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Queensland Irish Association

Annual General Meeting



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 from 11am at
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 for our AGM, followed by lunch
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 Your attendance is really needed to ensure we
 have a quorum for this important AGM.

Coorparoo RSL, 45 Holdsworth Street, Coorparoo, Queensland.



WELCOME

by editor Mary Allen, editor@angloandceltic.com



His Majesty King Charles III greeting crowds of well-wishers Sydney during his official visit to Australia in October. Picture: [facebook.com/GovernorNSW](https://www.facebook.com/GovernorNSW)

Ale the fun of Morris in Brisbane

What a display of joy the Australian Morris Ale has been this year. The dancers filled the streets of Brisbane with sound and colour, and onlookers were only too delighted to join in the fun. The photographs in this issue, and on the cover, tell the story of what a wonderful Morris community we have in Australia.

It's been a big month for the English community, with the visit by King Charles and Queen Camilla happening too. And with Guy Fawkes celebrations coming up and the British Film Festival about to open, there's plenty to be excited about in November too.

And speaking of film festivals, the Irish Film Festival is also running across Australia this month. Both film festivals have stellar line-ups, so you'll be spoilt for choice. In this edition, you'll find details of the highlights from both.

Concert announcements are coming thick at fast, as they always do at this time of year. In the past few weeks, we've had announcements of tours from massive artists - New Or-

der, Fatboy Slim, Graham Norton, The Corrs, Cliff Richard. Not to mention Oasis. It's going to be a busy year ahead!

The first Brisbane Celtic Festival was held in October. It was a joy to be among so many people from across the Celtic Nations celebrating their cultures together. It was lovely to see attendees dressed up in the traditional clothing of their countries and carrying flags from their Celtic Nation. I chatted to people from Normandy, Scotland, Isle of Man, Cornwall, and, obviously, Ireland. Us Irish love nothing more than a natter.

The park where the festival was held was surrounded by blooming jacarandas which looked stunning against the grey skies on the day. Well done to all the organisers, we will have a full picture spread in our December edition and you can check out some videos of the day on our Facebook page.

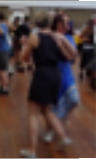
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Ship ahoy! Derwent Regency Festival sets sail back in time

Sail back in time and experience the elegance and charm of the Regency era at the Derwent Regency Festival 2024. This year's celebration promises to be a lively four-day event filled with music, dancing, history, and of course, delicious period food.

Kick off the festival in style aboard the majestic Lady Nelson, as you embark on a historical sail through Hobart's waters. Continue the fun with a sophisticated Regency Evening at Narryna Heritage Museum, followed by dance workshops and a Grand Regency Ball at St James Church Hall in New Town. Expect lively dancing, fine music, and all the grace of the era's social gatherings.

New to this year's festival is the Richmond Regency Assembly. Held in the historic village of Richmond, this special day will be filled with Regency activities.

You'll also visit the histor-



ic Richmond Gaol and the charming Old Hobart Town model village.

Organisers David and Cathy said: "Tickets will include delicious lunch and afternoon tea of period sweet and savoury food and hot and cold drinks, as well as Regency country dancing, live music, visits to the historic Richmond gaol

and Old Hobart Town model village, Maypole dancing, period games to play and a promenade along the banks of the picturesque Coal River and across the oldest bridge in Australia, admiring the ducks."

For those who love to dance, don't miss the bonus night of historically themed contra dancing on Monday.



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For further details and tickets, visit folktas.org/regency. All ages are welcome to join in the activities.

Purple reign as Brisbane Celtic festival triumphs

The inaugural Brisbane Celtic Festival, held on October 13th, was a smashing success, with around 3,000 festival-goers blown away by the beautiful setting and lively performances.

The event drew a large crowd to Moorlands Park in Auchenflower, the site of the Celtic Nations Standing Stones, where vibrant Celtic culture took centre stage against a backdrop of blooming jacarandas.

Headlining the festival, Australian Celtic Women and Limerick MCB enchanted the crowd with their spellbinding melodies and rousing tunes. Traditional performers filled

the air with stirring music, while massed pipe bands delivered spectacular performances that thrilled attendees. Dancers showcased their high-energy routines.

Families enjoyed competitions like the Best Celtic Dressed Contest, while children participated in fun games like the caber toss and Celtic shot put. Special guest Brisbane Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner performed the official opening alongside Mavis Williams, President of the Celtic Council of Australia Queensland.

We will have a full report and picture spread in our December edition.



Scottish sword dance at Brisbane Celtic Festival. Picture: Anglo&Celtic

Melbourne Voice of The Irish broadcaster Eugene retires

As Glór na nGael - Voice of the Irish prepares to celebrate its 35th anniversary this November, the beloved Irish radio program on 3ZZZ Melbourne Ethnic Community Radio is undergoing a significant leadership transition. After 35 years of dedicated service, outgoing convenor Eugene O'Rourke OAM has stepped down, marking a momentous shift in the program's history.

Eugene, involved since the program's inception in 1989, has been instrumental in building connections within Melbourne's Irish community. His contribution, alongside volunteers like Graeme Anderson, who managed the operational side as treasurer, has been invaluable in keeping the program running smoothly.



The team at Glór na nGael mark the retirements of Eugene O'Rourke and Graeme Anderson. Pictures: www.facebook.com/3ZZZmelbourne

At the Irish Broadcasting Group's AGM in August, the leadership baton was passed to Karen Fogarty,

the newly appointed convenor. She will be joined by a committed team including Mary Ann Farren as Deputy Convenor, Dominic McCann as Treasurer, and several other enthusiastic committee members. Together, they will guide Glór na nGael into its next chapter, ensuring the program continues its focus on Irish culture, language, and music.

"I'm honoured to take on the role of convenor alongside such a talented and committed team," said Karen. "Together, we will continue to honour the incredible legacy of Glór na nGael while working to expand and modernise the program for future generations."

The program will celebrate this leadership change and its 35th anniversary with an event on 10th November 2024, from 2pm to 5pm at Batman's Hill on Collins, opposite Southern Cross Station.

It will feature music by Pat McKernan and Melbourne Comhaltas, cultural performances, and tributes to the many broadcasters and volunteers who have shaped Glór na nGael over the decades. The celebration will also acknowledge the

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immense contributions of Eugene and Graeme, marking the occasion as a time for reflection and gratitude.

Tickets cost: 3ZZZ Members \$20, concessions \$20, and general admission \$25. This includes savoury and sweet finger food, coffee and tea, drinks at bar prices.

"We are grateful to Eugene, Graeme, and all the past and present broadcasters who have kept the Irish voice strong in Melbourne," said Karen. "This anniversary event is a chance to celebrate their contributions and reflect on how much the program has meant to the Irish community."

The team would be delighted to receive photos or stories longtime listeners may have about the show. Please e-mail irishradiomelbourne@gmail.com or ring Karen Fogarty on 0418 201 605.

Tune in to Glór na nGael every Saturday at 11am and Sunday at 6pm on 3ZZZ 92.3 FM, or at www.3zzz.com.au.

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Life on Tory Island in focus at Irish club screening in Perth

The Australian Irish Heritage Association (AIHA) is presenting *Oileán Thoraí*, a remarkable documentary capturing the essence of life on Tory Island, the most remote inhabited island off Ireland, located nine miles from the Donegal coast. This hour-long film, shot over 18 months in 2002, delves into the unique, isolated existence of its 150 residents. The documentary blends stunning landscape photography with interviews, weaving together the island's history, community spirit, and identity in the face of modernity's encroachment.

Tory Island is renowned for its rugged beauty and mystique. The island is not just geographically remote but also culturally distinct, known for its deep-rooted Irish traditions, Gaelic language, and folklore. The film doesn't just show the challenges of life on Tory – such as its limited access to the mainland and sparse amenities – but also showcases the enduring pride and resilience of its community, who maintain centuries-old



Aerial view of Tory Island. Picture: Julianne Forde/Wikimedia Commons

traditions in fishing, art, and religion. Tory Island is home to an unofficial king, a role representing the islanders' spirit of independence and communal leadership.

Oileán Thoraí is a captivating exploration of isolation, the decline of rural life, and the struggle to preserve cultural identity. The film not only serves as a visual feast

of Ireland's raw natural beauty but also raises broader themes about the challenges of sustaining small communities in an increasingly globalised world.

The screening will be followed by a traditional Irish afternoon tea and an open discussion. The event takes place on Sunday, November 17th, from 3pm to 5pm, at

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Subiaco WA

www.irishheritage.com.au

the Irish Club Theatre, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco. AIHA members can attend for \$10, while non-members are welcome for \$15.

Jump Up to the Irish beats at Finn's Fest

Brisbane's Fortitude Valley is gearing up for an all-out Irish celebration as Finn McCool's Irish pub gets ready to host its much-anticipated Finn's Fest on Saturday, November 16th. After a smashing debut in 2023, the festival returns, promising an even bigger and better day of live music and festivities.

Finn McCool's, known for its vibrant atmosphere and love for live music, is pulling out all the stops to bring back fan favourites. This year's lineup is packed with top-notch talent, featuring the electrifying Johnny Jump Up, the dynamic Limerick, the lively Tartan Shamrock, and the ever entertaining The Gathering. The festivities kick off at 2pm, but with the



Revellers partying at Finn's Fest in 2023. Picture: Finn McCool's

pub open from 10am to 5am, there's no shortage of action for those ready to immerse themselves in Irish culture.

Johnny Jump Up, celebrating their 20th anniversary, are renowned for their passionate performances and

dedication to Irish storytelling through music. Their high-energy shows never fail to get the crowd moving, especially after their standout performance on Saint Patrick's weekend.

The Gathering promises a

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Fortitude Valley QLD

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whirlwind of traditional tunes and Irish dancing, ensuring everyone is up and dancing to their kicking tunes. Limerick, with their infectious energy, brings a fresh take on Celtic music, while Tartan Shamrock delivers a blend of Irish and pub classics that are sure to keep spirits high.

Brisbane's go-to Irish bar, Finn McCool's, has once again curated a festival experience that blends traditional Irish music with modern-day festivities.



FORWARD ONE HOUR: Australian Standing Stones National Monument joked on October 6th: "Daylight savings time has begun, so remember to adjust your watches! Thanks to the wonderful volunteers of Parkrun for helping push the Australian Standing Stones forward!" Picture: facebook.com/australian-standingstones

Irish President is recognising Pamela for her volunteer work

Irish community volunteer Pamela O'Mahony from New South Wales is to receive an Irish Presidential award for her work.

The Tánaiste, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence, Micheál Martin TD, announced the recipients of the Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad for 2024.

The Tánaiste said: "Irish people overseas continue to make vital contributions to their communities and on the international stage. I am always very honoured when I get to see first-hand the impact they make locally and globally."

"The ten recipients highlight the diversity of areas where the global Irish are making a difference - arts, culture, sport, charitable and community works, business, peace, inclusion and equality. The Presidential Distinguished Service Award acknowledges the connection between the work of the recipients and our values as a nation, strengthening the ties between Ireland and the Diaspora."

Pamela is the only Aus-



Pamela O'Mahony. Picture: [Facebook.com/IrelandCalling](https://facebook.com/IrelandCalling)

tralian recipient this year and is being awarded in the category of Irish Community Support.

In 2019, Pamela O'Mahony received a Community Hero Award at the annual Brigid Awards, set up to recognise the contribution of women of Irish heritage to Australian society.

The award recognised her work on behalf of the Irish community in Sydney and New South Wales through GAA clubs, the St Patrick's Day Parade Committee, and the Ireland Calling radio program.



Famine Rock. Picture: [Facebook/Irish Famine Orphan Girls Commemoration](https://facebook.com/IrishFamineOrphanGirlsCommemoration)

Descendants honouring Irish famine orphan girls

This month, a moving tribute will unfold at Famine Rock in Williamstown, as descendants and locals gather to honour the Irish famine orphan girls who arrived in Australia between 1848 and 1850.

On Sunday, November 17th, from 2pm to 4pm, the annual commemoration will mark the 175th anniversary of the arrival of two key ships, New Liverpool and Pemberton, which brought young Irish women to Hobson's Bay.

The event, open to all, will feature live music, presentations, and the deeply symbolic Laying of the Flowers ceremony, where descend-

ants of these brave young women pay homage to their ancestors. These orphan girls, victims of the devastating Irish famine, embarked on a journey that would forever change the course of their lives and Australia's cultural fabric. The Earl Grey Scheme, which brought them to Australian shores, remains a key chapter in the nation's immigrant history.

Held at Burgoyne Reserve near Stevedore Street, the event promises to be a heart-felt occasion.

For more information, go to the Irish Famine Orphan Girls Commemoration [Facebook](https://facebook.com/IrishFamineOrphanGirlsCommemoration) page.

Ye canny beat a fun Saint Andrew's Day in Straya!

From the classic dinners to something a little different, ye canny beat a St Andrew's Day celebration Aussie-style.

Are you ready to don your kilts and dance the night away? Well, it's time to mark your calendars for the second St Andrew's Shindig in Sydney! This year's celebration promises to be bigger, better, and more fun than ever as Scottish culture takes centre stage right in the heart of Australia.

