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Clans on the Coast Highland Celtic Festival

SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2024

Lakeside Sports Complex - 8:30am - 4:00pm
13 Leisure Way, Raymond Terrace, NSW 2324
Adults: \$15 Pensioners: \$10 Children 5/18: \$5



FESTIVITIES ALL DAY

Grand Parade—9.30am, Pipe Bands, Marching Brass Bands, Medieval Fighting Guild, East Coast Heavy Strongman Championship, Rides for the Kids and Amateur 8 Men/Woman Tug-o-War Comp.

Primary School kids competition

11am —Come dressed in Celtic attire and win \$100 for you and a \$100 donated to a Port Stephens School of the winners choice.

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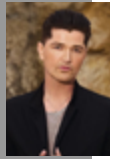
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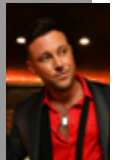
On page 5, King Charles and Queen Camilla will visit Australia in October, it will be The King's first visit as Sovereign.



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On page 28, step into an unforgettable evening in the company of award-winning comedian and actor Stephen Fry.



On page 29, Alison Moyet will be embarking on her first Australian tour in eight years as part of Key Live 2025.



Year 12 students of Brisbane Boys' College Pipe Band who travelled to Scotland to perform in the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in August, and also competed in the European and World Pipe Band Championships. Picture: [facebook.com/TheRoyalEdinburghMilitaryTattoo](https://www.facebook.com/TheRoyalEdinburghMilitaryTattoo)

Fist-pump to all our community legends

Behind many community festivals is a small group of local legends, people working tirelessly and free of charge to make a difference.

I recently had a long conversation with Ron Swan, the driving force behind Clans on the Coast. This not-for-profit festival supports local charities, and Ron's passion for Scottish heritage is unmistakable. He's the kind of bloke who'll strike up a chat with strangers on the street about Scotland's influence on Raymond Terrace and the surrounding area.

Ron loves teaching people about their heritage, encouraging everyone to explore their family history and not take it for granted. He's been doing this for years and is truly a rare gem.

Most of the community events and groups I've been involved with over the years have been driven by someone like Ron – people who see beyond themselves and focus on the bigger picture. They do it for the love of people, knowing it's important work and that they

have the skills and drive to help. Their passion is infectious.

Another legend spreading joy is Barry Nisbet, who will bring the fun of Sessions and Sail to Australia next year. Ship's captain Barry has been sailing around Scotland and Ireland with his hearty crew of musicians, carrying their cargo of culture to small islands and ports along the coastline. We look forward to welcoming them to Sydney in 2025.

Tour announcements came thick and fast this month! Among them was Crowded House being named as the headliners of Byron Bay Bluesfest. 2025 was to be the last Bluesfest, but now a campaign is underway hoping to save the iconic festival. Since launching Anglo&Celtic magazine, I have seen many festivals cancelled across Australia, organisers reporting that they are struggling to sell tickets, tours being canned and live music venues closed. Times are tough for many. Let's hope that Bluesfest can be saved. You can help the campaign by signing a petition [here](#).



New chapter as library bids for global honour

Queensland Irish Association (QIA) is championing a significant cultural recognition: the inclusion of the O'Donovan Library in the UNESCO Australian Memory of the World Register. This esteemed endorsement aligns with the QIA's mission to promote Irish heritage and acknowledges the monumental efforts of Denis O'Donovan CMG, a former parliamentary librarian.

Jeff Spender, President of the QIA, enthusiastically supports this initiative. "The O'Donovan Catalogue Origins Collection is a testament to the rigorous scholarship Denis O'Donovan brought to his role. His successful advocacy for the inclusion of Irish language works in Queensland's parliamentary library is a remarkable acknowledgment of the Irish community's contributions to our history."

The collection, which



O'Donovan Library and, inset, Denis O'Donovan CMG. Pictures: Parliament.qld.gov.au

features two volumes of hand-written book suggestions by Queensland parliamentarians, highlights the influence of Irish-born figures like Sir Maurice O'Connell and TJ Ryan, who left an indelible mark on Australian political history.

Denis O'Donovan's legacy

extends beyond his tenure from 1874 to 1902. Born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1836, O'Donovan's illustrious career spanned Europe before he brought his expertise to Queensland. His notable achievements include the creation of a world-leading library catalogue and the

quadrupling of the library's contents.

O'Donovan's contributions were widely recognised, earning him numerous accolades, including the Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG).

His encyclopedic dictionary catalogue of the library's collections remains a scholarly benchmark.

After retiring in 1902, O'Donovan's impact continued to be felt. The Queensland Parliamentary Library's colonial collection and the room housing it bear his name, ensuring his legacy endures.

The QIA eagerly anticipates the successful conclusion of this application, which would immortalise O'Donovan's work and celebrate the Irish community's significant role in Queensland's cultural and political landscape.

Standing Stones parklands levels up

Glen Innes Severn Council recently celebrated a significant upgrade to the Centennial Parklands, home to the renowned Australian Standing Stones in New South Wales.

Last month, the official opening unveiled new amenities, an outdoor seating area, and a children's playground, marking a milestone in the enhancement of community spaces in the Glen Innes Highlands.

Funded by the Australian Government through the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program and supported by Glen Innes Severn Council, the \$1.44 million project has breathed new life into Centennial Parklands.

Situated next to the Croft Celtic Cultural Learning Centre and Café, the upgrades include a modern amenities



Community representatives at the Centennial Parklands unveiling. Picture: Glen Innes Severn Council

block with all-abilities access, new seating areas, and a playground.

These improvements will be pivotal for local events, especially the Australian Celtic Festival.

The Honourable Barnaby Joyce, MP for New England, joined Glen Innes Severn Council Mayor Rob Banham and other distinguished guests to celebrate the revitalised parklands. Mr Joyce

emphasised the importance of community spaces, stating, "What makes communities thrive are places that bring people together, provide opportunities to connect, and allow businesses to flourish."

King Charles and Queen Camilla to visit in October



Prime Minister Anthony Albanese will welcome Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla to Australia in October this year. This will be The King's first visit to Australia as Sovereign.

The King shares a long history with and affection for Australia, having previously made 15 official visits to our nation and having visited every state and territory.

During this visit, The King and Queen will travel to the Australian Capital Territory and New South Wales.

Official Australian portraits of The King and Queen have been released.

In the portraits, The King wears The Sovereign's Badge of the Order of Australia, while The Queen wears the Wattle Brooch which was gifted to Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during her

visit to Australia in 1954.

Australians can request printed versions of the portraits through their Federal Member of the House of Representatives or Senator in their state or territory.

Planning is currently underway for the Royal Visit.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said: "I am honoured to welcome The King and Queen on their first Royal Visit to Australia later this year, they are always welcome visitors.

"The King has a deep regard for our great nation, and has always spoken warmly of the time he has spent here and the astounding beauty of our extraordinary continent.

"I look forward to welcoming The King and Queen back to Australia for this important visit."

High Commissioner facing off Aussies in fantasy football

The British High Commissioner to Australia recently challenged Premier League fans across the country to compete against her in the inaugural 'UK in Australia' Fantasy Premier League (FPL) competition for the 2024/25 season.

The competition, now underway, offers a special prize pack, including a Premier League shirt of the winner's favourite team, to the highest-scoring Australian resident at the end of the season. High Commissioner Vicki Treadell, a loyal Liverpool fan, was expected to lean heavily on her beloved Reds in selecting her squad.

Ms Treadell commented: "From Joe Marston to Sam Kerr, Australians have always made an impact in British



football leagues. I'm excited to see how Australians fare against me in the Fantasy Premier League this season."

The winner at the end of the season will be asked to contact the British High Commissioner on social media to claim their prize.

The action is taking place at <https://bit.ly/3SKGqJb>, league code 49smr.

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Join in the Highland Fling at Tascal Winter Ball Weekend

The Tascal Winter Ball Weekend 2024 is shaping up to be an unforgettable celebration of Scottish dance and global connections. From Friday, September 6th, dance enthusiasts will gather in Hobart, Tasmania, for a weekend filled with music, dancing, and camaraderie.

The festivities kick off on Friday evening with two delightful options. You can choose to embark on a serene evening cruise along the River Derwent, where the sparkling lights of Hobart will set the mood for the weekend ahead. As you glide past iconic landmarks like the Royal Botanical Gardens and the Tasman Bridge, enjoy live commentary and cheese platters provided by Tascal. Alternatively, you can head to St George's Church Hall in Battery Point for a walk-through of the ball dances. This session is perfect for those who want to brush up on their steps before the main event. Both groups will come together afterward for a cosy supper, catching up with friends old and new.

Saturday evening is the highlight of the weekend: the



Tascal Winter Ball in Hobart Town Hall. Picture: [Facebook/Tasmanian Scottish Country Dancers](#)

Winter Ball at Hobart's historic Town Hall. The evening begins at 7.30pm with a Grand March led by piper Geoff Jones, setting the stage for an evening of dancing to the vibrant tunes of Chris Duncan and Catherine Strutt. The program features a selection of dances that reflect the global influence of Scottish country dancing, showcasing

choreography from around the world. The night promises non-stop energy, a delicious supper, and a chance to dance the night away in a stunning setting.

The weekend concludes on Sunday with a relaxed picnic at the Richmond Town Hall in the picturesque village of Richmond. This is a day for unwinding after the excite-

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Hobart TAS
[Tickets](#)

ment of the ball, with opportunities for informal dancing, music, and exploring the charming local galleries and shops.

Don your finery for Jane Austen Ball



All budding Elizabeth Bennets are invited to the Jane Austen Ball. Picture: [Facebook/AustralianHistoricalDance](#)

Step back in time and immerse yourself in the enchanting world of Jane Austen at the Australian Historical Dance Society's Jane Austen Ball. Imagine being transported to the early colony in Australia, where you can experience the dances that were popular during Jane Austen's era.

Join in a captivating evening of Regency dancing at the heritage-listed Dayboro Community Hall, accompanied by delightful tunes played by Australia's finest historical dance band, Phillip's Dog. Don't worry if you're new to these dances –

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Dayboro QLD
[Tickets](#)

Dr. Heather Blasdale Clarke, a renowned dance historian and teacher, will be there to guide and instruct you throughout the night.

Get ready to twirl and sway to the rhythms of the past in this unforgettable event. The ball will take place at Dayboro Community Hall, 6 Bradley Street, Dayboro QLD 4521.



