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# La belle vie as we celebrate Brittany

Welcome to the May 2025 edition of Anglo&Celtic magazine.

It's all about joie de vivre in this issue, as with every edition! But this time round we are celebrating Brittany, France and St Yves' Day.

To add to French celebrations this year, comes the great news that not only is Bastille Festival returning to Sydney in 2025, but it is also set to storm Adelaide. The festival is a feast of entertainment, as well as food and wine, so bon appétit Australia!

We are jam-packed with festivals, including Australian Celtic Festival, which is also celebrating Brittany, as well as Cornwall and

Wales. And the biannual Kernewek Lowender happening in South Australia this month is the biggest Cornish festival outside of Cornwall.

The phenomenon that is Lord of the Dance is coming to Australia later this year, and we hear that tickets to the show are moving faster than Michael Flatley's feet! Meanwhile, the worldwide search is on to find the roses who will take part in the 2025 Rose of Tralee contest in Ireland.

A very happy May Day and if you are joining in the Bealtaine celebrations, have fun!

If you have a story you'd like included, email [editor@angloandceltic.com](mailto:editor@angloandceltic.com).



# Sydney's Scots College hosts its first tattoo

The Main Oval at [The Scots College](#) in Bellevue Hill, Sydney, came alive on the evening of Thursday, April 10, as the school hosted its inaugural Scots Tattoo – a celebration that blended tradition, pageantry, and community spirit.

The sold-out event marked two major milestones: the opening of the new John Cunningham Student Centre and the 125th anniversary of The Scots College Pipes and Drums.

The Tattoo unfolded as a spectacular showcase of Scottish heritage, proudly featuring performances by The Scots College Pipes and Drums, the Old Boys' Union, and the spirited Fire and Rescue Band.

Joining them were the internationally acclaimed OzScot Highland Dancers, who delivered an electrifying display of choreography.

The event catered to all ages, with lively family-friendly activities and a tempting array of food stalls offering dinner options under the autumn sky. As night fell, a stunning light and fireworks show crowned the festivities, illuminating the college grounds and casting a brilliant glow over the crowd.



OzScot and The Scots College Pipe and Drums were among the performers at The Scots College tattoo. Pictures: [facebook.com/thescotsadvantage](https://www.facebook.com/thescotsadvantage)

# Bretons celebrating Celtic heritage on St Yves' Day

From Glen Innes to the coast of Brittany, Bretons and their friends around the world are preparing to mark St Yves' Day on 19 May, honouring the beloved patron saint of Brittany.

In Australia, the main event for 2025 will take place in Glen Innes, New South Wales, home of the Australian Standing Stones. The local Standing Stones Management Board will once again hold a flag lowering ceremony at 4pm, paying tribute to Saint Yves with a talk, a toast, and a taste of traditional Breton food. Light refreshments will be served, with gold coin donations welcomed and a raffle adding a touch of fun. The event is free and open to all who wish to celebrate Brittany's Celtic heritage.

Across the seas in Brittany, the annual Fête de la Bretagne returns in full swing from 16 to 25 May 2025. Founded in 2009 to bring together all the richness and



variety of Breton culture, the festival features more than 200 events spread across towns and cities in Brittany and beyond. Locals and visitors can expect fest-noz dances, traditional music, street performances, storytell-

ing, food markets, and community gatherings celebrating everything from sea shanties to Breton bagpipes. For the full Brittany program, visit: [www.fetedelabretagne.bzh](http://www.fetedelabretagne.bzh).

Australia's only monthly French market, in Sydney, Le

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19 MAY  
Glen Innes NSW  
[facebook.com/australianstandingstones](https://facebook.com/australianstandingstones)

Marché is held on the first Sunday of every month at The Entertainment Quarter in Moore Park from 9am to 2pm; second Sunday at Woolwich dock from 9am to 1pm; and fourth Sunday at Laurelbank Willoughby from 9am to 1:30pm. For more information, go to [facebook.com/lemarchesydneyfrenchmarket](https://facebook.com/lemarchesydneyfrenchmarket).

BZH Sydney promotes the culture, economy and tourism of Brittany in Sydney. They hold regular events and Breton dance classes. They will be holding dance classes at the Australian Celtic Festival in Glen Innes on May 3 and 4. For more information, go to their Facebook page at [facebook.com/bzhsydney](https://facebook.com/bzhsydney).

# Say bonjour to Bastille Festival

This winter, both Sydney and Adelaide will come alive with French flair as the Bastille Festival brings its famous celebration of food, wine, and culture to two cities. Adelaide kicks things off at Festival Plaza from 30 May to 1 June, while Sydney takes over Circular Quay and The Rocks from 17-20 July 2025 – and best of all, entry is free.

Sydney will once again transform into a vibrant celebration of French culture as the Bastille Festival returns with four days of French food, wine, art, and entertainment. More than 120 exhibitors will offer over 80 mouth-watering dishes, from raclette and escargots to crêpes and macarons, alongside exciting chef collabora-



tions that re-imagine French classics. Wine lovers are in for a treat too, with pop-up bars, curated wine tastings, and Champagne bubbles flowing across the precinct.

Beyond the food and drink, Bastille Festival is a true feast for the senses. Visitors can enjoy over 100 free shows,

including live concerts, street theatre, fire performances, and dance lessons. Highlights include the sparkling French Cabaret Night on Friday and the high-energy French DJ Party on Saturday.

Meanwhile in Adelaide, Festival Plaza will host its own French celebration,

## DATES & DEETS

30 MAY - 01 JUN  
Adelaide SA  
17 JUL - 20 JUL  
Sydney NSW  
[bastillefestival.com.au](http://bastillefestival.com.au)

-serving up melted raclette, cabaret and cancan dancers, buttery pastries, and lively street theatre – all designed to bring a little slice of France to South Australia. Entry and performances are free, making it the perfect winter weekend escape.

Bastille Festival 2025 invites everyone to embrace their inner Francophile – no passport required.

# Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance returns to Oz

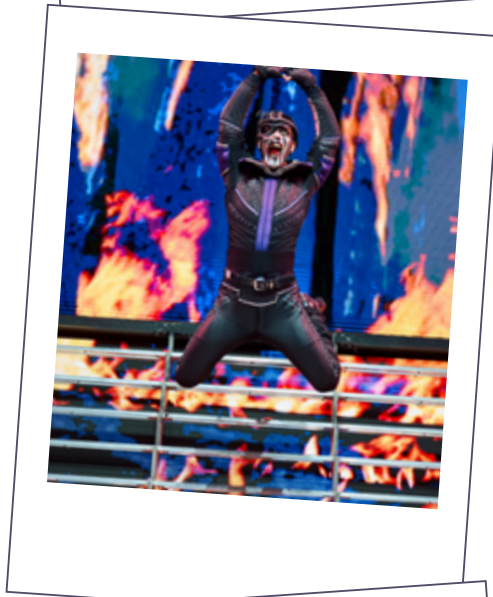
Following a triumphant 2024 world tour with more than 250 dates, Lord of the Dance continues to captivate audiences, seamlessly blending tradition with cutting-edge innovation. State-of-the-art technology, dazzling special effects, and updated costumes bring a glamorous, contemporary energy to this re-imagined production.

The 2025 Australian tour will showcase 40 of the world's most outstanding young dancers, under the direction of Michael Flatley, with music composed by Gerard Fahy.

Michael Flatley said: "Australia has always held a special place in the heart of Lord of the Dance. It's incredible to see how this show continues to evolve while staying true to its roots, and I know Australian audiences will be blown away by this spectacular new production."

Michael Flatley first stunned audiences with Riverdance at Eurovision 1994, before revolutionising Irish dance with Lord of the Dance in 1996. Since then, the production has sold out more than 1,000 theaters, arenas, and stadiums worldwide, with over 60 million people experiencing its magic in 60 countries across every continent. Lord of the Dance has played in legendary venues such as Madison Square Garden, London's O2 and Wembley Arenas, Paris' Accor Arena, and the historic Temples of Baalbek in Lebanon. In 1998, the show set a record with 21 consecutive sell-out performances at London's Wembley Arena – a feat it still holds today – earning Flatley a place on Wembley's prestigious Square of Fame. He has also set Guinness World Records for the fastest tap speed at 35 taps per second and for being the highest-paid dancer in history.

The timeless story of Lord of the Dance unfolds in the dreams of the Little Spirit, where the noble Lord of the Dance must battle the evil Dark Lord and his army of Warlords. The temptress Morrighan threatens to come



Michael Flatley.

## TOUR DATES

30 AUG Melbourne VIC  
31 AUG Melbourne VIC  
03 SEP Brisbane QLD  
04 SEP Newcastle NSW  
05 SEP Sydney NSW  
06 SEP Sydney NSW

between The Lord and his true love, Saoirse, while Erin the Goddess gives voice to the emotions expressed through dance. With high-energy choreography, spellbinding storytelling, and breathtaking music, the production continues to push the boundaries of Irish dance and remains one of the most exhilarating stage experiences of all time.

Produced in Australia by TEG Van Egmond and Big Deal Touring, Lord of the Dance is an experience like no other – blending history, innovation, and pure exhilaration into one breathtaking show.