On November 30th, 2024, Redfern Town Hall will come alive with the sound of ceilidh music, lively dancing, and plenty of tartan. Don't worry if you've never danced a ceilidh before. With The Scotsman, a ceilidh master who has been calling Scottish dances since his teens, you'll be twirling and stepping along in no time. Whether you're 5 or 85, you're invited to join in on this traditional dancing frenzy. Expect lively sing-along tunes, too, as The Tartan Crows deliver Scottish classics like "Wild Mountain Thyme" and "The Granny Song."

The event kicks off at 2pm and wraps up by 6pm, so there's plenty of time to soak in the festive spirit. Tickets are going fast, so don't miss out – grab yours now before it sells out like last year! And remember, this is a BYO Re-



Chocolate Elements serves up chocolate versions of Scotland's favourite dishes. Picture: [facebook.com/ChocolateElementsBrisbane](https://www.facebook.com/ChocolateElementsBrisbane)

freshments event, so feel free to bring your own favourite snacks and beverages.

But if dancing isn't quite your thing, why not join Chocolate Elements in South Brisbane for a cozier, but equally festive, St. Andrew's Day Supper? Hosted by the talented duo Phil and team, this relaxed evening offers a chance to sit back with a light supper and enjoy some good Scottish banter, poetry, and songs. Expect a charcuterie board with a delightful chocolate twist (yes, really!) and

a unique treat of Chocolate Haggis Gelato for dessert.

Tickets for this intimate supper are limited, so make sure to pop into Chocolate Elements to reserve your place or shoot an email to hello@chocolateelements.com.au. And don't forget to come dressed in your best tartan or tweed – whether formal or informal!

For a more traditional St Andrew's celebration, you'll find formal balls and dinners across Australia, including in Perth. The St Andrew's

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St Andrew's Society of WA 2024 St Andrews Day Ball
Scarborough WA
Society of St Andrew of Scotland Queensland St Andrew's Eve Dinner
Brisbane QLD
St Andrew's Society Melbourne St Andrew's Day Long Lunch
Melbourne VIC
The Melbourne Tartan Festival St Andrew's Ceilidh Dance 2024
Melbourne VIC

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St Andrew's Day flag lowering at the Australian Standing Stones
Glen Innes NSW
St Andrew's Day Festival at The Church
Campbell Town TAS
St Andrews Day at Fox & Hounds
Wongawallan QLD
Chocolate Elements' St Andrew's Day Supper with a Chocolate Twist
Brisbane QLD
St Andrew's Shindig
Redfern NSW
Caledonian Society of WA St Andrews Day Ceilidh
Inglewood WA
RSCDS St Andrew's Gala Social
St Philip's Church, Buranda QLD
Port Adelaide Caledonian Society Inc St Andrew's Ceilidh
Exeter SA

Society of WA is hosting its annual St Andrew's Ball at The Rendezvous Hotel Scarborough, where you can expect entertainment from the Coastal Scottish Pipe Band and performances by the Perth Academy of Highland Dance. This elegant evening promises to deliver a perfect balance of tradition and festivity.

Whether you prefer dancing, chatting over a charcuterie board, or raising a glass in honour of Scotland's patron saint, Australia's got a St Andrew's celebration for you!



St Andrew's Shindig promises another lively ceilidh in Redfern Town Hall, Sydney. Picture: Supplied

St Andrew's Day kicks off Scottish winter festivities

As the days get shorter and the nights extend, Scotland becomes a winter wonderland and a feast for the senses with celebrations, light shows and magic. Scotland transforms in the winter months and a winter walk is the perfect way to make the most of the short, crisp days, watching as landscapes sparkle in the ethereal light and distant hills are capped with snow. There's nothing better than wrapping up warm and getting outside, especially knowing that the reward for a day well spent embracing the elements is warming up by the fire with a hot chocolate, or a wee dram, as part of a winter break in Scotland.

If this sounds like the perfect match, then Scotland is the place to be as winter begins to call. So, coorie in and find out where the magic is happening this winter!

Winter is not a time for hibernation, it's a moment for celebration! Kicking off the festivities is St Andrew's Day on 30th November. Celebrating Scotland's patron saint is a great reason to put on a playlist of top Scottish tunes,



get some haggis on the go and be inspired for future travels to Scotland.

Looking ahead to all that awaits in the New Year, Scotland's cities hold festivals and events throughout December, culminating in Hogmanay. At times like this, it seems as though the whole country is celebrating together with

whisky, fireworks and ceilidh dancing.

Those venturing to Aberdeenshire can discover one of the oldest New Year celebrations in the world... The Stonehaven Fireballs.

It doesn't all end there; the festive spirit continues throughout the season with the Up Helly Aa Fire Festivals

across Shetland (Jan-Mar), and on Burns Night, visitors can enjoy birthday celebrations for Robert Burns including the Big Burns Supper in Dumfries. Also in January, Celtic Connections, the city's annual folk, roots and world music festival, comes to Glasgow.

Words/Pic: [VisitScotland](https://www.visitScotland.co.uk)





Festival shines a light on forgotten female convicts

Step back in time this Foundation Day, as the historic Parramatta Female Factory throws open its doors on Saturday, 2nd November for a day of rich history, lively talks, and a dash of convict intrigue. Sponsored by the City of Parramatta, this free event invites visitors to discover Australia's convict past at one of the nation's most significant heritage sites – once home to thousands of female convicts from England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

This year's event is packed with fascinating tours, historical talks, and mouth-watering treats, all set against the backdrop of the newly UNESCO World Heritage Tentative-listed Parramatta Female Factory and Institutions Precinct.

Visitors can look forward to talks from Judith Dunn AOM on the crimes of convict women and Gary Carter, who will discuss his new book, *Parramatta – One Hundred Firsts*. Meanwhile,



The Parramatta Female Factory Friends at Foundation Day. Pictures: parramattafemalefactoryfriends.com.au.

the Matron Garden pop-up café will serve tea, scones, and homemade treats, along with a sausage sizzle to keep everyone fuelled for the day's activities.

The Parramatta Female Factory was established in the 1820s, housing tens of thousands of female convicts, primarily from the British Isles. These women were convicted of a range of crimes, typically petty theft or vagrancy, and were sentenced to transportation. The Female Factory served as a place of incarceration, hard labour, and punishment for female convicts.

Conditions in the factory were harsh, and women there were subjected to humiliating practices such as having their heads shaved and undergoing hard labour. The site also served as Australia's first dedicated women's hospital, and later, as an asylum. It also became a refuge for orphaned children and vulnerable young women.

Today, the precinct stands as a poignant reminder of Australia's convict past and social welfare history. The precinct is recognised for its "outstanding heritage value to the nation," preserving the stories of institutionalised

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North Parramatta NSW
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women and children over time.

"The Parramatta Female Factory was a brutal place, particularly for the poor, the lonely, and the powerless," said Federal Minister for the Environment, Tanya Plibersek. "It's important that we learn from our mistakes, as much as we learn from our many successes. We want the memory of these women and girls to live on, which is why we are adding the Parramatta Female Factory to Australia's World Heritage Tentative List."

With tours of the newly opened research centre and fresh displays of large-format photographs, Foundation Day 2024 promises a meaningful and engaging experience for all.



Guy Fawkes celebrations at The Fox and Hounds, Wongawallen, Queensland. Pictures: facebook.com/foxhounds.

English pub remembers the fifth of November

*Remember, remember the fifth of November
The gunpowder treason and plot
I see no reason why gunpowder treason should ever be forgot*

In the UK, Bonfire Night, or Guy Fawkes Night, is celebrated with enthusiasm each November.

The night marks the anniversary of the infamous Gunpowder Plot of 1605, where Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London, assassinating King James I in the process. The event is typically observed with fireworks, bonfires, and the burning of an effigy of Guy Fawkes, all symbolising the failure of the plot.

Across towns and cities in Britain, people gather at public events for firework displays. Bonfires are lit, and sometimes a "guy" or effigy is tossed onto the flames as part of the tradition. In addition to the fireworks and bonfires, it's common to find



food stalls selling autumn treats like toffee apples, hot chocolate, and sausages.

While large, organised events are the norm now, the celebration has retained its connection to its historic roots. Some people even hold smaller backyard gatherings, where sparklers and small fireworks add to the fun. Bonfire Night remains a cornerstone of British culture, its fiery glow lighting up the autumn nights with a mix of history, excitement, and camaraderie.

The tradition was brought to Australia by immigrants,

but the festivities have shifted over time. With Australia's hot, dry climate, the risk of bushfires has led to stricter regulations, curbing the sale and use of fireworks by the general public. Much of Australia didn't observe Guy Fawkes Night on November 5th; the people of most states celebrated their 'Cracker Night' on the Queen's Birthday weekend in June, and earlier generations blew things up in May, on Empire Day.

One pub in Queensland celebrates Guy Fawkes Night each year in Novem-



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Wongawallen QLD
facebook.com/foxhounds

ber - The Fox and Hounds in Wongawallen. Transported all the way from Royal Tunbridge Wells, the Fox and Hounds say they are "the only authentic English pub in Australia".

This year, on November 2nd, they'll hold a dinner and a reenactment. Be welcomed by Morris dancers before dining, then witness the burning of Guy Fawkes.

Patrons are invited to come along dressed in period dress, or as Guy Fawkes! But be warned, there will be loud explosions!

Book your spot [here](#).

Australia's oldest Irish pub getting a revamp

Australia's longest-running Irish pub, The Mercantile Hotel in The Rocks, Sydney, is having a revamp.

Management shared on Facebook: "Our last day of trade for 12 months will be Sunday, 27th October as we give our beautiful old building some much-needed TLC and upgrades, including adding a new rooftop bar while keeping everything you love about our place."

But regulars will still be able to get their favourite pints while the beautiful old building, famous for its iconic green tiles, gets a facelift.

"Don't worry - the Merc you know, and love and your favourite staff aren't going anywhere! In the meantime, you will be able to visit us



Sydney's oldest Irish pub, The Mercantile, is undergoing renovations. Picture: [The Mercantile Hotel](#)

at 4 Doors Down (just 25m away!) from 1st November. You'll still find all your favourite Merc meals and drinks, including Shamrock Pies and creamy pints of Guinness. Plus, there's a hidden beer garden perfect for summer."

The Merc will reopen in

time for Sydney's St Patrick's Day celebrations. "Your Merc fam would never leave you hanging, and St Patrick's Day 2025 celebrations are ON. We've got a 3-day festival planned from 15th to 17th March where we once again takeover George Street."

Built in 1914 and opened in 1915, The Mercantile was established to replace the old Mercantile Rowing Club Hotel. The rowing club's lease on their old site down by the water's edge expired in 1911 and so they moved their club to Mosman, becoming the Mosman Rowing Club that we know today.

The Mercantile has traded continuously since 1915 at 25 George Street. Located adjacent to the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge in the historic 'Rocks' precinct, the pub has welcomed people from all over the world to experience its famous hospitality. For more than 100 years The Mercantile has earned a reputation as the home of Irish music in Australia.

Choir shines bright for anniversary concert

The Queensland Irish Choir is gearing up for a special event as they celebrate their 10th anniversary with a heartwarming Christmas concert titled The Light of Christmas. The concert, set for Saturday, November 16th at The Hills Church Auditorium in Everton Hills, marks a new chapter for the choir as they perform in a larger venue to accommodate their growing numbers.

"We've seen the choir grow so much over the past few years that we simply needed a bigger space," said Morag Wilson, President of the Queensland Irish Choir. "The Hills Church Auditorium not only gives us the room to welcome more people, but with its state-of-the-art sound and lighting, it promises to be an unforgettable experience."

The auditorium can seat between 150 to 300 guests,

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Everton Hills QLD
www.qirishchoir.org

and the choir is hoping the new venue will help them reach even more patrons.

The theme of the concert, The Light of Christmas, is inspired by the centuries-old tradition of placing a lit candle in the window to welcome strangers.

As excitement builds for the event, the choir has also just launched a new [website](#), offering more details and a closer connection with their growing fan base.

With a bigger venue, a meaningful theme, and the choir's signature Celtic charm, this anniversary celebration promises to be a night of festive cheer and moving performances.

Queensland Irish Choir
10th Anniversary Concert
"The Light of Christmas"

Musical Director: David O'Keeffe Accompanist: Tim Li

The Irish Choir will perform some beautiful Irish & Celtic songs in this Special Christmas Concert. It will feature small ensembles of a number of our talented choristers performing vocal/instrumental items.

THE HILLS CHURCH AUDITORIUM
(Everton Hills Wesleyan Methodist Church)
79 Queens Road, Everton Hills, 4033

SATURDAY: 16th November 2024
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Ignite your spirit at Sunny Coast Beltane Fire Festival

The Beltane Fire Festival is poised to bring an electrifying weekend of celebration to Rocky Creek Camp Grounds in Beerwah from November 8th to 10th, 2024. This unique festival invites attendees to reconnect with ancient traditions and the magic of community through a diverse array of activities, all set against the backdrop of the beautiful Queensland countryside.

Beltane, a traditional Celtic festival marking the beginning of summer, is a time for celebrating fertility, life, and the sacred union of the divine masculine and feminine. The festival's organisers are encouraging everyone to get into the spirit by donning traditional pagan or ancient costumes. Participants are invited to leave behind the everyday grind and step into a world where music, dance, and communal celebration are at the heart of life. The weekend promises a rich tapestry of experiences, from maypole dancing and witch's markets to educational stalls, creative workshops, and roving entertainers.