Run like a Scot and wag like a dog in Armadale

It will be kilts and bagpipes as far as the eye can see at the largest Highland Gathering in Western Australia, to be held in Armadale this October.

Join the fun at the new location of Champion Lakes Regatta Centre to celebrate all things Scottish. You don't need to be Scottish to take part in this annual tradition, so gather your family and friends for a jam-packed day of Scottish culture and fun.

The morning kicks off with the fun and quirky Perth Kilt Run – the only charity fun run in Australia done in a kilt! Purchase your very own kilt when you register for the 2.5km Classic or the 5km Warrior. By participating in the run, you'll be raising funds for charity, as well as having a good time. Dogs are welcome to join the 2.5km Classic course!

Part of the proceeds will support headspace Armadale, The Amanda Young Foundation, and Dogs'



Humans and doggos are all welcome at the Perth Kilt Run. Pictures: [City of Armadale](#)

Refuge Home. You can also fundraise for your chosen charity!

The excitement continues after the Perth Kilt Run at the Armadale Highland Gath-

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Armadale WA
perthkiltun.com.au

ering. Spend the rest of the day exploring Scottish market stalls, watching Highland dancing, enjoying bagpipe competitions, meeting Scottish dogs, and witnessing the hotly contested heavy events as competitors show off their incredible strength.

Let your imagination run wild in the medieval fair, learn about your ancestry with the clans and societies, and then kick up your heels with live music and ceilidh dancing.

This is a family-friendly, smoke- and vape-free event. For further details and Perth Kilt Run registrations, visit www.perthkiltun.com.au.

So what are you waiting for? Join in the fun, get your kilt on, and enjoy the run!

The Ireland Funds Australia Brisbane Luncheon 2024



The Ireland Funds Australia Luncheon at Hillstone, St Lucia, Brisbane last month. Pictures: [The Ireland Funds](#)/Supplied



Les Kiss and tell as rugby great speaks at Irish lunch

by Paul Hogan, Director,
Queensland Irish Association

The 2024 Ireland Funds Luncheon was held at the Hillstone St Lucia Golf Links on August 2nd. On a cracking Queensland winter's afternoon, a large crowd gathered to raise money for a worthy cause.

This annual Brisbane event was hosted by the ABC's Catherine Murphy, with Queensland's own Reds head coach, Les Kiss, as the guest speaker. While Les is famous for his NRL and State of Origin achievements, this season, he led the Queensland Reds to the semi-finals. He spoke about his time at London Irish and coaching in Ireland, entertaining the crowd with witty anecdotes.

The auction raised substantial funds, with great silent auction items and raffle prizes. Guinness and wine flowed into the late afternoon, making it a very enjoyable day. Distinguished guests included the Chair of The Ire-



Les Kiss at the lunch. Picture: The Ireland Funds/Supplied

land Funds, Yvonne Le Bas, former Lord Mayor Sallyanne Atkinson, QIA Life Member and Vice President Seamus Sullivan, fellow Board mem-

ber Michele Burke, long-time QIA stalwart Dr. Tom Moore, Des Ryan, Joe Thompson and his wife Gabrielle, and former ACU Chancellor Peter

Sheehan. All in all a tremendous afternoon was had and substantial money raised all in a very good cause.

Later this month, The Ireland Funds Australia will hold their [Global 5k](#). On 21st September, participants will join the Southbank Park Run in Brisbane, the Princes Park Run in Melbourne, and the Centennial Park Run in Sydney. All profits raised will support Irish support agencies in Queensland, New South Wales, and Victoria, as well as the Belvedere Youth Club in Ireland.

[The Ireland Funds Australia](#), established in 1987, is a non-political, non-sectarian registered Australian charity that funds community projects in Ireland and Australia. Its mission is to harness the power of a global philanthropic network of friends of Ireland to promote and support peace, culture, education, and development across the island of Ireland and among Irish communities around the world.

QIA packs the calendar with gatherings

The Queensland Irish Association (QIA) is gearing up for a lively season with a series of events aimed at bringing its members together.

Kicking things off is the September Members Lunch, scheduled for Wednesday, 18th September, at the Coorparoo RSL from 11.30am to 2.30pm. It's an opportunity for members and friends to gather, enjoy a meal, and catch up.

Following that, QIA members will meet for September Members Drinks at The Normanby Hotel in Red Hill on Friday, 20th September, from 4pm to 6pm. The event will be held in the upstairs room, providing a relaxed setting for members to socialise over a few drinks.



Queensland Irish Association members enjoying lunch at Coorparoo RSL in August. Picture: Queensland Irish Association

In October, the association will host another Members Lunch on Wednesday, 16th October at Coorparoo RSL, again from 11.30am to 2.30pm. Then, Members

Drinks will return to The Normanby Hotel on Friday, 18th October, with an additional gathering set for Friday, 8th November, both from 4pm to 6pm.

The association's AGM will be held from 11am on Saturday, November 9th at Coorparoo RSL, followed by lunch.

The QIA's 2024 calendar wraps up with a final Members Lunch on Wednesday, 20th November, at Coorparoo RSL, and the much-anticipated QIA Christmas Party on Sunday, 8th December, at Wests Rugby Club in Toowong, starting at 12 noon.

These events reflect the QIA's commitment to fostering community spirit and providing regular opportunities for members to connect and celebrate their shared heritage.

For more information and to join the QIA, visit www.queenslandirish.com.

Charity wins at Clans on the Coast Celtic festival

The Clans on the Coast Highland Celtic Festival is set to return to the Port Stephens area, 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 and 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. 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 can expect a day filled with a variety of attractions, including pipe and drum band performances, Celtic music and dance, and the Highland Strongman Games Competition. The event will also feature medieval fighting reenactments, a tug-o-war competition, children's costume competition and kids' rides.



Clans on the Coast Massed Bands is a highlight of the Celtic festival. Picture: Supplied

Market stalls will offer local artisans' crafts and regional produce, while food and drink stalls ensure there's something for every palate. Car enthusiasts can enjoy the Car Show and Shine, showcasing both vintage and modern vehicles.

A standout feature of the festival is the Ceilidh, a formal dinner and show held at the Raymond Terrace Bowling Club at 7pm. This evening event promises an elegant conclusion to a day of festivities, with traditional music, dance, and a hearty meal.

The Clans On The Coast Festival was envisioned by Ron Swan who has a strong passion for the Scottish culture and is proud of his heritage.

Wherever Ron goes he spreads the Scottish heritage message about which he is so passionate. He devotes his life to opening the community's eyes to their Scottish backgrounds and has helped many people recognise their Scottish heritage, awakening a passion for their Celtic heritage in the hearts of many people in the Port Stephens area.

Ron's vision is to create an annual festival celebrating and sharing the cultural contribution of the Scottish and Celtic settlers to Australia.

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 Nich-

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21 SEP
Nelson Bay NSW
Tickets from
www.clansontheocast.com.au

olas, hopes to surpass that success this year, enhancing community engagement and raising even more funds for the Starlight Foundation.

The festival will be bigger than ever this year, spread across three fields at Lakeside Sports Complex.

The festival's success relies heavily on the generosity of local sponsors and volunteers.

Gate tickets for the event are now on sale at Clans on the Coast.

Bounce into the Scots Fair for a day of fun



The Scots Fair at Scots School Albury is a great opportunity to bring the Albury-Wodonga community together, celebrate their amazing campus and enjoy a great day of fun activities!

Taking place on September 14th, there will be opportunities for all ages and interests to get involved.

This year's fair includes Tuff

Nutterz, Australia's biggest inflatable adventure, food stalls, market stalls, whacky races, pipe band competition, dunk tank, hospitality tent, bake sale, face painting and lots more.

Showcasing the World Championship-winning Scots Pipe Band, and compered by entertainer Steve Bowen, the school expects numbers

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Albury NSW
facebook.com/TheScotsSchoolAlbury

to easily surpass last fair's 3,000 attendees.

All are welcome.

Church finds salvation in divine Scottish hampers

Nestled in the heart of Campbell Town, the historic St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, known locally as "The Church," has found a new purpose under the stewardship of Nicole and Garry Graham.

Honouring their strong Scottish heritage, the couple has transformed this 1857-built church into the headquarters of Gourmet Gift Hampers Tasmania, a new venture dedicated to delivering high-quality gift hampers across Australia. This initiative not only celebrates the finest Tasmanian products but also offers a unique range of Scottish and Whisky hampers, reflecting the area's rich Scottish roots.

Nicole's family traces back to Greenock, Scotland, and she proudly belongs to the Campbell clan. Her family's traditions and pride in their heritage have greatly influenced their business. She fondly recalls: "I grew up around the strong Scottish accent of my Great Grandmother, so much so, that my Dad had to 'translate' when she spoke."

Campbell Town local farmers who can trace their ancestors to eight generations



Nicole and Garry Graham have given a new lease of life to a Campbell Town church. Pictures: Supplied

back, when they immigrated to the area for land grants. Nicole told Anglo&Celtic: "There were many Scots who settled here but they had no church, so Dr Adam Turnbull, who came out from Scotland and moved to Campbell Town, raise the money to build St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in 1857, now known as The Church."

After being left empty for 25 years, Nicole and her husband are restoring the building.

"We are deeply proud of our Scottish heritage," says Nicole.



This connection is evident in their thoughtfully curated hampers. [Gourmet Gift Hampers Tasmania](#) supports more than 60 local small businesses.

[The Church](#) also holds events and festivals, with upcoming celebrations including a Halloween party, St Andrew's Day festival and Hogmanay.

OzScot hotstep to Belfast for Tattoo



Australian Highland dance group OzScot is gearing up for a thrilling adventure as they head to the Belfast International Tattoo in Northern Ireland.

The event, which takes place from September 6th to 8th, is a celebration of military music and dance, drawing performers from around the world.

Organisers said: "We are delighted that this year's Belfast Tattoo Highland Dancers will be OzScot Australia.

"This will be the first time

that Belfast has hosted such a prestigious dancing school who has performed for the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo five times and Muscat Oman, five times at the Virginia Festival International Tattoo, three times at the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, Netherlands International Military Tattoo, the South Africa Tattoo, and we are delighted they are to be performing at the Belfast Tattoo for the very first time."

For more info, go to bel-fastinternationaltattoo.com.

Lions tickets doing roaring trade

There has been record-breaking demand for tickets and tour packages for the 2025 British and Irish Lions tour in Australia, with tickets being snapped up by fans of both the Lions and Australia.

