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Queensland calling as Celts gather for Scots in the Bush



Scottish & Celtic Festival

14 to 18 August 2024

Historic Boondooma Homestead

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Compères: Merv Webster, Clarrie Weller

Walk ups welcome on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning

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ADMISSION

\$105 per person plus booking fee, for full festival. Children up to 15 years, FREE. Fee includes entry, bush camping and all entertainment. Day rates will be available.

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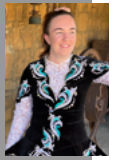




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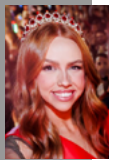
On page 4, Scots in the Bush Festival gears up for four days of Celtic fun with an epic line-up of talent.



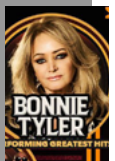
On page 6, Clans on the Coast 2024 in Raymond Terrace is raising money for Starlight charity for sick children.



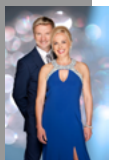
On pages 22 & 23, our gig guide includes a Queensland pub that's gearing up to crown its ginger king and queen.



On page 30, Timeless Summer festival sees stars Boy George, Tony Hadley, Starship and Bonnie Tyler come to Oz.



On page 33, legends of the ice Torvill and Dean announce The Last Dance Australian tour before they retire from skating.



The Warwick Thistle Pipe Band took over the big wheel at the 2024 Clydesdale Spectacular in Boonah, Queensland. The pipers, drummers and Drum Major continuously played Scotland The Brave for more than 20 minutes while riding on the wheel. Picture: [Facebook/Warwick Thistle Pipe Band](#)

Pipe bands are a wheely big deal

The folk in Warwick know how to have the craic. They prove that every winter with their quirky Jumpers and Jazz in July festival, when the city's trees, statues, and anything else stationary, gets wool-bombed by the area's knitters. And the local pipe band love to party too – as they proved at the recent Clydesdale Spectacular in Boonah, where they piled into the ferris wheel and played Scotland The Brave for 20 minutes solid! But they take their craft seriously too, so much so that four of their players have secured to coveted spots to perform at the Edinburgh Castle Military Tattoo this year. Full story on page 8.

And speaking of castles, one that's close to

my own heart is Castledonovan in West Cork. My maternal line is O'Donovan and our clan homestead has come up for sale. O'Donovans all over the world are contributing what they can to fundraise for a bid and hopefully, keep the castle in the family. Find out how to help them in their quest on page 9.

Ireland Calling radio program in Sydney interviewed me last month about this magazine and my life story. A big thank you to Tina and all the team there for your support. You can read more about that on page 25.

As always, thanks to everyone who sent in stories. If you have a story you'd like us to feature, email editor@angloandceltic.com.

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The packed line-up for Scots In The Bush 2024. Picture: [Facebook/BoondoomaHomesteadOfficial](https://www.facebook.com/BoondoomaHomesteadOfficial)

Scots in the Bush kilting it with exciting line-up

Prepare for a Highland extravaganza like never before as Scots in the Bush 2024 unveils its colossal line-up of entertainment set to sweep through the rugged landscapes of the Queensland countryside.

This year's event promises an eclectic blend of Scottish and Celtic traditions and down under flair, with a line-up that spans from the soul-stirring tunes of bagpipes to the rhythmic beats of Celtic rock.

This unique event will be held from August 15th to August 18th at Boondooma Homestead, a historic site in the South Burnett region. Here's what you can expect from this year's festivities, as well as a look back at the history of this cherished event.

The festival is packed with activities and entertainment that honour Scottish and Celtic traditions while creating a fun atmosphere for all attendees.

Enjoy performances from

pipe bands, fiddlers, and traditional Scottish dancers. The haunting sounds of bagpipes will echo across the homestead, creating an authentic Celtic ambiance.

This year's line-up is a stellar collection of talent that showcases the best of Celtic music and dance, including Australian Celtic Women, Brian Letton - The Celtic Balladeer, Celtic Cross Over, Clyde Cameron - Celtic Muso, Dr Heather Clarke - Ceilidh, Hervey Bay Pipe Band, Ishka Celtic Music, Maryborough Musos Ukulele, Moreton Celtic Fiddle Club, Mouldy Haggis, Murrumba Pipes and Drums, Noosa & District Pipe Band, Rum City Highland Dancers, Tom Kimmel, Toowoomba Caledonian Society Pipe Band, and Vince Pagett - Celtic Muso.

Hosting the event, Merv Webster and Clarrie Weller 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.

Browse through stalls selling Scottish-themed merchandise, including kilts, tartans, jewellery, and more. It's a great opportunity to pick up unique souvenirs and gifts.

Scots in the Bush has grown over the years to become a significant event celebrating Scottish culture in Australia. The festival is held at Boondooma Homestead, a site with a rich history dating back to the mid-19th century. The homestead itself is a testament to the pioneering spirit, originally established as a sheep station in 1846. Today, it serves as a heritage site and a perfect backdrop for celebrating Scottish and Celtic traditions.

The event was conceived as a way to bring together the Scottish community in Queensland and to share their rich cultural heritage with a broader audience. Over the years, it has attracted visitors from across Aus-

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tralia and even from abroad, all drawn by the promise of an authentic and enjoyable Celtic experience in a uniquely Australian setting.

In addition to Scots in the Bush, Boondooma Homestead hosts various other events throughout the year, including historical tours, educational programs, and community gatherings. Its well-preserved buildings and artefacts offer a fascinating glimpse into the past, making it a popular destination for history enthusiasts and tourists alike.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the official Boondooma Homestead [website](http://www.boondoomahomestead.org.au).

Shamrock and roll at Brisbane's Finn's Fest

Get ready for a massive festival of Irish entertainment in the heart of Brisbane at Fortitude Valley.

Finn McCool's Irish pub is putting on an epic day of live music, with the best bands Queensland has to offer.

Finn's Fest is returning on Saturday, November 16th after its thundering success in 2023.

Finn's shared on social media: "It's back again for another year. We know how much you all love live music at Finn's, so we're bringing back all your favourites! This year's incredible line-up features Johnny Jump Up, Limerick, Tartan Shamrock, and The Gathering, with performances kicking off at 2pm.

"Don't miss out on this unforgettable event! We'll be open from 10am until 5am so you won't miss any of the action."

The Celtic folk rock of Johnny Jump Up had the crowd hopping at Finn's on St Patrick's weekend. The band, who are dedicated to Irish stories and artists, are celebrating their 20th anniversary and ready to party.

The Gathering takes immense pride in getting their audiences on their feet and ensuring a rollicking good time. They achieve this with their high-energy Irish dancing, traditional tunes, and beloved Irish sing-alongs, all woven together with a medley of cherished classics and popular hits.

Limerick brings together four highly talented and entertaining musicians who have a 'reel' passion for hi-energy music.

Adding to the exciting line-up is Celtic band Tartan Shamrock, who play a mix of Irish and pub classics.

Finn McCool's is Brisbane's top Irish bar. More details at www.facebook.com/Finnmccoolsfortitudevalley



The Gathering playing at Finn's Fest 2023. They will return for this year's event. Picture: Finn McCool's

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Clans on the Coast 2024 supporting sick children

The Clans on the Coast Highland Celtic Festival is set to return to the Port Stephens region, bringing with it a vibrant celebration of Celtic heritage and community spirit.

Hosted by the Port Stephens Celtic Association Inc., the festival will take place on Saturday, 21st September, from 8.30am to 4pm at the Lakeside Sports Complex in Raymond Terrace.

Founded by Ron Swan supported by his sister Diane, the festival has been a staple in the community for 14 years, providing a unique opportunity to immerse in Celtic culture.

This year's festival will continue its tradition of charitable giving by supporting the Starlight Foundation, which works tirelessly to bring joy and comfort to sick children at the John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle. The Starlight Foundation's mission is to brighten the lives of seriously ill children and their families, creating moments of happiness and relief from the rigours of treatment.

Visitors to Clans on the Coast can expect a day filled with a variety of attractions, including pipe and drum band performances, Celtic music and dance, clans, food and beverage vendors and market stalls.

A highlight of the festival is the spectacular Ceilidh Dinner Dance and Entertainment. This year, it will be held on Saturday night, 21st September from 6pm.

The dinner dance will be held at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club in Jacaranda Avenue, Raymond Terrace.

Port Stephens Celtic Association held a thank you community street parade in Raymond Terrace on December 9th last.

At the event, Clans on the Coast organisers thanked the



\$5,000 from the proceeds of the 2023 Clans on the Coast festival was donated to the Cancer Council. Pictured are festival president Ron Swan, Sharon from festival sponsors The Mutual Bank, Daneille from the Cancer Council, festival vice president Adam Nicholas and Jason from the Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. Picture: [Facebook.com/TheMutualBank](https://www.facebook.com/TheMutualBank)

community for supporting the 2023 festival and acknowledged each of the groups who make Raymond Terrace the special place that it is.

There were free fairground rides and a sausage sizzle, and children had the chance to take a photo with Santa. All donations from this event

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went to supporting the Rural Fire Service.

Last year's Clans on the Coast festival drew nearly 4,000 attendees and raised \$5,000 for cancer research. The organising committee, led by Ron Swan and supported by vice president Adam Nicholas, hopes to surpass that success this year, enhancing community engagement and raising even more funds for the Starlight Foundation.

Tickets for the event are now on sale at Clans on the Coast website.

CLANS ON THE COAST



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Grape expectations for Saltire winery games

Skip right up to a grand spectacle where Scotland meets sunshine and vines! It's always a good vintage with fruity, Scottish notes at the annual Highland Games at Saltire Estate.

On Sunday, August 4th, the scenic Saltire Estate, a beautiful winery located in Lovedale, New South Wales, will come alive with the sounds and sights of Scotland. From 10am, visitors will be transported to a world where caber tossing, Highland dancing, and the skirl of bagpipes reign supreme.

Saltire Estate is not just a stunning venue; it also has deep ties to the local Scottish heritage. The name "Saltire" itself is, of course, derived from the Scottish flag. This winery provides an ideal backdrop for the Highland Games, combining the lush vineyards and rolling landscapes of Hunter Valley with the rich traditions of Scotland.



The festivities begin with a grand opening ceremony featuring a parade led by traditional bagpipers and Highland dancers.

As the day unfolds, spectators will be treated to the spectacle of the caber toss and stones of strength.

Highland dancing perfor-

mances will add a touch of grace to the day, as skilled dancers perform historic routines that have been passed down through generations. The tug o' war will bring out the competitive spirit, with teams battling it out in a showdown of teamwork and strength. Another highlight

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will be the Husafell stone carry, where athletes will demonstrate pure grit as they carry a large stone as far as possible.

Continuous performances by pipe bands will fill the air.

For those looking to explore Scottish culture further, cultural tents will be set up, offering crafts, history, and stories of Scottish heritage.

Adorable Highland cows will be on display, delighting attendees of all ages.

Food lovers will be in for a treat as well, with vendors offering a variety of authentic Scottish cuisine, from savoury Scotch pies to hearty haggis.