Celtic summer traditions are celebrated at Beltane Fire Festival in Beerwah, Queensland. Pictures: beltanefire.com.au

The festivities will culminate in a Community Feast and Fire Ceremony on Saturday night, where everyone can gather by the flame to honour the deities, perform sacred rituals, and celebrate the season's harvest. Attendees are encouraged to wear exciting and appropriate robes for the ritual, adding to the event's immersive and authentic atmosphere.

Beltane is not just about looking back at ancient traditions but also about embracing the simple joys of life that we often take for

granted. It's a time to reconnect with nature, spend time with friends old and new, and celebrate the good things in life. The festival will feature a variety of musical performances, including traditional Celtic tunes and modern pagan-inspired music, ensuring that there's something for everyone to enjoy.

One of the festival's highlights is the Witches Market, where attendees can browse a selection of unique, hand-crafted goods. In addition to the market, there will be workshops on offer, including

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Landsborough QLD
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Drumming 101 and Tibetan Singing Bowl. The festival also promises a spectacular fire show with fire twirling, Maypole dancing, walking the labyrinth, meditation, choir, and an array of delicious food options, with catering available for vegan and gluten-free diets.

The Beltane Fire Festival is more than just a celebration — it's an opportunity to immerse yourself in a world of myth and magic, to honour the cycles of nature, and to connect with a like-minded community. As the festival draws near, organisers are inviting stallholders, musicians, and volunteers to get involved and help make the event a success.

Among the highlights this year will be performances by Australian Celtic Women and Noosa and District Pipe Band.

Hanks a million for Morris Ale in Brisbane

In late September, Brisbane hosted a colourful celebration of tradition as Morris dancers from across Australia and New Zealand gathered for the 2024 Australian Morris Ale.

Held over the weekend of September 28th and 29th, the event attracted more than 100 participants, representing over 15 Morris sides, to Brisbane's City Botanic Gardens, New Farm Park, and other iconic locations. The celebration saw the energetic display of various Morris dancing styles, including Cotswold, Border, and North-West Morris, all performed against the backdrop of modern Brisbane.

Belswagger Morris, the hosts of this year's Ale, made sure the event was not just about performances but about bringing together the Morris community. With traditional music, rhythmic movements, and colourful costumes, the dancers made their presence felt in the heart of Brisbane.

The main ale took place along the Brisbane River, with some sides choosing to extend their stay to travel across Moreton Bay to beautiful North Stradbroke Island.

On Friday, 27th September, festivities kicked off with a meet and greet at Brisbane City YHA hostel.

Saturday, 28th, featured workshops, followed by a lively dance procession along South Bank, with stops at galleries, City Beach, and pubs along the way.

The public was treated to vibrant scenes as the dancers took to the streets, processing across the Goodwill Bridge and enjoying moments of relaxation at local haunts like the Rose & Crown Pub and Sea Legs Brewery.

On Sunday, 29th, participants joining the extension took the ferry to beautiful and relaxing Stradbroke Island for a stay at the island YHA hostel. On Tuesday, the extension tour concluded with a ferry back to Brisbane.



This is the 8th National Ale, and hosts [Belswagger Morris](#) shared: "This is the second time Brisbane has hosted an ale – an event where we dance the Morris for ourselves, and not as a performance."

The weekend's festivities were a celebration of heritage, with Morris dancers reveling in the joy of dancing for themselves rather than for formal performances.

Those wandering through Brisbane on Saturday morning would have seen groups leaping, twirling, and clashing sticks in unison, and on Sunday, the festivities continued with lively sessions at New Farm Park. The atmosphere of camaraderie was infectious, creating a welcoming environment where seasoned dancers and newcomers alike could celebrate the legacy of Morris dancing, which dates back to 1458.

Though the Ale concluded with a farewell trip to Stradbroke Island, its impact resonated deeply, marking a significant milestone for Brisbane as a hub for Morris dance revival. As Morris dancing continues to grow in popularity, the 2024 National Ale has firmly placed Brisbane on the map of Morris traditions.

Plans are already in place for next year's National Ale, which will be hosted in Adelaide, South Australia.

Australian Morris Ring shared: "The national ale was a celebration of family – our Australian and New Zealand Morris family. And there's no better way to celebrate than with some good food and drink and even better dancing. Massive thanks to the ale committee, Belswagger Morris for hosting us, and the 100+ people from all over Australia and New Zealand who made it such a wonderful time.

"See you next year in Adelaide!"

If you'd like to find out more information about Morris dancing, contact [facebook.com/ozmorrisring](#).



Australian Morris Ale 2024. Pictures: [facebook.com/belswagger](#)





Wauchope band to host first Highland Gathering

Port Macquarie Wauchope RSL Pipes and Drums are a very active community Highland Pipe band based in Port Macquarie, New South Wales.

They are pleased to be hosting the inaugural Wauchope Highland Gathering on from 9am on Saturday, 23rd November at Wauchope Showground.

The band shared: "Come and join us for all things Scottish, included numerous Pipe Bands, Highland Dancers, Quintet competitions, Highland Games and more.

"The Massed Bands display will be something you do not

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23 NOV
Wauchope NSW
[facebook.com/PMWRSLPipeBand](https://www.facebook.com/PMWRSLPipeBand)

want to miss."

Entry tickets can be purchased on the day at the gate or from ecoWild! Health Food and Organics, 21 High Street, Wauchope. Tickets cost \$5 adult, \$2 children/concession, \$12 family.

Any bands or stall holders who would like to be involved, feel free to [contact](#) the band.



Port Macquarie Wauchope RSL Pipes and Drums. Pictures: [facebook.com/PMWRSLPipeBand](https://www.facebook.com/PMWRSLPipeBand)



Castle celebrates 175 years as Taylor-made homestead

Gather your clan and your kilt and come on down to Overnewton Castle on Sunday 24th November as they open the gates from 11am to 4pm for their third annual Scottish Festival and market day to celebrate St Andrews Day and the Scottish heritage of Overnewton Castle, which turns 175 years old this year!

Calling all clans to the four-acre Scottish Baronial estate for a jam-packed celebration of Scottish culture. The grounds will come to life with games and activities for children, live Scottish music and dance, Highland cows and the best culinary offerings from Melbourne's leading Scottish food suppliers. Pack a picnic or sample some of the fabulous offerings, browse the Scottish craft and artisan stalls and soak up the Scottish atmosphere.

With performances by The Drongo and the Crow, Victorian Scottish Pipers & Drums, Spriggins Highland Piping, Highland Dance Studio, and Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club

Other festival happenings include face painting, unicorn

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rides for children, artisan and craft market, food stalls, games and a festival parade.

Overnewton Castle was built by Scotsman, William Taylor in 1849, who bought 13,000 acres of rich grazing land just west of the Keilor township. Taylor originally built a simple single-story bluestone colonial-style homestead, but in 1859, after returning from a trip to Scotland, he turned the functional colonial homestead into a miniature Scottish Baronial castle. The stately two-storied wing was added, along with the blue stone Dairy & Butcher Shop and the Private Billiard room. William Taylor and his wife Helen, together with their family of six sons and four daughters lived in the homestead attended by up to 15 staff. Today Overnewton Castle remains an iconic piece of historic



architecture with a rich past and strong commitment to sharing Keilor's fascinating Scottish heritage.

Fun fact: The suburbs we know today as Taylor's Lakes and Taylors Hill were named after Mr Taylor himself.

Overnewton Castle is located at 51 Overnewton Rd, Keilor.

What to bring:

- Your dancing shoes to move along with the on-site entertainment.
- An appetite – they have many wonderful food stalls on site to satisfy every belly!
- A water bottle, hat and sunscreen – unlike Scotland, it will likely be a sunny day!
- A picnic blanket/chairs so you can enjoy the spacious gardens with the family.

British Film Festival dazzles with stellar line-up of stars

This November, the 2024 Russell Hobbs British Film Festival returns to cinemas in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra and Byron Bay with a stunning selection of films from across the United Kingdom.

The line-up includes films direct from international film festivals and is brimming with tender dramas, action packed thrillers, comedy, documentaries and retrospectives, featuring many of Britain's most admired acting and directing stars.

Opening this year's festival is the premiere of *Blitz*, Steve McQueen's visually stunning period drama depicting pivotal moments of World War II in London. The powerful and sweeping portrayal of British life during these events, which arrives direct from its London Film Festival premiere, features stellar central performances from Saoirse Ronan and Paul Weller, in addition to exceptional newcomer Elliot Heffernen who plays nine-year-old George.

Closing this year's festival is the exclusive Australian premiere of the highly-anticipated *We Live In Time*. Featuring beautifully nuanced performances from Oscar nominees Florence Pugh and Andrew Garfield, this heart-rendering romance delves into the profound question of how to make the most of the time we have in this world.

Screening in special festival previews one week prior to official opening, and during the festival, is *Widow Clicquot*. This British/French co-production based on a true story offers an effervescent portrait of Barbe-Nicole Ponsardin, the "Grande Dame of Champagne," otherwise known as *Veuve Clicquot*.

Aylin Tezel's directorial debut *Falling Into Place* is screening in its Australian premiere at the festival.



Blitz, top, and **Four Letters of Love**, above, will feature in the 2024 British Film Festival. Pictures: Supplied

The tender drama follows Kira (played by Tezel) and Ian, each fleeing their own personal struggles, who cross paths during a winter weekend on the Isle of Skye. Their connection is profound but when they return to London, they must both confront their past.

The festival is excited to present the romance *Four Letters of Love*, featuring a commanding ensemble cast including Pierce Brosnan and Helena Bonham Carter. Polly Steele's beautiful story follows Nicholas and Isabel who are destined for each other, As ghosts, fate and the

sheer power of true love pull them together, so too does life threaten to tear them apart.

The festival will include the recently opened Palace Regent Ballarat in Victoria in its national locations, bringing the first taste of the Palace film festival experience to the region.

The festival is also pleased to welcome aboard naming partner Russell Hobbs, the iconically British appliance brand.

The screening locations are: Melbourne - The Astor Theatre, Palace Balwyn, Palace Brighton Bay, Palace

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Adelaide SA
Ballarat VIC
Brisbane QLD
Byron Bay NSW
Canberra ACT
Melbourne VIC
Perth WA

07 NOV - 08 DEC
Sydney NSW

Cinema Como, Palace Westgarth, Palace Penny Lane, The Kino, Pentridge Cinema; Ballarat - Palace Regent; Canberra: Palace Electric Cinemas; Brisbane - Palace Barracks, Palace James Street; Adelaide - Palace Nova Eastend Cinemas, Palace Nova Prospect Cinemas; Perth: Palace Raine Square, Luna on SX, Leederville and Windsor; Byron Bay - Palace Byron Bay; Sydney - Palace Norton Street, Palace Moore Park, Chauvel Cinema, Palace Central.

For further details and to purchase tickets, go to www.britishfilmfestival.com.au.



Ralph Fiennes as Cardinal Lawrence in *Conclave*.

BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Blitz

Steve McQueen's visually stunning period drama offers a powerful and sweeping portrayal of British life during the pivotal moments of World War II featuring stellar central performances from Saoirse Ronan and Paul Weller.

Conclave

Ralph Fiennes stars as Cardinal Lawrence who is entrusted with the secretive task of selecting a new Pope, but in the Vatican's sacred halls, he uncovers secrets that could destabilise the Roman Catholic Church.

Firebrand

In the final months of King Henry VIII's reign, his sixth wife, Katherine Parr, faces the perilous challenges of the Tudor court. Alicia Vikander and Jude Law lead a gripping historical drama about power and survival.

Falling Into Place

The film follows Kira and Ian, each fleeing their own personal struggles, who cross paths during a winter weekend on the Isle of Skye. Their connection is profound but when they return to London, they must confront their pasts.

Widow Clicquot

Widow Clicquot is a rousing true story offering an effervescent portrait of Barbe-Nicole Ponsardin, the "Grande Dame of Champagne," otherwise known as *Veuve Clicquot*.

A Room With a View

In tribute to the late Dame Maggie Smith, we present James Ivory's classic melodrama, following Lucy, a young Englishwoman on a tour of Florence, as a series of events challenge her societal expectations.

The Shamrock Spitfire

The Shamrock Spitfire follows Brendan "Paddy" Finucane, an Irishman who rises from eager RAF recruit to legendary fighter ace and the youngest Wing Commander during WWII, leading his squadron to historic fame.

Four Letters of Love

Featuring a commanding ensemble cast including Pierce Brosnan and Helena Bonham Carter, Polly Steele's tender story navigates the human condition following Nicholas and Isabel who are destined for each other, but their path to true love is anything but straightforward.

The Return

Ralph Fiennes and Juliette Binoche star in this adaptation of Homer's *Odyssey* that exudes the classical essence of the Greek epic with a distinctly British spin offering a meticulously measured classical work.

The Problem With People

Colm Meaney and Paul Reiser star as estranged cousins who, despite never having met, must resolve a generation's worth of family disputes - before they start another one!

Hard Truths

Mike Leigh's latest film reunites him with Marianne Jean-Baptiste for a darkly humorous and insightful exploration of family dynamics. The film examines a hypersensitive woman's impact on her family, blending compassion with Leigh's signature attention to detail.

