Sunday, 28th July at 1.30pm to dance to Wuthering Heights for fun and fundraising for charity!

- Adelaide SA: Meet on the wily windy moors at Veale Gardens, South Terrace, from 10.30am on Saturday, July 27th. The official performance takes place at midday with practice beforehand. The event will be raising money for Catherine House.

- Wagga Wagga NSW: Civic Theatre Lawn will see its Cathy celebration from 2pm on July 20th.

These are just some of the events around Australia. See you out on the windy moors!

British shop offers a sweet taste of home to expats

If you're an expat desperate for some real British chocolate or food, or an Aussie who spent so long in the UK that you can't live without Pickled Onion Monster Munch, British Sweets & Treats has your back.

Andy and his crew have a great range of British confectionery, English chocolates, crisps, drinks and grocery food items, imported from the UK and available to order online right here in Australia.

British Sweets specialises in



providing the best of British confectionery, chocolates, crisps, tea, grocery items and merchandise for the Australian expat Community and lovers of all things British.

British Sweets & Treats

opened its first store in Glebe, New South Wales in 2005, before relocating to Bondi Junction in 2009.

However, in 2015, the decision was made to close the store and concentrate solely on selling online.

On the website, as well as British confectionery and food, they have a range of products from Ireland and Europe. In their merchandise range you'll find flags, money boxes, magnets, tea tins and tea towels.

There's also hampers, with the option to create your own gift box.

Over the years, English, Welsh, Scottish and Irish customers have requested some of their favourite grocery items from the UK and Ireland to be stocked on the website and Andy always does his best to help. As a result, the site has a great range of gourmet groceries.

You'll find British Sweets & Treats at www.britishtreats.com.au

Queensland pub searches for ginger king and queen

The search is coming for the 2024 Ginger King and Queen at Finn McCool's Irish Bar in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane!

The stage is set for another fiery showdown as Brisbane's natural redheads prepare to compete for the coveted titles. Following the electrifying success of last year's competition, where Arthur Henry and Ashlyn Tobin, pictured, were crowned the hottest gingers in town, the anticipation for this year's event is higher than ever.

Finn McCool's is the only Irish bar in Australia to host such a unique and vibrant contest, and the rules remain unchanged – only natural gingers need apply.

Last year's winners walked away with a modeling contract and a \$500 cash prize, adding to the allure of the competition. "It proved to be not only a massive success but a really fun evening," shared Luke Mellers of Finn McCool's, reflecting on the electric atmosphere of the event.

Participants can expect a night filled with lively com-



petition, fun cocktails and a crowd packed wall to wall with enthusiastic redheads. As always, the event promises to be a highlight on Brisbane's social calendar, where contestants vie for the titles amidst cheers and celebrations.

Once the 2024 Ginger King and Queen are crowned, the festivities at Finn McCool's don't end there. Later this year, the bar will transform from a sea of red to a sea of green for its annual Finns Fest. Set to be a day of musical magic and

pure Irish revelry, this festival promises to whisk you away on a journey of toe-tapping tunes and rhythms.

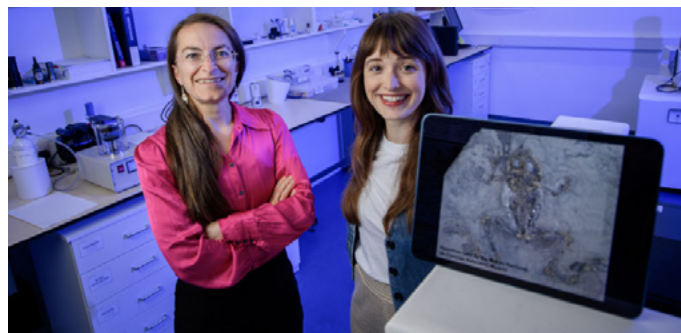
Stay tuned for more details on the 2024 Ginger competition and other exciting events at Finn McCool's by visiting their [website](#).

Frogs croak up the secret to ginger hair

Palaeontologists in Ireland have just made a sizzling discovery: they've found the first-ever molecular evidence of pheomelanin, the pigment that gives gingers their fiery hair, in the fossil record.

They've discovered 10-million-year-old frogs with the same kind of pigment that gives modern-day gingers their distinctive hue.

This groundbreaking study was led by Dr Tiffany Slater and Prof. Maria McNamara of at University College Cork's School of Biological, Earth, and Environmental Sciences. They teamed up with scientists from Japan,



Prof. Maria McNamara (left) and Dr Tiffany Slater at University College Cork (UCC). Picture: [Daragh Mc Sweeney/Provision/UCC](#)

China, and Sweden to make this awesome find.

Dr Slater said: "This finding is so exciting because it puts palaeontologists in a better place to detect different mela-

nin pigments in many more fossils.

"This will paint a more accurate picture of ancient animal colour and will answer important questions about

the evolution of colours in animals. Scientists still don't know how – or why – pheomelanin evolved because it is toxic to animals, but the fossil record might just unlock the mystery."

Ginger hair, caused by a variant of the MC1R gene, is found in about 1-2% of the global population. The highest concentrations are in Scotland, where around 13% of people have red hair, and Ireland, where about 10% are redheads.

The gene is recessive, meaning both parents must carry it for their child to have ginger hair.

Welsh male choir to sing at Last Night of the Proms

The Australian Welsh Male Choir is gearing up for a memorable performance at Melbourne's own Last Night of the Proms!

This event promises to be an afternoon of musical splendor featuring the Legends of Brass, the Australian Welsh Male Choir, and the PLC Ladies Pipes & Drums.

For the Proms season, traditionally held in summertime in the UK, obtaining a ticket to the Last Night at the Royal Albert Hall often involves a ballot or even camping outside the hall in hopes of securing a spot. Fortunately, Melbourne residents can enjoy a similar experience without the hassle by attending this local rendition.

The Australian Welsh Male Choir is in the midst of celebrating its 50th anniversary with a busy diary of events.

Reflecting on their milestone year, the choir shared, "We are nearly halfway through our 50th birthday year, and what a journey it has been!"

Their celebration kicked off with a sold-out "Bold as Brass" concert at Melbourne's Edge Theatre in Federation Square, alongside the Darebin Brass Band.

Throughout the year, the choir has performed in



Legends of Brass performing a Proms concert at The Centre Ivanhoe.

various locations including Leongatha, Sorrento, and the magnificent St Marys of the Angels Basilica in Geelong. They also participated in a joyful Gamanfa Ganu with six Victorian choirs and special guests from Wales, featuring renowned musician, composer, and conductor Jeffery Howard, as well as soloists Ceri Haf Roberts and Heulen Cynfal.

The highlight of their anniversary celebrations was the 50th Anniversary Concert at

the Frankston Arts Centre, which saw them once again joined by their Welsh guests, Jeffery Howard, Ceri Haf Roberts, and Heulen Cynfal, singing to a full house.

As they continue their anniversary celebrations, the Australian Welsh Male Choir is excited to invite you to their upcoming Proms concert in Ivanhoe.

Don't miss out on this extraordinary event where you can sing, wave flags, and stomp your way through a

DATES & DEETS

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The Centre, Ivanhoe VIC
www.legendsofbrass.com.au

fabulous afternoon concert.

The Last Night of the Proms will take place at The Centre Ivanhoe, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, on Sunday, August 4, 2024, at 2 pm.

To secure your tickets, visit legendsofbrass.com.au or call David or Paul at 0490 091 064. Tickets are priced at \$30 each.

Wales head down under for three rugby clashes

Senior Wales men's head coach Warren Gatland has confirmed the 34-player squad that will play in Australia this month.

Dewi Lake will captain the squad. Three uncapped players are listed among the 19 forwards and 15 backs: hooker Efan Daniel plus wingers Regan Grace and Josh Hathaway.

Gatland said: "We're expecting two fiercely contested Test matches down under and are also pleased to be able to play a third fixture against



the Queensland Reds.

"I'm excited about this Wales squad. We know Australia is a tough place to go and play rugby, but we are relishing the challenge.

"We are focusing on getting better as a group. This

is a young squad that's still learning at this level. There are lots of positives and good things that we can build on from the weekend and there are also areas that we will be working hard to address over the next few weeks."

DATES & DEETS

06 JUL
Australia v Wales
Allianz Stadium, Sydney NSW

13 JUL
Australia v Wales
AAMI Park, Melbourne VIC

19 JUL
Queensland Reds v Wales
Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane QLD

Mutiny to unity for Isle of Man and Norfolk Island

If you visit Australia's external territory of Norfolk Island in July, you may be surprised to find the flag of the Isle of Man proudly flying outside its Centre for Democracy.

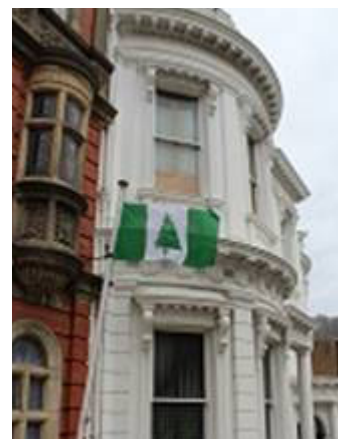
This picturesque island in the Pacific Ocean has been recognising the Isle of Man's national day, Tynwald Day, on July 5th every year since 2011. The two islands share historical ties dating back to the mutiny on the Bounty.

The mutiny on the Bounty occurred in 1789 on the British Royal Navy vessel HMS Bounty, commanded by Lieutenant William Bligh. The ship was on a mission to transport breadfruit plants from Tahiti to the Caribbean. Led by Fletcher Christian, a group of mutineers seized control of the ship and set Bligh and 18 loyalists adrift in a small boat, after which the mutineers sailed back to Tahiti.