To secure tickets, visit huntervalleyhighlandgames.com.au.

Voldemort ant crawls out of the Pilbara

Researchers in the Pilbara region have conjured up a magical discovery – a new ant species named after the infamous Harry Potter villain, Lord Voldemort.

This tiny terror, now officially known as *Leptanilla voldemort*, was uncovered by Mark Wong from the University of Western Australia. With its ghostly, pale appearance, due to living in the darkness, and sinisterly slender body, this ant shares a striking resemblance to the Dark Lord himself.

"The species epithet pays tribute to the antagonist in the Harry Potter book series, Lord Voldemort, a terrifying wizard who, like the new ant, is slender, pale, and thrives in darkness," Dr Wong explained.

The ant is slender and it's



Leptanilla voldemort, above left and, above right, Voldemort. Picture: [Wikimedia Commons](#) and [Wikipedia](#)

got sharp fangs, an almost villainous appearance.

Dr Wong, a self-proclaimed Potterhead, almost called it "the ant who must not be named". The ant's creepy characteristics and elusive nature fit perfectly with the dark sorcerer's lore, making it a fitting homage.

In the magical realm of

biology, naming creatures after pop culture icons is not uncommon. In fact, other creatures have Harry Potter-inspired names, including a spider named Gryffindor, a crab called Severus Snape, and a wasp christened Lucius Malfoy. However, this sinister ant marks the first species named after Voldemort.

Leptanilla ants are incredibly rare, with only about 60 known species worldwide. The discovery of *L. voldemort* is just the second instance of *Leptanilla* ants found in Australia. Like its namesake, the Voldemort ant is a ruthless, specialised hunter, lurking in the shadows beneath the earth's surface.

Warwick quartet hits high notes at Edinburgh Tattoo

Warwick in Queensland has reason to celebrate as four talented young men from the Warwick Thistle Pipe Band have secured coveted spots to perform at this year's Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the world's largest event of its kind.

The region is punching above its weight with four of the 75 musicians selected globally for the Tattoo's international Pipes and Drums' band coming from Warwick. They will be part of the 700-strong cast performing 26 shows to around 9,000 people per night at Edinburgh Castle this month, with the show being broadcast to millions around the world later in the year.

The young men went through a two-stage video



Four Warwick Thistle Pipe Band members are heading to Scotland for the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. They are, from left, Rory Macfarlane, Josh Hullock, Nic McGahan and Kweller Manfield. Pictures: Supplied

audition process, with Nic McGahan and Rory Macfarlane showcasing their skills as pipers, while Josh

Hullock and Kweller Manfield demonstrated their talents as tenor and snare drummers, respectively.

Kweller said: "As the audition was open to all pipers and drummers from around the world, a high standard was expected, which included not only playing but also showing I could march - there's lots of choreography which we learn during the week of rehearsals when we arrive in Edinburgh."

He added: "I've been blown away by the well wishes and support from people in our community who have seen media posts and come up to me, and that's a great feeling."

Nic has successfully auditioned for a second year in a row for the international band. He said: "I loved it so much I couldn't wait to return. You can't put a price on this experience, where I have made life-long friendships with performers from all over the world."

Three of the group joined ranks with Brisbane Boys' College (BBC) Pipe Band performing at the 2022 Tattoo. Rory has great memories from that experience and said he is honoured to be selected this time.



He said: "A highlight was when you first perform each night, entering through the smoke over the castle drawbridge, all playing and the crowd erupts as they see and hear the roar of the massed pipes and drums - it is hard to beat."

Josh shared that this experience will be one of the best of his life. He said: "Being in a pipe band opens doors you didn't even know could be opened." He performed with BBC in 2022 and said: "It is nerve-racking initially, and in the end, you are sleeping to the sounds of piping."

All four musicians were members of Scots PGC College Pipes and Drums during their school years, highlighting a longstanding commitment to their musical journey from an early age. Thomas Crawford, a current student from Scots PGC College, has also been selected to join the ranks of BBC Pipe Band at this year's Tattoo.

Alexander Manfield, Warwick Thistle Pipe Sergeant, said: "It is heartening to see such support from the community and businesses for our pipe band as it allows our members to open a world of performance and competition possibilities."

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O'Donovan Clan raising funds to buy their ancestral home

Fancy owning a castle in Ireland for far less than the price of an apartment in Sydney?

Castle Donovan, a historic ruin in Drimoleague, West Cork, is now up for sale at an asking price of AU\$328,000. But if you decide to bid, you'll have to face competition from the mighty O'Donovan Clan.

They are seeking to buy the towerhouse, their ancestral home, through an online campaign.

The O'Donovan Clan were renowned Gaelic warriors and one of the principal families in West Cork. Known for their fierce independence and martial prowess, they played significant roles in historical conflicts and power struggles.

The O'Donovans are of Royal origin, being descended from Ailill Fland Bec, King of Munster. The family was an independent regional royal house. This noble heritage set the foundation for their status as a formidable clan.

Today the head of the family, Teige O'Donovan, is still counted among the leading Gaelic nobility of Ireland. Known by the title 'The O'Donovan of Clan Cathail', he is a member of the Standing Council of Irish Chiefs and Chieftains.

Throughout history, the O'Donovans were known for forming strategic alliances to maintain their power and influence. They were adept at navigating the complex political landscape of medieval Ireland.

The O'Donovans were actively involved in numerous military engagements, defending their territory against rival clans and foreign invaders. Their martial skills were honed through constant warfare, making them respected and feared opponents.

Castle Donovan, built in the 16th century by Donal of the Hides, served as a strong-



Castledonovan in West Cork. Credit: [Mike Searle/Wikimedia Commons](#)

hold for the clan. The castle's history is marked by battles and sieges, including its partial destruction by Oliver Cromwell's forces in the 17th century.

Members of the O'Donovan Clan were involved in significant rebellions against English rule, such as the Irish Rebellion of 1641. Their resistance efforts often came at great personal and collective cost, but they remained committed to their cause.

Despite the challenges of maintaining their independence, the O'Donovans preserved their Gaelic culture and traditions, including the practice of bardic poetry and patronage of the arts.

Notable O'Donovans include the Fenian Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa, and Denis O'Donovan CMG, the Cork-born librarian after whom

the Queensland Parliament's O'Donovan Library is named.

Last August, clan members travelled from all corners of the world for a gathering in Ireland.

They held events across West Cork and visited the

family castle. Clan chief Teige O'Donovan formally welcomed the clan, accompanied by piper Diarmuid Grainger who played the Clan March, The Eagle's Whistle.

The gathering also included lectures on history and The Great Hunger (famine), with visits to the Skibbereen Heritage Centre and Abbey-strewry Cemetery. At the cemetery, a lament was sung by Miriam O'Donovan and a wreath laid by the eldest clan member present.

The clan's focus is now on securing their ancestral home, which saw conservation efforts by Ireland's Office of Public Works between 2001 and 2014, and is listed as a National Monument.

They said on their fundraising page: "Many members of the Irish and diasporan O'Donovan community have expressed interest in joining together to purchase the freehold of the castle."

The clan's GoFundMe campaign aims to raise at least AU\$7,900 to establish not-for-profit entities in the US and Ireland, which will facilitate the purchase and preservation of the castle.

For more information, visit the selling agent [Sherry FitzGerald](#) and support the campaign at O'Donovan Clan's [GoFundMe](#) page.



O'Donovan Clan gathering at Castledonovan in 2023.



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Showbags and shennanigans at Queensland's Ekka party

The Royal Queensland Show, fondly known as Ekka, is Queensland's largest and most cherished annual event, drawing an average of 400,000 visitors each year. Running for nine days from August 10 to 18, 2024, Ekka is a grand celebration of agriculture, bringing together the best of Queensland's rural and urban communities.

Founded in 1875 by the National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland, Ekka was designed to unite country and city folk. The first president was none other than Queensland Governor Sir William Cairns, who hailed from County Down, Ireland. His leadership set the stage for Ekka's enduring legacy.

Held at its original birthplace, the Brisbane Showgrounds, Ekka features more than 21,000 competition entries ranging from woodchop to giant vegetables, 10,000 animals including cattle, cats, and dogs, world-class live entertainment, award-winning food and wine, carnival rides, family shopping, and fireworks.

Synonymous with Ekka are showbags, dagwood dogs



and strawberry sundaes.

The early English settlers in Queensland brought with them a rich tradition of agricultural shows and fairs, which significantly influenced Ekka's development. The event has been running since 1876 and is steeped in traditions and childhood memories passed down through generations.

The Ekka holiday is normal-

ly the 6th day of The Royal Queensland Show and is a public holiday for people living and working within Brisbane city. This year, it will be on Wednesday, 14th August.

To celebrate, Finn McCool's in Fortitude Valley will have an Ekka Eve party on August 13th. Revellers will enjoy live entertainment by Aoife Turas, and a DJ till late.

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Mackay reels as Isabella is crowned world champ

Young Isabella Cummins of Mackay in Queensland has burst onto the global stage with her mesmerising Irish dance prowess, securing herself the title of Under 8 World Champion in Belgium.

Speaking to Anglo&Celtic magazine, Isabella's mother Rebecca said: "We have just returned back from Belgium at the World Irish Dance Association Championships. Isabella is now the Under 8 World Champion!"

"Isabella has been dancing since she was two for Claddagh School of Irish Dance in Mackay and Marian, Queensland. We travelled to Liege in Belgium to compete in the WIDA World Irish Dancing Championships. She took out the title."

Isabella was inspired to take up Irish dancing by Emma Wiggle's performances. She competed at her first WIDA World Championships in Killarney, Kerry, Ireland in 2023 and placed third.

"Issey not only trains three to four times a week leading up to competitions but also showcases her talents at many local events here in Mackay, such as the Food and Wine Festival, Global Grooves, Mackay Show, and



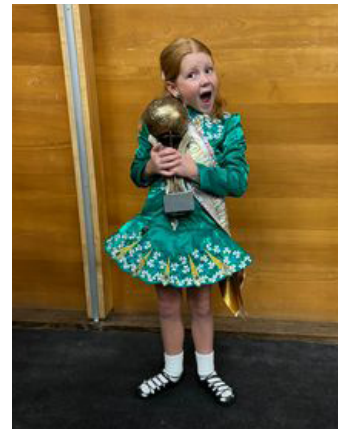
Isabella Cummins and her mother Rebecca at the WIDA World Championships in Belgium. Pictures: Supplied

even local nursing homes," Rebecca said proudly.

"She has amazing teachers and, obviously, a lot of family support. Her dad is from Granard, County Longford,

Ireland, and I'm a Brisbane girl, but we live in Mackay."

Looking ahead to future goals, Rebecca added: "We would love to get sponsorship and support from any



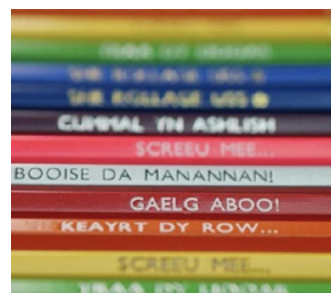
business to help Isabella get to Worlds 2025."