Qatar Airways has been announced as the series sponsor and will fly the Lions squad to Australia to compete in the Qatar Airways Lions Men's Series, which will kick off on Saturday, 28th June 2025.

Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium will host the first of three Tests on Saturday, 19th July. The second Test will be played on Saturday, 26th July at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground, which has a capacity of 100,000. The final Test will be played in front of over 80,000 fans at Sydney's Accor Stadium in Sydney Olympic Park on Saturday, 2nd August.

In preparation for the first Test, the Lions will face an invitational Australian and



New Zealand team at the Adelaide Oval, while the Tour will also include fixtures in Perth, Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, and Melbourne.

The 2025 Qatar Airways Lions Men's Series is one of the most eagerly anticipated

tours in history following the absence of fans for the 2021 Tour of South Africa.

Phil Waugh, CEO of Rugby Australia, said: "We have had an incredible response from the public in Australia and the UK and Ireland to

tickets going on sale for The Qatar Airways British & Irish Lions Tour to Australia 2025, with the first allocation to all three Tests and a number of tour games already selling out."

Picture: lionsrugby.com

Queensland Irish Association

September Members' Lunch

Wed-Sat 12pm-2:30pm

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Say Yass to the craic at Irish and Celtic music fest

The Irish Celtic Music Festival 2024 is set to take place from September 13th to 15th in Yass, New South Wales. This vibrant event will celebrate Celtic culture with a lineup of music, dance, and cultural activities.

The festival will feature performances by talented musicians and bands from various Celtic traditions. Attendees can enjoy traditional and contemporary Celtic music, as well as spirited dance performances and workshops.

This year, the festival will welcome back Air & Grace. Sometimes slow and sensual sometimes fast and furious, Air & Grace combine the beauty of the harp with the sweet sound of flutes in harmony. Their repertoire is drawn from Celtic-inspired music originating in Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Brittany. Traditional tunes are interpreted with sensitivity and originality. Relax, listen and enjoy.

Other performers will include Amaidi, Apolline, Enda Kenny, Kejafi, Mad Kelpie Playdate, Saoirse, The Bushwackers, The Full Irish, The Mountain Dew Band and The Scotsman.



Air & Grace will perform at the 2024 Irish Celtic Music Festival in Yass, New South Wales. Picture: [Facebook/jointhecraicinyass](https://www.facebook.com/jointhecraicinyass)

In addition to music and dance, the festival will host a variety of cultural activities such as poetry, junior fleadh, dance program, and Irish language conversation and music. Visitors can explore the Celtic Market, offering a

range of food and craft stalls with traditional Celtic flavours and artisanal goods.

Yass, known for its beautiful historic buildings and scenic parks, provides a picturesque setting for this celebration. The town's heritage and com-

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13 - 15 SEP
Yass NSW

www.irishcelticmusicfestival.com

munity spirit make it an ideal location for the festival.

The festival is organised by the Yass Valley community and is run by volunteers.

Hunter Valley winery holds Highland lunch

McLeish Estate in the Hunter Valley, New South Wales will come alive this September for a Scottish celebration of the Hunter Highland Lunch.

Bringing together the very best Scottish traditions and local Hunter Valley wine and produce, the Hunter Highland Lunch will be held on September 14th at the picturesque McLeish Estate, home to the outstanding gold medal winning McLeish Estate Cellar Reserve Semillon – highly regarded in the Australian Wine Companion.

The Highland Lunch will be a fitting celebration of all

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Hunter Valley NSW
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things Scottish. The day will begin at 11 am, with performances by Maitland Pipes and Drums and highland dancers. Guests are welcome to participate in the traditional caber-tossing competition.

Attendees will then be treated to a three-course feast paired with wine from McLeish Estate.



Scotland's Sessions and Sails docking in Sydney

The much-loved floating music festival from Scotland, Sessions and Sail, is embarking on its maiden Southern Hemisphere voyage in February 2025. The floating festival will set sail from Sydney on the beautifully restored tallship Søren Larsen, and it promises to be an unforgettable experience for music lovers and adventure seekers alike.

Sessions and Sail, conceived by Scottish musician and tallship captain Barry Nisbet, began its voyage in July 2018. The festival visited picturesque locations such as Mallaig, Arisaig, Knoydart, and the islands of Skye, Canna, Rum, and Eigg that year. And the voyages have continued regularly since.

This month, Sessions and Sail is having its Bluegrass/Americana 2024 trip from September 1st to 7th, aboard the ship Lady of Avenel, with tunes, strumming, picking and good Americana music!

This is a trip for lovers of Bluegrass, Old Time, Country, Swing and American styles in particular. Mandolinist/fiddler Pepita Emmerichs and guitarist Theo Barnard will be aboard all week as sail-with tutors to help make sure the tunes keep going.

Sailing from Oban, the crew will explore this unique region of Scotland, helping set sails and steering the ship; playing tunes on deck as they sail along; and joining in sessions in Lady of Avenel's comfortable saloon and venues ashore in the evenings.

They plan to visit anchorages and sail the coast around the south of Mull and the islands and coast of Lorne.

This itinerary is similar to what travellers can expect during the Australian voyage.

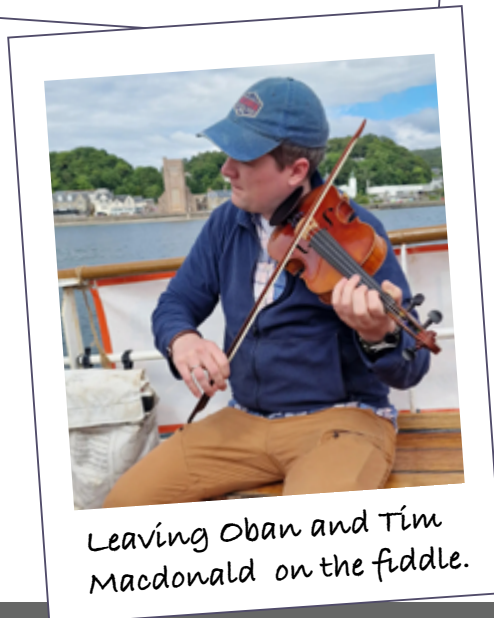
Barry Nisbet told Anglo&Celtic: "We love making our Sessions and Sail voyages on the Scottish and Irish coasts; we can't wait to do the same thing in Australia, play some tunes with Australian musicians, and set sail out of Sydney aboard



Scottish musician and captain Barry Nisbet.



Sailing to South Mull and Lorne.



Leaving Oban and Tim Macdonald on the fiddle.

the beautiful Søren Larsen!"

From February 25th to March 3rd next, the festival will offer a unique mix of sailing and folk music sessions, including tuition, workshops, and more. The voyage will feature some of the festival's regular tutors, such as Pepita Emmerichs and Theo Barnard from Rain of Animals, as well as Barry Nisbet, who previously served as Mate and Master of the Søren Larsen.

The Søren Larsen is a renowned tall ship, built in 1949 in Denmark. Named after its builder and designer, Søren Larsen, this brigantine has a length of 42.7 meters and a sail area of 627 square meters.

It was constructed as a cargo vessel, designed to carry goods like grain and stone in the Baltic Sea. The ship is notable for its traditional rigging and classic design, reflecting the maritime craftsmanship of its era.

In the 1970s, the Søren Larsen was restored and refitted as a sailing vessel, transitioning from its role as a cargo ship to a sail training ship and a vessel for chartered voyages.

The ship has a storied history, having participated in various significant voyages and events, including being featured in the television series The Onedin Line and the film Roots.

The Søren Larsen operates from Sydney, where it is a prominent fixture. It spends a significant portion of its time in Australian waters, where it is used for public and private charters, training voyages, and maritime festivals. The ship is often seen in Sydney Harbour and participates in events such as the annual Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race and the Australian Wooden Boat Festival.

But why Scottish music on a tall ship?

Scottish music and the sea go hand in hand, connecting remote islands and communities for hundreds of years. This voyage is open to musicians of all levels interested in Scottish



A session in Skye, and, below, arriving at the Shiant Islands and approaching the Cuillins, Scotland. Pictures: [Facebook/sessionsandsails](#)

music. While at least 50% of participants should be musicians, non-musician berths are also available. The festival welcomes all forms of folk music, with a particular focus on Bluegrass, Scottish/Shetland Trad, and songwriting styles.

The journey promises an array of exciting activities, from masterclasses and music sessions onboard to lively ceilidhs and concerts ashore. Attendees will also have the chance to explore Australia's stunning coastline and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow music enthusiasts.

Barry said: "We're very pleased and excited to be having Pepi and Theo from Rain of Animals join us as tutors on our voyage out of Sydney."

Accommodation is provided in comfortable double cabins with modern amenities, and all meals are included, prepared by the onboard chef. The total cost for the trip is £1,395 (approximately AU\$2,670).

For more information, visit the Sessions and Sail website at www.sessionsandsail.com or email barry@sessionsandsail.com.



The Soren Larsen will play host in 2025. Picture: [Wikimedia Commons](#)



The Running of the Sheep is the highlight of the Boorowa Irish Woolfest. Picture: [facebook.com/IrishWoolfest](https://www.facebook.com/IrishWoolfest)

Follow the herd to Boorowa for the wooliest Irish festival

Every October long week-end, the Boorowa Irish Woolfest takes you on a journey to almost-Ireland – complete with traditional music, delicious food, market stalls, and even sheep dog trials and shearing competitions.

And the highlight of the festival is the Running of the Sheep.

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

The highlight of the day is undoubtedly the famous Running of the Sheep. At midday, a group of spirited sheep are herded down the main street, accompanied by the cheers of the crowd and the leaps of Kelpies, the skilled sheepdogs.

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



Irish dancing at the festival. Picture: [facebook.com/IrishWoolfest](https://www.facebook.com/IrishWoolfest)

dogs leaping on and off the sheep's back."

The festival boasts a range of attractions, from sheep shearing demonstrations to a street parade showcasing Boorowa's country life and

Irish heritage. Celtic pipe bands, floats and tractors fill the streets, creating a vibrant and joyful atmosphere.

The blessing of the fleece gets things underway on festival day, with a sheep shorn

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Boorowa NSW
[irishwoolfest.com.au](https://www.irishwoolfest.com.au)

the old-fashioned way before the fleece receives a spiritual thanksgiving.

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

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

Boorowa is located in the Hilltops region, about one and a half hours' drive from Canberra. Around 15,000 people attend Woolfest every year and accommodation within the town is limited so if you plan to stay, get in early.

For more details, go to www.irishwoolfest.com.au.