Fletcher Christian and a small group of mutineers, along with Tahitian men and women, then sailed to Pitcairn Island, chosen for its remoteness and inaccurate maps that would make it difficult for the British Navy to find them. The mutineers burned the Bounty to avoid detection, and their descendants still live on Pitcairn Island today.

In 1856, due to overpopulation on Pitcairn Island, the British government relocated residents to Norfolk Island, which had previously been used as a penal colony. Today, many of Norfolk Island's inhabitants are direct descendants of the Bounty mutineers.

The Isle of Man connection comes from Fletcher Christian's heritage. Fletcher Christian was born in Cumberland, England, but his family had Manx roots. His mother, Ann Dixon, was from the Isle of Man. Additionally, in 1781, William Bligh



Bounty Day on Norfolk Island, where the islanders give thanks for the arrival of the descendants of the HMS Bounty to their island, top. The Manx flag flying outside the Centre for Democracy on Norfolk Island, above left, and, above right, the Norfolk Island flag hanging outside the Legislative Buildings in Douglas, Isle of Man. Pictures: [Norfolk Island Tourism](#), [Tynwald.org.im](#) and [Facebook/BallasallaVillage](#)

married Elizabeth "Betsy" Betham, whose family lived on the Isle of Man.

On July 5, 2011, a Cultural Agreement acknowledging the common ties of family and culture between the Isle of Man and Norfolk Island was signed on Tynwald Day by the then President of Tynwald and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Norfolk Island. A framed copy of the cultural agreement continues to be proudly displayed on Norfolk Island in the Centre for Democracy.

Every June 8th, Norfolk Island celebrates Bounty Day in memory of the arrival in 1856 of the Pitcairn Islanders. Central to the celebrations is the re-enactment of

the landing of the 194 men, women, and children at the capital's Kingston Pier. In 2013, links between the Isle of Man and Norfolk Island were strengthened when the then President of Tynwald, the Hon Clare Christian, was a guest of the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly for the Bounty Day celebrations.

In her speech, Hon Clare Christian referred to the "truly rich tapestries" of the two islands' histories which were "interwoven through the fortunes of the Bounty mutineers." She continued: "Our islands share not only those slender but powerful strands of DNA which bind us together but also those characteristics of community pride

and resilience which come from being islanders."

Every year on Tynwald Day, Norfolk Island's Council of Elders sends a message to the President of Tynwald to recognise the ties between the two small islands.

The message in 2023 stated: "The Isle of Man flag has been flying outside the Norfolk Island Centre for Democracy as a testament to the strong bonds forged between our two islands through our shared history. Warmest best wishes have been conveyed on behalf of the Council of Elders of Norfolk Island and the Norfolk Island People to the people of the Isle of Man as they commemorate their National Day this month."

Manx mania as island plans weeklong party

In honour of the Isle of Man's national day on July 5th, a celebration of Manx National Week will take place across the island from 30th June until 7th July with a variety of events and activities.

The Hon Laurence Skelly, President of Tynwald said: "We wanted to re-ignite Manx National Week and encourage the wider community to celebrate everything that is Manx and special to our Island and our local areas."

Annual events like the Cronk-y-Voddy Sports Day and the traditional Tynwald Day Ceremony on Friday 5th July will be highlights of Manx National week alongside events across the Island including a photography exhibition, an archive exhibition at The Leece Museum



and Manx National Week displays across schools.

Tynwald Day is an annual celebration that commemorates the island's parliament, known as Tynwald. It is considered one of the oldest continuous parliamentary traditions in the world, dating back over a thousand years.

The day involves vari-

ous ceremonies, including an open-air session of the parliament, where laws are proclaimed and petitions are presented.

The heart of the celebration is the iconic Tynwald Day Ceremony held at St John's, a village on the western side of the island, where parliament meets in the open air

LOCAL EVENTS

05 JUL
Tynwald Day Flag Lowering, 4pm
Australian Standing Stones
Glen Innes NSW

06 JUL
Queensland Manx Society Tynwald Day, 11am - 3pm Arana Leagues Club
Keperra QLD
[Queensland Manx Society](#)

on old midsummer's day to promulgate Acts on Tynwald Hill. Each Act is read aloud in both Manx Gaelic and English.

The ceremony is attended by members of the Tynwald, government officials, and the general public.

From Isle of Man to isle of marsupials

The Isle of Man, known affectionately as the Gem of the Irish Sea, is famous for its rich history, stunning landscapes, and now... wallabies?

More than 560 wallabies have been caught on camera living the high life in the northern reaches of the Isle of Man - and no, they didn't take a wrong turn at Sydney!

Since their daring escape from a local wildlife park back in the swinging '60s, these marsupial misfits have been multiplying faster than you can say "g'day mate" in the Ballaugh Curraghs area, turning the sleepy town into a marsupial metropolis!

Previous estimates had experts thinking there were just over a hundred of these furry fugitives on the loose. But a recent survey using high-tech drone technology has revealed that there's a whole mob of them running amok!



Wallabies are loving life in the Isle of Man. Picture: [Wikimedia Commons](#)

Now, the Manx Wildlife Trust is scratching their heads over what to do with this wallaby invasion. The Trust's chief, Leigh Morris, was gobsmacked by the high numbers of wallabies.

"I was personally astounded at the number we counted," he said, adding: "There were far more than we were expecting."

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Bonfire Night sparks Cracker celebrations!

Bonfire Night in Australia, celebrated in July, offers a unique twist to the traditional Guy Fawkes Night celebrated in November in the UK.

Celebrations in the UK involve the burning of an effigy to represent Guy Fawkes. The burning of 'the Guy' on a bonfire is a central part of the festivities, symbolising the punishment of Fawkes and his co-conspirators. The event is accompanied by fireworks displays, bonfires, and entertainment.

The celebration was brought to Australia by British colonists. Known here as Guy Fawkes Night, Bonfire Night or Cracker Night, it was widely observed until the late 1970s when public fireworks sales were banned due to safety concerns and the risk of bushfires.

Much of Australia didn't observe Guy Fawkes Night on November 5th. Most states instead celebrated Cracker Night on the Queen's Birthday weekend in June, and earlier generations lit their fireworks and bonfires in May, on what was known as Empire Day. That was mostly down to the climate as you might set a bushfire raging if you lit a bonfire in November.

Cracker Night continues to be celebrated in the Northern Territory. It evolved into Territory Day celebrations on 1st July, commemorating the territory achieving self-government in 1978. The holiday has been commemorated with fireworks since the early 1980s. Popularly still known as Cracker Night, Territorians are provided five hours to legally blow up fireworks without needing a permit or special training, the only instance of its kind in Australia.

Guy Fawkes Night was cancelled in Queensland in the 1970s after a string of serious burn injuries. In 2013, the Young Liberal National Party raised the idea of bringing back Cracker Night in Queensland. But it was ruled out by the government of the day. Minister Andrew Cripps said: "There were always



Bonfire Night at Sandstone Point, Queensland



Killarney Bonfire Night, Queensland



Cracker Night in Derwent valley, Tasmania

incidents that occurred on Cracker Night or Guy Fawkes Night, which sometimes left people with permanent serious injuries and disabilities." But in recent years, Bonfire Night has been revived in various forms in Queensland, particularly during July.

For instance, the Sandstone Point Hotel hosts an annual Bonfire Night in early July. This event has become a family-friendly celebration featuring food trucks, fire twirlers, marshmallow roasting, fire combat performers, kids' rides, campfire singalongs, and live entertainment. The night concludes with a spectacular fireworks display and the lighting of two large bonfires.

Sandstone Point Hotel's Bonfire Night on July 13th, promises an exciting evening with live music, delicious food, drinks, and a variety of family-friendly activities. The event will feature fireworks, fire twirlers, and a spectacular bonfire to light up the night. Guests can enjoy food from numerous stalls, sip on beverages from pop-up bars, and groove to live performances by popular bands. The event typically attracts a large crowd and offers a lively atmosphere for all ages.

Killarney, a town in Queensland, also celebrates Bonfire Night as part of its Jumpers and Jazz in July festival. The Killarney Bonfire Night is set for July 20th at the Killarney Showgrounds. This annual event is a highlight in the Southern Downs, featuring unique fire pit designs from metal artists, live music, fire twirlers, and a grand fireworks display. The event will include a Fire Drum Competition, where participants can showcase their creative fire pit designs, ranging from functional family 'spot-fire' drums to intricate artistic pieces. The evening begins with the lighting of smaller fire pits, followed by the main bonfire and various performances. Local food trucks and community groups will provide a variety



Big Willie is set alight at Willie Smith's Huon Valley Mid-Winter Festival in Tasmania. Picture: [Facebook.com/williesmithsider](https://www.facebook.com/williesmithsider)

of food and drink options, including mulled wine to keep guests warm.

In New South Wales, Georges River FC in Oyster Bay hosts an annual Cracker Night where Oyster Bay Oval comes alive with a fireworks extravaganza. Cracker Night, which will take place on Saturday, 17th August, is a major fundraising event for their football team. As well as the fireworks, plans for the night included a glow bar, popcorn, mulled wine, hot chocolate, fairy floss and BBQ. For details, go to [Facebook.com/GeorgesRiverFC](https://www.facebook.com/GeorgesRiverFC).

In Tasmania, the tradition still holds strong, with celebrations including fireworks and bonfires. Tasmania celebrates Cracker Night on May 24th, and it continues to delight many locals with displays of pyrotechnics and community festivities.