If you'd like to help out this young superstar, Rebecca would love to hear from you at parkesr4@gmail.com.

Manx and Breton go global on Google

Google Translate has added both Manx Gaelic and Breton to its list of supported languages. This inclusion marks a significant milestone in the revitalisation efforts for these endangered languages, offering new opportunities for their speakers and learners worldwide.

Manx, a Celtic language native to the Isle of Man, had once faced the brink of extinction. The last native speaker passed away in 1974, but thanks to the dedicated efforts of cultural organisa-



Manx has been added to Google Translate. Picture: [facebook.com/iomgovernment](https://www.facebook.com/iomgovernment)

tions like Culture Vannin, the language has seen a remarkable revival. Today, Manx is

taught in schools, and there are numerous resources available for learners, including online courses, apps, and even a children's TV show.

Similarly, Breton, a Celtic language spoken in the Brittany region of France, has also struggled against decline. Banned from schools until the mid-20th century, Breton has been classified as "severely endangered". However, the language has experienced a resurgence, supported by bilingual education programs and a growing number of

media outlets broadcasting in Breton. Currently, there are about 210,000 Breton speakers, with increasing numbers of children learning the language in schools.

The addition of these languages to Google Translate not only aids in language learning but also enhances their visibility and accessibility. For Manx, which has around 1,800 speakers, and Breton, this technological support is a crucial tool in promoting and sustaining their use in daily life.

Morris side resurrects Percy's tunes with graveside party

The Adelaide Morris Men celebrated Percy Aldridge Grainger's 142nd birthday in July with a lively foot-up at his grave in West Terrace Cemetery.

This annual event, now in its eighth year, honoured Grainger's musical legacy, drawing enthusiastic onlookers. They performed traditional dances set to Grainger's compositions, including his famous arrangement of Country Gardens.

Grainger, an internationally renowned composer, collected over 300 English folk songs between 1905 and 1910, using cutting-edge technology like phonographs to preserve native singers' voices. His notable works include Mock Morris, Handel in the Strand, Shepherds Hey, and Molly on the Shore. Despite living most of his life in the USA, Grainger maintained strong ties to Australia, where he was born in Melbourne. He passed away in New York in 1961 and is buried alongside his mother in Adelaide.

The [Adelaide Morris Men](#), formed as a Morris side in 1979 by folk-dance enthusiasts, perform traditional dances from the Cotswolds and Oxford areas. They are a vibrant part of South Australia's cultural scene, performing locally, interstate, and abroad.



The Adelaide Morris Men held a 142nd birthday party at the grave of composer Percy Grainger in July. Pictures: Duncan Ritchie on [Facebook.com/AdelaideMorrisMen](https://www.facebook.com/AdelaideMorrisMen)



Brisbane Luncheon

Friday 2nd August 2024

Hillstone St Lucia

Carawa Street, St Lucia

12.30pm – 4pm

RSVP:
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Fire Fable & Feast marks end of winter

Core Cider's annual winter festival, Fire Fable & Feast, is set to return on Saturday, August 3rd, at Core's Apple Shed in Pickering Brook, Western Australia.

Nestled deep in the Perth Hills, this enchanting event awakens the sleeping summer spirits among the apple trees, heralding the end of winter and the promise of a bountiful harvest.

Core Cider management shared: "80 years ago Giovanni Della-Franca (Jack) brought with him traditions and folklore from Northern Italy. This fable was sewn in the soil with the first apple tree planted at Core Cider and through four generations, Jack's stories live on.

"In the dark of night we will awaken the trees with chants and drums, dance and song, bask in the cleansing flames and watch embers carry winter away."

Traditions surrounding end-of-winter pagan parties such as Fire Fable & Feast are rich with symbolism, community spirit, and rituals that celebrate the transition from darkness to light, cold to warmth, and barrenness to fertility. These celebrations draw from ancient European pagan customs that honour the changing seasons and seek to ensure a fruitful year ahead.

The festivities at Core's Apple Shed will kick off with Wassail. Wassailing is an ancient tradition, particularly associated with apple orchards in Britain. It involves singing, dancing, and making noise to awaken the apple trees and ward off evil spirits. Wassailers traditionally gather around the oldest tree in the orchard, toast its health with mulled cider or ale, and hang pieces of toast soaked in cider on its branches as offerings. This ritual is believed to ensure a good harvest for the year.

Festival goers will pay homage to the tradition by banging pots and pans to make a racket, eating hearty food, singing the Wassail song around a big bonfire and toasting the trees with mulled cider.



Roving entertainers



Families are encouraged to dress up



Cider for all creatures great and small

Bonfires have long been central to these ancient celebrations. They symbolise the return of warmth and light, driving away the darkness of winter. Lighting a large bonfire was believed to cleanse and purify the land, preparing it for the coming spring planting season. Attendees will gather around the fire, dancing and singing.

Festival-goers are encouraged to don their medieval and Viking attire, adding to the night's mystical ambiance. There will be prizes for best dressed.

The event promises a range of activities and performances.

There will be a live music by Phat Lips Band and Mr Accordion Man, fire performances and roving artists from Dangerous Delights, a drumming performance by Junkadelic, sword duelling by Larpwest, forest faeries, and roving snake charming by Lady Snakecharmer, wreath making, storytelling and live performances.

There will be plenty of refreshments available, including mulled cider, cider, wine and beer, as well as hearty food and drinks in the Old Apple Shed & Harvest Room.

Two of the best dressed little munchkins will be crowned the King and Queen. The King and Queen will then lead a procession.

The crowning of a King and Queen is a nod to ancient fertility rites and the symbolic renewal of life. The chosen individuals, often selected for their spirited participation or elaborate costumes, would lead a procession through end-of-winter gatherings. They symbolise the vibrancy and vitality of the community and would often be tasked with overseeing or participating in key ceremonial activities, such as leading the dance around the bonfire or offering blessings for a fruitful season.

Parades and processions are common features of pagan end-of-winter parties. The King and Queen traditionally lead a procession through the gather-



The bonfire and partying at Fire Fable & Feast 2023. Pictures: [Facebook.com/coreciderhouse](https://www.facebook.com/coreciderhouse)

ing, often accompanied by musicians, dancers, and other revellers. The procession may circle around the bonfire or through the orchards, symbolising unity, community spirit, and the cycle of life and seasons.

These traditions not only celebrate the end of winter but also reaffirm the interconnectedness between people, nature, and the cycles of life. They are a vibrant reminder of ancient beliefs and practices that continue to resonate in

modern celebrations of seasonal change and renewal.

Join Core Cider to celebrate the seasons in a night filled with tradition, community, and magic at Fire Fable & Feast. The cost is children \$15, adults from \$30.

For more information visit [corecider.com.au](https://www.corecider.com.au). Festival merchandise will be available for sale on the night.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience a festival that blends ancient customs with the joy of the harvest season.





The Henley on Todd Regatta in Alice Springs. Picture: [facebook.com/HenleyonTodd](https://www.facebook.com/HenleyonTodd)

England inspires Top End's daftest duo of boat races

Every August, the Northern Territory embraces its quirky sense of humour with two unusual events that draw inspiration from traditional English boat races but add an undeniably Aussie twist – the Henley-on-Todd Regatta in Alice Springs and the Darwin Beer Can Regatta. One is a boat race with no water. The other, as the name says, is boats made out of beer cans.

Henley-on-Todd Regatta

Inspired by the prestigious Henley Royal Regatta held annually on the River Thames in England, the locals of Alice Springs decided to create their own version in 1962. However, there was one small problem: the Todd River is usually bone dry. Instead of letting this detail dampen their spirits, the resourceful residents turned it into a defining feature.

Thus, the Henley-on-Todd Regatta was born, an event where boats are carried, dragged, or even run with along the sandy riverbed. As the sun rises, teams assemble their homemade vessels,



The Darwin Beer Can Regatta. Picture: [facebook.com/DarwinLionsBCR](https://www.facebook.com/DarwinLionsBCR)

often adorned with clever themes and colourful decorations. Participants, dressed as everything from pirates to superheroes, line up with their bottomless boats, ready to race Flintstone-style.

The dry riverbed becomes a lively arena as teams sprint towards the finish line, their legs kicking up clouds of dust. Spectators cheer from the sidelines, revelling in the absurdity and joy of the event. Beyond the main races, activities such as the Battle of the Boats and the Bath Tub Derby keep the crowd entertained,

blending competition with comedy.

Darwin Beer Can Regatta

Meanwhile, further north in the tropical city of Darwin, another extraordinary event takes place: the Darwin Beer Can Regatta. This regatta began in 1974 as a creative solution to a litter problem, turning discarded beer cans into floating vessels.

As dawn breaks over Mindil Beach, participants arrive with their boats made entirely from recycled ma-

DATES & DEETS

Henley on Todd Regatta
17 AUG
Alice Springs NT
www.henleyontodd.com.au

Darwin Beer Can Regatta
18 AUG
Darwin NT
www.beercanregatta.org.au

terials. The creations range from sleek racing crafts to elaborate, themed floats. The beach buzzes with excitement as teams prepare for the races, hopeful that their makeshift vessels will stay afloat.

The races are a delightful spectacle. Some glide gracefully, while others capsize to the laughter and cheers of the crowd. Alongside the races, events like the Henley-on-Mindil keep spirits high with participants running through shallow water dragging their boats behind them. The event culminates in an awards ceremony, celebrating the most creative boats, fastest racers, and the best team spirit.

Bog-snorkeling champs enjoy dirty fun in Wales

Sticks in the mud need not apply as a tiny Welsh town famous for its whimsical competitions hosts the World Bog Snorkeling Championships this month.

Hold onto your snorkels and flippers, because Llanwrtyd Wells in Powys, Wales, is gearing up for an uproarious August! The town will be hosting a series of events that promise to leave contestants muddy, breathless, and grinning from ear to ear.

On August 10th, the World Mountain Chariot Racing Championship will be the first daft event of the month.

To become a world champion, and all you have to do is pedal your mountain bikes the fastest while pulling special chariots. Green Events, who organise the daft races, say these chariots are "built using traditional Roman mild steel, vulcanised rubber and welding techniques". The fact that they look like oil drums on wheels is just a coincidence. And daft costumes are par for the course.

Continuing the month with a splash on August 25th is the World Bog Snorkelling Championships. Participants in outlandish costumes will doggy-paddle through a 120-yard trench carved into a peat bog. No front crawl allowed here – only pure, unadulterated boggy brilliance.

Not to be outdone, the Bogathlon on August 24th adds a triathlon twist to the muddy mayhem. It's a 60-yard bog snorkel, followed by a two mile cross-country cycle and a one mile squelchy run. Competitors will battle the elements, the muck, and their own sanity to complete this triathlon with a difference. Fancy dress is highly encouraged, because why wouldn't you want to cycle through a bog dressed as a superhero or a giant banana? Prizes await the fastest, the funniest, and the downright dirtiest.