This amazing new production will open in Melbourne on Saturday, August 30th, before travelling to Brisbane, Newcastle, and Sydney.

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

# Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance returns to Oz



Lord of the Dance returns to Australia in 2025. Pictures: Supplied



# Worldwide search is on for Rose of Tralee



Selection is underway to find the 2025 Rose of Tralee. Picture: [International Rose of Tralee Festival](#)

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The Rose of Tralee International Festival, a cherished celebration of Irish heritage and culture, is once again in full swing as Australian cities embark on the quest to find their 2025 representatives. This annual event brings together young women of Irish descent from around the globe, culminating in a grand festival in Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland, from August 15th to 19th.

In Australia, several cities are hosting selection events to choose their Roses:

**Sydney:** The Sydney Rose Selection is in progress, with accomplished entrants vying for the title. The selection process culminates in the Sydney Rose of Tralee Ball on Saturday, May 17th, at The Hyatt Regency Hotel Sydney. Updates and details can be found on [www.facebook.com/SydneyRoseofTralee](http://www.facebook.com/SydneyRoseofTralee).

**Queensland:** The Queensland Rose Selection is set for May 10th at Hotel Grand Chancellor. The evening will include live entertainment with Limerick and dancing by The Shamrock Dancers. For

updates, visit [www.facebook.com/qldroseoftralee](http://www.facebook.com/qldroseoftralee).

**Melbourne:** The Melbourne Rose Centre is actively seeking applicants for the 2025 selection. Interested individuals can reach out via email at [info@melbournrose.com.au](mailto:info@melbournrose.com.au). Further updates are available on [www.facebook.com/melbournrose](http://www.facebook.com/melbournrose).

**Perth:** The Perth Rose Centre continues its tradition of selecting representatives to participate in the international festival. Updates can be followed on their [Facebook](#) page.

The Rose of Tralee Festival is more than a beauty pageant; it celebrates the aspirations, ambitions, intellect, social responsibility, and Irish heritage of modern young women. Each selected Rose serves as an ambassador, embodying the spirit and values of the Irish community both locally and internationally. As the 2025 selections unfold across Australia, anticipation builds for the moment these remarkable women will represent their cities on the global stage in Tralee.

# OzScot brings Aussie flair to the Washington Tattoo

The Washington Tattoo, held on March 29 at Lisner Auditorium in Washington, D.C., showcased a diverse array of international music and dance ensembles.

Among the stand-out performers were Australia's own OzScot Championship Highland Dancers, who captivated the audience with their dynamic blend of traditional and contemporary Highland dance.

Under the expert direction of Cheryl Roach OAM, the OzScot Highland Dancers brought unmatched energy to the stage.

The Washington Tattoo is a breathtaking spectacle of international music and dance, formed in the tradition of military tattoos around the world. The event featured military bands alongside world-renowned artists and ensembles, including The United States Army "Old Guard" Fife & Drum Corps, The "Commandant's Own" United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps, and The U.S. Navy Ceremonial Drill Team.

The mission of The Washington Tattoo is to reshape



OzScot performing during their trip to Washington. Picture: [facebook.com/OzScotAustralia](https://www.facebook.com/OzScotAustralia)

today's conversation around mental health for active duty personnel, veterans, first responders, and families through the power of music wellness.

The inclusion of the OzScot Championship Highland Dancers highlighted the event's commitment to

showcasing global talent and fostering cultural exchange. Their performance not only entertained but also embodied the spirit of international camaraderie that The Washington Tattoo aims to promote.

The Washington Tattoo's official recap [video](#) offers a

glimpse into the performances.

OzScot is Australia's premier international Highland dance team, showcasing Highland Dancers from all the states and regions of Australia. Find more about OzScot at [www.facebook.com/OzScotAustralia](https://www.facebook.com/OzScotAustralia).

## Step up for Welsh and Cornish folk dance



Many migrants from Wales and Cornwall settled in Australia, bringing with them their rich traditions of music and dance.

Experience a delightful array of simple Welsh and Cornish folk dances on this special evening with Australian Historical Dance.

Witness the captivating performances of the Cornish Stick Dance and the Welsh Broom Dance.

The evening will feature live music by Phillip's Dog.

It takes place at Farmers Hall, 30 Main Street, Samford Village, Queensland

### DATES & DEETS

23 MAY  
Samford QLD  
[historicaldance.au](https://www.historicaldance.au)

on 23 May from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Entry costs \$4 online or you can pay cash at the door

You can also see Australian Historical Dance in action at the Australian Celtic Festival, which will be held from 1 to 4 May at Glen Innes, New South Wales.

# Your carriage awaits to a regency escape

Step back into the elegance of the Regency era at the fourth annual A Regency Affair, hosted by Sydney Regency Weekends, from May 16 to 18 at the historic Exeter Village Hall in New South Wales' charming Southern Highlands. With its rolling hills and picturesque countryside, the region provides the perfect setting for a weekend of historical immersion.

Throughout the weekend, guests will be swept into the world of Jane Austen, with dance workshops for all experience levels leading up to a glittering Regency Ball on Saturday night. The festivities begin with a grand opening dinner on Friday, followed by a pre-ball dinner on Saturday, and delightful lunches, teas, and treats woven in between. Special dietary requirements are thoughtfully catered for, ensuring every guest can indulge.

One of the highlights of the weekend is a special visit to the nearby Golden Vale Homestead, a private



Horse-drawn carriage rides are one of the activities on offer at A Regency Affair. Picture: [Facebook.com/sydneyregencyweekends](https://www.facebook.com/sydneyregencyweekends)

National Trust property. There, participants will enjoy the homestead's magnificent gardens and gather for a

charming Sunday picnic amidst sweeping views and autumn colours.

The program also promises

## DATES & DEETS

16 - 18 MAY

Exeter NSW

[sydneyregencyweekends.org.au](https://www.sydneyregencyweekends.org.au)

engaging guest speakers, who will bring Regency history and culture to life, alongside hands-on craft workshops and outdoor pursuits such as archery and horse-drawn carriage rides, offering a lively and authentic experience of the era. Some workshops and activities attract an additional cost, and guests are warmly encouraged to contribute a plate for the Ball supper – a delightful way to share the celebration.

As always, Sydney Regency Weekends welcomes enthusiastic volunteers, with discounted tickets available for those willing to lend a hand during the event.

For full details and tickets, visit [sydneyregencyweekends.org.au](https://www.sydneyregencyweekends.org.au).

## Porter House added to UNESCO register

Miss Porter's House in Newcastle, New South Wales, has been added to the UNESCO Australian Memory of the World Register, a prestigious recognition of its historical and cultural significance. The house, built in 1909 and now a National Trust property, holds a unique collection that offers a personal window into the life of its original owner, Ann Porter, pictured, and the local community.

Born in England in 1867, Ann emigrated to Australia with her young family. She and her husband, Francis Porter, purchased the house in 1909. After Francis died in 1919, Ann continued to live in the house with her daughters.



She was deeply tied to her British roots and brought elements of her heritage to Australia. The collection, which includes diaries, correspondence, and everyday items like grocery lists and personal letters, provides a



rich historical record of life in early 20th-century Australia. These items offer rare insights into domestic life, social history, and the changing landscape of the time.

Florence was the elder daughter of Ann and Francis

Porter. She lived in the house all her life and worked as a schoolteacher. Florence was very community-minded and active in local affairs.

Florence Porter bequeathed the house and its contents to the National Trust when she died in 1997, with the wish that it be preserved as a museum.

The listing on the UNESCO register highlights the exceptional value of Miss Porter's collection, preserving it for future generations.

The [house](#) is located at 434 King Street, Newcastle West, NSW 2302 and is open on the second Sunday of each month from February to December, from 1pm to 4pm.



Xennox Diamonds in Brisbane is hosting a World Whisky Day event with premium whisky tastings. Picture: [Xennox Diamonds](#)

# Raise a dram to cheer World Whisky Day 25

World Whisky Day, celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May, has gained significant traction in Australia, reflecting the country's burgeoning whisky scene. While the day is globally recognised, Australia's participation is particularly noteworthy due to its rapidly growing whisky industry.

Australia's whisky landscape has evolved remarkably over the past few decades. In the early 1990s, the industry was relatively modest, with limited recognition. However, the emergence of boutique craft distilleries has transformed Australia's whisky production, introducing innovative styles and garnering international acclaim. A pivotal moment came in 2014 when Tasmania's Sullivan's Cove French Oak Single Cask whisky won the prestigious World's Best Single Malt award at the World Whiskies Awards, marking the first time a distillery outside of Scotland or Japan received this honour.



Tin Shed Distilling Co. in the Adelaide Hills offers a special event to celebrate World Whisky Day. Picture: [Tin Shed Distilling Co.](#)

On World Whisky Day, Australian distilleries open their doors to enthusiasts, offering tastings, master-classes, and behind-the-scenes tours. Events often feature local food pairings, live music, and opportunities to meet the distillers themselves. These celebrations not only showcase Australia's whisky diversity – from single malts to rye and wheat whiskies – but also highlight the maturation processes influenced by the country's climate and the

use of local wine casks.