And Mrs

When a hesitant bride-to-be loses her fiancé unexpectedly, she is determined to proceed with the wedding, pledging to defy public opinion, legal barriers, and the objections of her loved ones.

Lies We Tell

An orphaned heiress battles her sinister uncle's schemes to claim her inheritance. As danger mounts, she defies Gothic conventions, seizing control of her fate in a feminist reimagining of *Uncle Silas*.

Edge of Summer

Two 11-year-olds, drawn together during a summer holiday, embark on an adventure to uncover the mystery of who or what is calling to them from the depths of an abandoned tin mine, inspired by an old folk tale.

This Time Next Year

Minnie and Quinn are born just one minute apart on the same day, but their lives take completely different paths. Years later, a chance encounter offers the perfect moment to take a chance on love.

We Live in Time

Showcasing beautifully nuanced performances from Oscar nominees Florence Pugh and Andrew Garfield, this heart-rendering romance delves into the profound question of how to make the most of the time we have in this world.

Irish Film Festival Australia marks 10 years of movies

The Irish Film Festival Australia announces the full cinema and online program for their 10th Anniversary 2024 Festival.

Festival director, Dr Enda Murray said: "This year we want to celebrate 10 years of showcasing the very best of Irish cinema to Australian audiences. From humble beginnings in 2015, the festival has grown to this year screening in five cities – Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane, and Canberra. We are also maintaining the accessible online festival which brings Irish film to every corner of this vast and wonderful land."

The 2024 festival will showcase a total of 16 films and documentaries from Ireland. This includes one world premiere and 12 Australian premieres. The festival will screen in cinemas in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane and Canberra from 17th October to 24th November and online across Australia from 17th October to 3rd November. Seven of the films are cinema only, six are cinema and online and three are online only.

Among the highlights this year are the opening night film and Australian premiere of Pat Collins's *That They May Face the Rising Sun*, based on the internationally acclaimed, award-winning novel by Irish author John McGahern, which captures the essence of nature, humanity, and the rhythms of life in a rural Irish community in the 1980s.

Dr Murray continues: "The twin focus of this year's festival is music and women's issues, including domestic violence and abuse. We're excited to showcase films like *Farewell to Hughes*, where Brendan Gleeson explores Dublin's legendary pub scene, and *Ó Bhéal*, featuring the new wave of Irish musicians blending tradition



Brendan Gleeson in *Farewell to Hughes's*. Picture: Supplied

with innovation. On women's rights, we highlight powerful stories like *The Guards – Domestic Violence*, documenting Ireland's first conviction for coercive control, and *Stolen*, which sheds light on the country's painful history of forced mother and baby separations."

This year's program features an eclectic mix of dramas, thought-provoking documentaries, horrors, and a family-friendly animation. Several directorial debuts are included in the program, such as Claire Dix who directs *Sunlight* and Patricia Kelly who directs *Verdigris*. Among the standout selections are numerous award-winning films, such as *That They May Face the Rising Sun*, which won Best Film at the 2024 Irish Film and Television Awards and Best Feature Film *Avant-Garde and Genre* at the 2024 Buenos Aires International Festival of Independent

ent Cinema.

In *Farewell to Hughes's*, a documentary about traditional Irish music, we see a different side of Oscar-nominated actor Brendan Gleeson. While he played a musician in his award-winning performance in *The Banshees of Inisherin*, Gleeson is also an accomplished fiddle player, having played Irish traditional music since his teens.

In his exclusive Q&A interview with the Irish Film Festival he said: "Irish music is everywhere in the world now. When I started 30 years ago, I used to go to the States and bring my music with me on a little iPod. Now when I go to the USA there are Irish music sessions everywhere. So many people are accessing Irish music now, I think it has a great future!"

Don't miss the Irish Film Festival Opening Nights in each city, which will kick off with a gala reception featur-

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17 OCT - 03 NOV Online across Australia
17 - 20 OCT Dendy Cinema, Newtown, Sydney NSW
24 - 27 OCT Cinema Nova, Carlton, Melbourne VIC
01 - 03 NOV Luna Cinema, Leederville, Perth WA
15-17 NOV Dendy Cinema, Coorparoo, Brisbane QLD
22 - 24 NOV Dendy Cinema, Canberra ACT

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ing complimentary drinks and live Irish music.

Audiences will also have exclusive behind-the-scenes access to films via Q&A sessions between festival director Dr Enda Murray and a selection of the films' directors and cast.



***That They May Face the Rising Sun*. Picture: Supplied**

IRISH FILM FESTIVAL AUSTRALIA PROGRAM

That They May Face the Rising Sun (Cinema only)

Joe and Kate leave London for rural Ireland, embracing solitude and routine. This quietly powerful film portrays the beauty and isolation of country life. Stellar performances add depth to this reflective story.

Verdigris (Cinema only)

Marian, trapped in a controlling marriage, forms an unlikely friendship with Jewel, a young sex worker. Their bond transforms their lives. A heartfelt tale of survival and growth.

Dance First (Cinema only)

A biopic exploring Samuel Beckett's inner struggles and relationship with fame. The film delves into his personal regrets and emotional turmoil. An intimate portrayal of a literary icon.

Tarra! (Pull!) (Cinema and online)

Aoife returns home to care for her father and rediscovers curragh racing. Their journey brings suppressed grief to the surface. A poignant exploration of family, loss, and healing.

All You Need is Death (Cinema only)

A couple unlocks an ancient curse through forbidden songs, awakening a terrifying evil. Their quest for knowledge turns into a nightmare. A chilling tale of mythology and madness.

The Guards – Domestic Violence (Cinema only)

This documentary uncovers the first Irish conviction for coercive control. It highlights emotional abuse and the fight for justice. A powerful film raising awareness about hidden violence.

A Greyhound of a Girl (Cinema only)

Mary embarks on a magical road trip with her grandmother's ghost, reflecting on family and love. Based on Roddy Doyle's story. A heartwarming journey through memory and bonds.

Farewell to Hughes's (Cinema and online)

Brendan Gleeson celebrates Hughes's, a beloved Dublin pub known for Irish music. Through interviews and footage, the documentary honours its cultural significance. A nostalgic tribute to music and community.

Stolen (Cinema and online)

A documentary revealing the harrowing history of Ireland's Mother and Baby Homes. Survivors demand justice for systemic abuse. A compelling call for accountability and healing.

Sunlight (Cinema and online)

Recovering addict Leon takes his mentor Iver on a final road trip to restore his will to live. Their journey explores mortality and friendship. A poignant, bittersweet tale.

Lie of the Land (Cinema and online)

An aging couple's desperate fight to save their farm leads to a dangerous deal. The film explores sacrifice and morality in rural Ireland. A tense, gripping drama.

Ó Bhéal (Verballed) (Cinema and online)

This documentary explores Ireland's evolving hip-hop and electronic music scene. Artists blend modern sounds with traditional influences. A vibrant celebration of Irish music and identity.

It's a Fine Thing to Sing (Online only)

Musicians breathe new life into Donegal's traditional songs. Set against stunning landscapes, the film celebrates folk music and heritage. A touching tribute to Ireland's musical roots.

The Stunning: We Come Alive (Online only)

Irish rock band The Stunning celebrates 30 years of music with a concert film. Relive their hits and stories behind their songs. A must-watch for fans and music lovers.

The Building and Burning of a Refugee Camp (Online only)

Three asylum seekers in Dublin face violence and hostility as they build a community. The documentary highlights their resilience against adversity.

The Continental Céili (Cinema and online)

This documentary follows a diverse group of musicians reinterpreting Irish traditional music. It explores identity through their performances.

Festivals

SA VIKING FESTIVAL

Packed with combat, Viking living history and all the food you could ask for.

Victor Harbour SA

02 - 03 NOV

GUY FAWKES

Reenactment of the plot to kill the king of England. Dinner and entertainment at the Fox and Hounds English pub.

Wongawallan QLD

05 NOV

MALENY MUSIC FESTIVAL

The festival presents music, performing arts, and culture for all ages.

Maleny QLD

08 - 10 NOV

AIRLIE BEACH FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

Sweet, Rose Tattoo, Psudo Echo, Sandi Thom and more.

Airlie Beach QLD

08 - 10 NOV

BELTANE FIRE FESTIVAL

Australian Celtic Women will perform at this celebration of Spring.

Landsborough QLD

08 - 10 NOV

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FINN'S FEST

Fortitude Valley QLD

Finn's Fest 2024 at Finn McCool's Fortitude Valley brings you an incredible lineup features Tales of Strangers, Limerick, Tartan Shamrock, and The Gathering, with performances kicking off at 2pm.

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01 NOV
Irish Film Festival (to 03 NOV)
Perth WA
Buzcocks & Modern English
Sydney NSW
The Doors Alive
Tweed Heads NSW
Smokie
Sydney NSW
Thom Yorke
Sydney NSW
Busted
Brisbane QLD
Gary Og
Brisbane QLD
The U2 Show Achtung Baby
Melbourne VIC
NT Irish Association Rural Pub Crawl
Darwin NT
Finn's Fest Halloween (to 02 NOV)
Finn McCool's, Surfers Paradise QLD
Maldon Folk Festival
Maldon VIC

02 NOV
Sin & Tonic at The Red Lion Tavern
Glencoe NSW
Stephen Fry
Brisbane QLD
Buzcocks & Modern English
Melbourne VIC
The Doors Alive
Toowoomba QLD
Smokie
Canberra ACT
Guy Fawkes at Fox and Hounds
Wongawallan QLD
Eric Idle
Canberra ACT
Bill Bailey
Perth WA
Thom Yorke
Sydney NSW
Gary Og
Sydney NSW
Soil into Samhain - A Prankqueans Production
Woolahra Sailing Club, Sydney NSW
NT Irish Association Rural Pub Crawl
Darwin NT
The Best of The Bee Gees
Cairns QLD
Brisbane Shakespeare Festival (to 3 NOV)
Brisbane QLD
Foundation Day Festival at Parramatta
Female Factory
Parramatta NSW
McLachlan Estate Sydney Wine Cruise
Sydney NSW
Irish Community November Remembrance
Mass at St Peter's Church
Surry Hills NSW

03 NOV
Buzcocks & Modern English
Lorne VIC
Busted
Sydney NSW
Irish Community November Remembrance
Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church
Labrador QLD

Irish Community November Remembrance
Mass at St Joseph's Catholic Church
Subiaco WA
Irish Community November Remembrance
Mass at St John The Baptists
Clifton Hill VIC
Damien Leith: Irish Classics
Tweed Heads NSW
Halloween Karaoke at O'Malleys
Moooloolaba QLD
2024 NSW PBA State Pipe Band Championships
Maitland NSW
Ceoltoiri Naarm Music Sessions
Celtic Club, Melbourne VIC

04 NOV
Stephen Fry
Canberra ACT
Recreation Day
TAS
Buzcocks & Modern English
Castlemaine VIC
Eric Idle
Melbourne VIC
No Such Thing As A Fish presents Thundererds
Adelaide SA

05 NOV
Melbourne Cup
VIC

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British Film Festival (to 08 DEC)
Adelaide SA, Ballarat VIC, Brisbane QLD,
Byron Bay NSW, Canberra ACT, Melbourne
VIC, Perth WA
Stephen Fry
Melbourne VIC
Bill Bailey
Adelaide SA
No Such Thing As A Fish presents Thundererds
Perth WA
Eric Idle
Brisbane QLD
Gary Og
Sydney NSW

07 NOV
British Film Festival (to 08 DEC)
Sydney NSW
Raven
Brisbane QLD
John Edward
Melbourne VIC
Sean Shibe Scotland Unbound
Wollongong NSW
Steve Hughes
Geelong NSW
Oaks Day 2024 Celebration
Celtic Club, Melbourne VIC

08 NOV
Stephen Fry
Sydney NSW
Oscar opens, runs to NOV 23
Sydney NSW
Zach Tuohy book launch at the Celtic Club
Brunswick VIC
Australian Historical Dance Community
Folk Dance

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Samford QLD
The Doors Alive
Adelaide SA
The Sweet
Melbourne VIC
Raven
Sydney NSW
No Such Thing As A Fish presents Thundererds
Brisbane QLD
Gary Og
Melbourne VIC
Raven
Melbourne VIC
The Songs of Elton John and George Michael
Melbourne VIC

09 NOV
Gary Og
Perth WA
The Doors Alive
Melbourne VIC
No Such Thing As A Fish presents Thundererds
Sydney NSW
Bill Bailey
Launceston TAS
Ska and British Music Festival 24
Rosemount Hotel North Perth WA
Scraps On Show
Bendigo VIC
Sean Shibe Scotland Unbound
Sydney NSW
Ceilidh at the Croft
Glen Innes NSW
Queensland Irish Association AGM and
Members Lunch
Coorparoo RSL, Coorparoo QLD
Steve Hughes
Canberra ACT
Celtic Council of Australia Celtic Honours Lunch
The Red Lion Tavern, Glencoe NSW
The Songs of Elton John and George Michael
Melbourne VIC
Waiting for Godot (to 24 NOV)
Canberra ACT

10 NOV
The Sweet
Airlie Beach QLD
Irish Support Agency Shoulder to Shoulder
Little Bay NSW
Bill Bailey
Hobart TAS
Spring Dance Weekend (to 12 NOV)
Portarlington VIC
Sean Shibe Scotland Unbound
Sydney NSW