Norma O'Hara Murphy, above left, and, above right, fire twirler Tyrone Phillips. Pictures: www.bonymountainfolkfestival.net

Escape to Bony Mountain for weekend of folk culture

The Bony Mountain Folk Festival is a much-anticipated annual event, returning from September 20th to 22nd, with an exciting lineup of performers and a variety of activities that promise to entertain attendees of all ages. Nestled in the picturesque Bony Mountain region near the city of Warwick in Queensland, this festival is a true celebration of folk culture, music, and community spirit.

This year's festival boasts an impressive array of artists, ensuring a diverse and dynamic musical experience.

Artists include The Barleyshakes with their Irish sounds, singer/songwriter Alice Benfer, ukulele master Mick Angeles, singer/songwriter and third-generation Irish Australian Norma O'Hara Murphy, Warwick Thistle Pipe Band, and the Wheatvale/Warwick Combined Choir.



Warwick Pipe and Drums performing at Bony Mountain Folk Festival. Picture: www.bonymountainfolkfestival.net

The festival is not just about music; it's a full immersion into folk culture. Expect camp oven cook-outs, a doggie parade, and a fire twirler!

Festival host Norma O'Hara Murphy says: "We are excited to welcome our first dedicated fire twirler this year, seeing as how most of us are firebugs! He will be

sensational! We welcome Tyrone Phillips to Bony Mountain!"

Attendees can look forward to traditional bush poetry from Gary Fogarty, adding a lyrical and narrative element to the festivities.

The festival is family-friendly with lots of activities.

The artisan markets are

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bonymountainfestival.net

a highlight, featuring local craftspeople showcasing unique handmade goods. The bazaar offers pre-loved clothing, who doesn't love a bargain?

Workshops are another integral part of the festival, providing opportunities for festival-goers to learn new skills. This year there will be art and ukelele classes.

The festival's community-oriented environment fosters a sense of camaraderie and connection among attendees. Camping facilities are available on-site, encouraging visitors to fully immerse themselves in the festival experience and enjoy the beautiful natural surroundings.

Bagpipes blast as Spanish Celts celebrate Asturias Day

Asturias Day, celebrated on September 8th, is a vibrant homage to the unique cultural heritage of the Asturias region in northern Spain. This day is not only a celebration of the region's autonomy but also a reflection of its deep-rooted Celtic connections, which set it apart from the rest of Spain.

The festivities begin with the traditional Asturian Mass, held in the historic city of Covadonga, a sacred site for Asturians. Covadonga is revered as the birthplace of Christian Reconquista, but its importance goes beyond this. The region's Celtic roots are reflected in the rituals and music that accompany the Mass, with bagpipes (gaitas), drums, and harps echoing through the mountains, reminiscent of the sounds of Ireland and Scotland.

Asturian people, proudly wearing traditional costumes, gather to participate in the day's events. The attire often includes a falda (kilt), similar to the Scottish kilt, a nod to their shared Celtic ancestry. Men and women alike wear these vibrant, plaid garments, further emphasising the cultural ties.

Music and dance are integral to Asturias Day celebrations. The sound of Celtic-inspired tunes fills the air, with bands playing jigs and reels that encourage everyone to join in the dance. The danza prima, a traditional circle dance, sees participants holding hands and moving rhythmically, symbolising unity and community.

Asturian cuisine also shines on this day, with local specialties like fabada (a hearty bean stew) and sidra (cider) taking centre-stage. The cider, poured in a unique manner known as escanciar, involves holding the bottle high above the head and letting the cider splash into a glass below, showcasing the skill and tradition involved.



Celtic cultural celebrations showing the local kilt and bagpipes, top, Castro de Coaña hillfort, above left, and the flag of the Asturias. Pictures: [Turismo Asturias](#)

The Celtic legacy of Asturias is not just in its music and dance but also in its mythology and folklore. Stories of ancient Celtic gods and spirits are still told, connecting present-day Asturians with their ancestral past.

The Celtic people left several significant landmarks and cultural imprints in the Asturias region, reflecting their ancient presence and influence. Here are some key landmarks and remnants of Celtic heritage in Asturias:

Castros: These are ancient

hillforts built by the Celts, often located on elevated grounds for strategic defense. Notable examples include Castro de Coaña and Castro de San Chuis. These settlements typically feature circular stone huts and provide insight into the daily life and defensive strategies of the Celtic inhabitants.

Dolmens and Megaliths: The Celts in Asturias constructed various megalithic structures, such as dolmens, which served as burial sites. The Dolmen of Merillés and

the Dolmen of L'Españal are prominent examples.

These ancient stone monuments highlight the Celts' complex burial rituals and their reverence for their ancestors.

Celtic Stele: Scattered across the region, these stone steles are engraved with Celtic symbols and inscriptions. They serve as markers of significant places, possibly related to religious or commemorative purposes. One notable example is the Stele of Noreña.



Matthew Flinders's tombstone and, right, the breast plate from the top of Matthew Flinders's coffin was presented by Martha Flinders-Lewis to South Australian Governor Frances Adamson. Pictures: [facebook.com/governorsouthaustralia](https://www.facebook.com/governorsouthaustralia)

Explorer Flinders back home after 160 years

The remains of British explorer Matthew Flinders, renowned for mapping Australia, have been reburied in his birthplace of Donington, Lincolnshire, England, after being lost for over 160 years. The emotional ceremony took place on July 13th, attracting thousands who lined the streets to witness Royal Navy sailors and officers escorting Flinders's coffin.

Australian dignitaries, including South Australian Governor Frances Adamson, attended the service at the local church.

After the service, Ms Martha Flinders-Lewis, on behalf of the Flinders family, presented the breastplate from the original coffin to the Governor. The breastplate will be taken to South Australia for public display and educational purposes.

Flinders, who circum-navigated Australia and proposed its name, left an indelible mark on history. His remains were discovered in



The village of Donington was decked out in Aussie flags and ship-theme decorations. Picture: [Facebook/Antoinettesvintage](https://www.facebook.com/Antoinettesvintage)

2019 during excavations for a high-speed rail line in Euston, London. The coffin plate identified his remains.

Captain Flinders's adventures were not only legendary but also closely accompanied by his beloved cat,

Trim, who was honoured with a statue at Port Lincoln, South Australia. Flinders's enduring legacy includes extensive mapping and exploration that played a crucial role in understanding Australia's geography.

After a long campaign, the locals in Donington were ready to celebrate getting their most famous son back home. The village was adorned in Australian flags, with decoration competition held for the best dressed houses and businesses.

A Flinders Party in the Park was held, inspired by Australian culture. Fun events included a boat race on land inspired by Henley-On-Todd in Alice Springs, throwing a wet sponge at a firefighter, fairground rides and fun house, maggot racing, a fishing cast-away competition, a parade, a screening of the church service, a tug of war, fireworks and a Trim trail to find 10 cats in honour of Flinders' loyal feline.

The breast plate from Flinders's coffin will become part of the State History Collection, in the custody of the History Trust of South Australia. It will be permanently displayed at the [Maritime Museum in South Australia](https://www.maritimemuseum.org.au/).

Ireland's whiskey-distilling heritage traced 700 years

A fourteenth-century manuscript famed for having one of the first descriptions of whiskey distilling has gone on display in St Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny.

The Red Book of Ossory, which gets its name from the colour of its leather binding, is an important medieval episcopal register associated with the Bishop of Ossory at St Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny.

The volume is internationally renowned as it contains important information such as documents of legal interest and the provisions of the Magna Carta. It also contains one of the earliest known recipes for whiskey distillation. The book refers to aqua vitae, meaning water of life. In Irish this became uisce beatha, which is where the word whiskey comes from.

The Red Book has returned to its home in St Canice's Cathedral to mark its 700-year anniversary. It has gone on public display so that visitors can see its unique content including where Ireland's whiskey tradition began.

Although this is the first known written reference to



700-year-old Kytellers Inn in Kilkenny City. Pictures: ireland.com

whiskey distilling in Ireland, it is believed that the distillation process was actually introduced to Ireland by monks between the eighth and eleventh centuries. They learned the art of distillation during pilgrimages to eastern countries and brought the knowledge back with them.

No matter how it started, whiskey distilling grew to be-

come an important industry in Ireland and Irish whiskey became famous around the world.

Today, whiskey is the island's national drink and many new craft distilleries have opened adding to the diversity of Irish whiskey.

A great way to discover new and not so new Irish whiskeys is on a whiskey

tour, so during your visit to Kilkenny be sure to sign up for The Irish Whiskey Walk and Tasting. The tour starts at historic Kilkenny Castle and visits some of the fascinating medieval buildings in the city including 700-year-old Kyteler's Inn. Here you will get to sample four specially selected Irish whiskeys.

Words: www.ireland.com

Applications open for Australian Celtic Festival

Online applications are open now for performers, traders, clans, societies, buskers and volunteers wanting to be part of the 2025 Australian Celtic Festival in Glen Innes, New South Wales.

Just four months ago, Glen Innes experienced one of its biggest-ever Australian Celtic Festivals, with over 5,000 attendees taking part in the four-day celebration of Celtic heritage and culture.

With planning well underway for the festival's 33rd year, event organisers are calling for applications from anyone keen to be part of the annual festivities between Thursday, 1st May and Sun-



day, 4th May 2025.

"Whether you're an accomplished (or aspiring) performer, a passionate clan or society, a live-action or re-enactment group, an interested stall-holder, a workshop presenter or an

eager volunteer, there are so many ways that we can welcome your involvement," Glen Innes Severn Council's Tourism and Events Officer, Petar Grulovic, said.

"As with every year of the Australian Celtic Festival, we

hope to continue welcoming thousands of patrons to our iconic Festival site – the Australian Standing Stones National Celtic Monument – allowing them to experience an exciting and unique program of events and attractions.

"In 2025, we will be celebrating three proud Celtic Nations – Brittany, Cornwall and Wales – and we are very excited to welcome expressions of interest from a broad range of entertainers, societies and suppliers to successfully deliver this signature event for the Glen Innes region," said Petar.

Apply [here](#).

Why trees were sacred to ancient Celtic people

Author Joanne McFall explores how

groves and trees were sacred to the ancient Celts and regarded as being bridges between the physical and spiritual realms.



Trees, groves and forests were of particular spiritual significance to the Celtic way of life and even more so to the lives of spiritual practitioners such as druids, healers, mystics and seers. While many trees had to be cleared to enable new communities to be built and land to be used, many individual trees and groves associated with the druids and spiritual realm were left as they were. It is believed in Celtic folklore that the Celts even centred their religion in the forests.