Beyond the festivities, World Whisky Day serves as a platform for education and appreciation. It encourages both connoisseurs and newcomers to explore the nuances of Australian whisky, fostering a deeper connection to the craft and its rich heritage. As Australia's whisky industry continues to thrive, World Whisky Day stands as a testament to its global recognition and the passion driving its success.

## DATES & DEETS

17 MAY  
World Whisky Day  
Nationwide

On World Whisky Day 2025, celebrated on Saturday, May 17, several Aussie distilleries are opening their doors to whisky enthusiasts.

Join the Iniquity World Whisky Day celebration at Tin Shed Distilling Co. in the picturesque Adelaide Hills. Experience whisky tastings, distillery tours, and enjoy local cuisine in a relaxed setting. This event, on May 17th from 6pm, offers a unique opportunity to delve into the craftsmanship and heritage of Australian whisky. Book [here](#).

For a more urban experience, Xennox Diamonds in Brisbane is hosting a World Whisky Day event on Friday, May 16. Celebrate the water of life with fellow whisky lovers, featuring premium whisky tastings in an elegant setting. Book [here](#).

# Blast off to the 2025 Berry Celtic Festival

The knights, all the bands, all the clans, medieval villagers, singing and dancing will be back for the Berry Celtic Festival 2025. It will be a day full of entertainment.

Jousting has been one of the real hits with Berry Celtic Festival goes in recent years and is full of excitement, with the heavily armoured noble knights putting on a great show for the crowd.

The Berry Celtic Festival steps off with a Grand Street Parade of pipe bands marching in their distinctive kilts, together with representatives of all of the clans, medieval knights, and Scottish Terrier dogs.

The Festival builds on a castle-keep feel with the stalls, Scottish soldiers' camp, Celtic musicians, the spinners and weavers, and artisans forming an avenue around the parade ground where the pipes and drum bands, knights on steeds, dancers and Scottish soldiers feature

## DATES & DEETS

24 MAY  
Berry NSW  
[TICKETS](#)

in the entertainment program.

Games, tea, coffee and scones, crafts, fiddles, kilts, long socks, sashes, feathers are all at the Berry Show-ground.

Berry, a town in New South Wales, has historical connections to Celtic heritage through its founder, Alexander Berry. Born on November 30, 1781, in Cupar, Fife, Scotland, Berry was a surgeon, merchant, and explorer.

In 1822, he was granted 10,000 acres and 100 convicts to establish the first European settlement on the south coast of New South Wales, which developed into the town now known as Berry, named in honour of



Alexander and his brother David.

The Rotary Club of Berry stages the Celtic Festival as a fund-raising activity where proceeds go towards disaster relief projects, education programs, and community development.

The 2025 Berry Celtic Festival takes place on Saturday, 24 May. Entry costs \$15 for adults, and for children under 15 years, it's free.

Book your tickets at <https://events.humanitix.com/copy-of-berry-celtic-festival>



# Gather round the Maypole for Aussie Cornish festival

The 2025 Kernewek Lowender, the world's largest Cornish festival, is set to enliven South Australia's Copper Coast from 12 to 18 May, and the digital festival program is now available on the official website.

A highlight of the festivities is the Stret Fer on Friday, 16 May, in Moonta's George Street and Queen Square. This vibrant street fair features traditional Cornish entertainment, market stalls, and the Drakes Supermarkets Pasty Bake-Off, where VIPs compete to craft the perfect Cornish pasty. Attendees can also enjoy Maypole and Furry Dances, accompanied by lively music, and relax in the Swanky Garden with live entertainment extending into the evening.

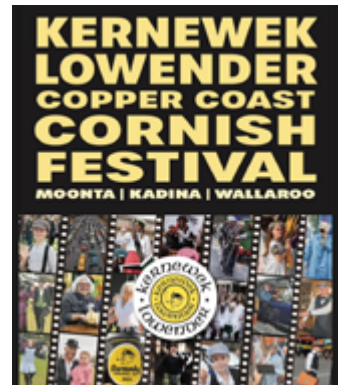
The festival also includes the Drakes Supermarkets Procession on Friday, 16 May, the Newbery Chemists/Apex



Wallaroo Street Party on Saturday, 17 May, and the RAA Classic Cavalcade of Cars on Sunday, 18 May.

Other events encompass the Rotary Village Fair, Cornish Language Lessons,

Cousin Jack and Jenny Competition, Cemetery Tour, Sup and Sing with the Cornish, Art Prize Exhibition, Gathering of the Bards, Cornish History Seminar, Heritage Football and Netball Game,



## DATES & DEETS

12 - 18 MAY  
Copper Coast SA  
[www.kernewek.org](http://www.kernewek.org)

and the Blessing of the Waters ceremony.

For more information and to access the full program, visit the official Kernewek Lowender website at [www.kernewek.org](http://www.kernewek.org).

## Kilts, gowns and debs to shine in Warwick

Warwick is preparing to don its tartan and polish its swords for one of its most elegant and enduring traditions – the Caledonian Debutante Ball.

Set for Saturday, 24 May, this grand affair, hosted by the Warwick Caledonian Society, promises all the pageantry of Highland heritage with a distinctly local flavour.

For decades, young debutantes in flowing white gowns have made their entrance alongside kilted partners, stepping through the ceremonial "Sword Deb" archway – a symbolic nod to Scotland's proud past and the promise of the next generation. A pipe band provides a stirring soundtrack while a live dance band ensures the night stays lively well into the evening.

More than just a ball, it's a celebration of community, cul-

## DATES & DEETS

24 MAY  
Warwick QLD  
[facebook.com/WarwickCaledonianSociety](https://www.facebook.com/WarwickCaledonianSociety)

ture and continuity. Records of Warwick's debutante tradition stretch back to the 1950s, and today it remains a highlight of the town's social calendar.

To join the festivities or secure a seat at one of the most dazzling nights in regional Queensland, contact Anne Coy on 0488 466 646 or email [WCS.Sec@outlook.com](mailto:WCS.Sec@outlook.com). Or see [www.facebook.com/WarwickCaledonianSocietyInc](https://www.facebook.com/WarwickCaledonianSocietyInc).

Gowns, glens, and good times await in Warwick – just don't forget your dancing shoes.



# Bring your wing man to Bonnie Wingham festival

## DATES & DEETS

31 MAY - 01 JUN  
Wingham NSW  
[www.bonnieingham.com](http://www.bonnieingham.com)

Get ready for a taste of Scotland in the heart of New South Wales at the Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival on Saturday, 31 May, at the Wingham Showground.

The town of Wingham famously features a Vampire Jet plane mounted on a column in Central Park.

The festival kicks off at 9am with a full day of Scottish-inspired activities. Watch as pipe bands march through the showground, filling the air with familiar tunes. Traditional Highland dancing will be on display, and you can catch some impressive feats during the Highland Games, where athletes take on the iconic caber toss and tug-of-



The Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival. Picture: [barringtoncoast.com.au](http://barringtoncoast.com.au)

war challenges.

The day also features a variety of market stalls offering Scottish goods and food to fuel your festival adventure. Best of all, it's an affordable outing – with a \$5 entry fee for those over 12, it's a fantastic day out for families and friends alike.

On Sunday, 1 June, the fun continues with a Scottish Concert at Wingham Services Club. This intimate event will showcase local talent and give everyone a chance to unwind after a lively weekend.

This year's festival honours Clan Johnston/e as the Clan

of Honour, celebrating their contribution to the local Scottish community. The festival, hosted by the Manning Valley Historical Society, has been a favourite in the region for over 20 years.

For further information, visit the official website at [www.bonnieingham.com](http://www.bonnieingham.com).

## Saddle up for a massive raffle!

Bayside Community Fund is giving you a chance to 'neigh it forward' with a raffle to help Brisbane charity HEART, who provide horse therapy for people with disabilities.

The prizes will make you whinny with joy - there's \$30,000 up for grabs!

HEART, nestled in the stunning Bayside area, is on a mission to bring joy and well-being to young folks through horse-assisted learning programs. They make horse activities affordable and accessible for all, whether it's health-focused Horse Assisted Learning or skill-building riding and horsemanship.

HEART cares for horses, ponies, pigs, birds, and guinea



ea pigs. Among the services they offer is animal therapy to help children with conditions like autism, anxiety and mental health issues.

HEART has several volunteers from Ireland.

You can buy your raffle tickets [here](#).



## COMMUNITY RAFFLE

\$30,000 IN PRIZES TO BE WON!



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3RD PRIZE: \$2,000  
PRIZES 4-13: \$1,000



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# English Ale sees old traditions come to life

## DATES & DEETS

17 MAY  
Mylor SA  
[theenglishale.org](http://theenglishale.org)

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure at the English Ale in Mylor, South Australia, on Saturday, 17 May.

Nestled in the stunning Adelaide Hills, this magical celebration brings the ancient customs and lively traditions of Britain to life, creating an enchanting atmosphere that captures the spirit of autumn.