The Bogathlon and Welsh Open Stone Skimming Championships at Green Events Llanwrtyd Wells, Wales.
Pictures: www.facebook.com/greeneventsllanwrtydwells

But wait, there's more! Llanwrtyd Wells doesn't hibernate, there are wacky events all year long. The Whole Earth Man v Horse Marathon in June pits humans against horses over a grueling 22-mile course. It's a race that's been running since 1980, and it's still as bonkers as ever. Can human endurance outpace equine power? Only one way to find out.

For those who prefer their competitions a little lighter, July's Welsh Open Stone Skimming Championships

lets contestants channel their inner child by flinging stones across a tranquil lake. Precision, technique, and a bit of luck might just earn you the coveted title of Stone Skimming Champion.

November sees the Real Ale Wobble, where mountain biking meets ale sampling. It's a delightful blend of exercise and indulgence, as participants wobble through scenic trails, stopping at local pubs to refuel with delicious Welsh ales.

The year wraps up with the

Mari Lwyd Walk in December, a traditional Welsh festivity featuring a bedecked horse skull paraded from house to house. It's spooky, it's charming, and it's the perfect way to usher in the festive season with a touch of Welsh folklore.

Llanwrtyd Wells promises a year of unforgettable, muddy, and utterly bonkers fun. Visitors will leave with great stories, a few bog stains, and a heart full of laughter. For more information, go to www.green-events.co.uk.



The Australian Excalibur glints in the sun at the Australian Standing Stones in Glen Innes. Picture: [Facebook.com/AustralianStandingStones](https://www.facebook.com/AustralianStandingStones)

French Excalibur stolen after 1,300 years wedged in rock

France's famed 'Excalibur' sword has vanished from its ancient resting place after over a millennium wedged in a rock.

The mythical blade, just like the one reputedly pulled from a rock by King Arthur to claim the British throne, was stolen from its perch in the village of Rocamadour, where it had been chained 32 feet above ground for 1,300 years.

Known locally as the Durandal sword, it stood as a cherished tourist attraction in the remote region.

Local authorities have launched an investigation, with residents left feeling bereft. Mayor Dominique Lenfant expressed the community's dismay, stating: "We're going to miss Durandal. It's been part of Rocamadour for centuries, a staple on every visitor's tour."

"Rocamadour feels it's been robbed of a part of itself," Lenfant added, "but even as a legend, the destinies of our village and this sword are intertwined."

Legend surrounds Duran-



France's Excalibur, the Durandal sword (in the centre of the image, in small size and enlarged in inset) embedded in a rock wall in Rocamadour, France. Credit: [Patrick Clenet/Wikipedia Commons](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Durandal_in_Rocamadour.jpg)

dal, said to be unbreakable and capable of slicing through boulders with ease, believed to be the sharpest blade ever forged. According to myth, it was first bestowed upon Emperor Charlemagne by an angel, later wielded by his nephew Roland, a legendary knight.

In the 11th-century poem *The Song of Roland*, Durandal's magical properties are extolled, said to contain a tooth of St Peter, the blood

of St Basil, and the hair of St Denis. Roland, on his fateful last stand at the Battle of Roncevaux Pass, attempted to destroy the sword to prevent its capture by Saracen forces he valiantly fought against. Instead, he hurled it into a valley, where it miraculously lodged itself into the cliffs of Rocamadour, until its recent disappearance.

Police are baffled as to how the ancient French artifact, perched ten meters up a

cliffside, could have been stolen. Rocamadour, renowned as France's favourite village in 2016 and celebrated for its goat's cheese, now mourns the loss of its iconic relic.

Did you know that us Aussies have our own Excalibur? The 'Excalibur' sword at the Australian Standing Stones monument in Glen Innes, New South Wales, is a testament to the enduring fascination with Arthurian legend across continents.

Gladiator star Crowe opens Muff Liquor headquarters

A wave of celebrities poured into Donegal in Ireland last month as Russell Crowe joined a host of stars at the grand opening of the new Brand Home for The Muff Liquor Company in the village of Muff.

The event marked a significant milestone for the Irish spirits brand, co-founded by local entrepreneur Laura Bonner.

Among the luminaries were Irish singer Ronan Keating and popular broadcaster Ryan Tubridy, all gathered to celebrate the success and expansion of the company. Although investors like Ed Sheeran and Jimmy Carr couldn't attend in person, they sent their best wishes, with plans to visit the new Brand Home soon.

The Muff Liquor Company, founded in 2017, quickly rose to prominence with its high-quality spirits, including award-winning vodka, gin, and a distinctive peated Irish whiskey. Laura Bonner, who



Broadcaster Ryan Tubridy, actor Russell Crowe and singer Ronan Keating at the opening of Muff Liquor's new home in Donegal, Ireland. Picture: [Facebook.com/MuffLiquorCo](https://www.facebook.com/MuffLiquorCo)

previously carved out a successful career in real estate, has brought a unique touch to the distilling process, using traditional methods combined with innovative botanical blends.

Gladiator star and musician Crowe, who has been touring with his band, jetted

into Donegal after playing a gig at the Gaiety Theatre in Dublin the night before.

He expressed his enthusiasm for the brand, reflecting on his fondness for the unique story behind the liquor. He particularly praised the influence of Laura's grandfather, Philip McClena-

ghan, a Donegal farmer and poitin maker, whose legacy inspired the spirits.

As Crowe mingled with the crowd, he shared his favorite way to enjoy the spirits: "I like it simple, I've been doing a mixture of passionfruit and pineapple in the sunshine, it's a great combination."

Visa conditions changing for temporary migrants

Big news for temporary migrants in Australia! From 1st July 2024, the rules for certain work visas are getting a major update. These changes, part of the Australian Government's Migration Strategy, aim to protect workers and boost productivity.

The new rules apply to these visas: Temporary Work (Skilled) visa (subclass 457), Temporary Skill Shortage visa (subclass 482), and Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (provisional) visa (subclass 494).

If you have one of these visas and stop working for your sponsoring employer, you will have more time to find a new sponsor, apply for a different visa, or make plans to leave Australia.

You will now have up to 180 days at a time, or a max-



The Sydney CBD as seen from Sydney International Airport.

imum of 365 days in total during your visa period.

During this time, you can work for other employers, even in jobs not listed in your original sponsorship nomination. This will help you

support yourself while you look for a new sponsor.

However, unless you are exempt, you cannot work for another employer until you have stopped working for your sponsoring employ-

er. You must stay in your nominated occupation while working for your current sponsor.

Sponsors must inform the Department of Home Affairs of any changes within 28 days, including if they stop sponsoring you or if you resign.

For all enquiries about visas, contact Registered Migration Agent Enda O'Callaghan MARN 138553. Enda provides a personal service, tailored to each client's individual circumstances - an agent, not an agency. You can ring him on 02 8095 6406, email Enda@WorkPermitsandVisas.com.au.

You'll also find Enda O'Callaghan online at www.WorkPermitsandVisas.com.au and www.facebook.com/WorkStudyTravelVisas.



Big wheels keep on turning at Antrim's tractor rodeo

The 2024 On the Pull event saw 100 tractors battle it out in a series of adrenaline-infused head-to-head races that are unlike any other motorsport.

Up to 10,000 people were expected at this year's On the Pull tractor rodeo event (5-6 July) in County Antrim, Northern Ireland, the only event of its kind in Ireland or the UK.

Revving up the atmosphere on Friday evening, a stomping country music concert marked the start of the event. With an audience of some 3,000, DJ Chris Armstrong and performers Colin Graham and Mikala Fredriksson belted out country classics and encouraged spectators to join in the region's largest line dance.

Saturday presented a day of thrilling races in five tractor classes separated by horsepower steps – under 130hp, 170hp, 210hp, 250hp, and 450hp, with each tractor pulling a fully loaded Redrock trailer specially constructed for the competition. The races included a 120m hill climb and obstacles designed to test both engine power and driver skill.

Over the course of the day, one hundred tractors took



On the Pull 2023, courtesy FarmFlix. Pictures: [Ireland.com](https://ireland.com)

part in the head-to-head races cheered on by thousands of people from Ireland, the UK and beyond.

The event is organised by FarmFlix, the world's first on-line video platform dedicated to delivering broadcast-quality documentary videos for the farming community and is sponsored by the Irish League of Credit Unions.

The event takes place on a farm close to the historic

town of Antrim which is a great place to spend a leisurely afternoon. The extensive Antrim Castle Gardens date back 400 years and are one of the most historically intact gardens in the UK and Ireland. The beautiful gardens contain several notable elements including a twelfth-century motte, some remains of the 17th-Century castle and impressive landscaped areas.

From the gardens it's a short walk along the riverside to the shores of Lough Neagh, the largest lake in Ireland. The lough is popular for boating, kayaking and paddleboarding. It is overlooked by a sculpture depicting Fionn Mac Cumhaill, Ireland's famous giant who, legend says, created the Giant's Causeway.

Words: [Ireland.com](https://ireland.com)

Museum faces the music as Sinéad's waxwork blasted

The National Wax Museum Plus in Dublin has found itself in a sticky situation after the unveiling of a wax figure of the beloved Irish singer-songwriter Sinéad O'Connor.

The figure, revealed on July 25th to mark the first anniversary of her passing, was described by the museum as a 'masterpiece'.

However, the waxwork faced immediate backlash from fans and family alike, including her brother John O'Connor, who called it "hideous" and "inappropriate".

Speaking on RTE Radio 1, John said: "I thought it looked like something between a mannequin and something out of Thunderbirds."

The following day, the museum quickly responded to the public's criticism, acknowledging that the figure did not meet their high standards or the expectations of Sinéad's devoted followers. They said: "We have listened



The National Wax Museum in Dublin unveiled this waxwork of Sinéad O'Connor. Picture: [Facebook.com/waxmuseumplus](https://www.facebook.com/waxmuseumplus)

closely to the reactions and agree that the figure does not fully capture Sinéad's unique presence and essence as we intended."

They committed to creating a new, more accurate representation of the iconic singer.

This decision was widely

welcomed on social media, with one fan commenting: "Fair play to you for accepting the public's opinion and acting so quickly."

This turn of events doesn't overshadow the charm and intrigue of the National Wax Museum Plus, located on Westmoreland Street in Dublin. Visitors can explore three floors of fascinating exhibits.

One of the standouts is the Father Ted Room, designed to replicate the parochial house from the TV sitcom.

Visitors can also see figures of U2's Bono, actor Liam Neeson, and characters from popular modern shows and films. The brave can explore the eerie Chambers of Horror.

Established in 1804 by the famous Madame Tussaud, the museum has evolved significantly over the years. Its current incarnation, the [National Wax Museum Plus](https://www.nationalwaxmuseumplus.com), is one of the most popular visitor attractions in Dublin.

Hurling makes debut on BBC, baffling viewers

When hurling burst onto BBC Two for the first time last month, some felt it was like watching a gladiatorial contest on a rollercoaster.

This year's All-Ireland final between Cork and Clare was a pulsating 90-minute thrill ride that saw Clare emerge victorious 3-29 to 1-34 after extra time. For many British viewers, it was as if someone had handed them a sport and said, "Here, try to make sense of this!"