11 NOV
Eric Idle
Newcastle NSW
Sean Shibe Scotland Unbound
Brisbane QLD

12 NOV
No Such Thing As A Fish presents Thundererds
Melbourne VIC
Yard Act
Sydney NSW
Sean Shibe Scotland Unbound
Sydney NSW

13 NOV
Bill Bailey
Melbourne VIC
Eurovision On Tour
Brisbane QLD
The Sweet
Tweed Heads NSW
John Edward
Darwin NT
Eric Idle
Sydney NSW
Yard Act
Melbourne VIC
Sean Shibe Scotland Unbound
Sydney NSW
Celtic Talks at the Croft - Women in early
Celtic society
Glen Innes NSW

14 NOV
Yard Act
Brisbane QLD
The Sweet
Toowoomba QLD
Launceston TAS
Cruise with the Europeans
Sydney Harbour NSW
Jesse McCormack and Friends
Celtic Club, Melbourne VIC

15 NOV
Irish Film Festival (to 17 NOV)
Brisbane QLD
Eurovision On Tour
Melbourne VIC
John Edward
Perth WA
Mount Roland Folk Festival (to 17 NOV)
Sheffield TAS
Damien Leith: Irish Classics
Bowen Hills QLD
Moonee Ponds NSW
The Best of The Bee Gees
Maryborough QLD
Queen Bohemian Rhapsody: The Greatest Hits
Sydney NSW
Noas
Sydney NSW
Brit Fest
Noosaville QLD

16 NOV
Bill Bailey
Sydney NSW
The The
Melbourne VIC
Melbourne Academy of Irish Dance 10 Year
Anniversary Ball
Tullamarine VIC
Queensland Irish Choir presents The Light
of Christmas
Everton Hills QLD
Queensland Irish Association's Irish Film
Festival Drinks at Beyond The Pale
Coorparoo QLD
The Sweet
Brisbane QLD
The Best of The Bee Gees
Bundaberg QLD
Brit Fest
Hamilton QLD

GIGS & REELS

English Scottish Irish Welsh Celtic Other events



SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

Keilor VIC

Gather your clan and your kilt and come on down to Overnewton Castle for the annual Scottish festival and market day to celebrate St Andrews Day and the Scottish heritage of the castle.

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Sean Shibe Scotland Unbound
Canberra ACT
Victorian Medieval Festival at Kyril Castle
Dunstons VIC
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The Songs of Elton John and George Michael
Melbourne VIC
17 NOV
Bill Bailey
Sydney NSW
Irish Sessions at The Northern Star
Hamilton NSW
Eurovision On Tour
Sydney NSW
Yard Act
Perth WA
Sean Shibe Scotland Unbound
Melbourne VIC
Oleian Thoral screening at Irish Club of WA
Subiaco WA
Irish Famine Orphan Girls Commemoration
Williamstown VIC

18 NOV
The Sweet
Adelaide SA
Eric Idle
Perth WA
Matt Maltese
Perth WA
Sean Shibe Scotland Unbound
Melbourne VIC

19 NOV
Bill Bailey
Newcastle NSW
Myles Smith
Sydney NSW
Russell Howard
Toowoomba QLD
Sean Shibe Scotland Unbound
Adelaide SA

20 NOV
Jon Ranson's Psychopath Night
Melbourne VIC
John Edward
Townsville QLD
Eric Idle
Adelaide SA
Glass Animals
Melbourne VIC
Matt Maltese
Northcote VIC
Sean Shibe Scotland Unbound
Perth WA

21 NOV
Bill Bailey
Toowoomba QLD
James Blunt
Brisbane QLD
Jon Ranson's Psychopath Night
Sydney NSW
The Sweet
Sydney NSW
Artemas
Melbourne VIC
Myles Smith
Sydney NSW

The Coronas
Melbourne VIC
Matt Maltese
Brisbane QLD

22 NOV
Irish Film Festival (to 24 NOV)
Canberra ACT
Australian Historical Dance Community Folk
Dance: End of Year Party
Arana Hills QLD
Bundanoon Folk Festival
Bundanoon NSW
The Sweet
Penrith NSW
John Edward
Brisbane QLD
Bill Bailey
Gold Coast QLD
Glass Animals
Brisbane QLD
The Coronas
Sydney NSW
The U2 Show Achtung Baby
Hobart TAS
Matt Maltese
Sydney NSW
Southern Fling/Southern Fringe (to 24 NOV)
Melbourne VIC
Come and Try Morris Dancing at the Black
Sheep
Hawthorn VIC
Russell Howard
Hobart TAS

23 NOV
Damien Leith: Irish Classics
Cremore NSW
Myles Smith
Brisbane QLD
James Blunt
Sydney NSW
The Sweet
Throul NSW
Bill Bailey
Brisbane QLD
The Cult
Melbourne VIC
Sophie May
Sydney NSW
The Coronas
Perth WA
The U2 Show Achtung Baby
Launceston TAS
The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society -
Dance Around the World
Online
Wauchope Highland Gathering
Wauchope NSW
Brisbane Boyside Ceilidh at Wynnum RSL
Wynnum QLD
Canberra Burns Club St Andrews Night
Canberra ACT

24 NOV
James Blunt
Melbourne VIC
Sophie May
Melbourne VIC
Jon Ranson's Psychopath Night
Brisbane QLD

R U Brown Piobaireachd Society of South
Australia Silver Chanter Competition
Payneham SA
A Highland Day Out
Mt Gambier SA
The Queensland Piobaireachd Group Monthly
Gathering
Ipswich QLD
NT Irish Association Family Christmas Party
Darwin Ice Skating Centre, Darwin NT
Irish Australian Support and Resource
Bureau AGM
Northcote VIC

25 NOV
James Blunt
Adelaide SA
John Bishop
Sydney NSW
Myles Smith
Brisbane QLD
The Cult
Brisbane QLD

26 NOV
John Bishop
Melbourne VIC
The Cult
Sydney NSW
Glass Animals
Sydney NSW
Myles Smith
Melbourne VIC
Scottish Business Network Victoria St Andrew's
Day business and culture awards 2024
Coburg North VIC

27 NOV
Glass Animals
Sydney NSW
Myles Smith
Melbourne VIC
"Heroes" & Low Symphonies by Philip Glass
Perth WA
Aisling Society Christmas Party University of
Sydney NSW
Irish Australian Support and Resource Bureau
bus trip to Ballarat
Northcote VIC

28 NOV
James Blunt
Perth WA
John Bishop
Brisbane QLD
Artemas
Brisbane QLD
The Cult
Perth WA
The Killers
Townsville QLD
Voaxean
Canberra ACT
Balkan & Celtic Dance Night
The Gaelic Club, Sydney NSW
Celtic Council of Australia Queensland
Christmas party
Coorparoo QLD
Remembering Sinead O'Connor, Dolores
O'Riordan & Shane MacGowan with The
Bloody Marys
Parap NT

29 NOV
Nathan Carter
Sydney NSW
St Andrew's Society of WA 2024 St Andrews
Day Ball
Scarborough WA
Christmas in the Highlands
Glen Innes NSW
Crowded House
Perth WA
Derwent Regency Festival
Hobart TAS
8th Annual Sydney St Patrick's Day Christmas
Fundraiser Ball
Sydney NSW
Society of St Andrew of Scotland Queensland St
Andrew's Eve Dinner
Brisbane QLD
St Andrew's Society Melbourne St Andrew's
Day Long Lunch
Melbourne VIC
The Melbourne Tartan Festival St. Andrew's
Ceilidh Dance 2024
Melbourne VIC
Hayland Gathering fundraiser Music Trivia
Night
Hay Services Club, Hay NSW

30 NOV
St Andrew's Day
Nationwide
St Andrew's Day flag lowering at the Australian
Standing Stones
Glen Innes NSW
St Andrew's Day Festival at The Church
Campbell Town TAS
St Andrews Day at Fox & Hounds
Wongawallan QLD
Chocolate Elements' St Andrew's Day Celebratory
Supper with a Chocolate Twist
Brisbane QLD
St Andrew's Shindig
Redfern NSW
Caledonian Society of WA St Andrews Day
Ceilidh
Inglewood WA
RSCDS St Andrew's Gala Social
St Philip's Church, Buranda QLD
Port Adelaide Caledonian Society Inc St
Andrew's Ceilidh
Exeter SA
Crowded House
Perth WA
Artemas
Sydney NSW
The Cult
Perth WA
The Killers
Townsville QLD
Voaxean
Canberra ACT
Balkan & Celtic Dance Night
The Gaelic Club, Sydney NSW
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Christmas party
Coorparoo QLD
Remembering Sinead O'Connor, Dolores
O'Riordan & Shane MacGowan with The
Bloody Marys
Parap NT

Tours

COLDPLAY

02 NOV Melbourne VIC
03 NOV Melbourne VIC
06 NOV Sydney NSW
07 NOV Sydney NSW
09 NOV Sydney NSW
10 NOV Sydney NSW

HOZIER

05 NOV Perth WA
06 NOV Perth WA
08 NOV Adelaide SA
10 NOV Torquay VIC
12 NOV Melbourne VIC
13 NOV Melbourne VIC
15 NOV Sydney NSW
16 NOV Pokolbin NSW
18 NOV Brisbane QLD

TAKE THAT

02 NOV Barossa Vly SA
06 NOV Melbourne VIC
07 NOV Sydney NSW
09 NOV Hunter Vly NSW
10 NOV Mount Cotton QLD

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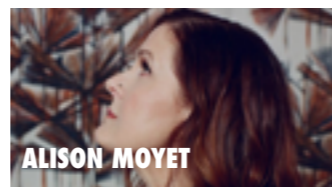
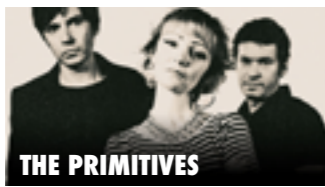
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17 NOV Melbourne VIC
18 NOV Adelaide SA
21 NOV Sydney NSW
22 NOV Sydney NSW
23 NOV Brisbane QLD
24 NOV Brisbane QLD
27 NOV Perth WA

DROPKICK MURPHYS

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

GIGS&REELS

TOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS - CLICK ON PICS FOR DETAILS



DECEMBER

Tours:

John Edward
Nathan Carter
Crowded House
Fat White Family
The Cult
James Marriott
Jamie XX
John Bishop
The Killers
Dan and Phil
Jamie Webster

Festivals:

Daylesford Highland Gathering VIC
Woodford Folk Festival QLD
Nariel Creek Folk Festival VIC
Beyond The Valley 2024 VIC
Hogmanay
Wildlands Festival QLD

JANUARY

Tours:

Rufus Wainwright
Becky Hill
Steve Backshall
Primal Scream
Beans on Toast
Paul Smith
Bear Grylls
You Me At Six
The Script

CALUM SCOTT

The Druids
Damien Rice
Soft Play
Tony Hadley
Jack & Michael Whitehall

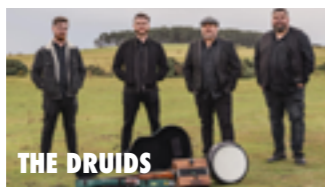
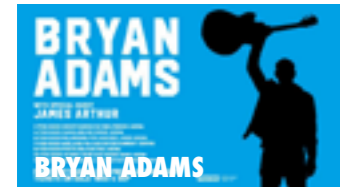
Festivals:

Maryborough Highland Gathering VIC
Lake School Koroi VIC
Wildlands Festival WA
Nollaig na mBan/Women's Little Christmas
Cygnet Folk Festival TAS
Scottish Weekender NSW
Illawarra Folk Festival NSW
Robbie Burns Day
Tamar Valley Folk Festival TAS
Timeless Summer Tour
Deloraine Celtic Music Weekend TAS
Newstead Live Music Festival VIC

FEBRUARY

Tours:

Tony Hadley
Bear Grylls
Soft Play
Perth WA
The Script
Calum Scott
The Druids
Damien Rice
Jack & Michael Whitehall
Troy Hawke



2024 Irish Woolfest Boorowa is shear magic!



Organisers of Irish Woolfest Boorowa reported an incredible 2024 festival. "What an incredible Boorowa Irish Woolfest! A massive THANK YOU to everyone who made this year's event such a fantastic success!" Keep up to date on the 2025 event at www.irishwoolfest.com.au. Pictures: facebook.com/IrishWoolfest



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Expect a Fine Time as synth legends New Order return

Iconic synth-pop pioneers, New Order have announced an Australian tour for March 2025. The tour will see them perform all the biggest hits from their impressive four-decade, 10-album career on stages across Perth, Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney in March 2025.

Their first Australian tour since 2020, New Order will transform some of the country's most beloved live music venues into synth-pop laser wonderlands. They hit RAC Arena (Perth) on March 5th, Sidney Myer Music Bowl (Melbourne) on March 8th, Riverstage (Brisbane) on March 11th, and finishing up with two shows on the spectacular Sydney Opera House Forecourt on March 14th and 15th.

Thrilled to be returning to Australian shores, the band shared, "It's an honour to be coming back to perform in one of our favourite places. We sadly had to cancel a Melbourne show in March 2020, as a consequence of Covid and are so happy



we can come back to play again. We've always loved playing in Australia and are excited to be returning for a run of very special shows in 2025. Good things come to those who wait!"