The festival transforms Mylor into a realm of myth and merriment, where visitors are invited to step into a world full of music, dance, and spectacle. From the lively Morris dancers to the towering giants and mischievous hobby horses, there's no shortage of captivating performances. The excitement continues with the appearance of guisers and the chance to join in the torchlight procession, which leads the crowd to the heart of the festival – the bonfire. And don't forget the magic of dressing up. Whether you're channelling a greenman, fae, Viking, or wizard, everyone is encouraged to embrace their inner mythical creature and be part of the spectacle.

As you explore the festival, you'll find plenty to fuel both your body and spirit. Delicious food vendors offer a variety of tasty bites, while the Aussie Cider Bar and Spier and Wright Whisky Bar will keep your glass topped up with something special. The artisan craft market invites you to browse local treasures, adding a touch of creativity to the festivities.

Throughout the day, you'll be treated to an array of live performances, from soulful



The English Ale brings British traditions to the Adelaide Hills. Pictures show the burning of the wickerman, above, the Mari Lywd, and Preston's Historic Punch and Judy Show. Credit: [www.theenglishale.org](http://www.theenglishale.org)



tunes by Cal Williams Jr to the foot-stomping rhythms of the Dustbowl Chic.

The festival even offers a chance to enjoy traditional Maypole dancing, storytelling, and the whimsical antics of the Fayre Guisers Mummies Players. As the evening draws near, the festival builds to its grand finale with the fiery burning of the wickerman, a fitting end to a day filled with revelry.

The full line-up includes the artisan craft market, Spier & Wright Whisky Bar, Aussie Cider Bar, and food

trucks with a mouth-watering selection. The festival will also showcase performances by Spiral Dance, Cal Williams Jnr, Dustbowl Chic, Luker Southern, and Hot For Joe Morris dancers. Don't miss the lively tunes from Dan Burt and Dobbin, the engaging storytelling sessions, and the whimsical giants, dragons, geezers, and hobby horses. The Whisky Bar Shanty Singers will bring their sea shanties to life, while Preston's Historic Punch and Judy Show offers a dose of classic entertainment. The ALEiens



English Session Band will keep the energy high, and the Fayre Guisers Mummies Players will add some traditional flair. As the evening unfolds, Winter Amour will enchant, The Dancing Monsters will mesmerise, and the grand finale – the burning of the wickerman – will light up the night sky.

The 2025 English Ale is an experience that celebrates tradition, community, and a whole lot of fun. Don't miss your chance to join in the festivities and make memories that will last a lifetime.

# Gaeilge school hosts Lá Bealtaine festival

## DATES & DEETS

03 MAY  
Sydney NSW  
TICKETS

Irish Language School Sydney - Scoil na Gaeilge Sydney is celebrating the Celtic festival of Bealtaine this May with an impressive line-up of artists at Sydney's Gaelic Club.

The Irish Language School Sydney shared: "We will have our second annual Lá Bealtaine Festival at The Gaelic Club on Saturday, 3 May, from 2pm until midnight. It is a multicultural celebration of the influence of Celtic cultures and languages on our lives today. There will be music, dance, games and stories galore, as well as fine food and drinks!"

Performers include Harmony Steps V- Vietnamese Dance, Black Joak Morris dancers, Redfern Shanty Club, Celtic Tones, Na Peacaigh, Black and White



Celtic Tones will be among the artists performing at Lá Bealtaine festival at The Gaelic Club in Sydney. Picture: [facebook.com/CelticTones](https://www.facebook.com/CelticTones)

Puttling and many more.

A free Children's Craft Workshop to prepare for the Lá Bealtaine festival was held on Saturday, 26th April at the Gaelic Club.

Lá Bealtaine tickets available at <https://events.humanitix.com/la-bealtaine-25>



Black Joak Morris will dance at Lá Bealtaine festival at The Gaelic Club in Sydney. Picture: [facebook.com/blackjoakmorris](https://www.facebook.com/blackjoakmorris)

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Artwork by Ade Kelly

# Crowds flocking to Glen Innes for Celtic revelry

## DATES & DEETS

01 – 04 MAY  
Glen Innes NSW

[www.australiancelticfestival.com](http://www.australiancelticfestival.com)

In the heart of New England's highlands, where the standing stones rise proud against the sky, the Australian Celtic Festival returns from 1–4 May 2025. Glen Innes will come alive with the sounds, stories and spirit of Brittany, Cornwall and Wales as this year's event celebrates the Celtic connections of these storied regions. Whether you're donning a kilt, singing a sea shanty, or tracing your family roots, this four-day festival is a feast of music, dance, food and folklore – not to be missed.

Prepare for a weekend brimming with talent and tradition. Special guests from Brittany, Cornwall, and Wales will grace the stages, their melodies weaving tales of sea, stone, and song. From the hypnotic Cornish rhythms of Dalla Duo to the ethereal voice of Siobhan Owen, the festival promises a feast for the senses.

But it's not just the headliners that dazzle; local artists add their own flair to the mix. Crowd favourites like Murphy's Pigs and The Gathering will have toes tapping and



Clans on the march among the standing stones at the Australian Celtic Festival. Pictures: Anglo&Celtic

spirits soaring. And let's not forget the Irish, Cornish, and Welsh dance troupes, whose nimble feet tell stories of love, loss, and triumph.

For aspiring bards and minstrels, the busking competition beckons. Take to the streets of Glen Innes and let your talents shine.

And wee ones will have their own corner of the festival. From the Celtic Kids Marquee to the Kids Knight School, adventure awaits at

every turn.

A returning favourite is the Jousting Village, where knights clash in contests of skill and valour. Marvel at the Celtic dogs and horses on display, and cheer for your favourites in the special Celtic Dogs competition.

And for the gastronomes, the Celtic Food Trail beckons. From the humble pub to the finest restaurant, indulge in Celtic-inspired dishes that will tantalise your taste buds and

warm your soul. And don't miss the Celtic Kitchen Marquee, where culinary wizards conjure delights before your very eyes.

For those joining just for the day, ample parking awaits, and courtesy buses stand ready to whisk you away to the heart of the festivities. So come, don your kilts, and celebrate your Celtic heritage in style.

For more information, visit the official festival [website](#).



# An Irish-Aussie farewell play serving up the tea

Malvern Theatre Company is presenting a revival of John O'Donoghue's poignant play, *A Happy and Holy Occasion*, which is running until 10 May 2025. Directed by Nicholas Opolski, this production offers a heartfelt exploration of Irish-Australian family life during a pivotal moment in history.

Set in February 1942, the narrative unfolds on the eve of young Christy O'Mahon's departure to Sydney to commence his studies for the priesthood. The O'Mahon family, proud of their Irish heritage, hosts a farewell gathering filled with lamentations and sing-alongs. However, beneath the surface of this celebratory occasion lie the complexities of faith, duty, and the looming shadows of World War II.

As the evening progresses, the family confronts challenging truths, revealing the strains and resilience inherent



**A Happy and Holy Occasion.** Picture: [Lorraine Bell/facebook.com/Malvernthreatrecompany](https://www.facebook.com/Malvernthreatrecompany)

in their relationships.

The play is lauded for its rich portrayal of Irish-Australian humour and the nuanced depiction of familial bonds under pressure. Characters such as Mary O'Mahon, a romantic and dreamy figure grappling with her reality; Denny O'Mahon, her husband striving to keep the fam-

ily united; and Tocky Keating, a devout yet bitter presence, contribute to the depth and authenticity of the story.

Performances will be held at Malvern Theatre, located at 29A Burke Road, East Malvern, Victoria. Each show runs for approximately two hours, including a 20-minute interval, during which com-

## DATES & DEETS

To 10 MAY  
Malvern VIC  
[malvernthreatre.com.au](http://malvernthreatre.com.au)

plimentary tea, coffee, and biscuits will be served, with wine available for purchase.

# The Rambling House returns to Irish Club of WA

After a sold-out event in 2024, Torc Céilí Club are thrilled to be bringing The Rambling House back to the Irish Club, Subiaco, Western Australia.

The club shared: "In Ireland, the Rambling House was a winter tradition in rural areas – neighbours gathering to share tunes, dances, songs, stories and food. We are recreating that spirit here in Perth with a family-friendly event full of dancing, music and culture. We'll teach a few simple dances for the kids, mix in some faster céilís and sets, and if you've got a party piece – a song, poem, or story – we'd love for you to share it!"

Come along for a heart-warming afternoon of live music, singing, storytelling,



and dancing – just like the old days.

Here's what's to expect.

**Traditional Irish music:** Enjoy toe-tapping tunes on fiddle, flute, whistle, banjo, accordion, pipes, and bodhrán, performed by talented local musicians.

**Singing and dancing:**

Join in the craic with group singing, céilí dancing, and set dancing.

**Storytelling and poetry:** Hear captivating tales, folklore, and verses that bring Ireland's rich traditions to life.

**A welcoming atmosphere:** Connect with friends old and

## DATES & DEETS

25 MAY  
Irish Club, Subiaco WA  
[TICKETS](#)

new in a warm and lively setting.

Do you sing, play, dance, or tell a good tale? The Rambling House is a space for everyone to share their talents. Let the organisers know if you'd like to take part!

Drinks will be available from the bar. Tea, coffee, and sweet treats will be provided for all. BYO snacks.