The online reaction was a symphony of confusion and amazement. Dan from Wales shared on X, "BBC 2 is showing hurling and I don't think I've ever been so invested in a game I know nothing about." Meanwhile, others took a more colourful approach to describing the chaos. One observer wrote,



"Hurling appears to be a mix of UFC, rugby, hockey, football, baseball, the egg and spoon race all whilst hitting a snooker ball as hard as you can as high into the sky as possible towards goal with what looks like the bones of a tomahawk steak. 10/10. Would recommend."

Mike Ryan from Cork offered his own take: "Any British people wondering what the story is with Hurling on BBC 2, just imagine two teams of Roy Keane, but they all have a large weapon in their hands."

The scene at Croke Park also baffled many accus-

tomed to the more segregated stands of English football. "Everyone is integrated but there's fierce competition," remarked James Nesbitt, who was clearly impressed by the atmosphere, if not entirely sure what was happening.

The enthusiasm was echoed by other viewers. One fan mused, "This needs to be on TV more. I would watch the s*** out of this!" Another simply exclaimed, "Watching the hurling on BBC. Know nothing about it. Fabulous stuff."

In the end, hurling on BBC was a hit, if only because it had everyone scratching their heads while marveling at the madness. And who knows? The sport might just be the next big thing in British TV — once everyone figures out the rules, of course.

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Lovedale NSW

24 AUG

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Mackay QLD

31 AUG

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Balaklava SA

02 - 03 AUG

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The Mersey Beatles
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Hugh Cornwell
Marrickville NSW
Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of The Dubliners
Newcastle NSW
The Jesus and Mary Chain
Sydney NSW

02 AUG

The Mersey Beatles
Tweed Heads NSW
Hugh Cornwell
Blue Mountains NSW
Brit Fest 2024
Fremantle WA
Queen Bohemian Rhapsody: The Greatest Hits
Burswood WA
Balaklava Eisteddfod (to 3 AUG)
Balaklava SA
Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of The Dubliners
Port Macquarie NSW
The Two Johnnies Podcast
Perth WA
The Ireland Funds Australia
Brisbane Luncheon
St Lucia QLD
Shanty singing at **Tribe Clubhouse**
Redcliffe QLD

03 AUG

The Warringah Scottish Society
Ceilidh
Collaroy NSW
The Mersey Beatles
Brisbane QLD
Hugh Cornwell
Thornbury VIC
Celtic Illusion
Ballarat VIC
Bundanoon Highland Gathering
Bundanoon NSW
Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of The Dubliners
Byron Bay, NSW
Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells Live
Sydney NSW
The Jesus and Mary Chain
Brisbane QLD
The Warringah Scottish Society
Ceilidh
Collaroy NSW
Bogan Bingo for Edge Radio
Australia at Irish Club of WA

Subiaco WA

Pout Stout and Shout with Escape
Plann at O'Malleys
Mooloolaba QLD
TINA: The Ultimate Tribute to The Queen of Rock 'n' Roll
Townsville QLD

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The Mersey Beatles
Melbourne VIC
Hugh Cornwell
St Kilda VIC
Celtic Illusion
Horsham VIC
Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of The Dubliners
Caloundra QLD
The Two Johnnies Podcast
Adelaide SA
Hiroshima Peace Day Concert
The Gaelic Club, Sydney NSW
Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells Live
Wollongong NSW
The Jesus and Mary Chain
Melbourne VIC
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Brisbane QLD
The Jesus and Mary Chain
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Brisbane QLD

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Cleveland QLD
The Two Johnnies Podcast
Brisbane QLD
Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells Live
Newcastle NSW
The Jesus and Mary Chain
Perth WA
Ride
Adelaide SA

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Penrith NSW
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Community Folk Dance
Samford QLD
Hugh Cornwell
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Fleadh Music Festival
Midwest Irish Club, Geraldton WA

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The Mersey Beatles
Bankstown NSW
Hugh Cornwell
Perth WA
Henry Moodie
Melbourne VIC
Celtic Illusion

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A Day with James Joyce's Ulysses
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Queensland Irish Association
Special Brisbane Exhibition Lunch
12pm, Coorparoo RSL, Coorparoo QLD
Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells Live
Canberra ACT
Griff
Sydney NSW
TINA: The Ultimate Tribute to The Queen of Rock 'n' Roll
Coffs Harbour QLD

16 AUG
The Mersey Beatles
Cammeray NSW
Ride
Perth WA
Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells Live
Geelong VIC
TINA: The Ultimate Tribute to The Queen of Rock 'n' Roll
Gold Coast QLD

17 AUG
Highland Spectacular
Ballarat VIC
Stuck In A Moment - The U2 & INXS Story
Mildura VIC
The Mersey Beatles

Campbelltown NSW
Barossa Medieval Faire (to 18 AUG)
Lyndoch SA
Celtic Illusion
Darling Harbour NSW
The Henley on Todd Regatta
Alice Springs NT
Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells Live
Melbourne VIC
Griff
Melbourne VIC
Voxneon
Gosford NSW
The Best of The Bee Gees
Redcliffe QLD
The Beatles: 50 Years On
Thirroul NSW
The Clare Feis 2024
Wynnum QLD

18 AUG
The Mersey Beatles
Soldiers Point, NSW
Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells Live
Adelaide SA
Irish Sessions at The Northern Star
Hamilton NSW
Townsville Medieval and Fantasy
Festival
Townsville QLD
Celtic Illusion
Goulburn NSW
Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta Inc.
Darwin NT
Irish Sundays
Finn McCool's Irish Bar
Fortitude Valley QLD [Website](#)

19 AUG
Celtic Illusion
West Sydney NSW
Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells Live
Frankston VIC

21 AUG
Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells Live
Bendigo VIC
Belle and Sebastian/Badly Drawn
Boy
Brisbane QLD
Set dancing at the Celtic Club
Melbourne VIC

22 AUG
Aslan

Melbourne VIC
Belle and Sebastian/Badly Drawn
Boy
Sydney NSW

23 AUG
Australian Historical Dance
Community Folk Dance: Dance like a Pirate
Arana Hills QLD
Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells Live
Bunbury WA
Aslan
Sydney NSW
Belle and Sebastian/Badly Drawn
Boy
Melbourne VIC
Boston Manor
Brisbane QLD
The Best of The Bee Gees
Rockhampton QLD
Comann Albannach - Scottish Society UQ Movie Night Disney's Brave and The Outlaw King
UQ Campus, St Lucia QLD

24 AUG
Ballingup Medieval Carnivale (to 25 AUG)
Ballingup WA
Celtic Illusion
Penriih NSW
Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells Live
Perth WA
Boston Manor
Sydney NSW
Aslan
Perth WA
Hunter Valley Highland Games
Lovedale NSW
Hunter Valley Scots Club Caledonian Night
Teralba NSW
The Best of The Bee Gees
Mackay QLD

25 AUG
Celtic Illusion
Parramatta NSW
Belle and Sebastian/Badly Drawn
Boy
Adelaide SA
Boston Manor
Newcastle NSW
The Beatles: 50 Years On
Tarree NSW

Irish Sundays
Finn McCool's Irish Bar
Fortitude Valley QLD [Website](#)
Melbourne Claddagh Dancers
East Ivanhoe VIC

27 AUG
Belle and Sebastian/Badly Drawn
Boy
Perth WA
Boston Manor
Canberra ACT

28 AUG
Belle and Sebastian/Badly Drawn
Boy
Perth WA

29 AUG
Inhaler
Sydney NSW
Boston Manor
Geelong VIC

30 AUG
Inhaler
Melbourne VIC
Queensland's Hottest Ginger
Finn McCool's Fortitude Valley QLD
Boston Manor
Adelaide SA

31 AUG
Mackay Blue Water Fling
Mackay QLD
Caledonian Society of WA Ceilidh
Inglewood WA
The Best of The Bee Gees
Goild Coast QLD
Newcastle Medieval Festival (to 1 SEP)
Newcastle NSW
Celtic Illusion
Gosford NSW
Inhaler
Brisbane QLD
Boston Manor
Melbourne VIC
British Lion
Perth WA
Celtic Music Charity Concert
Camberrara NSW
Melbourne Ceili Band Irish Bush
Dance and Ceili
Gaelic Park, Keysborough VIC

Tours

HUGH CORNWELL

01 AUG Marrickville NSW
02 AUG Springwood NSW
03 AUG Thornbury VIC
04 AUG St Kilda VIC
08 AUG Brisbane QLD
09 AUG Adelaide SA
10 AUG Perth WA



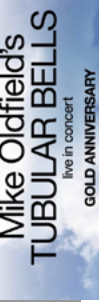
ASLAN

22 AUG Melbourne VIC
23 AUG Sydney NSW
24 AUG Perth WA



MIKE OLDFIELD'S TUBULAR BELLS LIVE

03 AUG Sydney NSW
11 AUG Brisbane QLD
15 AUG Canberra ACT
17 AUG Melbourne VIC
18 AUG Adelaide SA
24 AUG Perth WA
plus more in gig guide



SEVEN DRUNKEN NIGHTS

01 AUG Newcastle NSW
02 AUG Port Macq. NSW
03 AUG Byron Bay NSW
04 AUG Caloundra QLD
06 AUG Brisbane QLD
07 AUG Toowoomba QLD
08 AUG Cleveland QLD
09 AUG Noosa QLD



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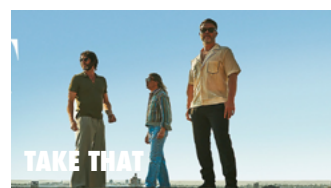
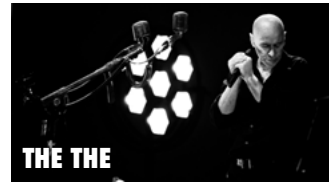
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03 AUG Brisbane QLD
04 AUG Melbourne VIC
06 AUG Adelaide SA
08 AUG Perth WA



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GIGS & REELS

TOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS - CLICK ON PICS FOR DETAILS



SEPTEMBER

28 SEP
Australian Celtic Women
Sandgate QLD
[Tickets](#)

Tours:
Iron Maiden
British Lion
Celtic Illusion
Andrew Strong performs The Commitments
David Walliams
The Reytons
Andy Summers (The Police)
The Irish Tenors
Róisín O

Festivals:
Neurum Creek Music Festival QLD
Folk by the Sea NSW
Clans on the Coast NSW
National Morris Ale 2024 QLD
TASCAL Winter Ball 2024 TAS
HistoryAlive at Abbeystowe QLD
Queanbeyan Medieval Fair NSW
Bony Mountain Music Festival 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
Busted
Tourist
Thom Yorke
Jorja Smith
Ash
Gary Og
Bill Bailey
Dire Straits Experience

Festivals:
Canberra Highland Gathering ACT
Sydney Highland Gathering NSW
Brisbane Celtic Festival QLD
Williamstown Highland Celtic Gathering VIC
Boorowa Irish Woolfest NSW
Canberra Irish Set Dance Weekend, Hall ACT
Irish Film Festival (nationwide)
Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival NSW
Desert Knights Medieval Fantasy Festival SA
Tablelands Folk Festival QLD
Irish Weekend at Tesselar Tulip Festival VIC

NOVEMBER

Tours:
Buzzcocks & Modern English
The Doors Alive
Smokie
Coldplay
Take That
Eric Idle
Hozier
John Edward
The Sweet
Eurovision On Tour
The The
Jon Ronson's Psychopath Night

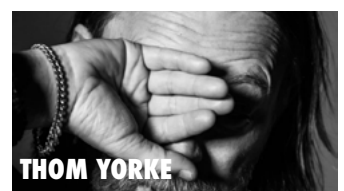
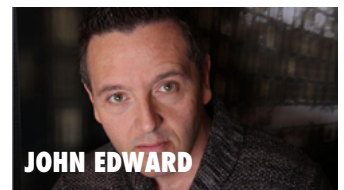
James Blunt
Artemas
Carl Cox
Leo Sayer
The Cult
Myles Smith
Glass Animals
Busted
Thom Yorke
Dropkick Murphys
Damien Leith: Irish Classics
No Such Thing As A Fish presents Thundererds
Yard Act
The Coronas
Artemas
Nathan Carter

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
Guy Fawkes at Fox and Hounds QLD

DECEMBER

Tours:
John Edward
John Bishop
Dan and Phil
James Marriot

Festivals:
Woodford Folk Festival QLD
Dalesford Highland Gathering VIC



An afternoon of Celtic Magic with Australian Celtic Women

Experience the magic of Celtic music with the Australian Celtic Women's show, Celtic Magic, at the Sandgate Town Hall on Saturday, 28th September at 2pm.