From the ashes of the legendary band Joy Division, New Order has triumphed over tragedy to emerge as

one of the most influential and acclaimed bands of all time. Last year, they celebrated 40 years of their hit Blue Monday and shared a reissued edition of their classic compilation Substance 1987, the band's biggest selling album to date. With mountains of awards under their belt and over 3.5 million albums

TOUR DATES

05 MAR Perth WA
08 MAR Melbourne VIC
11 MAR Brisbane QLD
14 MAR Sydney NSW
15 MAR Sydney NSW

sold worldwide, New Order have proven they are a force within the industry, and are as relevant as ever, having won over fans of all ages, even headlining Barcelona's Primavera Sound last year.

The band first visited Australia in 1982, shortly after the release of their debut album, Movement. Over the years, they have returned multiple times, captivating Australian audiences with their unique blend of post-punk and electronic music, and they'll be back in 2025 to play through all their hits - Blue Monday, Temptation, Bizarre Love Triangle - just to reel off a few.

Tickets are now on sale from teglive.com.au.

Oasis adds fifth Australian date after huge demand

The iconic Britpop band Oasis is making a comeback with their much-anticipated Oasis Live '25 world tour. The Gallagher brothers, Liam and Noel, will be returning to Australian shores for the first time in 19 years, performing at major stadiums in Melbourne and Sydney in late 2025.

Fans rushed to secure tickets, with four stadium concerts in Melbourne and Sydney selling out in record time. Due to overwhelming demand, a fifth and final Melbourne show has been added for November 4 next year.

The tour, produced by Live Nation, will kick off on October 31st, 2025, at Melbourne's Marvel Stadium, followed by shows at Sydney's Accor Stadium.

Aussie fans have waited nearly two decades to see the legendary band live once again.

Two dates, one in Sydney and one in Melbourne were first announced. But two more dates were added, one in Sydney and one in Melbourne, due to overwhelming demand - even before the tickets went on sale.

"Australia. Due to phenomenal demand, additional



dates have been announced in both Melbourne and Sydney! #OasisLive25," a post on the band's Instagram page read.

Referencing the famous hit song Down Under by Men at Work, Oasis said of their

return down under: "People of the land down under. 'You better run - you better take cover...' We are coming. You are most welcome."

The band, known for defining the sound of the '90s with their groundbreaking

TOUR DATES

31 OCT Melbourne VIC
01 NOV Melbourne VIC
04 NOV Melbourne VIC
07 NOV Sydney NSW
08 NOV Sydney NSW

albums Definitely Maybe and (What's the Story) Morning Glory?, have continued to captivate audiences even during their long hiatus. With over 27 million monthly listeners on Spotify and 12.5 billion streams across platforms, their influence remains undeniable. The band's reunion tour, which kicked off with sold-out shows across the UK and Ireland, has seen unprecedented demand worldwide, with millions of fans eager to relive the magic.

The brothers are set to deliver classic hits like Wonderwall, Don't Look Back in Anger, and Champagne Supernova.

Noel Gallagher played five gigs in Australia in 2019, with his band Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds, as a support act for U2.

Tickets for Oasis are now on sale at Ticketmaster.

Whitehalls to spill family secrets on tour

Award-winning comedian, actor and writer Jack Whitehall has announced that he and his father Michael are stopping off from their travels to bring Australian audiences an extra chapter of their adventures.

They have been exploring the world for years in their smash-hit Netflix series, Jack Whitehall: Travels With My Father. Now Michael is reversing the tour bus into parking spaces in Canberra, Sydney, Adelaide, Gold Coast, Brisbane and Perth in January/February 2025.



His last tour in 2020 was a total sell out. Tickets go on sale Friday 20 September at 12pm from www.bohmpresents.com.

Get all the backstories you could ever need with Hilary (mum) on hand to referee when it all gets too heated.

Expect tall tales, family

secrets and rare revealing photographs from the family album.

Together, Jack and Michael have survived naked yoga, Chernobyl's toilet facilities and, most recently, struggles with fatherhood as they bring a brand-new Whitehall into the world.

TOUR DATES

29 JAN Canberra ACT
31 JAN Sydney NSW
03 FEB Melbourne VIC
05 FEB Adelaide SA
07 FEB Gold Coast QLD
08 FEB Brisbane QLD
10 FEB Perth WA

Will they make it to the theatre in time?

Tantrums, rants and pranks guaranteed.

Tickets from Ticketek.

The Corrs announce three Australian dates in 2025

Back by popular demand, Irish Celtic infused pop icons, The Corrs are returning to Australia in February 2025 for three very special shows after a run of sold-out concerts in 2023.

Joining them will be Gabriella Cilmi for all shows, Bachelor Girl for Brisbane and Sydney and for one night only at Rochford Winery in the Yarra Valley, The Corrs will be joined by very special guest, Delta Goodrem.

Australian fans of The Corrs are some of the most loyal in the world with the band achieving sales in excess of two million albums locally since their 1995 debut album *Forgiven, Not Forgotten* crashed into the charts and stole our hearts.

After stunning the 13,000 strong crowd at the Hunter Valley's Hope Estate Winery for their One Night Only show in 2022 and their follow up national tour of Australia and New Zealand in 2023 with sold out shows in both Sydney and Melbourne, The Corrs are thrilled to return in 2025 and bring their music to fans in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne once again!

The band will be performing songs from their acclaimed, second album, 1998's *Talk On Corners*, featuring the global hits, *Only When I Sleep*, *I Never Loved You Anyway*, *So Young* and *What Can I Do*. Plus, a selection of their greatest hits.

The Corrs comment on the recent shows and their return "Australia has always held a special place in our hearts, and we're beyond excited to return for these special shows. We can't wait to share our music and celebrate with you all again!"

The Corrs are Ireland's first family of music, a multi-million selling sibling quartet who have conquered the world with a seamless blend of



sleek pop rock, lush harmonies and Celtic folk trimmings.

Comprising Andrea (lead vocals, piano & tin whistle), Sharon (violin, piano, vocals), Caroline (drums, piano, vocals) and Jim (guitar, piano, vocals) The Corrs have sold over 40 million albums worldwide since their debut *Forgiven, Not Forgotten* in 1995, spawning a dozen classic hit singles.

An enchanting mix of traditional Celtic music with a pop rock twist, The Corrs have written some of the biggest songs of the last three decades. *Forgiven, Not Forgotten* gave us the incredible title track, the exquisite *Heaven Knows* and of course, arguably one of the biggest contemporary songs of the modern era, *Runaway*.

Their second album, *Talk On Corners* led with *I Never Loved You Anyway*, *So Young* and *Only When I Sleep* and is their biggest selling album to date.

Dedicated fans from across the globe flocked to Australia to see The Corrs Under, with attendees making the trip to Australia from as far-flung destinations such as Germany, India, the Middle East, various parts of Asia, South America, Sweden and of course Ireland, to name just a few fan origins!

They and their Australian counterparts all came to see The Corrs perform live in Australia in both 2022 and 2023! The band remain a global phenomenon, and with such high demand demonstrated for their previous concert tickets, we advise everyone to purchase tickets to the 2025 shows as soon as possible, they will move fast!

Don't miss the opportunity to witness the incredible talents of The Corrs performing live along with their very special guests at three exceedingly memorable concert events this February.

The Wednesday, February

TOUR DATES

19 FEB Brisbane QLD
20 FEB Sydney NSW
22 FEB Yarra Valley VIC

19th gig at Riverstage, Brisbane is an all-ages concert (Under 15s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian) with support by with Bachelor Girl and Gabriella Cilmi.

The Thursday, February 20th concert at ICC Arena, Sydney is all ages with support by Bachelor Girl and Gabriella Cilmi.

The Saturday, February 22nd concert at Rochford Winery, Yarra Valley is age 15+ with support from Gypsy Lee, Gabriella Cilmi and very special guest Delta Goodrem.

For ticketing and event information visit www.thecorrs2025.com.au and www.thecorrsofficial.com.

TV host Graham Norton to tour Australia for first time

Beloved Irish comedian, actor, author and television host Graham Norton will embark on his first ever live tour of Australia in March. In *An Evening with Graham Norton*, the nine-time BAFTA TV Award winner will embark on a five-city tour of the country.

Join Graham for an evening of entertainment to celebrate, reflect and relive some of his biggest TV highlights and memorable moments to date. He will share his favourite laugh out-loud moments and tales from behind the scenes of his legendary sofa chats with the world's biggest TV and film stars.

Filled with candid reflections using his sharp wit comedy, we all know and love, this retrospective will offer a rare glimpse into where it all began. Honest, hilarious and featuring an exclusive audience Q&A, this is an evening



you won't want to miss and a rare opportunity to see one of the world's most beloved stars live!

On announcing *An Evening with Graham Norton*, he said: "I simply can't wait to tour Australia for the very

first time in 2025. Bring your friends, neighbours and extended family and let's have some fun while I share some stories about me being on the telly. You can even ask me a question if you dare!"

Alongside his broadcast

TOUR DATES

09 MAR Adelaide SA (2 shows)
10 & 11 MAR Perth WA
13 & 14 MAR Brisbane QLD
16 MAR Melbourne VIC (2 shows)
19 & 20 MAR Sydney NSW

work, Graham has also just released his sixth novel *Frankie* - an immersive, decade-sweeping story that brims with Graham's trademark heart, intelligence and compellingly written characters.

The new season of *The Graham Norton Show* premiered 20th October at 8.30pm on 10 and 10 Play. And Graham is ready to spin that wheel as host of the legendary game show when *Wheel of Fortune Australia* premieres on 10 and 10 Play in December.

For tickets to *An Evening with Graham Norton*, visit: www.tegdainty.com.

Tony Hadley to play three special shows

Tony Hadley, ex Spandau Ballet, has announced three very special Australian shows.

Tony said: "Australia is one of my favourite places to perform. I can't wait to get back with The Fabulous TH band and perform in front of fans and friends once more."

It has been more than 40 years since Tony Hadley first released music with his former band, Spandau Ballet. From his beginnings at the forefront of the New Romantic movement, Tony earned himself the accolade of being one of pop's greatest vocalists. Spandau Ballet had numerous chart-topping singles and albums all over the world, including the epic *Through the Barricades*, the international number one



True, and the unofficial London Olympics theme, *Gold*.

As a solo artist Tony has performed across the world both with his band, swing bands, and orchestras. In 2005 he was awarded a Gold Badge from the British

Academy of Composers and Songwriters; whilst 2007 saw him win a new legion of fans when he appeared as Billy Flynn in Chicago on the West End stage.

In 2018, Tony released *Talking To The Moon*, The

TOUR DATES

28 JAN Adelaide SA
30 JAN Hobart TAS
01 FEB Perth WA

album was incredibly well received, became BBC Radio 2's *Album Of The Week* and the first single *Tonight Belongs To Us* was *Single Of The Week*.

In early 2024 he returned to his love of swing music and released *The Mood I'm In* - featuring songs from his 2007 album *Passing Strangers*, remastered them and added five additional tracks including a new song 'Walk Of Shame'.

Tickets from [Destroy All Lines](http://Destroy.All.Lines).

Fatboy Slim Loves Australia and he's ready to prove it

Australia's summer just got hotter! Get ready to Eat, Sleep, Rave, Repeat when legendary dance music pioneer Fatboy Slim makes a triumphant return down under next March with his Fatboy Slim Loves Australia tour.

Fatboy Slim said: "Like the crazy drunk uncle who turns up every Xmas I'm coming back to my Aussie fam once again. Expect the usual inappropriate behaviour and interpretational dancing."

It's no secret – Fatboy Slim really loves Australia! And now he's back to prove it with an epic run of outdoor shows across the country - including a number of special winery dates in majestic locations under the sun - celebrating his long-standing connection with Aussie fans and delivering the ultimate summer rave experience!

Joining Fatboy Slim on all dates is Swedish electronic music DJ, record producer DJ Seinfeld and Australia's own, CC:DISCO! and Jennifer Loveless.

From coast to coast, across major cities and regional locations, the legend of British



dance music will perform at some of the most breathtaking outdoor venues across the country including Langley Park, Perth, WA; Centennial Vineyards, Bowral, New South Wales; Peter Lehmann Wines, Barossa Valley, SA; Mt Duneed Estate, Geelong, Victoria; and Sirromet Wines, Mount Cotton, Queensland.

These March 2025 dates will be Norman's first Australian tour since his April/May

2023 headline shows that left fans wanting him back Right Here, Right Now.

Fatboy Slim, born Norman Cook, is a pioneering figure in electronic music and one of the most successful DJs of all time. His career began in the 1980s as the bassist for The Housemartins, a British indie band, but he soon transitioned into the burgeoning electronic scene. By the late 1990s, he had adopted

TOUR DATES

14 MAR Perth WA
15 MAR Bowral NSW
21 MAR Barossa Valley SA
22 MAR Geelong VIC
23 MAR Mt Cotton QLD

the Fatboy Slim moniker and became known for his fusion of big beat, house, funk, and hip-hop.

His breakthrough came with the 1996 album *Better Living Through Chemistry*, but it was the 1998 album *You've Come a Long Way, Baby* that made him a global sensation. Tracks like *Praise You*, *Right Here, Right Now*, and *The Rockafeller Skank* became iconic anthems of the era.