There are countless numbers of individual trees and groves across Britain and Ireland that are still standing today which may once have been sites of religious worship and spiritual practices. The ceremonies and traditions of contemporary spiritual practitioners originated from those of their Celtic ancestors. Today many sacred groves such as Yew groves are enclosed within Church grounds, whether in ruins or still in use. Trees were regarded as having immense spiritual power and importance. Their branches reached high into the sky, their trunks were connected to the earth and their roots were connected to both the earth and the underground.

The circle was a sacred symbol in ancient Celtic belief which has survived in contemporary folklore from the passing down of superstitions, myths and associations through each generation. The druids had preferences for circular structures which they utilised in their practices. Groves such as yew, oak and hazelwood became associated with Druid ceremonies and particular groves became known as places of



Large yew tree in the churchyard of St Peter and St Paul Church in Boughton, Kent. The tree has been traced back to its donation to the Church in 1695. Picture: [Wikimedia Commons](#)

religious worship. Trees were believed to be both physical and spiritual abodes of sacred power, knowledge and practices. The tree could connect to both the tangible physical land and otherworldly realms instantaneously. There was an awareness that roots could reach deep within the earth and so have the ability to tap into unseen powers. In this way the tree was a natural bridge between above and below, between the seen and the unseen.

Ancient druid groves were known as nemetons which were the sole domains of these religious people most revered by the Celts. Many were inscribed with Ogham which may have marked their association with the druids and so were not to be interfered with.

Even though there are few archeological remains of druid groves apart from discovered votive offerings, inscriptions and shrines they will always be recognised in Celtic folklore for their great physical and spiritual importance. The area around trees and many trees themselves were believed to contain portals to other realms such as that of the deceased, the gods and the faeries. Given their close association with the spirit world it is interesting to observe how many Church buildings and graveyards have been built

around or in close proximity to trees, particularly the yew, oak and ash in contemporary times. Even today just as in times past many people will not damage, take from or cut down trees in specific locations or that are believed to be connected to the spirit and faery realms.

As well as providing practical resources such as shelter, medicinal uses for healing and physical landmarks, groves were also places of transformation where particular individuals or the initiated could experience spiritual transformation. This may have taken the form of spiritual quest, invoking the surrounding natural essence or perhaps even in unique encounters with other realms. Belief in unseen worlds was a major part of Celtic life. This belief could effect or affect harmony and balance with the spirit world - something that was of great importance to the Celts and especially to the druids. In depth spiritual beliefs and practices were the domain of the druids in the ancient Celtic world. It may have been that people, for the most part, kept their distance or had to keep their distance from places and practices associated with the druids. Some 'bands' of druids may have initiated apprentices from outside of their circles while others may

have remained closed. Trees and groves that were near or surrounded by water were believed to be of particular importance to the druids.

Water was both present on the earth's surface but could also reach deep within the underground just like the roots of a tree. Many Celtic offerings have been discovered over the years in lakes and rivers throughout Britain and Ireland. As well as land and forests being removed to provide more living and farming space many forests and groves were also destroyed by Roman invaders. There have been many Roman accounts of ancient druid rituals and ceremonies that took place in groves such as those recorded by the poet Lucan. Although the druids and Celts were not always presented in the best of ways by the Romans it is clear to see from any account the great reverence and belief that they had in the natural world. This included many other types of landscape such as mounds and hills. Just like the tree and pools of water, the hill possessed the power to reach into the heavens, connect to the earth and provide pathways to spiritual realms and the underground.

Read more from Joanne McFall at beyondtheforestfloor.weebly.com/

Festivals

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Albury NSW

14 SEP

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27 SEP - 01 OCT

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Kiama NSW

20 - 22 SEP

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07 & 08 SEP

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Bony Mountain QLD

20 - 22 SEP

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Iron Maiden

Perth WA

The Big Breakfast

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Coffs Harbour NSW

Irish Sundays

Ceoltairi Naarm Music Sessions

Celtic Club, Melbourne VIC

Finn McCool's Irish Bar

Fortitude Valley QLD

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02 SEP

Celtic Illusion

Port Macquarie NSW

03 SEP

Celtic Illusion

Taree NSW

British Lion

Adelaide SA

Michael Jackson - The Legacy

Tour Starring William Hall

Wyangong NSW

04 SEP

Iron Maiden

Adelaide SA

Andrew Strong performs The

Commitments soundtrack

Adelaide SA

Celtic Illusion

Cessnock NSW

Michael Jackson - The Legacy

Tour Starring William Hall

Wyangong NSW

05 SEP

British Lion

Melbourne VIC

Andrew Strong performs The

Commitments soundtrack

Adelaide SA

Irish Thursdays at Finn McCool's

Surfer's Paradise QLD

Club Hibernia: Mental Health

and the Construction Sector

Sydney NSW

Celtic Illusion

Wyangong NSW

Perth Irish Business Network

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The Stables, Perth WA

Michael Jackson - The Legacy

Tour Starring William Hall

Thirroul NSW

06 SEP

The Gathering

Finn McCool's Irish Bar

Fortitude Valley QLD

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Iron Maiden

Melbourne VIC

Noasis

Brisbane QLD

Neurum Creek Music Festival

(to 8 SEP)

Neurum Creek QLD

Medieval Fayre at the German

Club

Cairns QLD

Celtic Illusion

Orange NSW

Andrew Strong performs The

Commitments soundtrack

Adelaide SA

The Beatles: 50 Years On

Melbourne VIC

TASCAL Winter Ball weekend

(to 8 SEP)

Hobart TAS

07 SEP

Iron Maiden

Melbourne VIC

David Walliams

Sydney NSW

Noasis

Gold Coast QLD

Andrew Strong performs The

Commitments soundtrack

Perth WA

Celtic Illusion

Dubbo NSW

Guinness and Oyster Festival at

The Treehouse

Sydney NSW

HistoryAlive at Abbystowe (to

8 SEP)

Caboolture QLD

Redfest featuring Australian

Celtic Women

Cleveland QLD

The Beatles: 50 Years On

Narree Warren VIC

Michael Jackson - The Legacy

Tour Starring William Hall

Wentworthville NSW

08 SEP

Irish Sundays

Finn McCool's Irish Bar

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Andrew Strong performs The

Commitments soundtrack

Perth WA

Celtic Illusion

Nowra NSW

Sainte

Sydney NSW

Michael Jackson - The Legacy

Tour Starring William Hall

Kingsford NSW

Every Breath You Take - A Tribute

to The Police

Brisbane QLD

Queen Victoria Hospital Sunday

Service

Melbourne Welsh Church, VIC

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British Lion

Brisbane QLD

10 SEP

Iron Maiden

Brisbane QLD

David Walliams

Sydney NSW

11 SEP

Andrew Strong performs The

Commitments soundtrack

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British Lion

Sydney NSW

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Sydney NSW

Celtic Talks at the Croft - Iron-age

and early medieval Hebrides

Glen Innes NSW

Michael Jackson - The Legacy

Tour Starring William Hall

Perth WA

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Iron Maiden

Sydney NSW

Roisin O

Brisbane QLD

Sainte

Brisbane QLD

Irish Thursdays at Finn McCool's

Surfer's Paradise QLD

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Iron Maiden

Sydney NSW

Oscar opens, runs to SEP 24

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Austen

Samford QLD

Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

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Toowoomba QLD

Andrew Strong performs The

Commitments soundtrack

Sydney NSW

Celtic Illusion

Gladstone QLD

Roisin O

Melbourne VIC

The Beatles: 50 Years On

Wagga Wagga NSW

Sainte

Northcote VIC

Come and Try Morris Dancing at

the Black Sheep

Hawthorn VI

Michael Jackson - The Legacy

Tour Starring William Hall

Frankston VIC

14 SEP

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land Gathering and Pipe Band

Competition

Albury NSW

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McLeish Estate Winery

Hunter Valley NSW

Royal Caledonian Society of

South Australia Chief's Dinner/

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Perth WA
Michael Jackson - The Legacy
Tour Starring William Hall
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Finn McCool's Irish Bar
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Hamilton NSW
David Walliams
Brisbane QLD
Andrew Strong performs The Commitments soundtrack
Melbourne VIC
Róisín O
Perth WA
Tullamore Tree at Birkdale Tavern
Birkdale QLD
The Royal Air Forces Association (Battle of Britain) Ceremony at Shrine of Remembrance
Melbourne VIC
Michael Jackson - The Legacy Tour Starring William Hall
Warraquai VIC
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16 SEP
Iron Maiden
Auckland NZ

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Celtic Illusion
Cairns QLD

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David Walliams
Gold Coast QLD
Andrew Strong performs The Commitments soundtrack
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Surfer's Paradise QLD
Michael Jackson - The Legacy Tour Starring William Hall
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Northcote VIC
20 SEP
Folk by the Sea
Kiama NSW
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Brisbane QLD
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Normanby Hotel, Red Hill QLD
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21 SEP
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Raymond Terrace NSW
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Keperra QLD
Seventh Wonder (Fleetwood Mac tribute)
Bendigo VIC
Michael Jackson - The Legacy Tour Starring William Hall
Tweed Heads NSW
Scotch College Melbourne Pipes & Drums Concert
Hawthorn VIC

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Irish Sundays
Finn McCool's Irish Bar
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York WA
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Celtic Illusion
Bundaberg QLD

23 SEP
King's Birthday
WA

23 SEP
Celtic Illusion
Maryborough QLD

24 SEP
Andy Summers (The Police)
Melbourne VIC
Cradle of Filth
Perth WA
Michael Jackson - The Legacy Tour Starring William Hall
Canberra ACT

25 SEP
David Walliams
Newcastle NSW
The Irish Tenors *CANCELLED*
Brisbane QLD
Celtic Illusion
Toowoomba QLD
Andy Summers (The Police)
Brisbane QLD
Cradle of Filth
Adelaide SA
Grace Petrie
Perth WA

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Andy Summers (The Police)
Sydney NSW
Therapy? *CANCELLED*
Brisbane QLD
Irish Thursdays at Finn McCool's
Surfer's Paradise QLD
Grace Petrie
Adelaide SA