Immerse yourself in a journey through misty moors and rolling hills as the all-female musical ensemble brings together some of your favourite songs from Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the Isle of Man.

More than just a 'Celtic band', be prepared for a show that combines the richness of Celtic instruments (harp, fiddle, bagpipes, bodhran, cello, keys, drums, tin whistles) with three classically trained singers; to provide an unforgettable performance full of warmth, memories, laughs, dancing, exhilaration and more.

Formed to celebrate Australia's unique Celtic heritage and showcase the talent of women in Celtic music, the group come from diverse backgrounds in opera, musical theatre, folk, rock, pop and Celtic genres. Their



harmonies, described as "out of this world", combine award-winning expertise from various musical and performance disciplines.

Grab your friends and family and spend the afternoon

enjoying live celtic music.

Tickets are now available at Trybooking.com/CTXCP.

Australian Celtic Women will also perform at Scots in the Bush, 16th to 18th August in Boondooma, Queensland.

DATES & DEETS

28 SEP
Sandgate QLD
[Tickets](#)

Sydney radio show interviews Anglo&Celtic editor

Anglo&Celtic magazine founder and editor Mary Allen was interviewed on Sydney's Ireland Calling radio show last month.

Mary spoke about her background in media, life in Ireland and what it's like rearing a family as an expat in Australia. She also spoke about her travels, including living in London, Scotland, China, Sydney and Brisbane. You can download and listen to the interview at this [link](#).

Ireland Calling shared on their social media on July 5th: "Mary Allen, from Cork City and Editor of Anglo&Celtic will be on air from her home in Brisbane tomorrow morning at 9:30am.

"Mary has worked for the Irish Examiner, the Cork



The Ireland Calling radio show won a Community Contribution award.

Echo, founded the Irish Queenslander magazine in 2012 and just last year set up her online publication 'Anglo&Celtic', the ultimate

English, Irish, Scottish, Welsh & Celtic magazine for Australia.

"She has given back to many Irish committees

throughout her years here in Australia; the Lansdowne Club Australia, the St Patrick's Day Parade and Queensland Irish Association to name a few!

"Tune in to learn more about Mary and why she started Anglo&Celtic. Her story is one to be heard!"

Ireland Calling is a weekly magazine style community radio program that is broadcast on radio 2RDJ 88.1 FM every Saturday between 8am and 11am. You can also listen online via www.radio2rdj.com.

Last month, the radio program won a Community Contribution award at the Irish Support Agency NSW Community Appreciation Awards 2024.

The Cult rocking four decades with Oz tour

Legendary rock band The Cult has unveiled plans for their highly anticipated "8424" Australian Tour, marking a monumental milestone in their storied career. Celebrating 40 years since their inception, the tour promises to be a celebration of the band's groundbreaking music and enduring legacy.

Formed by founding singer Ian Astbury and guitarist Billy Duffy, The Cult has etched their name in musical history through pioneering post-punk, hard rock, and experimentalism. Their innovative sound and uncompromising attitude have influenced countless bands across genres, solidifying their status as one of the most influential acts of all time.

The "8424" Tour will kick off at Melbourne's iconic The Forum on November 23rd, followed by electrifying performances at Brisbane's Fortitude Music Hall on



November 25th, Sydney's Opera House on November 26th, Adelaide's Hindley Street Music Hall on Novem-

ber 28th, and concluding at Perth's Metro City on November 30th.

Known for their explosive

TOUR DATES

23 NOV Melbourne VIC
25 NOV Brisbane QLD
26 NOV Sydney NSW
28 NOV Adelaide SA
30 NOV Perth WA

hits including *She Sells Sanctuary*, *Love Removal Machine*, *Fire Woman*, and *Rain*, The Cult's discography spans 11 albums, each contributing to their global acclaim and adoration from fans worldwide. Their journey from the Manchester underground scene to international acclaim has been marked by musical evolution and boundary-pushing creativity.

Ian Astbury and Billy Duffy, joined by drummer John Tempesta and bassist Charlie Jones, are gearing up to bring their energy to Australian audiences. Tickets from TEGLive.com.au.

Gary Óg bringing his folk rebel anthems back

Picture: [Facebook.com/garyogmusic/](https://www.facebook.com/garyogmusic/)



Gary Óg, from Glasgow in Scotland, has been one of leading figures in Irish rebel folk music for 30 years.

Óg developed his craft growing up among an Irish community, who in past generations had immigrated to the area in the hope of a better life.

"Many people, who were just off the boat from Ireland, settled in the Gorbals," he said. It was from these working class streets in Glasgow that he developed his penchant for Bob Dylan, Christy Moore and ballads of Irish freedom. He burst on to the scene with his first band, Éire Óg and their now iconic debut album *Live at the Brazen Head* influenced a generation of bands and musicians.

TOUR DATES

31 OCT Gold Coast QLD
01 NOV Brisbane QLD
02 NOV Sydney NSW
08 NOV Melbourne VIC
09 NOV Perth WA

Since then, Gary has built up a worldwide following; he has released a number of albums and has toured extensively across Europe, America and Australia as a solo singer and with his other bands. Gary's unique voice, musicianship and showmanship has made him a hugely popular act.

Tickets on sale now from www.troubadourpresents.com.

Essex boys ready to bust a move in Australia

The Essex boys from Busted are gearing up to take Australia by storm this October and November, marking their first-ever tour down under.

Known for their infectious pop-punk anthems and high-energy performances, Busted is ready to bring their unique brand of rock to Aussie shores.

Formed in 2000, Busted quickly rose to fame with their debut single What I Go To School For, capturing the hearts of fans worldwide. With a string of hits like Crashed The Wedding, Year 3000, and Thunderbirds Are Go, the band has cemented their place in the pop-punk pantheon.

After celebrating their 20th

anniversary with the release of Greatest Hits 2.0 and a massively successful UK tour, the trio is excited to finally connect with their Australian fans.

Joining Busted on their Australian adventure are special guests Between You & Me, ensuring that each show will be a night to remember. Fans can look forward to a mix of classic hits, new tracks, and plenty of surprises.

The band members are excited to finally perform in Australia.

"Finally... Can't believe Busted have never actually played in Australia. We are so excited to get over to the east coast this Oct/Nov. It's gonna be mega! Let's jump



around and lose our minds!!! Busted are fully back!" they shared.

Busted's influence has been far-reaching, inspiring bands and artists such as Good Charlotte, Ed Sheeran, Lewis Capaldi, 5 Seconds of Summer, and The Vamps.

The Jonas Brothers even covered Busted's Year 3000 on their debut album, with the single selling more than

TOUR DATES

30 OCT Melbourne VIC
01 NOV Brisbane QLD
03 NOV Sydney NSW

one million copies.

Tickets for Busted are now on sale from TEG Live at www.teglive.com.au.

Electronic maestro Tourist unveils tour dates

English songwriter and producer William Phillips, known by his stage name Tourist, is set to return to Australia this October.

Renowned for his exploration of electronic music, Tourist has crafted a decade-long career influenced by early rave music and iconic artists like Daft Punk and The Chemical Brothers. With four albums, a diverse range of remixes, and a Grammy Award for co-writing Sam Smith's Stay With Me, his influence on the electronic music scene is undeniable.

Tourist's 2022 album, Inside Out, was deeply inspired by personal experiences during the Covid era, including the loss of a close friend and the arrival of fatherhood. The album,



characterised by swinging garage grooves and French filter house melodies, reflects the interplay of grief and joy. His upcoming fifth album, set

for release in 2024, promises a shift from dancefloor-centric tracks to more introspective, mood-based music, influenced by shoegaze, psychedelic

TOUR DATES

08 OCT Brisbane QLD
09 OCT Melbourne VIC
10 OCT Sydney NSW
11 OCT Perth WA

sounds, and the nostalgic collage style of The Avalanches.

Tourist's latest work aims to create an immersive experience blending folk vocals, synth lines, and melodic house ambience. "I want this album to be a place you go and visit often, and where you find new, little things in it every time you go," he said.

Tickets for Tourist's Australian tour in support of his fifth album, Memory Morning, are on sale now from livenation.com.au.

Westlife and Boyzone stars bringing supergroup to Oz

Boyzlife, the musical supergroup formed by Brian McFadden of Westlife and Keith Duffy of Boyzone, are thrilled to announce their upcoming tour to Australia in 2025. Experience an unforgettable evening of revered anthems that defined the 1990s and 2000s, including My Love, World of Our Own, Swear It Again, Uptown Girl, If I Let You Go, Picture of You, No Matter What, Words, Baby Can I Hold You and many more esteemed Westlife and Boyzone hits.

When Boyzlife first hit the road, combining their talents to perform hits from both of their former bands as well as new material, they never imagined that six years later they would be playing to thousands of fans worldwide.

"The whole concept of the band at the start was that we wanted to do an autobiographical show," says Keith. "We wanted to tell our life experiences through the music rather than write in a book. So we created Boyzlife! Now our collaboration brings together the nostalgic appeal of Boyzone and Westlife, together with an amazing live show."



As members of two of the most successful boy bands of all time, having collectively sold over 55 million records worldwide and racked up a whopping 17 Number One singles in the UK, Keith and Brian have plenty of stories to tell!

Boyzlife has continued to tour extensively, adding new music, never-before-heard stories and experiences to their iconic catalogue while playing to audiences all over the world.

"The shows just continue to

grow!" Keith enthuses. "We have a full live band behind us. We've got all the bells and whistles: pyro, special effects.... we've even still got some of the moves! It's pure fun."