Hobart's Cracker Night fireworks had to be cancelled this year due to predicted wet weather. However, Cracker Night was celebrated with the Geneva Bonfire and Fireworks in Latrobe, the Glen Derwent Tea Rooms Cracker Night in New Norfolk and the Redbanks Cracker Night in Nugent.

Willie Smith's Mid-Winter

Festival, also known as the Huon Valley Mid-Winter Festival, is a beloved event in Tasmania, held annually in July at Willie Smith's Apple Shed in the Huon Valley. Highlights include the burning of the effigy of Big Willie, as well as performances by folk and punk bands, Morris dancers leading the wassail, a bonfire, costume competitions, apple pie eating contests, and roving performances.

The festival, scheduled for July 12th and 13th, will mark its final installment, bringing together a vibrant mix of music, storytelling, and communal rituals. This festival has become a cornerstone of winter celebrations in Tasmania, drawing locals and visitors alike to enjoy a blend of traditions and contemporary festivities, all while sipping on warm spiced cider.

Every year, Guy Fawkes Night is celebrated on November 5th at The Fox and Hounds in Mount Tamborine, Queensland. Celebrations will include a bonfire, fireworks and feasting. Be welcomed by Morris Dancers before dining, then witness the fireworks and see what happens to Guy. Come dressed in period dress, or even as Guy Fawkes himself!



Territory Day in the Northern Territory, popularly known as Cracker Night. Picture: [Facebook.com/TerritoryDay2023](https://www.facebook.com/TerritoryDay2023)



Celebrations around the bonfire at Willie Smith's Huon Valley Mid-Winter Festival. Picture: [Facebook.com/williesmithsider](https://www.facebook.com/williesmithsider)



Portmeirion, North Wales. Picture: [Mike McBey, Wikimedia Commons](#)

Time Out crowns the UK's most beautiful destinations

Embark on a captivating adventure through the United Kingdom's most enchanting landscapes!

Crowned by Time Out as the nation's most beautiful destinations, these hidden gems promise to dazzle with their natural splendor and rich history. From the mystical Puzzlewood to the dramatic cliffs of the Seven Sisters, each location offers a unique blend of charm and allure, waiting to be discovered and explored.

- 1. Puzzlewood, Forest of Dean:** This enchanting forest is believed to have inspired Tolkien's Middle Earth, with winding paths, hidden caves, and moss-covered rocks.
- 2. Minack Theatre, Cornwall:** Perched dramatically on Cornwall's cliffs, the Minack Theatre offers open-air performances against a stunning backdrop of the sea.
- 3. Barbican Estate, London:** Love it or hate it, the Barbican Estate in London is an iconic example of brutalist architecture, housing an arts center, lush conservatory, and a residential community.
- 4. Singing Sands, Isle of**



Minack Theatre near Porthcurno, Cornwall, England. Picture: [Chef, Wikimedia Commons](#)

Eigg: Known for its unique sands that emit a 'singing' sound as you walk, complemented by stunning views of the rugged coastline.

5. Avebury Stone Circle, Wiltshire: This Neolithic stone circle is the largest in Europe, allowing visitors to freely wander among the ancient stones.

6. Medieval Shambles, York: Once a bustling medieval meat market, it is now one of the best-preserved medieval streets in the UK, offering a charming stroll

through its crooked timber-framed buildings.

7. Seven Sisters, Sussex: Stretching along Sussex's coastline, the Seven Sisters cliffs provide breathtaking views and challenging hikes.

8. Fairy Pools, Isle of Skye: Tucked away in the Cuillin mountains, the Fairy Pools are a series of turquoise basins connected by cascading waterfalls.

9. Whitstable Seafront, Kent: Whitstable's pebble beach and colourful beach huts provide the perfect set-

ting for a seaside escape.

10. Rydal Caves, Lake District: Rydal Caves offer a mystical experience with dramatic cave formations and serene waters.

11. Loch Lomond, Highland Boundary Fault: Scotland's Loch Lomond, framed by rolling hills and picturesque villages, is a tranquil beauty.

12. Central Oxford: The heart of Oxford boasts stunning architecture, including historic colleges, cobbled streets, and dreamy spires.

13. Clifton Suspension Bridge, Bristol: Bristol's Clifton Suspension Bridge spans the Avon Gorge, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside.

14. Portmeirion, North Wales: Inspired by Italian architecture, Portmeirion is a whimsical village in North Wales known for its colourful buildings, lush gardens, and stunning coastal views.

15. Benone Strand, Causeway Coast: This seven-mile stretch of beach in Northern Ireland boasts golden sands, dramatic cliffs, and views of Mussenden Temple.

Viva la fiesta as Galicia celebrates Celtic World

Spain is swapping its flamenco for fiddles and siestas for Celtic singalongs, as Galicia's most enchanting festival, the International Festival of the Celtic World, takes over Ortigueira from July 11th to 14th.

This event, which transforms the scenic Galician town into a haven of bagpipes, folklore, and revelry, promises four days of toe-tapping tunes, captivating crafts, and cultural camaraderie.

The presence of Celts in northern Spain can be traced back to ancient history, particularly during the Iron Age. Around the 8th Century BC, Celtic tribes began migrating from Central Europe and the British Isles to various parts of the Iberian Peninsula, including present-day northern Spain. The Celts settled in regions such as Galicia, Asturias, Cantabria, and the Basque Country. They established communities, practiced agriculture, engaged in trade, and contributed to the cultural and linguistic diversity of the region.

Over time, the Celtic influences in northern Spain intertwined with those of other cultures, including the indigenous peoples of the Iberian Peninsula and later the Romans, who conquered the region in the 2nd century BCE. Despite Roman domination, Celtic traditions, languages, and customs persisted in certain areas, especially in remote or mountainous regions. The legacy of Celtic presence in northern Spain is still evident today in aspects of local culture, language, music, and folklore.

This festival, one of Spain's most popular, is well-known in the folk music world. Focusing on Celtic music, this free event is held outdoors in Ortigueira and attracts thousands of people every year. Since it began in 1978, it has been steadily growing



The Spanish town of Ortigueira will transform during July for the International Festival of the Celtic World, Festival de Ortigueira. Pictures: [Festival de Ortigueira](#)

in prestige to become one of the most important events of the summer.

The town of Ortigueira transforms during the second week of July into the world capital of Celtic culture. Followers, faithful folkies, tradis, tourists, and curious people from all over the world come to share four days full of culture, music, workshops, good food, all with views of the Ortigueira estuary, providing a magical backdrop where nature and folk coexist in perfect harmony.

This festival attracts both

seasoned stars and up-and-coming artists and is complemented by parallel activities, including photography exhibitions, craft markets, dance workshops, marching bands, and street music.

The mayor and person in charge of the festival, Valentín Calvin, announced the first four groups that will perform. He confirmed the attendance of the fashionable Galician folk group, Fillas de Cassandra.

On an international level, Green Lads will land for the first time in Spain to debut

in Ortigueira with their mix of Irish music and electronic rhythms. The Breton group has been one of the leading groups in France since 2018, performing at festivals such as Cornwall, Fillet Bleu in Brittany, and the King Arthur Festival, among others.

The Scottish pipe band Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia Pipe Band will return to the festival having won the World Pipe Band Championship for the first time last August in Glasgow.

For more information, visit [Festival de Ortigueira](#).



Streedagh Beach, County Sligo. Pictures: Ireland.com

Ireland celebrates 10 years of Wild Atlantic Way route

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the world's longest-defined coastal touring route. The Wild Atlantic Way is an internationally acclaimed waymarked road trip stretching 2,500 kilometres along the contours of Ireland's great western seaboard, from County Cork in the south to County Donegal in the north.

With 188 Discovery Points along the way, the route has guided the intrepid traveller for the past decade to previously off-grid west of Ireland locations, bringing with it nearly two million extra visitors every year.

Weaving through nine coastal counties, this epic route is studded with coves and cliffs, caves and craggy rock formations, all sculpted by the sea over millennia. With its cinematic beauty and otherworldly landscapes, it's a place that has attracted the attention of some of the world's top filmmakers and TV producers, with Ryan's Daughter, Star Wars, The Banshees of Inisherin and Normal People all shot on



Galley Head Lighthouse, Rosscarbery, County Cork.

location here.

The Wild Atlantic Way can be explored on foot, bike or by car and on any timescale. From idling away afternoons on one of its 63 beaches to connecting with nature in one of its five national parks, it's a place of endless adventure, with 26 inhabited and hundreds of uninhabited islands, world-renowned golf courses, two Dark Sky Reserves and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Skellig Michael.

At the core of this magnificent seascape's success as a

destination is its people and their famous hospitality. From the heart-thumping beats of a traditional music session to plates of super-fresh seafood, the Wild Atlantic Way is all about having a good time.

There are award-winning whiskey distilleries and breathtaking accommodations from lighthouses to castles. There are Michelin-starred restaurants and traditional thatched cottage cafés driven by a commitment to local produce.

And when it comes to

pubs, the Wild Atlantic Way delivers with the traditional grocery-style pubs of Dingle, the buzzing music pubs of Westport, as well as countless ocean-side beauties along the way.

Cork and Kerry

Cork and Kerry are the most southerly counties of the Wild Atlantic Way and offer jagged peninsulas that jut out into the ocean with colossal mountains and crystal clear lakes in forested valleys.