27 SEP
Australian Historical Dance
Community Folk Dance: Jane Austen
Arana Hills QLD
National Morris Ale 2024 (to

1 OCT)
Brisbane and North Stradbroke Island QLD
Celtic Illusion
Gold Coast QLD
Rosewood Music Camp (to 30 SEP)
Lima East VIC
Andy Summers (The Police)
Adelaide SA
While She Sleeps
Brisbane QLD
Cradle of Filth
Melbourne VIC
Seventh Wonder (Fleetwood Mac tribute)
Manjimup WA
Grace Petrie
Hobart TAS

28 SEP
Australian Celtic Women
Sandgate Town Hall, Sandgate QLD

[Tickets](#)
A Whisky Affair at The Red Lion Tavern
Glencoe NSW
[Bookings](#)
Cradle of Filth
Sydney NSW
While She Sleeps
Newcastle West NSW
Chaotic ceilidh
Sydney NSW
Caledonian Society of WA Ceilidh
Inglewood WA
The Queensland Piobaireachd Group Monthly Gathering
Ipswich QLD
Arthur's Day at Sir Henry's
Northbridge WA
Grace Petrie
Brisbane QLD

29 SEP
Irish Sundays
Finn McCool's Irish Bar
Fortitude Valley QLD
finnmccools.com.au/brisbane
The Irish Tenors
Melbourne VIC
The Reytans
Perth WA
Cradle of Filth
Brisbane QLD
While She Sleeps
Moore Park NSW

IRON MAIDEN

01 SEP Perth WA
04 SEP Adelaide SA
06 SEP Melbourne VIC
07 SEP Melbourne VIC
10 SEP Brisbane QLD
12 SEP Sydney NSW
13 SEP Sydney NSW



RÓISÍN O

12 SEP Brisbane QLD
13 SEP Melbourne VIC
14 SEP Sydney NSW
15 SEP Perth WA



DAVID WALLIAMS

06 SEP Sydney NSW
07 SEP Sydney NSW
12 SEP Canberra ACT
15 SEP Brisbane QLD
18 SEP Gold Coast QLD
21 SEP Adelaide SA
05 OCT Melbourne VIC
08 OCT Hobart TAS
12 OCT Perth WA



ANDREW STRONG

04 SEP Adelaide SA
05 SEP Adelaide SA
07 SEP Fremantle WA
08 SEP Fremantle WA
11 SEP Brisbane QLD
13 SEP Sydney NSW
14 SEP Northcote VIC
18 SEP Southbank VIC



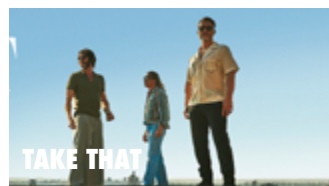
ANDY SUMMERS

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



GIGS & REELS

TOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS - CLICK ON PICS FOR DETAILS



OCTOBER

Tours:
 David Williams
 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
 The Reytons
 While She Sleeps
 Stephen K Amos
 The Beatles: 50 Years On
 Attrition
 Stephen Fry

Festivals:
 Canberra Highland Gathering ACT
 Brisbane Celtic Festival QLD
 Williamstown Highland Celtic Gathering VIC
 Boorowa Irish Woolfest NSW
 Canberra Irish Set Dance Weekend, Hall ACT

Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival NSW
 Desert Knights Medieval Fantasy Festival SA
 Tablelands Folk Festival QLD
 Armadale Highland Gathering and Perth
 Kilt Run WA
 Irish Film Festival NSW & 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
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 Dropkick Murphys
 Damien Leith: Irish Classics
 No Such Thing As A Fish presents Thunders
 Yard Act

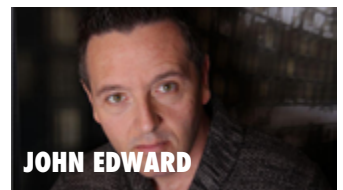
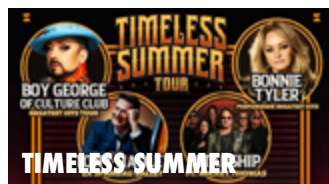
The Coronas
 Artemas
 Raven
 Sean Shibe Scotland Unbound
 The Dropkick Murphys
 Jon Ronson's Psychopath Night
 Matt Maltese
 Nathan Carter
 Stephen Fry

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
 Irish Film Festival WA, QLD & ACT
 Maldon Folk Festival VIC
 Southern Fling/Southern Fringe VIC
 St Andrew's Day

DECEMBER

Tours:
 John Edward
 John Bishop
 Dan and Phil
 James Marriot

Festivals:
 Woodford Folk Festival QLD
 Daylesford Highland Gathering VIC
 Hogmanay





Irish superstars The Script bringing Satellites to Oz

Award-winning Dublin four-piece The Script are heading back down under on their Satellites World Tour for January and February 2025! This will be the band's first Australian shows in close to three years, after their electric 2022 Greatest Hits Tour.

"Australia always holds a special place in our touring hearts so we can't wait to come back early 2025 to play the hits and new songs from our forthcoming new album Satellites," said The Script's singer Danny O'Donoghue.

Australia's favourite Irishmen will embark on seven huge performances across the country, including arena shows in Wollongong and Sydney and A Day on The Green winery and outdoor shows across the Hunter Valley, Mount Cotton, Geelong, Barossa Valley and Perth.



Joining The Script on this epic run of shows will be Brit Award nominated singer Calum Scott (all A Day on The Green shows), local dynamic pop artist Montaigne (all a day on the green shows), pop-rock multi-platinum trio X Ambassadors (all A Day on The Green shows plus Sydney and Wollongong arena dates), and up-and-coming Melbourne local Lotte Gallagher (all A Day on

The Green shows excluding Perth).

Last wowing Australian audiences in 2022, The Script took fans on a trip down memory lane with performances of essential tracks such as The Man Who Can't Be Moved, For The First Time, Nothing and the emotionally charged Breakeven, reminding fans of the powerful songwriting that propelled The Script to become a household

TOUR DATES

25 JAN Hunter Valley NSW
 26 JAN Mount Cotton QLD
 28 JAN Wollongong NSW
 30 JAN Sydney NSW
 01 FEB Geelong VIC
 02 FEB Barossa Valley SA
 05 FEB Perth WA

name. The Script's new album, Satellites, marks their seventh studio album and first since the passing of beloved bandmate and guitarist Mark Sheehan.

Since forming in 2001, The Script have cemented themselves as one of the most definitive pop groups of their era, achieving more than 10 billion streams and 12 million album sales.

Tickets via frontiertouring.com/thescrit

Oh what a night! Jersey Guys return to Australia

TOUR DATES

07 FEB Melbourne VIC
 08 FEB Melbourne VIC
 12 FEB Adelaide SA
 14 FEB Hornsby NSW
 15 FEB Campbelltown NSW
 16 FEB Sydney NSW
 19 FEB Wyong NSW
 21 FEB Kingsford NSW
 22 FEB Brisbane QLD
 23 FEB Tweed Heads NSW

Direct from the West End, the Jersey Guys are the premier tribute to the hit musical and the timeless music of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. After a sold-out national tour in 2024, the Jersey Guys are making a triumphant return to Australia in February 2025.

Featuring stars of the hit stage musical, the Jersey Guys deliver a spectacular show with impeccable four-part harmonies and slick moves that always get audiences on their feet and asking for more.



The 90-minute performance showcases the biggest and best hits from the legendary Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, including December 1963 (Oh What a Night!), Sherry, Walk Like a Man, Big Girls Don't Cry, Let's Hang

On, My Eyes Adored You, Grease, Can't Take My Eyes Off You, Working My Way Back to You, My Girl, and more!

Get ready to be entertained all night long with the sensational singing and

dancing of the Jersey Guys. Don't miss your chance to experience the magic of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons live on stage.

Get your tickets now from totaltouring.com.au/jersey-guys-2025/

Wagon Wheel Wonder Nathan Carter rolls back



Nathan Carter is a British-born, Irish country music singer who across his career has had six number 1 albums in Ireland; hosted his own national TV show; regularly sold out 10,000-capacity arenas in Ireland; kept One Direction and Drake off the top of the charts with his cover of Wagon Wheel; and performed for Pope Francis in front of more than 60,000 people!

Born in Liverpool and performing since the age of four, Nathan's love of Irish music led him to move to Ireland where he has established himself as one of the most popular artists in the country. His performance for the Pope's welcoming ceremony

TOUR DATES

28 NOV Melbourne VIC
 29 NOV Sydney NSW
 01 DEC Perth WA

in Dublin was watched by millions worldwide and his 2020 retrospective album, The Best Of The First Ten Years, leapt straight to the top of the charts in his adopted homeland.

Nathan Carter returns to Australia for the first time since 2016 for three very special shows.

Tickets from troubadourpre-sents.com/events/nathan-carter

Blindboy unmasked in live tour of podcast

Following his sold-out 2020 tour, Blindboy returns to Australia in April 2025 with his remarkable live podcast show.

Blindboy's acclaimed weekly podcast has millions of global listeners and delivers an eclectic mix of short fiction, history, art, mythology, academia, interviews and comedy.

Drawing from his years of live performance experience, Blindboy will read from his critically acclaimed book, *Topographica Hibernica*; a visionary new short story collection that unravels the knotted threads of humanity, nature and colonisation.

With a surprise special guest at every show, these

meditative evenings will seek to replicate a private conversation in a public space through the language of theatre.

Irish artist Blindboy is one half of the award-winning comedy hip-hop duo The Rubberbandits. The pair came to fame in 2010 following their viral YouTube hit, *Horse Outside*.

Multi-talented Blindboy, also known as Blindboy Boatclub, is an accomplished musician, TV documentary maker and published short story writer.

His *Blindboy Podcast* commenced in 2017 and has included interviews with such renowned guests as Sinéad O'Connor, Spike Lee and



Cillian Murphy.

Described as a "cultural phenomenon" by The New York Times; The *Blindboy Podcast* is an award-winning, storytelling podcast in the Irish tradition of the *Seanchai* which seamlessly intertwines history, fiction, cultural critique and politics into a relaxing form the creator calls "The podcast hug".

Blindboy's 2025 Australian Tour commences in Brisbane on 1st April before travelling to Sydney, Melbourne and Perth.

TOUR DATES

01 APR Brisbane QLD
02 APR Sydney NSW
03 APR Melbourne VIC
06 APR Perth WA

Don't miss your chance to see the podcast live in 2025 in this captivating, engaging and spontaneous show.

More information and tickets from www.facebook.com/theblindboypodcastaustralianatour

Glass Animals bringing smash hits on tour

Grammy-nominated, Platinum-selling British band Glass Animals have announced an Australian tour, sending heat waves across some of Australia's most prestigious venues throughout November, with their beloved brand of alt-pop.