It's happening on Sunday, 25 May from 2pm to 5pm at the Irish Club Western Australia, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco WA 6008.

# Ned Kelly returns in new web experience

## DATES & DEETS

UNTIL 31 DEC 2026  
ONLINE

Artefacts belonging to Australia's most notorious bushranger, Ned Kelly, can now be seen in near forensic detail in *Mouthful of Dust*, an interactive web experience presented by State Library Victoria.

*Mouthful of Dust* showcases 3D scans of the armour, rifle, boot, death mask and Jerilderie Letter, enabling users to examine the items in stunning detail. Viewers can travel inside the suit of armour and look out through Ned's helmet; or see Ned's engravings on the rifle butt, including a dedication to his father Red Kelly – a convict from County Tipperary.

Leading Victorian writers, including Sarah Krasnostein and Grace Chan, have produced new short works inspired by the 3D scans, adding fresh perspectives and interpretations of Ned Kelly's story, as well as the role of the Library, and to a certain degree, Australia's colonial past. The new writings and their recordings, voiced by the writers themselves, accompany the 3D scans, which viewers can interact with or enjoy as stunning short films.

Almost 5,000 photographs of the items were used to generate the 3D representations through a process called photogrammetry, which analyses the similarities between photographs taken from different perspectives. The result is an experience of the objects that would be otherwise impossible – parts of the Kelly collection are on permanent display at the Library and housed under strict preservation settings to



Ned Kelly's armour. Credit: State Library Victoria

ensure their survival.

Responding to spatial photography of the rifle, Sarah Krasnostein writes: 'When taking aim, Ned steadied the stock's brass plate near his accelerating heart, the metal warmed by fear and rage. Zoom in on the exterior until it yields and you find yourself, suddenly, inside the stock, shot through the rusted artery of the barrel back through time.'

Edward 'Ned' Kelly, born to Irish parents in Victoria in 1854 – the same year the Library was established – is an icon of Australian history, culture and identity. His troubled story and defiant words continue to divide, provoke and inspire. His short life was a series of crises and his story remains intertwined with the Library. The crude suit of armour, rifle and the Jerilderie Letter are among the Library's most famous collection items. Kelly

was sentenced to hang by Library founder and Irishman, Cork-born Sir Redmond Barry, at the old court across from the Library on La Trobe Street. Kelly's armour is now exhibited in the Redmond Barry Reading Room. The title of the web experience, *Mouthful of Dust*, are words from the Jerilderie Letter and evoke the dust in which Kelly, his collaborators and enemies now rest, as well as the power of words which allow this story to live on.

State Library Victoria CEO Paul Duldig said: "Ned Kelly has long been a source of inspiration for Australian authors and artists. *Mouthful of Dust* continues that tradition with a diverse group of award-winning writers commissioned to produce new imaginative perspectives on one of the most well-known and divisive figures in Australian history. The Kelly collection is very popular with our

users, and these incredible 3D scans provide never-before-seen access inside these incredible artefacts."

State Library Victoria Chief Digital Officer Paula Bray said: "*Mouthful of Dust* is a visually rich and interactive experience, and a key example of how leading-edge technology can breathe new life into historic collection items. When Ned Kelly's armour was taken off display for relocation to the Redmond Barry Reading Room, we took the rare opportunity to conduct photogrammetry scans of the items. The scans allow any user – researchers, creatives and the public – to explore the collection in ways which would never have been possible before."

*Mouthful of Dust* launched last month and features new writings from Sarah Krasnostein, Nam Le, Grace Chan, Wesley Enoch and Cameron Hurst of The Paris End.



Rochester Sweeps Festival in England. Picture: [Medway Council](#)



A May altar in an Irish home. Picture: [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)



An 'obby' oss captures a passing maiden during the Padstow May-day festival in Cornwall. Picture: [Wikimedia Commons](#)

# May Day celebrations taking to the streets

May has long been a month of vibrant celebrations in Britain and Ireland, blending ancient customs with Christian influences to usher in summer.

On May 1st, communities celebrate Beltane, an ancient Celtic festival. Originating from the Gaelic tradition, "Beltane" translates to "bright fire," symbolising warmth and fertility. Festivities commence at midnight on April 30th in towns like Padstow, Cornwall, where the 'Obby 'Oss festival features processions of hobby horses, music, and dancing, culminating in a vibrant celebration of life and community.

Traditional customs include lighting bonfires and driving cattle between them, a practice believed to purify and protect livestock for the coming year. While some of these ancient rites have faded, modern observances often feature Maypole dancing, crowning a May Queen, and various community gatherings that honour the season's fertility and abundance.

Rochester hosts the Sweeps



A Corpus Christi Procession in Cork City, Ireland. The celebration sees the Eucharist brought through the streets and it typically takes place in May. Picture: [Turnerscross.com](http://Turnerscross.com)

Festival, one of the UK's largest May Day celebrations. The festival commemorates the traditional holiday of chimney sweeps, featuring a vibrant line-up of folk music and dance performances. Activities include Morris dancing, live music, and the iconic Jack-in-the-Green procession, where a performer covered in greenery symbolises the spirit of summer.

Concurrently, May holds special significance in Christian communities as the month dedicated to the Virgin

Mary. A cherished tradition involves creating May altars – decorative shrines adorned with flowers, candles, and images of Mary. These altars serve as focal points for daily prayers and reflections, fostering a deeper spiritual connection during the Marian month.

The practice of honouring Mary in May is deeply rooted in European history, with numerous Marian shrines attracting pilgrims seeking solace and devotion. Notable sites include Walsingham in

England, where the Slipper Chapel houses a replica of the Holy House of Loreto, and Knock Shrine in Ireland, renowned for reported apparitions of Mary.

Following closely, the Feast of Corpus Christi is observed, typically falling in late May. Established in the 13th century, this feast honours the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. It often involves processions through towns and villages, where the consecrated host is displayed in a monstrance. These processions are accompanied by hymns and prayers. In some areas, the celebrations include decorating streets with flowers and creating elaborate altars, blending local customs with religious observance.

Over centuries, these May traditions have undergone transformations, intertwining pagan and Christian practices. Many communities continue to celebrate May Day and Marian devotions, reflecting a rich tapestry of cultural and religious heritage.

## Festivals



### BERRY CELTIC FESTIVAL

Street parade, pipe bands, jousting, highland dancing, Celtic music, re-enactments .

Berry NSW

24 MAY



### MCLEISH ESTATE VINTAGE FESTIVAL

Menu featuring wild venison and seafood paella, live music, grape-stomping, and barrel-rolling.

Pokolbin NSW

24 MAY



### SA MEDIEVAL FAIR

Live medieval combat, archery, historical re-enactments, market stalls, family activities. Dress in period attire.

Paracombe SA

03 & 04 MAY



### BONNIE WINGHAM SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

Highland games, pipe bands, Scottish dancing, Jacobite re-enactments, markets, food stalls.

Wingham NSW

31 MAY



### THE GREAT TRENTHAM SPUD FEST

Food stalls, live music, kids' activities, history tours, and local produce markets.

Trentham VIC

03 & 04 MAY

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### AUSTRALIAN CELTIC FESTIVAL

Glen Innes NSW

33rd Australian Celtic Festival celebrating the cultures of Brittany, Cornwall, and Wales. The festival features music, dance, art, and heritage at the Australian Standing Stones.

01 - 04 MAY



01 MAY  
Australian Celtic Festival (to 04 MAY)  
Glen Innes NSW  
Gilbert O'Sullivan  
Melbourne VIC  
Chris de Burgh  
Melbourne VIC  
Daoiri Farrell  
Upwey VIC  
A Happy & Holy Occasion (to 10 MAY)  
Malvern East VIC  
[malverntheatre.com.au](http://malverntheatre.com.au)  
Ed Gamble  
Brisbane QLD

02 MAY  
The Songs of Elton John and George Michael  
Shoalhaven NSW  
New Model Army  
Brisbane QLD  
Gilbert O'Sullivan  
Twin Towns NSW  
Daoiri Farrell  
Adelaide SA  
Jimeoin  
Mackay QLD  
Darling Downs Irish Club April Members Night  
Toowoomba QLD

03 MAY  
The Songs of Elton John and George Michael  
Sydney NSW  
Lloyd Griffith  
Sydney NSW  
Running in the Shadows  
Fleetwood Mac Show  
West Gosford NSW  
Gypsy The Australian Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show  
Strathdale VIC  
Rewind UK Dance Reunion  
Brisbane QLD  
New Model Army  
Melbourne VIC  
Chris de Burgh  
Brisbane QLD  
Daoiri Farrell  
Irish Club of WA, Subiaco WA  
Irish Language School Sydney

La Bealtaine festival at The Gaelic Club  
Sydney NSW  
SA Medieval Fair (& 04 MAY)  
Paracombe SA  
Gumeracha Medieval and Rare Trades Festival (& 04 MAY)  
Gumeracha SA  
Southern Samhain Ball  
Loganholme QLD  
The Great Trentham Spudfest  
Trentham VIC  
Southern Samhain Ball  
Loganholme QLD