Brian added: "We're just hoping that the memories and melodies will give you a bit of enjoyment and that people will sing along. Hopefully, it will put a smile on people's faces. We're just trying to make people happy again."

Tickets go on sale August

TOUR DATES

03 APR Melbourne VIC
04 APR Newcastle NSW
05 APR Sydney NSW
08 APR Wollongong NSW
09 APR Penrith NSW
10 APR Gold Coast QLD
11 APR Brisbane QLD
12 APR Adelaide SA
13 APR Perth WA

1st from davidroywilliams.com/tours/boyzlife.

Belfast rap trio Kneecap announce Aussie tour



One of the most exciting groups to come out of Ireland, Belfast rap trio Kneecap will make their Australian debut in March.

Kneecap said: "This will be the furthest we've ever been from Belfast so we're buzzing for it to bring the Kneecap energy to the bottom of the world!"

Kneecap - Mo Chara, Móglaí Bap and DJ Próvaí - blend their satirical yet socially-conscious Irish and English lyrics with reality and absurdity. The group interpolate ethereal Irish folk

TOUR DATES

12 MAR Brisbane QLD
14 MAR Melbourne VIC
15 MAR Sydney NSW
17 MAR Fremantle WA

songs to bass-heavy bouncing dubstep.

The band's comedy drama film Kneecap premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January, the first film in the Irish language to do so.

Tickets from www.frontiertouring.com/kneecap.

Brisbane's first Celtic festival blossoming in Auchenflower

DATES & DEETS

13 OCT
Brisbane QLD
Details [here](#).

Step into a world of rich heritage and vibrant traditions at the first-ever Brisbane Celtic Festival!

Celebrate the magic of the Celtic Nations with a spectacular lineup of events and activities, all set against the majestic backdrop of the Celtic Nations Monument in Moorlands Park, Auchenflower. This festival will celebrate the rich culture of the eight Celtic Nations: Ireland, Isle of Man, Scotland, Wales, Cornwall, Brittany, Asturias, and Galicia.

Entertainment will include Irish music and Highland dancing, children's Celtic games, including the cabre toss, and a Scottish Country Dance performance.

Make sure to wear your tartan, kilts and Celtic attire to add a touch of authenticity and flair to the festivities!

Don't miss this extraordinary celebration of Celtic culture, bringing together the best of music, dance, and tradition.

Organisers strongly recommend public transport as parking will be limited.

The event, organised by Celtic Council Australia Queensland, is free of charge and will be held on Sunday,



The inauguration of the Celtic Nations Monument in Moorlands Park in 2023. Pictures: Anglo&Celtic

13th October at 503 Coronation Drive, Auchenflower.

Auchenflower is a fitting location for a Celtic festival. The name has a distinctly Scottish origin. It is derived from the Gaelic words "achadh" (field) and "flùr" (flower), which together can be translated as "field of flowers." The area was named by Thomas McIlwraith, a Scottish-born premier of Queensland in the late 19th Century, who had a property in the area and named it after Auchenflower House, his family estate in Scotland.



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Boy George, Bonnie Tyler join Timeless Summer Tour

Boy George of Culture Club performing his greatest hits, Bonnie Tyler, Tony Hadley (ex Spandau Ballet) and Starship featuring Mickey Thomas will perform in Australia next summer as part of a new concert series celebrating legendary musicians from around the world.

The Timeless Summer Tour 2025 will make its debut in January, packed with a stellar line-up of international superstars from the Seventies and Eighties.

Boy George is a vibrant icon who has left an indelible mark on the pop and new-wave genres. He rose to prominence as the lead vocalist of the band Culture Club, which he co-founded in 1981. The band's debut album, *Kissing to Be Clever*, catapulted them to international fame with hit singles like *Do You Really Want to Hurt Me* and *Time*. Throughout the Eighties, Culture Club dominated charts worldwide delivering hits like *Karma Chameleon*



and *The War Song*.

Bonnie Tyler is one of Wales's best-known performers, achieving chart success all over the world. She is recognised for her distinctive husky voice, and a long list of hit singles including *Total Eclipse of the Heart*, *It's a Heartache*, and *Holding Out for a Hero*.

Tony Hadley (ex Spandau

Ballet) made his mark on the music industry as the soulful baritone voice of the iconic Eighties band Spandau Ballet. Hadley's career with Spandau yielded numerous hits, including *True*, *Gold*, and *Through the Barricades*.

Mickey Thomas's soaring voice propelled Starship through the Eighties. Hit songs included *We Built This*

TOUR DATES

24 JAN Yarra Valley VIC
25 JAN Hunter Valley NSW
27 JAN Sandstone Point QLD

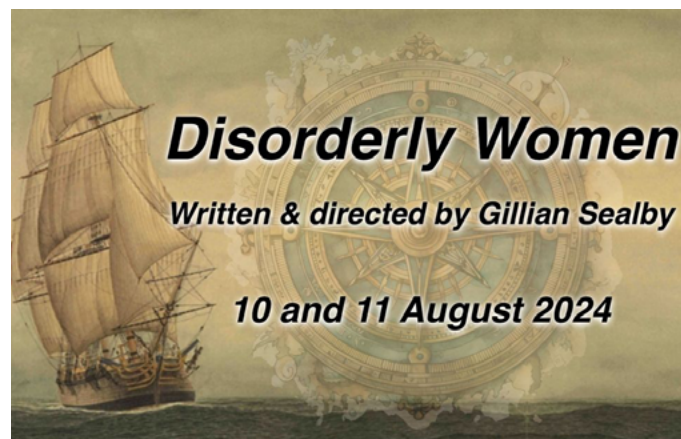
City, Sara, and Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now.

Tickets from timelesssummertour.com.

Disorderly Women makes waves in Melbourne

Get ready for a theatrical treat as The Basin Theatre hosts the world premiere of *Disorderly Women*, a lively musical written and directed by Gillian Sealby. This engaging production recounts the tumultuous journey of the *Lady Juliana*, the first female convict ship that sailed from England to Sydney Cove in 1789, known as the "floating brothel".

The musical promises to be an uproarious celebration of the women aboard the *Lady Juliana*, blending heartache, fear, humour, and camaraderie with singalong tunes. Audiences will be transported back in time to witness the resilience and spirit of these feisty women, making a little money on the side while navigating their perilous voyage.



Performances are slated for the 10th and 11th of August at The Basin Theatre.

The production features the character of Mrs Elizabeth Barnsley, a real historical figure known as the Queen of Shoplifters, who was intelligent, literate, and flamboy-

ant, bringing a vivid presence to the stage.

With content warnings for references to prostitution and capital punishment, along with mild swearing, *Disorderly Women* offers a raw and authentic look at the lives of these extraordinary women.

DATES & DEETS

10 & 11 AUG
The Basin VIC
thebasintheatre.org.au

The Basin Theatre, a multi-award-winning Melbourne-based theatre company, is renowned for its high-quality productions and supportive community atmosphere, making it the perfect venue for this unique story.

For more information about the theatre and upcoming events, visit their official website at thebasintheatre.org.au. The Basin Theatre is located on the corner of Doongalla Road and Simpsons Road, The Basin, VIC 3154.

Boston-Irish icons Dropkick Murphys headlining tour

Attention Australian punk rockers! We have a huge announcement for you. Two of the most influential and enduring American punk rock bands are heading down under together this November. Boston's rock 'n' roll underdogs turned champions Dropkick Murphys announce their first Australian headline tour in over a decade with Chicago's rock canons Alka-line Trio.

This marks Dropkick Murphys' return to Australia for the first time since last appearing at Good Things Festival in 2018.

Since 1996, Dropkick Murphys have created the kind of music that's meant to be chanted at last call, in packed arenas, and during the fourth quarter, third period, or ninth inning of a comeback rally. Their celebrated discography includes four consecutive Billboard top 10 album debuts (Turn Up That Dial, 11 Short Stories Of Pain & Glory, Signed and Sealed in Blood, Going Out In Style), along with 2005's



Certified-Gold album *The Warrior's Code* featuring the double platinum classic *I'm Shipping Up To Boston*. Dropkick Murphys' music has generated half-a-billion streams, they've quietly moved 8 million-plus units worldwide and the band has sold out gigs on multiple continents.

Dropkick Murphys returned to fully electric performanc-

es in late 2023 following a pair of critically acclaimed acoustic albums – 2022's *This Machine Still Kills Fascists* and 2023's *Okemah Rising* – interpreting the work of Woody Guthrie for a new generation.

Be sure to see Dropkick Murphys when they bring their explosive, high energy live shows down under. Tick-

TOUR DATES

15 NOV Adelaide SA
17 NOV Melbourne VIC
18 NOV Melbourne VIC
20 NOV Sydney NSW
22 NOV Brisbane QLD

ets won't last long at www.dropkickmurphys.com/tour.

The Coronas return with new album tour

Set to return to Australia this November following their acclaimed down under run late last year, The Coronas will arrive armed with their trademark magic as well as their hotly-anticipated album *Thoughts & Observations*.

A multi-platinum group, The Coronas' last three albums also went straight to #1 in the Irish charts.

Thoughts & Observations captures The Coronas unbridled authenticity and passion, with the album originating not long after 2022's *Time Stopped* had released into the world.

"We're so excited to be sharing new music," the band shared. "To be honest we



didn't really take a break after the last one, as soon as the touring and promotion of *Time Stopped* slowed down, we were already working on *Thoughts & Observations*"

"Thematically, the album deals with love, loss and growing older," shared The Coronas. "It's possibly us fully embracing our man-band status. After seven albums

TOUR DATES

21 NOV Melbourne VIC
22 NOV Sydney NSW
23 NOV Perth WA

we're probably a little more cynical now than we were when we started! In saying that there's still an optimistic feel to this album that The Coronas albums tend to have."

Lead singer Danny O'Reilly explains: "Every album we make is with a view to improving our live show. We still feel like we have something to say."

Tickets from www.troubadourpresents.com.

The Police guitarist Andy Summers back on the beat



Andy Summers, renowned guitarist of The Police, has unveiled plans for his first solo tour of Australia in nearly 25 years. Titled *An Evening with Andy Summers*, the tour showcases his recent multimedia project, *The Cracked Lens + A Broken String*, which combines his photography with live guitar performances.

Summers will share stories from his illustrious 40-year career, performing a blend of his solo works and classic Police tracks. His captivating photography, exhibited worldwide, will serve as visual accompaniments.

Andy has also been making a name for himself internationally as an art photographer since the 1980s. Several successful book publications and international exhibitions followed, underlining his exceptional talent in the field of photography.

TOUR DATES

24 SEP Melbourne VIC
25 SEP Brisbane QLD
26 SEP Sydney NSW
27 SEP Adelaide SA

Summers last visited Australia during The Police's reunion tour in January 2008. Before that, he toured Australia in 2001 with the Andy Summers Trio. The Police had two tours in Australia in 1981 and 1984. Summers' former bandmate, Sting, toured here in 2023.