Fatboy Slim's career also includes headlining massive live performances, such as his legendary 2002 Brighton Beach concert, where over 250,000 people attended, and his ongoing appearances at major festivals like Glastonbury and Coachella.

Ticket and tour information via frontiertouring.com/fat-boyslim

Stretch your funny bone with Giraffe tour

British comedian and panel show favourite Rob Beckett has revealed a string of Australian tour dates for 2025.

Known for Sky's hit shows *Rob Beckett's Smart TV* and *Rob & Romesh Vs.*, Beckett will bring his new stand-up show *Giraffe* to Australia.

He's also the unmistakable voice of Channel 4's *Celebs Go Dating* and the smash-hit podcast *Parenting Hell*.

Audiences can look forward to plenty of belly laughs as Beckett tackles fatherhood, the ups and downs of fame, and whatever else comes to mind as he takes to the stage.

TOUR DATES

01 OCT Canberra ACT
04 OCT Adelaide SA
05 OCT Perth WA
07 OCT Melbourne VIC
15 OCT Sydney NSW
16 OCT Thirroul NSW
21 OCT Brisbane QLD
22 OCT Gold Coast QLD

Rob says: "Smashing the life out of the M25, M1, M5 and any other road that's in my way. From Bromley to Brisbane, my new show *Giraffe* is going worldwide. "Expectations on me: put

on 3 stone from takeaways and post-show drinking.

"Expectations of you: leave the gig happier than when you arrived.

"My wife thinks it's going to be tough for me to be away from the family, and don't get me wrong, I do love my children/podcast content providers... but I also enjoy a lie-in and a hotel buffet breakfast. I think I'll cope.

"What else is there to do? Sit next to your partner on the sofa, scrolling TikTok in silence again? You did that the last three nights. See you there!"

Tickets from Bohm Presents.



PJ Harvey to perform across Australia in March

PJ Harvey's career has always commanded attention. A multi-instrumentalist, she is primarily a vocalist, guitarist and pianist. In March 2025 she will play shows across Australia during her first tour here in eight years, beginning at Perth Festival.

The live show - with her band comprised of John Parish, James Johnston, Jean-Marc Butty and Giovanni Ferrario - received near faultless 5-star reviews in late 2023 across the UK and Europe, and then again across a string of 2024 European summer festival headline performances.

It incorporates the Grammy-nominated tenth studio album 'I Inside the Old Year Dying' (co-produced by John Parish and Flood), as well as songs from Harvey's extensive back-catalogue.

She will perform in Adelaide at the WOMADelaide festival; Golden Plains in Meredith, Victoria; the Plenary, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre; the Sydney Opera House Forecourt, and



Great Hall, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

All shows except WOMADelaide and Golden Plains will see Harvey joined by special guest Mick Turner of Dirty Three fame, who will perform rare solo shows.

She is the only artist to have been awarded the Mercury Music Prize twice, in 2001 for *Stories From The City, Stories From The Sea*,

and 2011 for *Let England Shake*, alongside eight Brit Award nominations, eight Grammy Award nominations and two further Mercury Prize nominations.

Musicians she has collaborated with include Thom Yorke, Nick Cave, Tricky, Sparklehorse, Josh Homme, John Parish, Pascal Comelade, Gordon Gano, Ramy Essam and Mark Lanegan.

TOUR DATES

04 MAR Perth WA
07 MAR Adelaide SA
09 MAR Meredith VIC
13 MAR Sydney NSW
15 MAR Brisbane QLD

For more information on the tour, go to www.pjharvey.net.

Dance star Becky Hill bringing beats back

British dance music superstar Becky Hill will return to Australia in January.

The two-time BRIT award winner kicks off her second visit to the region at Wildlands Festival in Brisbane (December 31) and Perth (January 4) before returning to Melbourne and Sydney for headline shows at Northcote Theatre (January 7) and Roundhouse (January 8).

Becky has an irrefutable aptitude for writing chart-smashing dance-pop songs and a reputation as a leading force in the UK music scene. She is without a doubt one of the UK's most exceptional talents, having secured two BRIT Awards, 18 Top 40 singles and billions of streams. Her sensational live



show will once again showcase her incredible vocal prowess, captivating stage presence, and her ability to connect with fans in an unparalleled way.

Becky's recently released second album *Believe Me*

Now? is her most personal and critically acclaimed body of work to date. The album achieved her highest UK chart debut position at #3, after a campaign which included the Top 10 smash and Platinum-certified *Discon-*

TOUR DATES

31 DEC Brisbane QLD
04 JAN Perth WA
07 JAN Melbourne VIC
08 JAN Sydney NSW

nect with Chase & Status and a US #1 airplay hit, *Never Alone* with Sonny Fodera.

2024 has also been Becky's biggest ever year on the road, having already played Australia, New Zealand and her first European headline tour. Other highlights of the year include an almost sold-out October UK arena tour (selling upwards of 80,000 tickets in 3 days)

Visit Live Nation to purchase tickets.

Calling all ladies in red, Chris de Burgh is back!

Frontier Touring and Act 3 Presents are thrilled to announce the return of Chris de Burgh as he celebrates a remarkable and rare career milestone – half a century as a recording artist – by bringing his 50LO Tour 2025 to Australia in May!

"After my 50-year career, I'm thrilled to be returning to Australia after 16 years – some of my exciting tours and lasting memories are from being in Australia and I can't wait to get there again." - Chris de Burgh

The unmistakable voice of 'The Lady In Red', 'Missing You' and other timeless classics, kicks off his 50LO Tour 2025 at Hamer Hall Melbourne on Thursday, 1st May before Brisbane's Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday, 3rd May, The Star Gold Coast, on Sunday, 4th May, Sydney Opera House



Concert Hall on Thursday, 8th May before a special Mother's Day show winding

up the tour at Riverside Theatre Perth on Sunday, 11th May.

TOUR DATES

01 MAY Melbourne VIC
03 MAY Brisbane QLD
04 MAY Gold Coast QLD
08 MAY Sydney NSW
11 MAY Perth WA

Tickets via frontiertouring.com/chrisdeburgh.

The tour is currently weaving its way through Europe, with extensive dates in the United Kingdom before de Burgh returns to our shores in May 2025.

'De Burgh's performance was more than just a concert; it was a testament to his dedication to his craft and his love for music. Even as he joked with the audience and engaged in little bursts of comedy, he never lost sight of what was most important: the music' – 519 Magazine

George Ellis Orchestra pays tribute to Bowie

Performed by the George Ellis Orchestra, hear two powerful seminal works the Low and "Heroes" Symphonies inspired by David Bowie's iconic albums.

In 1977, David Bowie abandoned the indulgences of his Thin White Duke LA existence and relocated to Berlin, where – with electronic and ambient music architect Brian Eno as producer, and in the shadow of the wall which divided the city – they created two of the most distinctive albums in history.

Low and "Heroes" employed Eno's bleak audio landscapes and Bowie's evocative lyrics and sense of melody to create brooding compositions and world building sonic collages.

Twenty years later influential composer, Philip Glass, was inspired by Bowie and

TOUR DATES

27 NOV Perth WA
01 DEC Melbourne VIC
06 DEC Sydney NSW

Eno's stark soundscapes to create two seminal classical works - the Low and "Heroes" Symphonies.

Experience a wonderfully intense symphonic journey, which takes the musical essence of Bowie and Eno's creations and re-expresses them through Glass's unmistakable and hypnotic brand of alchemy, setting the ghosts of the original works in poetic, shining relief, through the filter of another, equally iconoclastic and unique genius.

Tickets are now on sale from davidroywilliams.com



Calum Scott bringing The Songbook So Far to Oz

English singer-songwriter Calum Scott will bring The Songbook So Far show to Sydney and Melbourne audiences in January.

"Buzzing to be back in Australia playing 'The Songbook So Far' Sydney and Melbourne shows plus joining my mates The Script to tour down under on a day on the green Hunter Valley, Mount Cotton, Geelong, Barossa Valley and Perth shows!! It's been too long Oz!! See you there! X"

The Yorkshire-born artist will play the Enmore Theatre, Sydney, on Wednesday, 29th January and The Forum, Melbourne, on Friday, 31st January. Tickets via frontiertouring.com/calumscott.

Calum is also joining Irish legends, The Script on all their Australian A Day on the Green winery shows in the Hunter Valley, Mount Cotton, Geelong, Barossa Valley and Perth. Tickets and information



adayonthegreen.com.au.

With the arrival of his 2018 debut album Only Human, singer/songwriter Calum Scott landed at No. 1 on the iTunes album chart in over 20 countries around

the world, approaching 10 billion total global streams and counting. Now certified platinum or gold in 21 countries, Only Human includes his five-times-platinum smash You Are The Reason, a track

TOUR DATES

25 JAN Hunter Valley NSW
26 JAN Mount Cotton QLD
29 JAN Sydney NSW
31 JAN Melbourne VIC
01 FEB Geelong VIC
02 FEB Barossa Valley SA
05 FEB Perth WA

that cracked the top 25 on Spotify's US Viral 50 and hit the top 10 on iTunes single charts in 38 countries.

The album also features Calum's stripped-back, three-times-platinum cover of Robyn's Dancing On My Own, which earned a Brit Award nomination in the category of Best British Single and has amassed over one billion streams globally.

Known for a life-affirming live show, The Songbook So Far Tour creates an incredibly close connection with the crowd.

Irish singer-songwriter Damien Rice returns

Following an incredible sold-out tour in May 2023, prolific Irish singer-songwriter Damien Rice returns to Australia for an extensive series of theatre shows, plus a long-awaited visit to New Zealand in January and February 2025.

Known for his hauntingly beautiful live shows, Damien Rice has the ability to transform the biggest of rooms into the most intimate spaces. Often performing with no setlist, Rice has built an incredible connection with fans that continues to evolve with each live performance.

Following his last visit to Australia, Rice spent the latter half of 2023 performing around the world, including intimate shows in Japan along with his Sailboat Tour

TOUR DATES

22 JAN Adelaide SA
25 JAN Melbourne VIC
28 JAN Bendigo VIC
30 JAN Canberra ACT
01 FEB Thirroul NSW
03 FEB Sydney NSW
04 FEB Newcastle NSW
06 FEB Brisbane QLD

across Italy and Spain. A veteran of the live stage, Rice continues to sweep audiences off their feet, commanding crowds in an innate way.

With the release of his debut album O in 2002, the Dublin-born singer was thrust into the spotlight, landing a Top 10 spot on the UK Album Chart, plus three Top 30 UK singles and a Shortlist Music



Prize. He released his follow up album, 9, in 2006 featuring hit single '9 Crimes'. 2014 saw the release of his third and latest studio album, My Favourite Faded Fantasy,

with fans eagerly awaiting new music from the multi-platinum singer.

Tickets and tour information via frontiertouring.com/damienrice.

Expect Sweet sounds from UK at Airlie Beach music fest

Airlie Beach Festival of Music is set to rock The Whitsundays from November 8th to 10th. Excitement in the vibrant resort town is building. This annual event, presented by the Whitsunday Sailing Club, promises an unforgettable experience with its diverse lineup and lively atmosphere.

For those looking to dive into the full festival experience, grab a three-day pass that gives you access to five days of entertainment.

The highly anticipated daily lineup has been announced, with one-day tickets also available so you can plan your festival weekend.

This is also a great opportunity to catch Sweet (UK) on their farewell tour around Australia. The British glam rock icons, known for hits like Ballroom Blitz and Fox on the Run, made waves in the 70s with their flamboyant style and catchy tunes. With 13 Top 50 hits in Australia, including two number ones, Sweet defined an era and influenced countless artists.

Start the party on Thursday, November 7th with the



Airlie Beach makes a spectacular festival setting. Picture: [Facebook/AirlieBeachFestivalOfMusic](https://www.facebook.com/AirlieBeachFestivalOfMusic).

Magnums Welcome Party featuring 19 Twenty and Obisun. Friday's lineup kicks off at 4pm with the Passport to Airlie Finals, followed by Avalanche, Thirsty Merc, and Jebediah.

Saturday, November 9th, showcases legendary Australian acts like Rose Tattoo, Pseudo Echo, Christine Anu,

and Ash Grunwald, while Sunday brings a special treat with British rock legends Sweet on their final tour, alongside Southern Sons and Reece Mastin.

The festival wraps up with a bang on Monday, November 11th at the Northerlies After Party, featuring Bondi Cigars, Maty Rogers, and more.

DATES & DEETS

08 - 10 NOV
Airlie Beach QLD
airliebeachfestivalofmusic.com.au

Don't miss your chance to party in paradise!

Countess awaits you for a Sin & Tonic

Celtic creatures of the night, join The Red Lion Tavern in Glencoe, New South Wales, for a Halloween-themed evening of bites and delights!

What can you expect? Four stunning gins from the Nosferatu Distillery, matched with four courses that you can really sink your teeth into... hosted by their special guest, all the way from Romania - The Countess!

Halloween costumes are highly recommended! The Countess may even award prizes to the best-dressed... if she chooses to...

The entree course at Sin

DATES & DEETS

02 NOV
Glencoe NSW
[BOOKINGS](#)

& Tonic will be paired with the Mandrake Cucumber & Mint Gin from the delightfully haunting Nosferatu Distillery.