04 MAY  
Gilbert O'Sullivan  
Sydney NSW  
Chris de Burgh  
Gold Coast QLD  
Daoiri Farrell  
The Irish Club of WA, Subiaco WA  
Fremantle Highland Championships  
Fremantle WA  
Auld Lang Syne - Try Scottish Dance  
Mitcham SA  
New Model Army  
Sydney NSW

05 MAY  
Myles Smith  
Melbourne VIC

06 MAY  
The Blow Monkeys \*CAN-CELLED\*  
Perth WA  
Gilbert O'Sullivan  
Canberra ACT  
Myles Smith  
Melbourne VIC

07 MAY  
Chris de Burgh  
Sydney NSW  
Pádraig Ó Tuama returns to Poetica!  
Surry Hills NSW

08 MAY  
The Blow Monkeys \*CAN-CELLED\*  
Adelaide SA  
Chris de Burgh  
Sydney NSW

09 MAY  
Seventh Wonder (Fleetwood Mac tribute)  
Gosford NSW  
The Songs of Elton John and George Michael  
Melbourne VIC  
Myles Smith  
Melbourne VIC  
Chris Lake  
Melbourne VIC  
New Model Army  
Adelaide SA  
Dan McCabe  
Brisbane QLD  
Jimeoin  
Rooty Hill NSW  
Australian Historical Dance  
The Brisbane Quadrille - Lively dances from 1884  
Brisbane  
Samford Village QLD

10 MAY  
Seventh Wonder (Fleetwood Mac tribute)  
Port Macquarie NSW  
The Songs of Elton John and George Michael  
Melbourne VIC  
The Blow Monkeys \*CAN-CELLED\*  
Adelaide SA  
Jeff Green  
Brisbane QLD  
Chris Lake  
Sydney NSW  
New Model Army  
Perth WA  
Dan McCabe  
Sydney NSW  
Jimeoin  
Sydney NSW  
Paddy's Irish Bush Dance  
Macclesfield SA  
Darkness into Light walks  
New Farm QLD, Cronulla NSW, South Perth WA, Bondi Beach

NSW  
QLD Rose of Tralee Selection  
Brisbane QLD  
Chieftain's Ceilidh  
Yokine WA  
Pipe Bands Qld St Andrew's Gathering  
Fairfield QLD

11 MAY  
Mother's Day Nationwide  
The Songs of Elton John and George Michael  
Melbourne VIC  
Jeff Green  
Brisbane QLD  
Chris de Burgh  
Perth WA

12 MAY  
Copper Coast Cornish Festival (to 18 MAY)  
Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo SA  
Myles Smith  
Brisbane QLD

13 MAY  
The Longest Johns  
Perth WA  
Myles Smith  
Brisbane QLD  
Good Neighbours  
Melbourne VIC

14 MAY  
The Blow Monkeys \*CAN-CELLED\*  
Brisbane QLD

15 MAY  
The Longest Johns  
Adelaide SA  
The Blow Monkeys \*CAN-CELLED\*  
Sydney NSW  
Good Neighbours  
Sydney NSW  
British Cornish Meet the Member at Plantagenet Wines'  
Samson Cellar  
Perth WA

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# GIGS & REELS

English Scottish Irish Welsh Celtic Other events



## KERNEWEK LOWENDER

Copper Coast SA

Kadina, Moonta, and Wallaroo will celebrate the world's largest Cornish festival outside Cornwall. Features over 60 events, including maypole dancing, Cornish pasty baking, classic cars.

12 - 18 MAY

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16 MAY

The Longest Johns Melbourne VIC  
The Songs of Elton John and George Michael Brisbane QLD  
The Blow Monkeys \*CANCELLED\*  
St Kilda VIC Roachford  
Fremantle WA  
Good Neighbours Brisbane QLD  
Dan McCabe Perth WA  
The U2 Show Achtung Baby - THE DESIRE TOUR - U2's Greatest Hits Newcastle NSW  
Jimeoin Adelaide SA  
Enya Martin Sydney NSW

17 MAY

World Whisky Day  
The Longest Johns Brisbane QLD  
The Songs of Elton John and George Michael Coolangatta QLD  
Roachford Adelaide SA  
Dan McCabe Melbourne VIC  
The U2 Show Achtung Baby - THE DESIRE TOUR - U2's Greatest Hits Sydney NSW  
Victorian Pipe Band Championship Maryborough VIC  
Clan Campbell Scottish Dinner & Ceilidh Spring Hill QLD  
Scots on The Rocks' Chaotic Ceilidh Sydney NSW  
Bobbie Burns Dinner Rutherglen VIC  
Sydney Rose of Tralee Selection Sydney NSW

18 MAY

Celtic Junior Games Auchenflower QLD  
Good Neighbours Perth WA  
An Gorta Mor Famine Commemoration Subiaco WA

19 MAY

The Longest Johns Sydney NSW  
Sydney Writer's Festival (to 27 May) Sydney NSW

20 MAY

Jimeoin (to 25 MAY) Brisbane QLD

21 MAY

Tech Central: An exclusive in-conversation with Mike Cannon-Brookes Haymarket NSW

22 MAY

Letz Zep Penrith NSW  
British Chamber A Wine Tasting with National Storage & Wine Ark Brisbane QLD

23 MAY

Letz Zep Sydney NSW  
The Songs of Elton John and George Michael Shepparton VIC  
Roachford Melbourne VIC  
1770 Festival Town of 1770 QLD  
Sydney Fleadh hosted by Comhaltas Sydney (to 25 MAY) Sydney NSW

24 MAY

Berry Celtic Festival Berry NSW

Australian Celtic Women Wamuran QLD

Letz Zep Thirroul NSW  
The Songs of Elton John and George Michael Albury VIC  
Roachford Sydney NSW  
Gypsy The Australian Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show Hoppers Crossing VIC  
BritishMania - Greatest Hits of the 60s & 70s Mandurah WA  
Caledonian Debutante Ball Warwick QLD  
McLeish Estate Vintage Festival Pokolbin NSW  
Scottish Dancing Association of Australia 70th Anniversary Ceilidh Campbelltown NSW  
Society of St Andrew of Scotland, Darling Downs Branch Afternoon Tea Toowoomba QLD  
Male Choirs Association of Australia Festival (to 25 MAY) Adelaide SA

25 MAY

Letz Zep Tweed Heads NSW  
Roachford Brisbane QLD  
The Rambling House at Irish Club of WA Subiaco WA  
Gaelic Park National Day Keysborough VIC

27 MAY

Letz Zep Brisbane QLD  
Bradley Simpson Melbourne VIC

28 MAY

British Chamber Virtual Meet the Member Online

29 MAY

Alison Moyet Brisbane QLD  
Letz Zep Adelaide SA  
Bradley Simpson Brisbane QLD

30 MAY

Letz Zep Melbourne VIC  
The Songs of Elton John and George Michael Sutherland NSW  
Bradley Simpson Sydney NSW  
Jimeoin Kwinana WA  
Darling Downs Irish Club May Members Night Toowoomba QLD  
Bastille Festival (to 01 JUN) Adelaide SA

31 MAY

Seventh Wonder (Fleetwood Mac tribute) Ipswich QLD  
Alison Moyet Sydney NSW  
Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival Wingham NSW  
Brunswick Scottish Society & Scottish Clans Highland Ball Brunswick VIC  
Pipe Bands Qld Ipswich Competition Ipswich QLD  
Letz Zep Melbourne VIC  
The Songs of Elton John and George Michael Newcastle NSW  
Baggy Trousers - The Sound of Madness Brisbane QLD  
Jimeoin Perth WA

## Tours

### CHRIS DE BURGH

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



### ALISON MOYET

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



### MYLES SMITH

05 MAY Melbourne VIC  
06 MAY Sydney NSW  
08 MAY Brisbane QLD  
10 MAY Perth WA



### ROACHFORD

16 MAY Fremantle WA  
17 MAY Adelaide SA  
23 MAY Melbourne VIC  
24 MAY Sydney NSW  
25 MAY Brisbane QLD



### GILBERT O'SULLIVAN

01 MAY Melbourne VIC  
02 MAY Twin Tns NSW  
04 MAY Sydney NSW  
06 MAY Canberra ACT



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# GIGS & REELS

UPCOMING TOURS & FESTIVALS



Soft Cell performing at Brisbane's Fortitude Valley Music Hall in April. Picture: Anglo&Celtic

## JUNE

**Tours:**

Alison Moyet  
Jimeoin  
Inhaler  
Supergrass  
Foil Arms and Hog  
Torvill & Dean  
Palace  
Central Cee

**Festivals:**

Robert Burns Celtic Festival VIC  
Queensland State Pipe Band Championships  
Celtic Junior Games QLD  
National Celtic Folk Festival VIC  
Barossa Winter Flame Festival SA  
Mornington Peninsula Choral Festival VIC  
Bloomsday  
RISING Melbourne  
The Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular QLD  
Winter Solstice  
British & Irish Lions Tour

## JULY

**Tours:**

Jimeoin  
Ben Portsmouth This Is Elvis  
Absolute Bowie  
10cc  
Herman's Hermits  
EMF  
Antarctic Monkeys  
James May  
Palace

**Festivals:**

Winterfest Sydney Medieval Fair NSW  
Aberdeen Highland Games NSW  
Medieval Festival at The Abbey QLD  
Mackay Bluewater Fling QLD  
International Tartan Day

## AUGUST

**Tours:**

10cc  
EMF  
The Mersey Beatles

Antarctic Monkeys  
Herman's Hermits  
James May  
Bloc Party

**Festivals:**

Newcastle Medieval Festival NSW  
Tasmanian Whisky Week 2025

## SEPTEMBER

**Tours:**

Herman's Hermits  
The Wombats  
The High Kings  
Smokie  
The Mary Wallopers  
The Wombats

**Festivals:**

Belfast International Tattoo  
Australian Highland Dancing Festival NSW  
Mary Poppins Festival QLD

## OCTOBER

**Tours:**

Smokie  
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Oasis  
The Wombats  
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Rob Beckett  
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# Jimmy Carr brings funny laugh and dark comedy

If you like fast-paced, edgy one-liners then get ready to be happy... one of the world's best-loved comedians, Jimmy Carr, is back on tour with a brand-new show Jimmy Carr: Laughs Funny and it's coming to Australia in 2026.