Kinsale in County Cork marks the start of the Wild Atlantic Way and is a charming introduction to Cork's spectacular coastline, with its gorgeous little villages and dramatic locations, such as the Mizen Head Signal Station, Ireland's most southwesterly point, known for its bridge over a dramatic swirling seascape.

County Kerry is famous for its heavy-hitting attractions including the Ring of Kerry and the Dingle Peninsula – as well as dramatic Skellig Michael, a 6th-century monastic site and Star Wars film location.



Malin Head, Inishowen Peninsula, County Donegal. Pictures: Ireland.com

Limerick and Clare

The estuary-hugging N69 road leads to Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum, birthplace of the Irish coffee! Limerick city boasts one of the finest Norman castles in the world, King John's Castle, as well as lively riverside pubs.

Once in Clare, the landscape changes dramatically, with Loop Head Peninsula offering edge-of-the-world road frontage and vertiginous views. Next come the Cliffs of Moher, goliath-like rock formations that tower over the Atlantic Ocean. Nearby, the scenic village of Doolin is a gateway to the beloved Aran Islands, as well as the limestone karst landscape of the Burren, a Special Area of Conservation. Clare is also famed for its traditional music scene, which can be enjoyed in the lively villages of Doolin, Ballyvaughan and Lisdoonvarna.

Galway and Mayo

Always arrive in Galway city with an appetite, because it's a top food destination. Beyond the city is Connemara, a wild, wind-scorched region once described by Oscar Wilde as a "savagely beautiful". Visitors have an overwhelming choice of places to see, such as the fairy-tale Kylemore Abbey, set on a glassy lake, and the

pretty ocean-fringed village of Roundstone.

One of County Mayo's star attractions is the buzzing town of Westport on Clew Bay. Matt Malloy's Pub, owned by one of Ireland's leading musicians, is always game for a good trad session.

Achill Island, one of the settings for the movie *The Banshees of Inisherin*, is spectacular with Keem Bay a star attraction. Or reach back into the past at Céide Fields, a 6,000-year-old Neolithic site with views over a 110-metre-high cliffside.

Leitrim, Sligo and Donegal

Ben Bulbin, the famous flat-top mountain that features in the poetry of William Butler Yeats and the television series *Normal People*, heralds the route's passing into the north-west. Yeats's trail knits both Leitrim and Sligo together and the coastal trail moves from the shortest stretch of coastline on the Wild Atlantic Way in County Leitrim to the shores of County Sligo. It's here you'll find Strandhill, home to one of Ireland's top surf schools.

Donegal's untamed landscape is fringed by miles of deserted beaches, but the showstoppers here are the towering cliffs at Slieve League. For those who prefer



The Burren, County Clare.



Slea Head, Dingle Peninsula, County Kerry.

something a bit more down to earth, Glenveagh National Park offers forests, exotic plant life and a castled mansion with a fascinating backstory.

In fact, the entire Wild Atlantic Way tells a fascinating tale with one of the most beautiful backdrops in

the world, and those who come to visit rarely leave unchanged. As JJ Abrams, the director of *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* put it while filming in the region "It's sort of a miracle this place...we could not be more honoured to be here."

Words: Ireland.com

Festivals



ABBEY MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL

One of Australia's premier living history events reenacts the Middle Ages in Europe and Middle East.

Caboolture QLD

06 & 07 JUL



ABERDEEN HIGHLAND GAMES

Pipe and drums, Highland dancers, Kilted Warriors, fun events.

Aberdeen NSW

06 JUL



MELBOURNE TARTAN FESTIVAL

A whole month of Scottish festivities including a gala dinner and parade.

Melbourne VIC

30 JUN - 30 JUL



TYNWALD DAY FLAG LOWERING

Enjoy a toast to the Manx people along with a taste of some traditional Manx food.

Glen Innes NSW

05 JUL



HUON VALLEY MID-WINTER FESTIVAL

The final festival, see Apple trees wassailed by the Morris dancers and Big Willie bonfire.

Huon Valley TAS

12 - 13 JUL

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FINN MCCOOL'S THE GATHERING 400TH GIG

Surfer's Paradise QLD

Join Finn McCool's Surfer's Paradise in celebration of The Gathering's 400th gig. Entertainment from 2pm. The Gathering will take to the stage from 9.30pm, followed by DJ Manikus.

13 JUL

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01 JUL

International Tartan Day Nationwide
Scottish Australian Heritage Council
Scottish Week 2024 (28 JUN - 02 JUL)
Sydney NSW
Melbourne Tartan Festival (30 JUN - 30 JUL)
Melbourne VIC
Territory Day (Cracker Night)
NT

02 JUL

The Animals
Melbourne VIC
Birdsville Big Red Bash (to 04 JUL)
Simpson Desert QLD

03 JUL

A Taste of Ireland
Redcliffe QLD
The Animals
Narre Warren VIC

04 JUL

Australian British Chamber of Commerce A Warm Up for Wales vs Australia
Sydney NSW
Irish Community Christmas in July Lunch
Queensland Gaelic Football and Hurling Club
Willawong QLD

05 JUL

Tynwald Day flag lowering at the Australian Standing Stones
Glen Innes NSW
A Taste of Ireland
Cleveland QLD
Absolute Bowie
Brisbane QLD
Celtic Illusion
Ringwood VIC
Shamrock 'N Shenanigans
Adelaide Irish Club, SA
The Animals
Warrnambool VIC

A Scottish Christmas in July hosted by The Scottish Business Network
Hawthorn VIC
Taffy's Together at Taffy's Pub
The Oaks Pub, Neutral Bay NSW

06 JUL

Aberdeen Highland Games
Aberdeen NSW
Abbey Medieval Festival (TO 07 JUL)
Caboolture QLD
Winterfest Sydney Medieval Fair (to 07 JUL)
Hawkesbury NSW
A Taste of Ireland
Ipswich QLD
Celtica
Wonthaggi VIC
Heavenly Light Quartet
The Gaelic Club, Sydney NSW
Bonfire Night at Sandstone Point Hotel
Bribie Island QLD
Absolute Bowie
Adelaide SA
The Animals
Ballarat VIC
UK Pink Floyd Experience
Hobart TAS
UK Blitz
Parahills SA
Rugby Union Wales v Australia
Sydney NSW
Pre Australia v Wales Welsh Fanzone at Watson's EQ Pub
Moore Park, Sydney NSW
Queensland Manx Society Tynwald Day at Arana Leagues Club
Keperra QLD

07 JUL

Irish Sundays live music at Finn McCool's
Fortitude Valley QLD
The 47th Australian Winter School
Gatton QLD
Melbourne Tartan Day Parade
Melbourne VIC
A Taste of Ireland

Brisbane QLD

The Animals
Geelong VIC
Lake School Launch 2025
Collingwood VIC
Tynwald Day Flag Lowering at Australian Standing Stones
Glen Innes NSW

08 JUL

Celtic Illusion
Frankston VIC

09 JUL

Celtic Illusion
Warragul VIC
The Animals
Adelaide SA

10 JUL

Celtic Illusion
Traralgon VIC
Mo Gilligan
Brisbane QLD

11 JUL

Jimeoin
Cowra NSW
Celtic Illusion
Sale VIC
Mo Gilligan
Sydney NSW
Australian British Chamber of Commerce Christmas in July
Sydney NSW
Scottish Society UQ and Chocolate Elements Burns Supper
Dessert Style
South Brisbane QLD
Tickets

12 JUL

Jimeoin
Parkes NSW
Ben Portsmouth This Is Elvis
Brisbane QLD
Willie Smith's Mid-Winter Festival (to 13 JUL)

Huon Valley TAS

Australian Historical Dance Community Folk Dance
Samford QLD
Absolute Bowie
Perth WA
Mo Gilligan
Sydney NSW
Celtic Christmas in July with Kejafi at The Red Lion Tavern
Glencoe NSW
Tickets
Adelaide Beer & BBQ Festival (to 14 JUL)
Adelaide SA

13 JUL

Voxneon
Paddington NSW
Sandstone Point Hotel Bonfire Night
Bribie Island QLD
Jimeoin
Mudgee NSW
Ben Portsmouth This Is Elvis
Toowoomba QLD
Absolute Bowie
Perth WA
Celtic Illusion
Bendigo VIC
Kevin Welch
The Gaelic Club, Sydney NSW
The Gathering 400th Gig at Finn McCool's Surfer's Paradise
Gold Coast QLD
Mo Gilligan
Melbourne VIC
Hunter Valley Scots Club Caledonian Night
Argenton NSW
Kejafi
Gleniffer NSW
Rugby Union Wales v Australia
Melbourne VIC

14 JUL

Irish Sundays live music at Finn McCool's
Fortitude Valley QLD

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GIGS & REELS

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 ■ Scottish
 ■ Irish
 ■ Welsh
 ■ Celtic
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CELTIC CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Glencoe NSW

The Red Lion Celtic Christmas in July features live music and entertainment by Kejafi. Treat yourself to two courses of Christmas-style food, from roasts to rice puddings. [Tickets](#)

12 JUL

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Ben Portsmouth This Is Elvis
 Kingsford NSW
 Celtic Illusion
 Echuca VIC
 Bastille Day
 La Perouse NSW
 Kejafi
 Uralla NSW

17 JUL
Ben Portsmouth This Is Elvis
 Canberra ACT
 Celtic Illusion
 Mildura VIC
 Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of
 The Dubliners
 Narra Warren VIC
 State of Origin at Finn McCool's
 Fortitude Valley QLD

18 JUL
 Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of
 The Dubliners
 Brunswick VIC
 Mo Gilligan
 Perth WA
 Jumpers and Jazz in July (to 28 JUL)
 Warwick QLD