Summers is ranked by *Rolling Stone* magazine as one of the greatest guitarists ever.

This multimedia show offers fans a great insight into his work and a moment with a legend.

Tickets available from linktr.ee/andysummers_official.

Tina Turner tribute coming to Queensland

One year after the devastating news of musical icon Tina Turner's passing, world-renowned tribute producers Showtime Australia are bringing their international concert production *TINA: The Ultimate Tribute to The Queen of Rock 'n' Roll* to Australia for a full national tour. You are invited to celebrate the legacy of a star who has touched hearts across the globe, where she has left an indelible mark on the music scene.

Tina Turner's powerful performances at iconic venues like Wembley Stadium, her numerous television appearances, and her unforgettable hits have made her a beloved figure in British pop culture. This tour offers a nostalgic journey through Tina's timeless music, a chance to experience the electrifying energy of her greatest hits live on stage.

TOUR DATES

03 AUG Townsville QLD
04 AUG Mackay QLD
09 AUG Rockhampton QLD
11 AUG Gladstone QLD
12 AUG Maryborough QLD
15 AUG Coffs Harbour QLD
16 AUG Gold Coast QLD

The extensive tour has been visiting 35 venues across New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory since June, clocking up an eye-watering 20,000kms of drive-time between venues.

TV star Caroline Borole stars as Tina, leading her international band, brass section, backing vocalists, and dancers in what promises to be an electrifying concert experience.

The show features two



hours of back-to-back Tina Turner hits from the Sixties, Seventies, Eighties, and Nineties.

Fans can look forward to hearing classics like (Simply) The Best, What's Love Got To Do With It, River Deep Moun-

tain High, We Don't Need Another Hero, Nutbush City Limits, Proud Mary, Private Dancer and more.

Tickets are available now. For more information on the show, visit facebook.com/tinathequeenofrock.

Make a skate date for ice legends Torvill and Dean

After three decades, legends of the ice Torvill & Dean are set to make their long-awaited return to Australia for a final farewell tour. Torvill & Dean: Our Last Dance tour marks their first visit to Australian shores since their last tour in 1994 and will celebrate their illustrious career before retiring from skating together.

Torvill & Dean made their retirement announcement on 14th February this year ("Bolero Day", as they fondly call it) whilst in Sarajevo to commemorate their historic Gold medal-winning performance to Ravel's Bolero at the 1984 Winter Olympics – exactly 40 years to the day. While there, they relived the memories four decades on from their iconic heart-stopping performance which had a UK television audience of 24 million people and an estimated worldwide audience of hundreds of millions of viewers, on the edge of their seats. It became one of the greatest sporting moments of the 20th Century and set a new standard for world-class figure skating.

Torvill & Dean: Our Last Dance tour kicks off in the UK in April with the Australian leg following in June 2025. This will be the very last chance to see the world's most famous skating superstars in action on the ice together – 50 years since they formed their incredible skating partnership.



Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean said: "We're delighted to be bringing our farewell tour to Australia next year. Performing in Oz has always been very special for us. So 'Our Last Dance' will be a final opportunity to celebrate and say thank you to all of our wonderful fans over

there who have supported us consistently for many years. Whilst we will continue to work together off the ice, the tour will be the final time we will skate together following our 50-year partnership. It's going to be very emotional for us, but we promise to put on an amazing live show – and we really hope to see you there."

Australia is a special place for Torvill & Dean with their first show produced here in the 1980s. Christopher reminisces: "We were first invited to come and perform in Australia in 1984 just after we had won the Olympic Gold. The promoters were putting together a show of world class ice dancers with the Russian Olympic team on

TOUR DATES

14 JUN Brisbane QLD
15 JUN Brisbane QLD
18 JUN Melbourne VIC
19 JUN Melbourne VIC
21 JUN Sydney NSW
22 JUN Sydney NSW
27 JUN Perth WA

board. They flew over to see us in the UK for one day to discuss the opportunity for us to appear in the exhibition show. We flew over to Australia for three weeks initially to appear in 14 shows, three months later and many more shows later we had fallen in love with the country. After coming back to the UK briefly, we went back to Australia to train and develop our own show. It always has a special place in our hearts."

Jayne adds: "After that year in Australia, we had made a lot of friends and fallen in love with the country. So much so, I bought a house with the idea that I would spend six months of the year there and six months in the UK. I had that house for almost 10 years and even spent some of my honeymoon there. I will always have such amazing memories created there."

As Torvill & Dean prepare to bring their historic farewell tour to Australia, fans will have a unique opportunity to celebrate the legacy of these iconic skaters. Their deep connection to Australia, where they first performed in the 1980s, adds a special significance to this final tour. The emotional journey promises to be a fitting tribute to their remarkable 50-year partnership. Don't miss this chance to witness their last dance on ice.

Tickets from [TEGDainty](https://www.tegdainty.com). Find out more at www.torvillanddean.com.



History Alive reviving after five-year hiatus

Hold on to your helmets and dust off your time machines! The Abbeystone team is thrilled to announce that History Alive is making its grand return this September 7th and 8th in partnership with the Queensland Living History Federation.

After a hiatus since 2019, this iconic event is back and bigger than ever, showcasing an epic journey through time from Ancient Rome to World War Two.

Prepare for a weekend bursting with excitement and adventure! Witness the thundering hooves and clashing lances in thrilling jousting tournaments, marvel at the fierce combat displays, try your hand at archery, and get an up-close look at ancient machines. Dive into hands-on workshops and be amazed by the skillful demonstrations of historical crafts. The dramatic main arena performances are not



to be missed, and the vibrant atmosphere will be further elevated by talented musicians and street performers.

Step into the past as you explore the bustling Abbeystone marketplace, where the sights, sounds, and aromas of history come alive. This is just a taste of the immersive experience awaiting you. And for all you food

lovers, prepare to feast on an array of culinary delights from various historical eras.

Don't miss out on the Moreton Bay Joust Spectacular, a fan-favourite that sells out fast.

Visit [Ticketebo](https://www.ticketebo.com.au) or call 1800 381 939 to secure your spot at this historical extravaganza. For the latest updates, check out the Abbeystone

DATES & DEETS

07 & 08 SEP
Caboolture QLD
[Tickets](#)

website at [abbeystone.com](https://www.abbeystone.com). Abbeystone is located at 579 Old Toorbul Point Road, Caboolture, QLD 4510.

Kejafi charms at Red Lion's first July festive fling

The Red Lion Tavern in Glencoe held its first Celtic Christmas in July last month and it was a huge success.

The Red Lion Tavern transformed into a festive wonderland. The incomparable Celtic folk group Kejafi filled the air with enchanting tunes, setting the perfect backdrop for a magical evening.

Pub owner Petar Grulovic shared: "What a pleasure it was to have Kejafi entertain our full restaurant at our first (Celtic) Christmas in July event last night! It was a busy night, serving up British-style roast dinners (with our Yorkshire puddings), Christmas puddings and many pints of Guinness, but the team at Kejafi provided a wonderful backdrop for a memorable



evening - many thanks to everyone who supported us!"

The popular weekend destination on the New England Highway in New South Wales offers visitors a

warming winter menu.

One of their favourite signature dishes is Chicken Balmoral stuffed with traditional-style haggis from Syd's British Pie Shop in Queens-



land. Petar said the dish is "an absolute favourite".

To make a booking, ring the Red Lion on 0409 776 906. Further details on their [Facebook](#) page.

Comedian Ben Elton treating Freo to new show exclusive

Multi award-winning comedian and writer Ben Elton is performing an exclusive preview of his stand-up comedy tour Authentic Stupidity in Fremantle on Monday, 5th August in aid of Labor for Fremantle.

Long-time Freo resident Ben is best known for ground-breaking TV shows like The Young Ones, Blackadder, and Upstart Crow – but also for his novels, from his debut Stark (written in Fremantle) to Identity Crisis.

Before heading to the UK for his new stand-up comedy tour, join Ben for an exclusive preview of his show Authentic Stupidity at Freo.Social in Parry Street, Fremantle.

Following the huge success of Ben Elton's critically acclaimed sold-out UK tour in 2019, which marked his return to live comedy after a 15-year hiatus, the undisputed godfather of modern stand-up is going back on the road with his new show.

Ben says: "Since my last live tour a whole new existential threat has emerged to threaten humanity! Apparently Artificial Intelligence is going to destroy us all! Well I reckon our real problem isn't Artificial Intelligence, it's good old fashioned Authentic Stupidity! Forget AI! It's AS we need to be worrying about!"

DATES & DEETS

05 AUG
Freemantle WA
Tickets

Ben Elton first exploded into the national consciousness in Britain back in the 1980s hosting Channel 4's groundbreaking Saturday Live and he's been setting the standard for gag-filled, taboo-busting, tonsil-rattling, mind-expanding stand-up comedy ever since!

He is widely known for his writing for the stage, which includes three smash hit West End plays and the global phenomenon We Will Rock You, which is based on the music of rock band Queen. He has won three BAFTAs, and two Laurence Olivier Awards, among a host of other awards.

Before he heads back to the UK and Europe for his full tour, Ben is offering an exclusive sneak peek of Authentic Stupidity to his Aussie mates.

Ticket options include: \$100 for unwaged, general admission; \$130 for waged, general admission; \$320 for VIP reserved seating.

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Scotflix and chill with The Scotland Channel

Scotland is getting its very own worldwide dedicated TV channel, with The Scotland Channel set to launch this month, bringing a slice of Scotland's rich heritage and culture to audiences.

Designed for those with a passion for all things Scottish, the free channel will feature a diverse range of programming, from wildlife documentaries and historic explorations to contemporary stories of innovation.

One of the highlights is a feature on Scotland's pioneering space sector, coinciding with the launch of the nation's first rocket.

The channel shared: "Our launch is expected to more or less coincide with the launch



of Scotland's first commercial rocket into space from Saxa-Vord in the Shetlands which will provide the only vertical launch facility in Europe. It's perhaps fitting therefore that

our very first programme is about Scotland's little-known space industry and how it is leading Europe's space sector within just 19 years of being established. The

programme will be available to watch from Thursday, August 1st on our on-demand platform at: thescotlandchannel.tv or through our [YouTube Channel](#)."

The Scotland Channel's content is entirely produced in Scotland, ensuring authenticity and a genuine Scottish perspective. Viewers can look forward to engaging films that showcase the country's natural beauty, historical landmarks, and cultural traditions, providing an immersive Scottish experience.

Additionally, viewers will have the opportunity to engage with live events and interactive shows, making it a dynamic platform for cultural exchange.

Lughnasa Bacon & Cabbage Night with Melbourne Comhaltas Saturday 7th September 2024

Celebrate Lughnasa, the Celtic harvest festival, with Melbourne Comhaltas!

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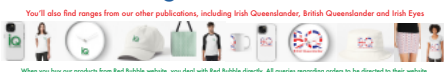


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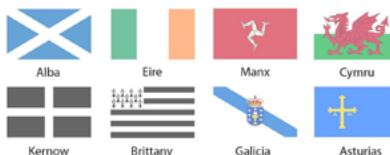
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