Jimmy Carr: Laughs Funny will kick off in Caloundra on Wednesday, 25 February before finishing in Melbourne on Thursday, 7 May.

'Jimmy tells jokes, and jokes are like magnets. Jokes attract some people, but they can also repel. Some people are repelled by Jimmy's dark brand of comedy. This show is not for them. But if it's the kind of thing you like, then this is the kind of thing you'll like.'

'A household name in the UK and one of the biggest selling comedians in the world, Jimmy consistently performs to capacity crowds around the globe. His last tour, Terribly Funny, was seen by over 1.2 million people in 45 different countries, as far as we know, making it the biggest international stand-up tour ever.'



## TOUR DATES

25 FEB Caloundra QLD  
 27 FEB Gold Coast QLD  
 28 FEB Gold Coast QLD  
 02 MAR Canberra ACT  
 03 MAR Canberra ACT  
 04 MAR Bendigo VIC  
 05 MAR Geelong VIC  
 06 MAR Geelong VIC  
 07 MAR Wollongong NSW  
 10 MAR Tamworth NSW  
 11 MAR Newcastle NSW  
 13 MAR Sydney NSW  
 14 MAR Sydney NSW  
 17 MAR Ballarat VIC  
 18 MAR Ballarat VIC  
 15 APR Hobart TAS  
 17 APR Adelaide SA  
 21 APR Perth WA  
 23 APR Darwin NT  
 26 APR Cairns QLD  
 28 APR Townsville QLD  
 29 APR Rockhampton QLD  
 30 APR Mackay QLD  
 01 MAY Brisbane QLD  
 05 MAY Sydney NSW  
 06 MAY Melbourne VIC  
 07 MAY Melbourne VIC

Tickets are now on sale from [bohmpresents.com](http://bohmpresents.com).

## Nocturnal and loud Wombats roam Australia

Chart-topping, platinum-selling indie heroes The Wombats are set to return to their home away from home, Australia, in September 2025.

Set to light up stages at headline shows in Adelaide, Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney, the band will also make an appearance at SummerSalt Festival in regional areas. The Wombats' latest album, Oh! The Ocean, trembles with the confessional emotional honesty that makes the Liverpool band's music as cathartic and relatable as it is catchy and playful, to their growing young fan-base.



Since they emerged as leading lights of the late-'00s indie rock scene with 2007 debut A Guide to Love, Loss & Desperation, front-man Murph, bassist Tord Øverland Knudsen and drummer Dan Haggis have

maintained an incredible upward momentum.

Oh! The Ocean is the band's most sonically adventurous albums yet and is the result of the three-piece taking 50 new songs to Echo

## TOUR DATES

20 SEP Torquay VIC  
 21 SEP Adelaide SA  
 24 SEP Melbourne VIC  
 26 SEP Brisbane QLD  
 27 SEP Tamborine QLD  
 28 SEP Lake Macquarie NSW  
 01 OCT Sydney NSW  
 04 OCT Fremantle WA

Park, LA, in July 2024 for six weeks of sessions with new producer John Congleton.

More details and ticket links are available from [Secret Sounds](http://Secret Sounds).

# Mulvey setting stage for Dark Harvest tour

Acclaimed UK musician, composer, and producer Nick Mulvey will bring his Dark Harvest World Tour to Australia in February 2026. Known for his intricate guitar work, poetic lyricism, and deeply immersive live performances, Mulvey was last down under three years ago. On this visit he'll perform four exclusive headline shows in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and Perth – delivering a profound live experience that resonates long after the last note.

From his early studies in ethnomusicology to his time in Havana and his role in co-founding the Mercury-nominated Portico Quartet, Mulvey's career has always been about exploration – both of sound and spirit. His debut solo album, *First Mind* (2014), earned critical acclaim and a Mercury Prize nomination, while his follow-up, *Wake Up Now* (2017), expanded his artistic scope. His 2022 album *New Mythology* delved further into the spiritual and mythic dimensions of song craft, leading naturally to his latest



and fourth studio release: *Dark Harvest* (Pt. 1), out June 6. Today also marks the release of the record's first single, *Radical Tenderness*.

This record sees him working alongside a cast of world-class collaborators, including the legendary producer Jimmy Hogarth (Amy Winehouse, Paolo Nutini),

the boundary-pushing Leo Abrahams (Brian Eno, Jon Hopkins), and the globally renowned Parisi Brothers (Ed Sheeran, Fred Again).

The *Dark Harvest World Tour* will bring these powerful new songs to fans across the globe, kicking off with UK tour in June, Ireland in September, across Europe this

## TOUR DATES

18 FEB Brisbane QLD  
20 FEB Sydney NSW  
21 FEB Melbourne VIC  
23 FEB Perth WA

October, North America in November, and finally onto Australia in summer 2026, offering a deeply personal, moving live show. Onstage, Mulvey's journey has previously taken him from sell-out European and US solo tours to The Pyramid stage at Glastonbury and London's The Royal Albert Hall and Hammersmith Apollo.

Tickets for the February 2026 shows are on sale via [frontiertouring.com/nickmulvey](https://frontiertouring.com/nickmulvey). Through his evocative songs, Mulvey seamlessly blends the sacred and the everyday, drawing comparisons to legends such as Leonard Cohen and Nick Drake. With his profound ability to create a sense of unity and belonging, Nick Mulvey's performances leave audiences with an experience that is felt as much as it is heard.

## Heartfelt tribute to the legendary George Michael

ARIA Award-winning singer-songwriter Andrew De Silva presents a heartfelt tribute to the legendary George Michael, showcasing the musicality and showmanship that established George as an iconic figure of the '80s.

As a leading member of CBD and the front-man of Boom Crash Opera, Andrew, alongside Australia's top musicians, takes audiences on a journey through George's illustrious career – from the Wham! days to his untimely passing in 2016.

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## TOUR DATES

03 MAY  
Castle Hill RSL, NSW

Abstract Touring, don't miss this unforgettable George Michael Experience as Andrew brings to life all of George's greatest hits, including *Careless Whisper*, *Faith*, *Fastlove*, *Father Figure*, *Freedom*, and many more, in a show that will leave you wanting more!

More info at [Abstract Touring](https://AbstractTouring.com).



# It wasn't So Long Forever as Palace returning to Oz

Following their sold-out 2024 UK and European tour, Palace are set to return to Australia in June.

Kicking off the year with momentum, the band recently released their atmospheric new single, Greyhound. Drenched in reverb and featuring Leo Wyndham's enchanting vocals, the track marks a new chapter for the band as they release it under their own label, Palace Presents.

Palace are no stranger to Australian audiences, having played sold-out headline shows in 2022 and 2023, along with an unforgettable performance at Splendour in the Grass.

For their upcoming Australian tour, Palace will perform at Sydney's Enmore



Theatre on Wednesday, June 25. The tour will then continue through Brisbane, Melbourne, and Adelaide, wrapping up in Fremantle on Tuesday, July 1.

Palace are Leo Wyndham,

Matt Hodges and Rupert Turner.

Leo, guitarist Rupert Turner and drummer Matt Hodges began playing together in 2012 after fate had brought them all separately to Lon-

## TOUR DATES

25 JUN Sydney NSW  
26 JUN Brisbane QLD  
28 JUN Melbourne VIC  
29 JUN Adelaide SA  
01 JUL Fremantle WA

don. The childhood friends released their acclaimed debut EP *Lost In The Night* in 2014, followed by the *Chase The Light* EP the year after. With four albums under their belt, *So Long Forever*, *Life After*, 2022's *Shoals* and last year's *Ultrasound*, the band have acquired a loyal fan-base across the world.

Tickets and more information at [wearepalace.com](http://wearepalace.com) and [livenation.com.au](http://livenation.com.au)



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#### FRIDAY

Location still being decided upon due to the closure of The Quiet Man

Plan is still to meet for a 6pm dinner with dancing 8-10pm

#### SATURDAY

St Martin De Porres, Avondale Heights.