19 JUL
Ben Portsmouth This Is Elvis
 Penrith NSW
 Celtic Illusion
 Devonport TAS
 Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of
 The Dubliners
 Bendigo VIC
 The Life and Music of George Michael
 Melbourne VIC
 Rugby Union Wales v Queensland
 Reds
 Brisbane QLD

20 JUL
Ben Portsmouth This Is Elvis
 Woollongong NSW

The Most Wuthering Heights Day Ever
 Milton QLD & Sydney NSW & Wagga
 Wagga NSW
 Melbourne Tartan Festival Gala Dinner
 & Concert
 Melbourne VIC
 Celtic Illusion
 Hobart TAS
 Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of
 The Dubliners
 Ballarat VIC
 Brisbane Youths GAA Christmas In July
 Gilhooleys, Brisbane QLD
 Killarney Bonfire Night
 Killarney QLD
 The Life and Music of George Michael
 Melbourne VIC

21 JUL
 Irish Sundays live music at Finn
 McCool's
 Fortitude Valley QLD
Ben Portsmouth This Is Elvis
 Belmont NSW
 The Most Wuthering Heights Day Ever
 Gold Coast QLD
 Irish Sessions at The Northern Star
 Hamilton NSW
 Celtic Illusion
 Launceston TAS
 Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of
 The Dubliners
 Frankston VIC
 Christmas in July at Gaelic Park
 Keysborough VIC
 The Scotsman Distant Shores of
 Scotland Concert
 Kew VIC
[Tickets](#)

23 JUL
 Celtic Illusion
 Dandenong VIC
 Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of
 The Dubliners
 Ringwood VIC

24 JUL
Ben Portsmouth This Is Elvis
 Melbourne VIC
 Celtic Illusion
 South Morang VIC
 Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of
 The Dubliners
 Geelong VIC
 Warwick Caledonian Society Tattoo &
 Tartan Movie Night
 Warwick QLD

25 JUL
 Jimeoin
 Bathurst NSW
Ben Portsmouth This Is Elvis
 Melbourne VIC
 Celtic Illusion
 Darebin VIC
 Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of
 The Dubliners
 Moonee Ponds VIC

26 JUL
 Jimeoin
 Orange NSW
 Australian Historical Dance Communi-
 ty Folk Dance: Steampunk
 Arana Hills QLD
 Eden Festival (to 28 JUL)
 Darwin NT
 The Life and Music of George Michael
 Brisbane QLD
 The Rolling Stones Revue
 Si Kilda VIC

27 JUL
 Irish Support Agency NSW Christmas
 in July Ball
 Sydney NSW
 Sydney Irish RFC Christmas in July
 Alexandria NSW
 The Life and Music of George Michael
 Brisbane QLD
 Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of
 The Dubliners

Canberra ACT
 Caledonian Society of WA Christmas
 in July Ceilidh
 Inglewood WA
 Christmas in July with Mary Kiani
 Low 302, Surry Hills NSW
 The Most Wuthering Heights Day Ever
 Adelaide SA
 The Rolling Stones Revue
 Brisbane QLD

28 JUL
 Irish Sundays live music at Finn
 McCool's
 Fortitude Valley QLD
 Celtic Illusion
 Healesville VIC
 Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of
 The Dubliners
 Springwood NSW
 The Most Wuthering Heights Day Ever
 Dubbo NSW
 The Life and Music of George Michael
 Sydney NSW

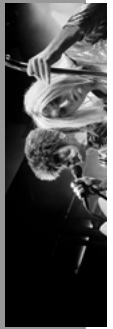
30 JUL
 Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of
 The Dubliners
 Orange NSW
 Australian British Chamber of
 Commerce Christmas in July
 Perth WA

31 JUL
 Hugh Cornwell
 Sydney NSW
 Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of
 The Dubliners
 Wyong NSW
 Celtic Illusion
 Shepparton VIC
 The Life and Music of George Michael
 Adelaide SA

Tours

ABSOLUTE BOWIE

05 JUL Brisbane QLD
 06 JUL Adelaide SA
 12 JUL Perth WA
 13 JUL Fremantle WA



SEVEN DRUNKEN NIGHTS

17 JUL Narra Warren VIC
 18 JUL Brunswick VIC
 19 JUL Bendigo VIC
 20 JUL Ballarat VIC
 21 JUL Frankston VIC
 23 JUL Ringwood VIC
 More dates in gig guide



BEN PORTSMOUTH THIS IS ELVIS

12 JUL Brisbane QLD
 13 JUL Toowoomba QLD
 14 JUL Kingsford NSW
 17 JUL Canberra ACT
 19 JUL Penrith NSW
 20 JUL Woollongong NSW
 More dates in gig guide



A TASTE OF IRELAND

03 JUL Redcliffe QLD
 05 JUL Cleveland QLD
 06 JUL Ipswich QLD
 07 JUL Brisbane QLD
 08 JUL Frankston VIC
 09 JUL Warragul VIC
 More dates in gig guide



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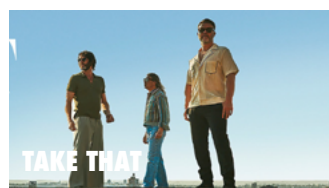
02 JUL Melbourne VIC
 03 JUL Narra Warren VIC
 05 JUL Warrnambool VIC
 06 JUL Ballarat VIC
 07 JUL Geelong VIC
 09 JUL Adelaide SA



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GIGS & REELS

GIG ANNOUNCEMENTS - CLICK ON PICS FOR DETAILS



AUGUST

Tours:
 Hugh Cornwell
 The Mersey Beatles
 Ride
 The U2 Show Achtung Baby
 Aslan
 Seven Drunken Nights – The Story of The Dubliners
 The Two Johnnies Podcast
 The Jesus and Mary Chain
 Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells Live
 Celtic Illusion
 Griff
 Belle and Sebastian/Badly Drawn Boy

Festivals:
 Royal Queensland Show QLD
 Hunter Valley Highland Games NSW
 Mackay Blue Water Fling QLD
 Balaklava Eisteddfod SA
 Tasmanian Whisky Week
 Scots in the Bush QLD
 Highland Spectacular VIC
 The Henley on Todd Regatta NT
 Townsville Medieval and Fantasy Festival QLD
 Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta NT
 Ballingup Medieval Carnivale WA
 Newcastle Medieval Festival NSW
 Tara Festival Of Culture And Camel Races
 Tara QLD

SEPTEMBER

Tours:
 Iron Maiden
 Andrew Strong performs The Commitments
 David Walliams
 The Reytons

Andy Summers (The Police)
 The Irish Tenors

Festivals:
 Neorum Creek Music Festival QLD
 Folk by the Sea NSW
 Clans on the Coast NSW
 National Morris Ale 2024 QLD

OCTOBER

Tours:
 David Walliams
 Joanna Lumley
 UB40
 Passenger
 Smokie
 Kim Wilde
 Buzzcocks & Modern English
 The Doors Alive
 John Edward
 Coldplay
 Take That
 Eric Idle
 Ash
 Gary Og

Festivals:
 Canberra Highland Gathering ACT
 Sydney Highland Gathering NSW
 Brisbane Celtic Festival QLD
 Williamstown Highland Celtic Gathering VIC
 Boorawa Irish Woolfest NSW
 Canberra Irish Set Dance Weekend, Hall ACT
 Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival NSW

NOVEMBER

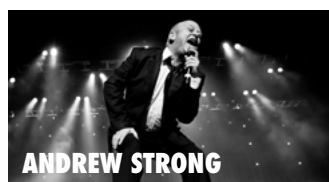
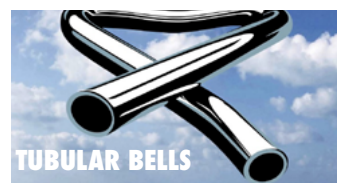
Tours:
 Buzzcocks & Modern English
 The Doors Alive
 Smokie
 Coldplay
 Take That
 Eric Idle
 Hozier
 John Edward
 Sweet
 Eurovision On Tour
 The The
 Jon Ronson's Psychopath Night
 James Blunt
 Artemas
 Carl Cox
 Leo Sayer
 The Cult
 Myles Smith
 Glass Animals

Festivals:
 Maleny Music Festival QLD
 Spring Dance Weekend, Portarlington VIC
 Summer Salt VIC & NSW
 Airlie Beach Festival of Music QLD
 Bundanoon Folk Festival NSW
 Victorian Medieval Festival VIC
 SA Viking Festival, Victor Harbour SA
 Scottish Festival at Overnewton Castle VIC

DECEMBER

Tours:
 John Bishop

Festivals:
 Woodford Folk Festival QLD
 Daylesford Highland Gathering VIC





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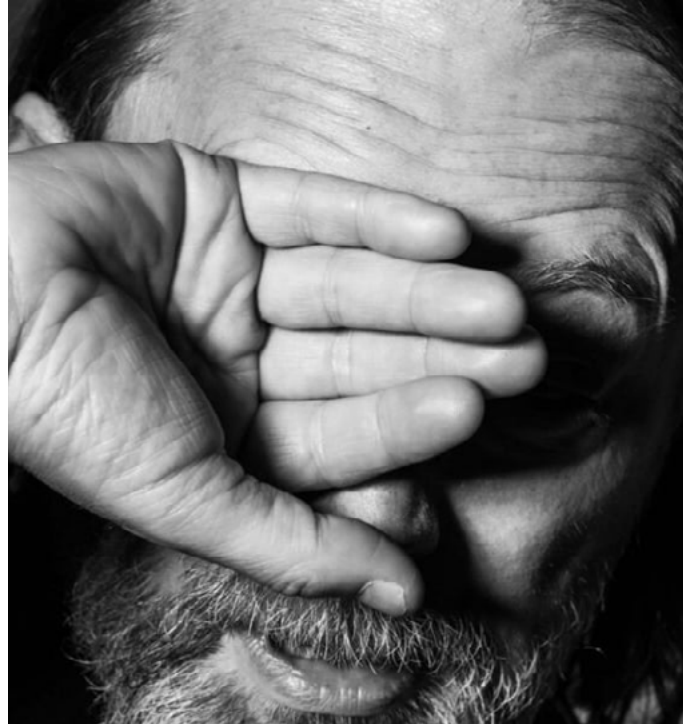
Thom Yorke takes first solo tour to Australia

Thom Yorke is bringing his tour Everything to Australia.