Born of the forest and distilled with a unique blend of botanicals (including the mystical Mandrake root), this premium cucumber gin is truly the stuff of legend.

For enquires, ring 0409 776 906.



Paul Smith ready to roast on debut tour

After selling out multiple arenas across the UK, Paul Smith brings his smash-hit tour, Pablo, to Australia and New Zealand this January! A master of audience interaction, get ready to experience jaw-aching, laugh out loud comedy that only Smith can deliver.

Paul Smith is a comedy sensation, known for his quick wit and unrivalled ability to roast audience members, making him a viral star in the stand-up world. With over 5,000 videos online, Paul holds the unofficial record for the most online stand-up content, amassing a massive global following. His Pablo tour has been a phenomenal success, with over 600,000 tickets sold for the UK leg alone. After receiving thousands of messages from fans, Paul is bringing his comedy genius to Australia for the first time, marking an exciting new chapter in his career.

While Paul's crowd inter-



action and roasting skills are legendary, his shows offer much more than that. Now on his sixth stand-up tour, Paul is also recognised

as one of the best comedy writers in the UK, delivering expertly crafted material that keeps audiences laughing from start to finish. He has

TOUR DATES

15 & 16 JAN Melbourne VIC
17 JAN Gold Coast QLD
18 JAN Brisbane QLD
21 JAN Adelaide SA
22 & 23 JAN Perth WA
24 & 25 JAN Sydney NSW

been the resident compère at Hot Water Comedy Club for many years and recently headlined the launch of their new, purpose-built venue – the largest of its kind in Europe. Whether performing in intimate clubs or filling arenas, Paul's natural charm and razor-sharp wit make every performance unforgettable.

If you haven't yet seen Paul in action, now is the perfect chance – just don't sit in the front row unless you're ready to be part of the show!

Don't miss Paul Smith's debut Australian shows. Secure your tickets via [Ticketmaster.com.au](https://www.ticketmaster.com.au).

Russell Howard returns for two special shows

Russell Howard, "one of the world's top comedians" (Sunday Times) is coming back to Australia for two special shows in November. As we reel from one global crisis to the next, join Russell, 'the uplifting Comedy King', as he puts the world to rights in his own uniquely hilarious way.

Selling over 300,000 tickets, Russell Howard's previous third and biggest sell-out world tour to date, *Respite*, saw him play the UK, USA, Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

The tour concluded with Russell taping his second Netflix special, *Lubricant*, which is streaming internationally now.

TOUR DATES

19 NOV Toowoomba QLD
22 NOV Hobart TAS

Russell recently filmed his sixth series of *The Russell Howard Hour* where he shares his takes on stories dominating the cultural zeitgeist. The show features in-depth interviews, with guests including Greta Thunberg, Ed Sheeran, Matthew McConaughey, Naomi Klein, Jim Carrey, Brian Cox, and Elizabeth Banks and is available on Russell's YouTube channel.

Tickets from [bohmpresents.com](https://www.bohmpresents.com).



Sugababes coming Round Round for series of gigs

London pop sensations Sugababes have announced an Australian tour this January.

The chart-topping trio will perform across Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane following their upcoming performance at this year's Beyond The Valley festival at Burunah Plains, Victoria on 31st December.

Originally formed in 1998, Sugababes have told one of the most spectacular stories of the modern pop era. The trio entered the scene with their impeccable harmonies and debut single Overload and quickly followed up with a series of iconic hits including Push The Button, Round Round, About You Now, Too Lost In You among many others.

Fast forward two decades and the original lineup of Mutya Buena, Keisha Buchanan and Siobhan Donaghy arrived back in full force becoming the talk of the summer. In 2023, they made Boiler Room history with their performance at



the Colour Factory in East London, which has since garnered over a million views on YouTube.

This year they've continued

their resurgence by collaborating with one of Europe's most in-demand DJ duos, DJ Heartstring, while UK producers Two Shell paid homage to

TOUR DATES

31 DEC Burunah Plains VIC
03 JAN Melbourne VIC
04 JAN Sydney NSW
05 JAN Brisbane QLD

their classic hit Round Round in their own track, aptly titled Round. Sugababes impact was further solidified at Glastonbury this year, where overwhelming demand from fans led to their stage being closed.

Undeniably one of the most successful British girl bands in the 21st century, Sugababes have had a journey that's filled with extraordinary achievements. With six UK Number One singles, millions of global sales, multiple multi-platinum albums, their legacy is firmly cemented in global pop history.

Tickets are expected to sell out quickly - don't miss your chance to see the Sugababes live! Tickets from untitled-group.com.au.

Music icon Cliff Richard Can't Stop touring

British music icon Sir Cliff Richard announces his Can't Stop Me Now live tour for Australia 2025. These shows offer a rare chance to witness one of Britain's most celebrated performers in a live setting.

Next year will mark 12 years since Australian and New Zealand audiences have seen Cliff Richard live in concert, with the tour beginning in Perth, before making its way to the East Coast, and then onto New Zealand. Fans will be treated to a setlist packed with timeless classics, including hits such as Living Doll, We Don't Talk Anymore, Devil Woman, and many more. Known for his energy, charisma, and

TOUR DATES

01 NOV 25 Perth WA
04 NOV 25 Adelaide SA
06 & 07 NOV 25 Melbourne VIC
09 & 10 NOV 25 Sydney NSW
12 NOV 25 Brisbane QLD

enduring stage presence, Sir Cliff continues to capture hearts and inspire audiences as he has done across the eight decades.

As one of the greatest hitmakers in British music history, Cliff Richard has sold in excess of 250 million records worldwide, securing his place among the best-selling artists of all time. He remains the only artist to achieve UK Top



5 albums across eight consecutive decades, a remarkable feat recognised by the Official Charts Company. Since his debut in 1958 with "Move It!", Sir Cliff has delivered a

string of chart-topping hits, including 14 number-one singles and seven No. 1 albums, cementing his legacy as a pop legend.

Beyond his musical achievements, Sir Cliff is widely admired for his charitable work, which earned him a knighthood in 1995 – the first pop star ever to receive such an honour. His unwavering dedication to philanthropy and his lasting connection with fans worldwide has made him a beloved figure in British culture.

These 2025 performances offer fans a rare opportunity to see one of music's all-time greats in concert at the age of 85. Tickets on sale from MellenEvents.com.

The Blow Monkeys to tour Australia for the first time

The Blow Monkeys are in rarefied company with a career spanning over 40 years.

Always making new music, always stretching their own musical boundaries, from "jazz punk" to a more soulful, jazzy style and an ever-increasing adoption of dance music, The Blow Monkeys experienced worldwide hits with classics such as Digging Your Scene and It Doesn't Have To Be This Way becoming household names and epitomising the glamour of mid-80s pop at its most graceful and sophisticated.

But there was always so much more going on with these soulful troubadours beyond their stylish veneer. The band's relentless desire to move forward, to collaborate, to be socially engaged and to have something to contribute saw them working with people as varied as Curtis Mayfield, Paul Weller, Cheb Khaled and even Jamaican Toaster EEK-aMouse.

The group, led by frontman Dr Robert (Bruce Robert



Howard), gained prominence with their slick, soulful sound and socially conscious lyrics.

Their music often mixed catchy melodies with politically charged themes, especially in songs like Celebrate (The Day After You), an an-

ti-Thatcher anthem during the 1980s. The band disbanded in the early 1990s but reunited in 2007, continuing to release new music and tour.

Tickets now available via [Gerrard Allman Events](https://GerrardAllmanEvents.com) at gaevents.au.

TOUR DATES

06 MAY Perth WA
08 MAY Adelaide SA
10 MAY Melbourne VIC
14 MAY Brisbane QLD
15 MAY Sydney NSW

Get your dose of My Chemical Romance

The world's leading My Chemical Romance tribute band, The Black Charade, are coming for their first-ever tour of Australia.

Direct from the UK, The Black Charade give a hi-octane performance with stunning production and precision costuming of multiple MCR eras. They create a show, rather than just playing a bunch of songs, and deliver a full My Chemical Romance experience!

Whether you've been a fan since the early 00s or MCR are your newly discovered faves - this tour will bring you a night of sing-alongs that can't be missed!

The setlist includes Cancer, Dead!, Disenchanted,

TOUR DATES

11 APR Perth WA
12 APR Adelaide SA
17 APR Brisbane QLD
18 APR Melbourne VIC
19 APR Sydney NSW

Famous Last Words, Helena, House of Wolves, I Don't Love You, I'm Not Okay (I Promise), Mama, Na Na Na (Na Na Na Na Na Na Na Na Na Na), Teenagers, The Ghost of You, The Sharpest Lives, This is How I Disappear, and Welcome to the Black Parade.

Tickets are now on sale from [Total Touring](https://TotalTouring.com).



Balkan and Celtic cultures uniting for festive boogie

Get into the festive spirit with an electrifying Balkan and Celtic Dance Night! Join Balkan Boogie and Kejafi-X for an unforgettable double bill, where these two incredible bands will put on a show that celebrates traditional cultures with music and dance.

Balkan Boogie is a celebrated Balkan dance and concert band led by dance master Yorgo Kaporis and musician Andy Busuttill. The music and dances are sourced from Macedonia, Turkey and Greece and generate enormous enthusiasm from audience members of all backgrounds and musical interests.

This is a full-on participative band and gathers festival goes together in the true festival spirit. During the dances and concerts, excited and enthusiastic dancers, both experienced and beginner, turn up to celebrate their skills and the joy of discovering and re-discovering the true sense of community in dance and music.

Kejafi has crafted a unique sound within the Celtic music



Balkan Boogie, top, and Kejafi, above.

world, and now they're taking it to the next level! For this special Celtic dance night, they're joined by Ann Palumbo on double bass and Irish experimental musician

Ciarán Geoghegan. Together, they form Kejafi X, ready to kick off your Christmas festivities with re-mixed tunes and songs from their widely acclaimed second album, The

DATES & DEETS

30 NOV
The Gaelic Club, Sydney NSW
[TICKETS](#)
01 DEC
Junction 142, Katoomba NSW
[TICKETS](#)

Road and a few old favourites.

The concert will have two very special dates, in Sydney and Katoomba in the Blue Mountains.

The Sydney date will be Saturday, 30th November at The Gaelic Club, 1/64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. The Gaelic Club is a fully licenced bar and will be selling toasties on the night. Under 18 years free entry and must be accompanied by a full-paying adult. Doors open at 7pm with music starting at 7.30pm.

The Katoomba concert will be held on Sunday, 1st December from 4pm to 7pm at Junction 142, 142 Katoomba Street, Katoomba NSW. All are welcome.

Sail into Samhain for arty Halloween fun

Embrace the Samhain spirit as the Prankqueans join forces with Irish artist Anthony Quinn for a festive celebration filled with creative fun. Capture the essence of otherworldly creatures through your phone camera, inspired by Anthony's vivid drawings rooted in Irish mythology.

Dive into the seasonal madness with mask-making and ancient Irish Halloween traditions and games. The evening will culminate in a captivating Prankquean concert.

Enjoy a traditional Irish Samhain meal of colcannon, accompanied by a selection of drinks. This family-friendly Samhain celebration takes place on Saturday,

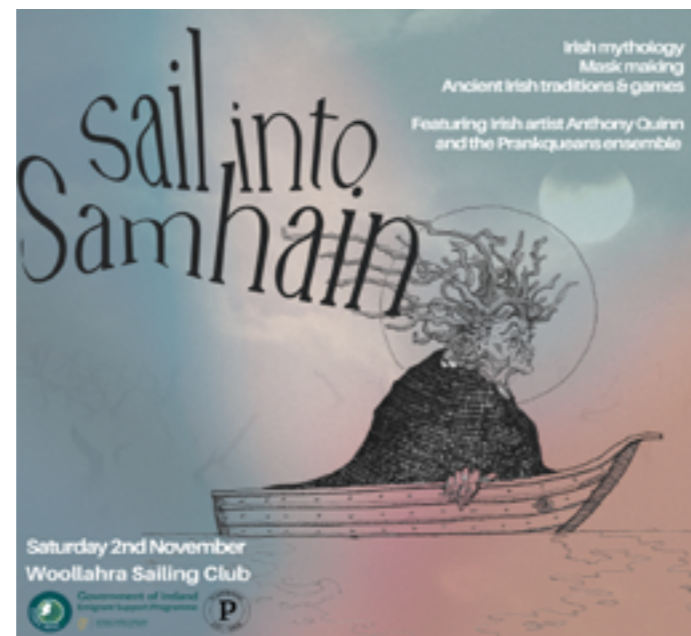
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Sydney NSW
[TICKETS](#)

2nd November 2024 from 5.30pm with the meal, drinks and Samhain activities from 5.30pm to 6.45pm and the concert from 7pm to 8pm. It's on at Woollahra Sailing Club, a short walk from Rose Bay Ferry, in Sydney.

25% of the ticket proceeds will go towards the Irish Support Agency.

Tickets at <https://isa.supporterhub.net.au/events/sailintosamhain>.



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In celebration of Queensland Irish Association's sponsorship of the Irish Film Festival Australia 2024

Members and friends are invited to join us on
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following Irish movie *Verdigris*, which starts
at Dendy Coorparoo at 4.10pm.

*Beyond The Pale offers craft beer, artisan coffee, boutique wines and tapas dining.
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