The band's highly anticipated fourth studio album, *I Love You So F***ing Much*, is an expansive record about love in all its shapes and forms, befit with retro-futuristic production that travels in and out of the "shapelessness of love".

Earlier this year, Glass Animals announced a mammoth 44-date tour, taking the four-piece band across North America, Europe, the UK and the USA, and concluding at



London's 20,000-capacity The O2 Arena in November.

But Glass Animals wanted super fans to hear the record

for the first time live, and most recently embarked on a global pop-up tour, playing a surprise Australian show at

TOUR DATES

20 NOV Melbourne VIC
22 NOV Brisbane QLD
26 NOV Sydney NSW
27 NOV Sydney NSW

Sydney's Liberty Hall – an immediate sell-out – alongside locations in Mexico, Indonesia and California for an intimate taster of the new album.

Glass Animals formed in Oxford, England, in 2010. The band's line-up consists of Dave Bayley, Drew MacFarlane, Edmund Irwin-Singer, and Joe Seaward.

Tickets are available now from Live Nation Australia.

Fry down under: Stephen serves up wit and wisdom

Step into an unforgettable evening in the company of multi-award-winning comedian, actor and master storyteller Stephen Fry.

Stephen is an English actor, screenwriter, author, playwright, journalist, poet, comedian, television presenter, film director and all round national treasure in the UK. He returns to Australia with a new show in October, kicking off in Perth on 27th October before heading to Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney.

Stephen has been entertaining international audiences for decades with his television roles in *Blackadder*, *A Bit of Fry and Laurie*, *Jeeves and Wooster* and in films such as *Wilde* and *Gosford Park*.

Stephen also hosted *QI* for 12 years and since 2017, his mythological retellings – including *Mythos*, *Heroes* and *Troy* – have become an international phenomenon.

Fry's film acting roles include the lead in the film *Wilde* (nominated for a Golden Globe). He has also written and presented several documentary series, including the Emmy Award winning *Stephen Fry: The Secret Life of the Manic Depressive*.

As well as his film and TV



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work, Fry has contributed columns and articles for newspapers and magazines, appears frequently on radio,

reads for voice-overs and has written several novels and three volumes of autobiography, *Moab Is My Washpot*,

TOUR DATES

27 OCT Perth WA
30 OCT Adelaide SA
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04 NOV Canberra ACT
06 NOV Melbourne VIC
08 NOV Sydney NSW

The Fry Chronicles and More Fool Me.

Now, hear first-hand the ups and downs of Stephen's personal voyage through life and showbusiness, the trials and tribulations of his writing and storytelling process and his reflections on time spent working with some of the world's funniest and most interesting talents.

Douglas Adams told him the real significance of the number 42 in *The Hitchhikers Guide to The Galaxy* – will he share the meaning of *Life, The Universe and Everything* with you?

With an opportunity to ask your own questions, this promises to be a fantastically entertaining evening sharing stories and remembered adventures with one of our most stimulating and erudite raconteurs.

Tickets from BohmPresents.com.

Jamie Oliver bringing The Joy of Cooking to Sydney

Spend an entertaining evening with Jamie Oliver, legendary cookbook author, restaurateur and child health campaigner!

This November, he will be coming to Australia to discuss his new book *Simply Jamie, Live* in Sydney.

Jamie's new book is all about celebrating the joy of cooking while making it easy for people to fit cooking into their busy lives. The book contains recipes that can be

made in under 20 minutes, dishes that don't require a big shopping list and tips to transform leftovers into a tasty new dish.

In an in-depth interview, Jamie will share personal stories from his early years, reveal how he kicked-off his 25-year TV career with *The Naked Chef*, and how he combines being a restaurateur, bestselling author and food campaigner with being a Dad of five.

DATES & DEETS

09 NOV
Sydney Coliseum Theatre NSW
[Tickets](#)

Not only that, but the chef will be taking questions from the audience.

Whether you're a foodie or a Jamie fan, this is one evening not to be missed!



Unlocking memories with Alison Moyet's Key tour

Alison Moyet will be embarking on her first Australian tour in eight years, as part of her global tour Key Live 2025.

This tour will see the acclaimed singer-songwriter marking 40 years as a solo artist by delivering an eclectic, career-spanning set, showcasing the depth and breadth of her artistic creativity and songwriting.

Alison says: "Australia has been such a rare visit for me but its impact has been the stuff of wonder. The light and the astounding beauty. My travelling years are drawing in, so this return to you is a significant one. It has taken all my working years to get to know myself as an artist and live work is the summation. It's a privilege to be offered a stage and my joy to accept it. I am beyond happy to be sharing those days with whosoever of you may come."

Audiences are set to enjoy an evening of reworked material including fan favourites such as All Cried Out, deep cuts, and new tracks from her



latest album Key, including the recently-released Such Small Ale.

It's been 40 years since Alison Moyet stepped out of Yazoo and fired up a solo career with her debut album Alf. That unmistakable voice – big enough to fill a stadium and yet intimate enough to make you feel as though she's singing just for you – has taken her on quite a journey releasing nine studio

albums, and career highlights including three BRIT Awards and a Grammy nomination.

To mark 40 years as a solo artist, Moyet is set to release her tenth studio album, Key, on October 4th.

Speaking of her new album Alison says: "I wanted to take the opportunity to look at the trajectory of the past four decades and explore songs that, in their original form, were never fully realised or

TOUR DATES

29 MAY Brisbane QLD
31 MAY Sydney NSW
01 JUN Melbourne VIC
04 JUN Perth WA

have had their relevance to me altered by time."

Tickets now on sale from [TEG Live](#).

This charming band The Smyths return

A touch of Manchester is coming to town, with the return of the band noted to be almost better than the real thing – The Smyths, performing The Very Best of The Smiths. They will be joined by special guest Billy Bragg tribute, Billy Blagg.

There's cover bands, there's tribute bands, then there's The Smyths. With over 1,000 shows, The Smyths have been retelling classic moments from The Smiths' songbook. The Smyths do more than copy and paste. Close your eyes, and you won't know the difference...

The Very Best of The Smiths Setlist will include Bigmouth Strikes Again, This Charming



Man, Panic, How Soon Is Now?, Hand in Glove, What Difference Does It Make?, There is a Light That Never Goes Out, Please Please

Please Let Me Get What I Want, Girlfriend in a Coma, plus many more.

Billy Blagg's Billy Bragg tribute setlist will include A

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14 FEB Perth WA
15 FEB Adelaide SA
20 FEB Brisbane QLD
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New England, Greetings to the New Brunette, Levi Stubb's Tears, Sexuality, Waiting for the Great Leap Forwards, and more.

Having stunned and impressed some of the most devoted fans of The Smiths, The Smyths make their triumphant return to Australia in February. Grab your [tickets](#) now!

Smack My Beats Up as The Prodigy return

Pioneers of the electronic music scene, The Prodigy will revisit Australia in February 2025.

Returning five years after the tragic passing of the group's vocalist Keith Flint, just weeks after they toured the country, the group comes armed with seven seminal albums, and a reputation as one of the world's most visceral and incendiary live bands. They'll be bringing together ravers and metalheads to honour both their past and their present.

The "Godfathers of Rave" aka Liam Howlett, Keith Flint, and Maxim, solidified their status as legends in the music industry with a career spanning over three decades. The Prodigy are renowned for pioneering the big beat genre, blending elements of rave, techno, and industrial music. The group, initially featuring vocalist Keith Flint and MC Maxim, gained internation-



al acclaim with their debut album, *Experience* (1992). Their breakthrough came with the album *Music for the Jilted Generation* (1994), which showcased their innovative sound and rebellious spirit. The Prodigy's third album, *The Fat of the Land* (1997), featuring hits like *Firestarter* and *Breathe*, topped charts worldwide.

Over the years, The Prodigy has continued to evolve

their sound while maintaining a raw, energetic edge. They have released several successful albums, including *Invaders Must Die* (2009) and *The Day Is My Enemy* (2015), further cementing their influence on the electronic music scene. Known for their electrifying live performances, The Prodigy has headlined major festivals such as Glastonbury and Coachella, and won many awards during the span

TOUR DATES

13 FEB Sydney NSW
16 FEB Brisbane QLD
18 FEB Melbourne VIC

of their career including two Grammy Award nominations, two Brit Awards for Best British Dance Act, three MTV Video Music Awards, two Kerrang! Awards and five MTV Europe Music Awards.

Despite the tragic loss of Keith in 2019, Liam Howlett and Maxim returned to the stage in 2022, pushing the boundaries with their live show and headlining festivals around the world with a fitting tribute to Keith during *Firestarter*. They remain one of the most successful electronic groups of all time, selling 25 million records worldwide and seven consecutive UK number 1 albums.

Tickets from [Ticketek](https://www.ticketek.com.au).

Maldon festival promises eclectic mix

The Maldon Folk Festival is back from November 1st to 4th, bringing an array of talent from Ireland, Scotland, and more to the charming town of Maldon in Victoria.

This year's lineup includes Scotland's own Alan Reid, Scots Singer of the Year finalist Fiona Ross, Celtic music classics from Réiltín Collective, the Irish tunes of Enda Kenny, and the distinct sounds of *A Bit of English* from Canberra.

Celebrating its 49th year, the festival promises an eclectic mix of music, poetry, and performance. Other notable acts include Alibi & The Wolves, Felicity Urquhart & Josh Cunningham, Michael Waugh, and Alana Wilkinson. Attendees will also enjoy

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01 - 04 NOV
Maldon VIC
[Tickets](#)

the diverse offerings from The Nightingales, Leroy Johnson & the Waterbag Band, and the engaging duo Sonia Smith & Glenn Skuthorpe Band.

There will be a book launch by poet Steven Whiteside, storytelling by comedian Eric Purdie, and captivating dance performances by Britannia Morris and the O'Shea Academy of Irish Dancing. Families can explore the interactive space of The Connected Circus, while music lovers can



revel in performances by the Woodend Warblers and Margaret Crichton's festival choir.

Maldon is a historic town located in the heart of Central Victoria, Australia. It's situated approximately 136 kilometers northwest of

Melbourne. Known for its well-preserved 19th-century architecture, Maldon offers a charming glimpse into Australia's gold rush era and serves as a picturesque setting for the annual Maldon Folk Festival.