The tour sees Thom performing work from right across his career on his first ever solo tour. Thom will play two shows each at two of Australia's most majestic venues; Sydney Opera House and Melbourne's Sidney Myer Music Bowl.

Aside from his role as principal songwriter and frontman in Radiohead, Thom Yorke's prolific body of work includes three studio albums under his own name, heading up the project Atoms For Peace, original film scores and more recently, The Smile.

The Australian appearances were announced hot on the heels of his most recent offering, *Confidenza*, a soundtrack album for Domenico Starnone's novel of the same name. *Confidenza* follows the multi-Grammy winner's previous full-length score and original soundtrack



for Luca Guadagnino's 2018 *Suspiria* remake, *Susprium* receiving a Grammy-nomination for Best Song Written for

Visual Media.

In 2019, Yorke contributed music to Edward Norton's *Motherless Brooklyn* and in

TOUR DATES

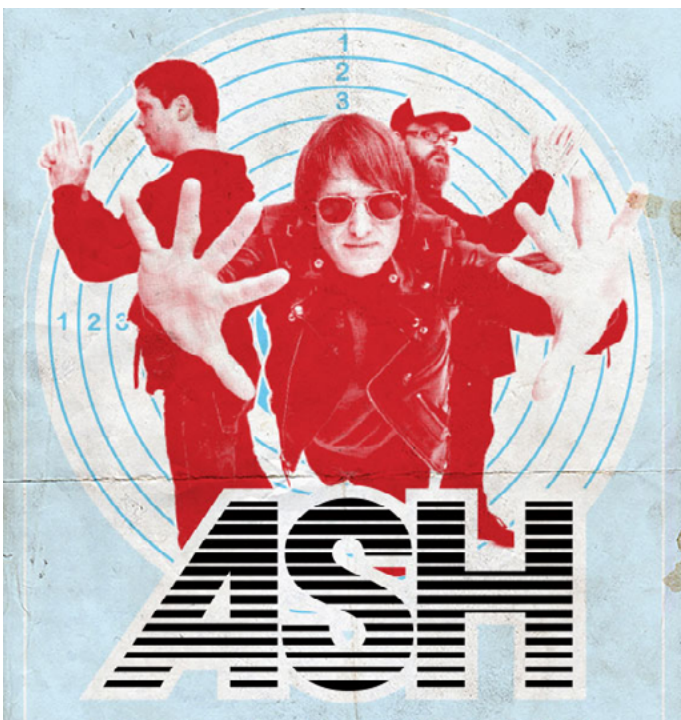
29 OCT Melbourne VIC
30 OCT Melbourne VIC
01 NOV Sydney NSW
02 NOV Sydney NSW

2022, he wrote two original tracks for the series finale of *Peaky Blinders*.

As of late, Yorke has been recording and touring with *The Smile* (Tom Skinner, Jonny Greenwood, Thom Yorke), who released their second studio-album *Wall Of Eyes* in January which follows the band's 2022-debut album *A Light For Attracting Attention*. On the band's most recent tour run in March, the prolific trio debuted even more new *The Smile* music across various shows.

Tickets are now on sale from www.wasteheadquarters.com/schedule/thom-yorke

Ash bringing hits from Down to Down Under



Northern Ireland's Ash bring their high-energy, punky pop genius back down under for *The Singles Tour*.

Ash formed in Downpatrick, County Down in 1992 when frontman Tim Wheeler and bassist Mark Hamilton were 15 years old. Then Rick McMurray joined the band as drummer.

In 1995, Ash left school and released the breakthrough singles *Kung Fu*, *Girl From Mars* and *Angel Interceptor*.

This tour will feature the best moments from the trio's hit-laden career including *Kung Fu*, *Girl from Mars*, *Oh Yeah*, *Goldfinger*, *A Life Less Ordinary*, *Shining Light*, *Burn Baby Burn*, *Walking Barefoot* as well as their last two singles *Usual Places* and

TOUR DATES

06 OCT Perth WA
08 OCT Adelaide SA
10 OCT Brisbane QLD
11 OCT Melbourne VIC
12 OCT Sydney NSW

Race The Night and much, much more.

The band recently released their acclaimed eighth and UK Top 20 album *Race The Night*. It marks the band's first album in five years and also features new live favourite *Like A God*, which they can't wait to play live, alongside all the anthems we know and love.

Join Ash and their indie pop zest, tickets from metropolistouring.com.

Bill Bailey amplifies his thoughts in new show

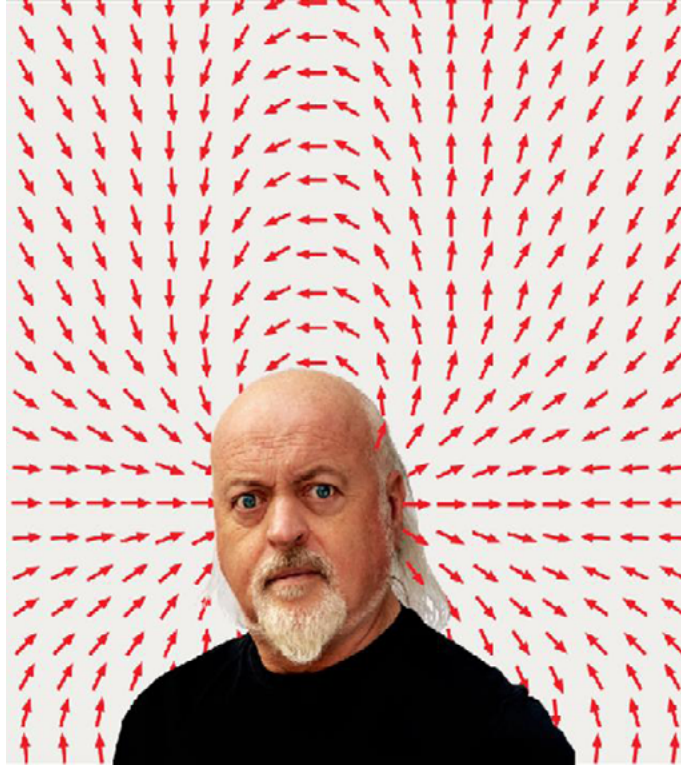
After a hugely successful 2022 tour, UK comedy sensation Bill Bailey returns to our shores in October with a new show, *Thoughtifier*.

Bill Bailey, legendary comedian, musician and actor is best known for his film and television work. His four-part series *Bill Bailey's Wild West Australia* on ABC last year received outstanding reviews.

So, what is *Thoughtifier* all about? Well, here's what the press release had to say.

"Thoughtifier (noun) 1. an intriguing device that can amplify the thoughts of a curious mind using music, channelled through a human instrument, known as Bill Bailey 2. (colloquial) a person resembling Bill Bailey.

"At a point in our evolution when it seems as if we're sleepwalking into a world where humans might be redundant, and much of what we do, can be done better and more efficiently by machines, what better time to celebrate our own flawed



humanity.

"And what better guide to lead is than Bill... to take us on a jaunt through the error-strewn, distracted,

crumb-festooned, sometimes magnificent history of human thought, and how it might help us survive in this brave new world.

TOUR DATES

24 OCT Geelong VIC
 26 OCT Wollongong NSW
 27 OCT Canberra ACT
 30 OCT Bunbury WA
 31 OCT Mandurah WA
 02 NOV Perth WA
 06 NOV Adelaide SA
 09 NOV Launceston TAS
 10 NOV Hobart TAS
 13 NOV Melbourne VIC
 16 NOV Sydney NSW
 17 NOV Sydney NSW
 19 NOV Newcastle NSW
 21 NOV Toowoomba QLD
 22 NOV Gold Coast QLD
 23 NOV Brisbane QLD

"A magical, musical mystery tour of the human mind. Along with some other pressing matters about whales, biophilia, and unrequited love, and other thoughts.

"Amplified With Music."

Sounds intriguing. Tickets from www.billbailey.co.uk.

Sarah Millican bringing blooming big laughs

Award-winning comedian and writer Sarah Millican is bringing her brand new stand-up show, *Late Bloomer*, down under in 2025. This is a show you won't want to miss!

Once upon a time, young Sarah Millican was a shy bairn who wouldn't say boo to a goose. She was quiet at school, had few friends, and, as she humorously puts it, didn't develop until she was 16. Fast forward to now, and she's a loud, confident woman with great friends, a cracking rack, and a penchant for goose booing all over the place.

In *Late Bloomer*, Sarah takes us on a hilarious journey of how she transformed from that shy girl into the



vibrant comedian she is today. Expect plenty of laughs, stories about dinners, and musings on lady gardens. Come along and laugh at her, with her, and beside her.