9am

warm up + intro for beginners  
With Matt Harriage

9.30am to 1pm  
Workshops with Pat Murphy

2pm to 4.15pm  
Workshop with Pat Murphy

7.30pm to 11pm  
Cells with the Melbourne Comhaltas band

#### SUNDAY

St Martin De Porres, Avondale Heights.

10am to 1pm  
Workshops with Pat Murphy

2pm to 4pm  
Cells with the Melbourne Comhaltas band

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon teas provided!

#### Presenting Guest Teacher – Pat Murphy

This year, the great Pat Murphy joins us to present a fantastic weekend of set dancing! Growing up in Upperchurch, County Tipperary, Pat's dancing connection began by learning to play music from his father Jack, who spent much of his life playing for house dances. In the early 1980's, Pat was first invited to teach the sets at a local club, and soon found himself teaching a few weekly classes in Dublin and neighbouring Kildare. As time went by, he was invited to teach at weekends in other parts of Ireland. This was the start of a life as a travelling set dance teacher. His travels since then, over nearly 40 years, have taken him to every county in Ireland, most countries in Mainland Europe, as well as many trips to America, Canada, Australia and Japan. In 1994, Pat wrote his first book on Irish Set Dancing. His book, 'Toss the Feathers, Irish set dancing (1995)', contains 64 dances and became the first standard reference book for set dancers. As many shared their dances with Pat, other books followed and his six books now form the reference of Irish set, céili and couple dances. Join us in May to welcome the man who literally wrote the books on set dancing.

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\$40 Sunday only  
\$30 Sunday workshops  
\$20 Sunday afternoon celli

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#### BOOKINGS <https://forms.gle/5gsfdU4Vm67XJhUB9>

Online bookings are preferred but door entry will also be available.

Have a question or need help booking?

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Phone: Mary McBride (03) 9435 4435



# Dr Rachel Toles brings killer show to Australia

Get ready for a thrilling journey into the darkest recesses of the human mind as *The Psychology of Serial Killers* arrives in Australia in 2025. Hosted by renowned forensic psychologist Dr Rachel Toles, this gripping live event will explore the shocking realities of serial killers and the psychology that drives them.

Over the course of an electrifying 90-minute master-class, Dr Toles will unveil the terrifying truths behind the world's most notorious murderers, addressing questions that have fascinated and horrified true crime fans for decades:

What makes a serial killer?  
What compels them to kill again and again?



Rachel Toles on stage. Picture: Leigha Smith

How do they choose their victims?  
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obsessed with true crime?  
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## TOUR DATES

22 MAY Adelaide SA  
25 MAY Canberra ACT  
28 MAY Sydney NSW  
29 MAY Perth WA  
31 MAY Melbourne VIC  
01 JUN Brisbane QLD

insights, Dr Toles will shed light on the minds of history's most infamous killers, their motives, and the unsettling phenomenon of serial killer fandom.

This unmissable event is a must for true-crime enthusiasts and anyone intrigued by the complexities of criminal psychology. Visit [www.tegdainty.com](http://www.tegdainty.com) for tickets.

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## Enya Martin brings laughs to Sydney

Enya Martin (Ireland) is coming to Sydney to perform her first ever show in Australia!

Her new show, 'Is it just me?', is Enya's search for answers: Is it just my relationship that's like this? Was it just my upbringing that was like this? Is it just me who experiences this on holiday?!

And finally, where she gets most of her inspiration, 'am I the only one who has friends like this...on and offline?!'

Enya Martin takes to the stage on Friday, May 16 at The Comedy Store Too.

Tickets and further information from [Troubadour Presents](http://TroubadourPresents.com).

# Literary giants tell stories in Melbourne and Sydney

## DATES & DEETS

08 - 11 MAY  
Melbourne VIC  
[mwf.com.au](http://mwf.com.au)

19 - 25 MAY  
Sydney NSW  
[swf.org.au](http://swf.org.au)

The Melbourne Writers Festival 2025 and the Sydney Writers' Festival 2025 take place this month, with several prominent British and Irish authors appearing across the two programs.

At Melbourne Writers Festival, Irish literary titan Colm Tóibín will appear, bringing his mastery of historical fiction and contemporary themes to the stage. Known for *Brooklyn* and *The Magician*, Tóibín's session is expected to be a standout, particularly for fans of finely crafted Irish storytelling. Also appearing in Melbourne is Colum McCann, who will be in Australia to promote his new novel *Twist* – his first visit in 25 years. McCann is scheduled to feature at sever-



Melbourne Writers' Festival. Picture: [facebook.com/MelbourneWritersFestival](https://facebook.com/MelbourneWritersFestival)

al literary events nationwide, with the Melbourne Writers Festival among them.

Scottish writer Douglas Stuart, author of the Booker Prize-winning *Shuggie Bain*, will also take part in the Melbourne Writers Festival, sharing insights into his powerful debut and his Glaswegian roots.

Both in Melbourne and at

the Sydney Writers' Festival, beloved Irish novelist Marian Keyes will bring her signature mix of warmth and wit to the program. With global best-sellers like *Rachel's Holiday* and *Again*, Rachel, Keyes remains a cherished voice in contemporary fiction. Also at Sydney, Jeanette Winterson will mark 40 years since the release of her landmark

novel *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*, and Booker Prize winner Samantha Harvey will appear to discuss her acclaimed literary work.

Staying in Sydney, Colm Tóibín is scheduled to participate in discussions, including *Making a Writer*, where he will explore the state of literature alongside other prominent authors.

## Irish author Marian Keyes to speak at QPAC

The queen of genre-defying fiction, Marian Keyes, takes to the QPAC stage in Brisbane on Tuesday, May 13, to share stories from her early days to becoming a multi-million copy best-selling author. Reflecting on love, mistakes, resilience, and embracing new chapters at 60, she'll offer insights with her signature warmth and wit.

Celebrating the paperback release of *My Favourite Mistake*, Marian unpacks lost sparks, old flames, and mid-life reinvention. With laughter, heartfelt moments,

### TOUR DATES

11 MAY Melbourne VIC  
13 MAY Brisbane QLD  
21 MAY Sydney NSW

and inspiring storytelling, join one of fiction's most beloved voices for an unforgettable evening.

Marian will also be at the Sydney Writers' Festival on May 21. Marian is also part of the Melbourne Writers' Festival at a Mother's Day [event](#) on May 11.





The British & Irish Lions coach Andy Farrell with the team's new jersey. Picture: [www.lionsrugby.com](http://www.lionsrugby.com)

# The British & Irish Lions set for historic match

The British & Irish Lions will play an historic game against a First Nations & Pasifika XV at Melbourne's Marvel Stadium on Tuesday, July 22.

The latest addition to the 2025 Tour represents the very first time a First Nations & Pasifika team has been assembled.

The Lions are also playing all four Super Rugby Pacific clubs throughout the Qatar Airways British & Irish Lions Men's Tour.

And it can also be revealed that former All Blacks coach Ian Foster will lead the AUNZ Invitational XV against Andy Farrell's Lions in Adelaide – with the Tour culminating in the Three Test Series against Joe Schmidt's Wallabies.

"It is fantastic to confirm the match schedule for the 2025 Tour with the added fixture against a First Nations & Pasifika XV at Melbourne's Marvel Stadium – a game

that everyone at the Lions is hugely excited about. Alongside Rugby Australia we are set to welcome more than half a million fans at games in 2025 for what will be an amazing spectacle in one of the greatest sporting countries in the world", said Ben Calveley, CEO of The British & Irish Lions.

The opening Test between the Wallabies and the Lions at Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium takes place on July 19, where the initial ticket allocation was sold in just 60 minutes last year.

Melbourne's MCG will host the second Test where supporters will have the opportunity to be part of the largest ever crowd for a Lions Test, with the iconic venue capable of hosting more than 100,000 spectators, which would surpass the current Lions Test record attendance of 84,188 at Accor Stadium

in 2001. Sydney's Accor Stadium is set to be the setting for another potential decider between the two sides, with both previous Series going down to the wire, with the Wallabies winning 2-1 in 2001, before the Lions squared the ledger in 2013.

At the announcement, Phil Waugh, CEO of Rugby Australia, said: "With just 100 days to go until the first match, it's certainly not far away and whether you're a lifelong Rugby supporter, a general sports fan or someone who loves live events, this Tour is something you must be a part of. We're also thrilled to be able to confirm the First Nations & Pasifika XV match in Melbourne, which will be a great celebration of those who continue to contribute enormously to the Australian Rugby community."

Tickets from [Ticketek](http://Ticketek).

## TOUR DATES

28 JUN Lions v Western Force  
Perth WA  
02 JUL Lions v Queensland Reds  
Brisbane QLD  
05 JUL Lions v NSW Waratahs  
Sydney NSW  
09 JUL Lions v ACT Brumbies  
Canberra ACT  
12 JUL Lions v Invitational Australia  
& New Zealand  
Adelaide SA  
19 JUL Lions v Wallabies  
Brisbane QLD  
22 JUL Lions v First Nations &  
Pasifika XV  
Melbourne VIC  
26 JUL Lions v Wallabies  
Melbourne VIC  
02 AUG Lions v Wallabies  
Sydney NSW

Tickets from [Ticketek](http://Ticketek)

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