Crowded House return for final Byron Bay Bluesfest

Bluesfest Byron Bay, Australia's iconic as well as most highly awarded music festival ever, has announced the first wave of artists who will perform at the final Bluesfest in 2025.

Organisers said: "We're going all out with a lineup that reflects the spirit of what Bluesfest has always been about: world-class music, unforgettable performances, and a community that loves and supports live music."

Leading this extraordinary lineup, they're thrilled to welcome back Crowded House. Neil Finn and his bandmates are nothing short of legends in the worldwide music scene, known for timeless hits like Don't Dream It's Over and Weather With You. Crowded House has played at Bluesfest before, delivering some of the most memorable performances in its history. Their recent album, Gravity Stairs, debuted on the Australian albums charts at No. 1, and their live shows continue to



draw massive crowds. The Kiwi band with strong Irish roots will be a huge draw at the final Bluesfest.

Also taking to the stage will be one of Australia's biggest stars, Vance Joy, who captivated audiences worldwide since his breakout hit Riptide.

Other acts include Ocean Alley, one of Australia's biggest bands both at home and

around the world.

Tones and I will make her debut on the Bluesfest main stage. Gary Clark Jr, a modern-day bluesman, will also perform.

They also have UK Neo-Blues soul superstar Rag'n'Bone Man, known for his hit Human, which became a global anthem.

With the second announce-

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17 - 20 APR
Byron Bay NSW
[Tickets](#)

ment already in the works, it is bound to also be stacked with some of Australia's and the world's best talent.

Steve Backshall bringing Ocean to life on stage

Steve Backshall, British naturalist, explorer, presenter and writer, best known for his television series *Deadly 60*, brings his critically-acclaimed live show, *Ocean to Australia* for a national tour in January 2025.

Ocean, Bringing Marine Dreams To Life, is a love letter to the most exciting environment on our planet. Featuring stunts, experiments, props, cutting-edge science and big screen footage from his two decades in television, Backshall brings the icons of the Big Blue to life, live on stage.

From Great Whites to great whales, seals to sardine shoals, orca to the oddities of the deep; this is a fantastic opportunity for fans of all ages to dive deep and



explore the enchanting world beneath the waves.

"I can't wait to get back on tour down under, the true home of *Deadly* wildlife! It's been a few years since I last got to take my wildlife show on walkabout, and this time to talk *Oceans* with the finest continent for marine dreams!" Steve said.

"I'm bringing the ocean's aquatic environments and marine creatures to life on stage by using a giant screen featuring lots of amazing footage from my encounters with sharks, whales and dolphins over the years. There will be on-stage science experiments, by using props, stunts and tricks, plus some

TOUR DATES

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11 JAN Adelaide SA
13 JAN Brisbane QLD
15 JAN Newcastle NSW
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outtakes and bloopers too. Also, some life-size scale ocean giants that we'll be bringing out on stage, which I think really helps because it's very, very difficult to get a sense of how big these animals really are. Being able to replicate that on stage is a big part of the show."

Tickets are now on sale from bohmpresents.com.

Gold Coast dances to Tina's beat in electrifying tribute



"Gold Coast, you brought the house down and gave us the perfect ending to an unforgettable tour! We can't thank you enough for your energy, love, and support. From the first show to the last, this journey has been simply the best!" - facebook.com/tinathequeenofrock

The Star Gold Coast was electrified on Friday night, August 16th, as Caroline Borole brought the essence of Tina Turner to life in an unforgettable tribute show. The night was a spectacular celebration of Tina's legendary career, filled with energetic performances that had the audience on their feet from start to finish.

Caroline Borole's powerful vocals, combined with her high-intensity dancing and commanding stage presence, truly captured the spirit of Tina Turner. Accompanied by a dynamic band, a vibrant brass section, and talented backing vocalists and dancers, this show was the ultimate tribute to the Queen of Rock 'n' Roll.

The crowd was treated to a hit-packed setlist that spanned Tina's iconic decades-long career. From the raw power

REVIEW

TINA: The Ultimate Tribute to the Queen of Rock 'n' Roll
The Star, Gold Coast QLD
16 AUG 2024

of River Deep Mountain High to the soulful anthems What's Love Got to Do With It and Private Dancer, every song resonated with the audience. The night wouldn't have been complete without the rollicking Nutbush City Limits and the rousing Simply the Best, which left everyone in the room buzzing with energy.

The Gold Coast audience didn't just witness a show; they became part of it. Their enthusiasm and love filled the venue, making it a night to remember. As the final stop on the tour, this performance was a fitting tribute.

Celtic Illusion discount for our readers

Anglo&Celtic has teamed up with Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC) in Brisbane to bring you a very special offer.

We have a special discount offer for Celtic Illusion on Thursday, 26th September, at QPAC.

The discounted tickets can be accessed via the link below or use promo code CEILI during the booking process.

Click here to book: <https://www.qpac.com.au/.../celtic-illusion-the-magic...>

Immerse yourself in one of the most unique productions touring the world. Celtic Illusion, the Irish dance and grand illusion sensation that has taken Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Canada and the USA by storm and is touring nationwide in 2024.

A breathtaking array of experiences, fusing Irish dance,

DATES & DEETS

26 SEP, 7.30pm
QPAC Concert Hall, Brisbane QLD
[Tickets](#)

magic and influential flavours of Fosse and Michael Jackson, with a Broadway style. Celtic Illusion is a show like no other. The show features new spellbinding illusions and choreography, alongside a musical score that will either make you cry or send shivers down your spine. Starring the multi-talented former lead dancer of Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance and star illusionist Anthony Street, with Georgia May, a marvel in both dance and illusion.

These impeccable performers lead a cast of champion dancers recruited from renowned productions across the world, such as Lord of the



Dance and Riverdance, into a theatrical masterpiece that will have you mesmerised from the moment the curtain is raised.

Don't hesitate, and book now to know the hype of one of the largest and most unique dance and illusion shows in the world.

Rev up as 10cc bring their Greatest Hits Tour in 2025

Legendary art-rock band 10cc is bringing their Ultimate Greatest Hits Tour to Australia in 2025, promising an unforgettable live concert experience featuring all their classic hits.

Fans can look forward to hearing iconic tracks such as I'm Not In Love, The Things We Do For Love, Rubber Bullets, Donna, and the ultimate summer anthem Dreadlock Holiday.

Following their successful 2023 Australian tour, 10cc returns to get fans on their feet, clapping, dancing, and singing along to one of the most eclectic and outstanding collections of hits to ever emerge from the UK. With more than 30 million albums sold worldwide and more than two billion streams of their monumental hits, 10cc continues to be a force in the music world.

Graham Gouldman puts 10cc's longevity down to the quality and individuality of the band's songs. "They don't seem to date. We never followed any trend we simple wrote for our own pleasure. The fact that the songs are being played as often on



the radio today as they ever were shows how true that is," he says.

The missing link between The Beatles and the Gorillaz, 10cc ruled the pop world in the Seventies – a time when the charts were dominated by some of the most creative and colourful artists in pop history. 10cc worked not on image or celebrity status, but on the art of making highly sophisticated rock masterworks into simple-sounding pop hits. The result was some of the greatest pop records of the 20th Century.

Graham said: "Year on

year, we get busier and busier. It's great, we love touring and playing together and we get on really well. The audiences these days are very gratifying. You get the people you would expect, who grew up with 10cc, but you also get young kids who know the songs too. Whether they've discovered 10cc for themselves, via the internet or radio, or just grown up with their parents playing it in the house, I don't know. But we get a great mix of people from the generations."

Tickets are now on sale at www.davidroywilliams.com.

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Medieval festival charges into Port Augusta

Step into a realm where knights don their armour, and maidens don their finery; where the echoes of clashing swords and the thundering hooves of noble steeds fill the air.

The inaugural Port Augusta Desert Knights Medieval Fantasy Festival, is set to enchant over two days on the 5th and 6th of October at the Port Augusta Racecourse.

Open from 10am to 4pm, the event promises to transport attendees to a world straight out of the Middle Ages.

Embark on a journey



through time as the town welcomes its first-ever medieval festival. From bustling medieval markets offering exotic

wares to thrilling displays of Buhurt combat, where warriors clash in spectacular fashion that will leave spec-

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tators breathless, there's an adventure awaiting all who dare to partake.

It is encouraged that attendees don their finest armour, however, it is not a requirement of entry.

Port Augusta Racecourse is located at 207 Racecourse Rd, Port Augusta, South Australia 5700.



Conal Creedon watching the world go by with his dog Jude. Picture: Paul Reardon/Supplied

Irish writer Cónal Creedon to get prestigious award

Irish writer Cónal Creedon has been honoured as the first Irish artist to receive the prestigious World Cultural Council (WCC) Award for Arts in its 40-year history. The award will be presented at a ceremony on October 23rd at McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

The WCC is an international organisation founded in 1982, with members including Nobel laureates, scientists, scholars, and university leaders from around the world. Cónal Creedon has been selected to receive the Leonardo da Vinci World Award of Arts 2024.

Cónal is an award-winning novelist, playwright, filmmaker, and storyteller. His work often explores life in downtown Cork city, where his family has lived for over a century. Through his stories, Cónal delves into the universal human experience, contributing significantly to the world of creative arts.



Conal Creedon and Jude. Picture: Supplied

The WCC Jury praised Cónal's wide-ranging body of work, which spans over 30 years and includes writing, theatre, film, radio, music, and collaborations with other artists. His work has a broad international appeal, reaching audiences in the USA, China, Europe, and beyond. His writing has been translated into several languages,

including Bulgarian, German, Italian, and Chinese.

Cónal's talent has earned him numerous accolades, including the Eric Hoffer Award (USA 2020) and the IP Gold Award (USA 2023). His plays have been performed to critical acclaim in the UK, Shanghai, and New York, and his short stories have won awards like One City

One Book. His documentaries have been screened internationally, and during the Covid restrictions, he continued to engage audiences through podcasts, films, and lectures.

In Cork, Cónal's contributions to the arts are widely recognised. He has served as Writer-in-Residence at University College Cork and was named Cultural Ambassador for Cork City in 2020. He has also been awarded the Cork City Lord Mayor's Cultural Award.

In addition to the WCC Award, Cónal will receive the iBAM Award for Literature 2024 at the Irish American Heritage Centre in Chicago on November 15th, joining the ranks of previous recipients like Maeve Binchy and Frank McCourt.

Cónal's latest book, Spaghetti Bowl, will be published this month.

To learn more about Cónal Creedon and his work, visit www.conalcreedon.com.

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