Sarah Millican is one of the UK's and, in recent years, the

TOUR DATES

02 MAR Canberra ACT
 04 MAR Hobart TAS
 05 MAR Adelaide SA
 07 MAR Melbourne VIC
 08 MAR Geelong VIC
 14 MAR Perth WA
 17 MAR Newcastle NSW
 18 MAR Sydney NSW
 23 MAR Brisbane QLD

world's most beloved touring comedians. Her previous tour, *Bobby Dazzler*, was a huge success, entertaining over 355,000 people globally. A hardworking performer, Sarah has toured with six live shows since 2010, which

have collectively been seen by more than 1.3 million people.

Beyond her live performances, Sarah is known for her critically acclaimed BBC2 series, *The Sarah Millican Television Programme*, which earned her two BAFTA nominations. She's also a familiar face on primetime TV, having appeared on popular shows like *QI*, *Live at the Apollo*, *The Royal Variety Performance*, and *Series 14 of Taskmaster*.

Don't miss out on this chance to see Sarah Millican live in Australia in 2025. Join her for an unforgettable night of laughter and storytelling. Tickets now available from ticketek.com.au

Walliams taking children's tales from pages to stages

David Walliams will bring his unique brand of children's entertainment to Australia this September and October. The brilliantly original, witty author and comedian will delight kids with The David Walliams Book Show in cities around the country.

The David Walliams Book Show is a one-man performance in which David shares hilarious stories about his childhood, talks about the inspiration for his most famous book characters, acts out some hilarious extracts and shares some funny fan letters.

His daytime shows are crowd-pleasers for children as well as parents and grandparents who have enjoyed the captivating and joyful stories in his 40 best-selling books for more than 15 years. It's interactive and non-stop, a feast of fun for audiences whether they've read one or all of David's books. Experiencing his in-person charm, where each person in the theatre feels like they are being spoken to directly, while at the same time being surrounded by side-splitting laughter from the entire audience, is an exhilarating experience in the



presence of a gifted genius entertainer.

"Kids will have the chance to ask me anything, with a star prize for the best question!" said Walliams.

Since the publication of his first novel, *The Boy in the Dress*, in 2008, Walliams has revolutionised reading for children. Titles such as *The Blunders*, *Robodog*, *The World's Worst Monsters*, *Spaceboy*, *The Midnight Gang*, *Ratburger* and his most recent book *Astrochimp* set for release on June 26, all published with glorious illus-

trations, lend themselves to live readings and expanded storytelling based on adventures and characters from his own life. These come together in uproarious performances from a master of children's entertainment.

The David Walliams Book Show tour is taking place jointly with his much anticipated world premiere comedy tour, *An Audience With David Walliams*, giving audiences of all ages the opportunity to experience the British entertainer's talents. From his iconic characters in *Little*

TOUR DATES

07 SEP Sydney NSW
15 SEP Brisbane QLD
21 SEP Adelaide SA
05 OCT Melbourne VIC
12 OCT Perth WA

Britain and Come Fly With Me, to his best-selling books, David Walliams' comedic brilliance has captivated audiences of all ages worldwide for two decades. Tickets from www.tegdainty.com.

Leo Sayer to headline Hervey Bay festival

Get ready Fraser Coast because The Sounds of Rock music festival is bringing a stellar line-up to you, featuring international star Leo Sayer.

Leo Sayer, originally from Shoreham-by-Sea, England, is a celebrated singer-songwriter known for his powerful voice and hit songs like *You Make Me Feel Like Dancing* and *When I Need You*.

Sayer's career has spanned over five decades, and he remains a beloved figure in the music industry



for his energetic performances and timeless hits.

Joining Sayer on stage will be Australian Hall of Famer

Daryl Braithwaite, along with the incredible Kate Ceberano, Killing Heidi, Chocolate Starfish, Bache-

lor Girl, and Aussie favourite The Radiators.

The Sounds of Rock Music Festival will take place on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024, at Seafront Oval in Hervey Bay, Queensland.

NUI Events spokesperson Trevor Sands said: "I can't tell you how many legendary hits will be played at this show, there are so many - and we can't wait to see everyone enjoying live music at its best!"

Tickets from www.oztix.com.au.

Ride and Mercury Rev join forces for Australian tour

Ride's reunion in 2014 meant that for long-time fans of the beloved group, they were about to get a new era from the band who had been responsible for one of the most important waves of British music through the Eighties and Nineties.

Forming in Oxford, England in 1988, Ride set the blueprint for the shoegaze scene with the release of their landmark debut album *Nowhere* – a timeless classic inspired a wave of shoegaze bands to follow in years to come.

Armed with their stellar seventh studio album *Interplay*, the music Ride has produced has remained nothing short of exciting.

Interplay is Ride's third album since reforming in 2014, having now been together longer in their current second phase than their original iteration as Nineties' shoegaze pioneers.

It will follow 2017's *Weather Diaries* and 2019's *This Is Not A Safe Place*, which re-lit the Ride spark, both pleasing



old diehards and introducing one of the most forward-thinking guitar bands of their generation to a whole new audience. It connects all the dots from their career, taking the frenzied guitar attacks, hypnotic grooves and dreamy melodic hooks of their early work and setting it to a more expansive sonic template, inspired by 80's pop gems

like Tears For Fears, Talk Talk and early U2.

For Australian fans, the opportunity to reconnect with the music of Ride is coming up this year, with the band confirming a national tour of Australia this August.

It is a perfect time to be reminded of the chemistry between the members of the band; chemistry that has

TOUR DATES

08 AUG Adelaide SA
09 AUG Sydney NSW
10 AUG Melbourne VIC
14 AUG Brisbane QLD
16 AUG Fremantle WA

manifested beautifully on *Interplay*, but has also enjoyed rejuvenation within themselves as a live unit. Chaotic guitars meet excellently produced synths and melodies, as threads of psychedelic folk and electronic music weave together with ease.

Joining Ride on this epic return to Australia is beloved indie/psych rock group Mercury Rev.

Led by Jonathan Donahue and Sean 'Grasshopper' Mackowiak, Mercury Rev has continued to reinvent and celebrate their classic sound that has been unafraid to explore new forms throughout the Nineties, Noughties and into present day.

Tickets from www.destroy-allines.com

Farewell Sweet sounds of the Seventies

Sweet Farewell Tour hits Australia this November, and the band will be performing all their timeless greatest hits.

You can expect to hear classics like *Ballroom Blitz*, *Fox on the Run*, *Love is Like Oxygen*, *Wig Wam Bam*, *Blockbuster*, *Teenage Rampage*, *Hell Raiser*, *Action* and more.

Few bands typified the Seventies as much as Sweet. The glam rockers are a national British treasure and a rock music phenomena that took Australia by storm, having scored 13 Top 50 hits in Australia including two number ones.

The golden thread that links the past through to the



present and into the future is Welsh lead guitarist and vocalist Andy Scott.

The band today has an illustrious pedigree recreating live the high energy and

soaring vocals associated with the Sweet sound that is the band's trade mark.

As well as Andy Scott, the band features Paul Manzi on lead vocals, Bruce Bisland

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08 NOV Melbourne VIC
10 NOV Airlie Beach QLD
13 NOV Tweed Heads NSW
14 NOV Toowoomba QLD
16 NOV Brisbane QLD
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21 NOV Sydney NSW
22 NOV Penrith NSW
23 NOV Thirroul NSW
29 NOV Perth WA

on drums and vocals and Lee Small on bass guitar and vocals. Journey back to the Seventies for a night of nostalgia on their [Farewell Tour](#).

Bear Grylls Never Give Up tour to captivate families

A globally renowned adventure icon, award-winning TV host and bestselling author, Bear Grylls returns to Australia with a show set to inspire and captivate all the family with his incredible stories of adventure and survival.

Bear Grylls is best known for pushing himself to the limits, both mentally and physically. Join him in an epic journey behind the scenes of his incredible life. From his early days in the SAS to becoming one of the youngest ever climbers on Everest, it is as much about overcoming adversity and failure as it is about developing a relentless determination to follow your dreams.

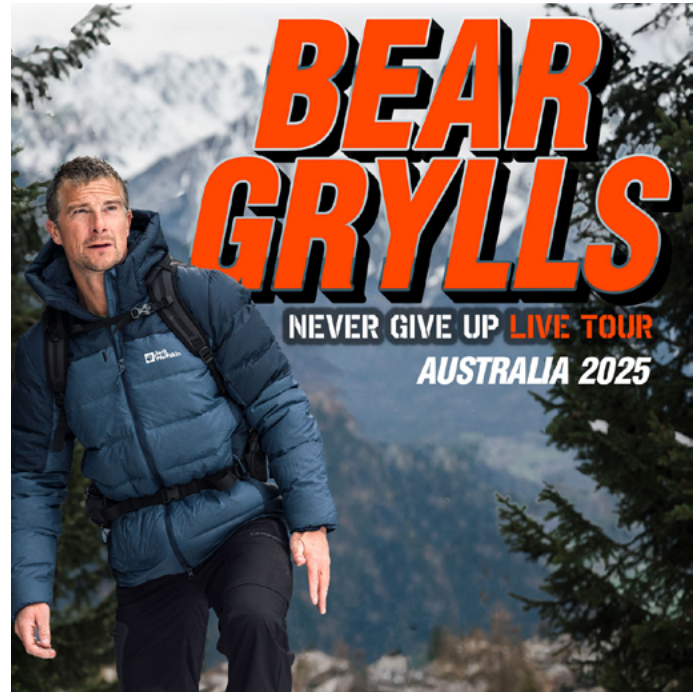
The show will feature raw footage unseen by Austral-

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29 JAN Sydney NSW
01 FEB Brisbane QLD

ian audiences, hair-raising images and inspiring stories from some of Bear's most challenging adventures. From his remarkable recovery following a near-fatal parachuting accident that left him with a broken back, to the immense physical challenges he's faced in the wild, he has survived against all odds.

Bear encourages us all to show courage, kindness and to [Never Give Up](#).



John Edward crossing over for tour

John Edward is the world's foremost psychic medium and author of numerous critically acclaimed New York Times best sellers.

Australian fans have embraced John since his first tour. The feeling is mutual - he loves Australia and doesn't need an excuse to keep coming back. So returning again, John will be touring Australia in October and November.

The show offers the opportunity to see him connect with the other side. There will be question and answer sessions and messages from loved ones and more.

John Edward McGee has brought a fresh, honest, and thought-provoking attitude to the world of psychic phenomena. As a medium, author and lecturer, he has, over the last three decades, helped thousands with his uncanny ability to predict future events and communicate with those



who have crossed over to the other side. Deeply compelling, often startling, and occasionally humorous, John's down-to-earth approach has earned him a vast following.

In 2000, John pioneered the psychic phenomena genre with the television programme Crossing Over with John Edward. It was the first television show syndicated worldwide devoted to psychic mediumship and it would go on to run for four seasons.

John followed up with another television programme, John Edward Cross Country, which debuted in 2006 and ran for three seasons.

Born and raised on Long Island, New York, the only son of an Irish-American police officer and an Italian-American working mother, John exhibited psychic abilities from an extremely early age, and was deemed "special" by many in his family. The fact that he would uncannily know

TOUR DATES

26 OCT Sydney NSW
27 OCT Newcastle NSW
07 NOV Melbourne VIC
13 NOV Darwin NT
15 NOV Perth WA
20 NOV Townsville QLD
22 NOV Brisbane QLD
28 NOV Adelaide SA
01 DEC Sydney NSW

family history and events that took place prior to his birth solidified that fact.

Since psychic phenomena was so accepted by his family, it was easy for his abilities to flourish. John embarked on developing his abilities. His work as a medium enables him to bring comfort and hope to people by reuniting them with those who they loved and lost.

Tickets are now available at www.johnedward.net.

Ireland's scenery is shining star of Netflix series Bodkin

Filmed entirely on location in Ireland, *Bodkin* is a dark comedic thriller about a motley crew of podcasters who set out to investigate the mysterious disappearance of three strangers in a quaint, coastal Irish town. The series premiered on Netflix in May.

Starring Will Forte, Siobhán Cullen, Robyn Cara, Chris Walley and David Wilmot, *Bodkin* is produced by Michelle and Barack Obama's Higher Ground Productions.

Spanning across various counties in Ireland including Cork, Wicklow and Dublin, *Bodkin* exterior locations include Union Hall Village, Drumadoon Pier, Poulgorm Bridge and Glandore in West Cork; Belmont Demesne, Enniskerry's Carnegie Library, Sally Gap and Travelahawk Beach in Wicklow; Fenian Street, Howth Village, Howth Castle and Leopardstown Racecourse in Dublin; and Dave's Diner in Julianstown, County Meath.

Will Forte, who plays American podcaster Gilbert, said: "One of the most exciting things about working in Ireland is getting to shoot on location. Most of the time we're out in these beautiful rolling pastures or on these cliff sides. Every scene seems like it's taking place in this delicious morsel of Irish landscape."

Doubling for the fictional town of *Bodkin* was Union Hall, a charming fishing village 75km west of Cork City. "It (*Bodkin*) had to be West Cork," said creator Jez Scarf. "You drive around West Cork and around every corner you have to step out of the car and have a look as it's so beautiful."

Siobhán Cullen who plays Dove agreed: "Union Hall makes the perfect *Bodkin*. It's so stunning and it encapsulates all of what people imagine about the beauty of Ireland. It's all here, it's such



Bodkin shooting in Union Hall in County Cork. Pictures: ireland.com

a stunning place."

Whilst filming the team fell in love with West Cork: "It just seems like a vacation down here," said Will Forte, with Jez Scarf adding: "I could not recommend visiting West Cork enough."

A small village with welcoming colourful shops and a working harbour, the area around Union Hall is also known for its rolling green hills, woodlands, beaches, rivers, and islands, the beauty of which provided a great foil for the story, according to Robyn Cara. "Having such a stunning backdrop for the

series is such a great contrast to the darkness and grit of the show."

The nearby village of Glandore also features in the series, which is connected to Union Hall by the single track Poulgorm Bridge offering stunning views over Glandore Harbour. The bridge was seen before on screen as the location for David Puttnam's film *War of the Buttons*. Pretty coastal villages steeped in history, Union Hall and Glandore experience a mild climate all year round and offer people the opportunity to explore both the seaside

and countryside. With activities like sailing, swimming, fishing, walking and snorkelling, you might even be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of the odd dolphin or seal on your visit.

Whilst West Cork is the main location for the series, various other locations can be spotted throughout. Locations manager Rossa O'Neill said: "From the stunning scenery in West Cork to the amazing buildings like Howth Castle, we're a really good selection to show the best of what Ireland has to offer."

The series, which consists of seven one-hour-long episodes, sees the podcasters dig out a story about three people who vanished without trace. But once they start pulling at threads, they discover a story much bigger and weirder than they could have ever imagined. As our heroes try to discern fact from fiction – about the case, about their colleagues, and, most painfully, themselves – the series challenges our perception of truth and exposes the stories we tell ourselves to justify our beliefs or validate our fears.

Words: ireland.com



A braw, bricht, moonlight nicht the nicht!

For all my Aussie mates keen to wrap their heads around some classic Scottish slang, let's embark on a rollicking journey through the land of kilts and bagpipes. From the bonnie banks of Loch Ness to the bustling streets of Glesga, these terms are fair dinkum beaut, I tell ya!

1. Bonnie (Crackin) - Meaning gorgeous or delightful. "Sheila had her baby, a bonnie wee thing she was!"

2. Braw (Ripper) - Excellent, pleasant or beautiful. "You've done a braw job on the barbie, mate!"

3. Blether (Good old yarn) - Chat or gossip, usually in a friendly manner. "Let's have a quick blether over a cuppa"

4. Haver (Yack) - Talking

aimlessly or without making much sense.

"Ah, stop your haverin' and get to the point!"

5. Dreich (Grim) - Dull, overcast weather, often with a sense of gloom.

"Looks like another dreich day in Melbourne, where's the sun?"

6. Haud Yer Wheesht (Shut your cake hole) - A cheeky way of telling someone to be quiet or shut their gob.

"Haud yer wheesht and let me concentrate on flipping these snags!"

7. Coorie (Snuggle Up) - To snuggle or cuddle up comfortably.

"Let's coorie up on the sofa and watch a wee movie."

8. Gloaming (Twilight) - That magical time of day just after



Full moon rising over Easter Loch, Uyeasound, Scotland. Picture: [Mike Pennington, Wikimedia Commons](#)

sunset as dusk falls.

"The kangaroos come out to play in the gloaming - it's like magic!"

So there you have it, mates - a ripper guide to some bonnie Scottish slang to spice up your vocab. Whether you're having a blether with

your mates or coorie-ing up on a dreich day, these words will have you haverin' away at your next barbie. And remember, when in doubt, just haud yer wheesht and enjoy the banter!

The Scotsman,
Graeme McColgan.

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Book celebrates bilingual poetry

Irish poet Julie Breathnach-Banwait and Australian Irish poet and writer Colin Ryan are thrilled to announce the release of their latest bilingual poetry collections, merging their unique literary voices.

Cnámha Scoilte (Split Bones), Julie Breathnach-Banwait's third collection, is a bilingual book of prose poetry translated by the author herself. Following her acclaimed collections, Dánta Póca (2020) and Ar Thóir Gach Ní (2022), Julie continues to captivate readers. Her work has featured in literary journals in Ireland and Australia, including Poetry Ireland Review, The Waxed Lemon, and Comhar. Her English language prose poetry can also be found on [The Mackinaw](#).

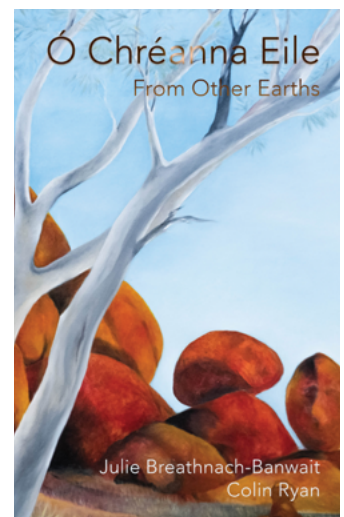


Julie Breathnach-Banwait and Colin Ryan collaborated to produce bilingual poetry collection Ó Chréanna Éile. Pictures: Supplied

Soon to be released, Ó Chréanna Éile (From Other Earths) is a collaborative bilingual poetry collection by Julie Breathnach-Banwait and Colin Ryan. This anticipated work, showcasing translated poems by both authors, will be available online and directly from [Bobtail Books](#).



Colin Ryan, an Australian writer and broadcaster, is renowned for his contributions to the Irish language. His short stories, set in Australia and Europe, have appeared in journals like Feasta, Comhar, and An Gael. Cló Iar Chonnacht has published his short story collections Teach-



taireacht and Ceo Bruithne. In addition to his prose, Colin has published two poetry collections. His latest work, coauthored with Julie, exemplifies his dedication to the Irish language.

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