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Zena Armstrong

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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Please do not attend the Festival if you are unwell.
- This is a smoke-free event. Smoking is only permitted in the designated smoking area - see map p36.
- Please do not bring illegal substances into the Festival site.
- No glass on Festival site.
- Be considerate and turn off your mobile during concerts.
- We are aiming to minimise waste at this event. Where possible please sort your rubbish and take tip waste home with you for disposal.
- Please be mindful of others in camping areas.
- Campsites are allocated on first-in-first-served basis. Please don't rope off sites for friends who haven't arrived.

The Yuin Folk Club acknowledges the Djiringanj people of the Yuin Nation who are the traditional custodians of the land on which the festival is held. We acknowledge the living culture of the Yuin people and their unique role in the life of the region.

Permission to use the name "Yuin" for our Club was received through the support of Yuin Elder, Aunty Eileen Morgan (dec), when the Club was established.

The Yuin Folk Club accepted the Uluru Statement from the Heart in 2019.

It's time for a First Nations' Voice to Parliament protected by the Constitution.



WELCOME TO OUR FESTIVAL – FROM FESTIVAL DIRECTOR, ZENA ARMSTRONG

It's said that a good festival is the result of thousands of good decisions. Putting together this Festival – our first full Festival since the horrendous bushfires of 2019/2020 – has required a lot of good decisions and some quite tough ones at that.

We've had to look very closely at the risk factors – weather, Covid – as well as the huge increase in costs in running a festival and, importantly, our concern about organiser and volunteer burnout.

Add to this the impact of the increase in cost of living on our wonderful supporters, who buy tickets and come to our Festival every year. Without you, there wouldn't be a festival and this would be a huge loss to our local community, the Bega Valley, and the performers who entertain us.

But, no matter the risks, sometimes you just have to take a leap and go for it. So we are bringing the full scale Festival this year with some funding assistance from the NSW Government, the Bega Valley Shire Council and the Mumbulla Community Foundation.

These grants won't be around every year so, after this Festival, we're planning a discussion about how we rebuild momentum and make our Festival a self-sustaining event, as it was before fires and Covid. This is a challenge occupying the thoughts of many other community-run, not for profit festivals like ours. We'd like your input, which can be provided through the audience survey, and through the Festival Ideas boxes in the Festival Office and at the Bar.

In this program you will find all the details of the performances, workshops, KidBargo!, The Crossing Youth Stage, dances and spoken word.

If I could point you in one particular direction, I'd encourage everyone to spend some time at the Yuin Elders' Yarnin' Tent talking with and listening to the people there. They have the wisdom and knowledge handed down over millennia and the world certainly needs a lot more of this at present.

Our organisers and volunteers are the most remarkable people. Quite a few of our of our organising team either lost houses or had property damaged in the bushfires. But they continue to put their time and considerable effort into making our Festival fabulously entertaining, beautifully decorated, well run, safe and providing you with great food and drink.

I don't have space to thank the hundreds of people who work on and supply services to the Festival but I'd like to single out our long-time Volunteer Manager, Carly McMahon, who has had to drop out because of pressure from increasing work responsibilities and other volunteer work she has taken on.

Be kind to all our volunteers, respect the jobs they have to do, help out where you can, especially in managing your own waste, make new firends, and above all, have fun.

Zena



This Festival would not be possible without the extraordinary efforts of the dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year to bring you the best event possible.

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SPECIAL THANKS

Carly McMahon has coordinated the Volunteer Manager's role since 2016 but due to other commitments has passed the baton to Ali Taylor. We would like to thank Carly for the huge support she has provided for our volunteers over the past six years. Managing the diverse needs of Festival teams can be a difficult process and Carly has demonstrated patience, leadership, great communication, commitment and organisation with the respect and humour so necessary for this task. We will be eternally grateful for all your hard work and wish you well for the future.

**OUR HEARTFELT THANKS ALSO TO:**

- * ALL the volunteers who help organise and manage the huge variety of tasks necessary to run the Festival and whose lives have been impacted by "festival fever".
- * All our many supporters, sponsors, patrons, performers, caterers, stallholders, sound and lighting engineers who make this Festival such a wonderful experience, security, cleaners, medical staff and other service providers.
- * Bega Valley Shire Council, 2Pi, Mumbulla Community Foundation, Cobargo and District Energy Transition Inc, Cobargo Co-op, the Cobargo Community Development Corporation, Cobargo Showground Land Manager and to the NSW Government for their support of this event.

Here's a quick overview of our first full Festival since 2019.

SITE CHANGES

Those who weren't at our mini-festival in May 2022 will notice a few changes around the site. Our main venue, now called Biamanga, has increased in size to accommodate more people, with a raised platform at the back.

Spooners Bar has been expanded to make it easier to get a drink and the Festival Shop now operates out of the old bar.

On the main Arena, we now have the Yuin Elders' Yarnin' Tent which everyone is encouraged to visit and sit and have a yarn with First Nations people. Also on the arena is the Wandella venue, The Crossing Youth Stage and KidBargo! – our children's Festival venue. Weather permitting, all of these venues will have great ventilation and air flow.



We are reopening the Gulaga as a major venue. You'll note that there is now a wonderful covered balcony area out front and a new dining room, which we are calling the Yowrie, that will be used for workshops and other activities. We also have the new Yuin Folk Club Stage, run by the redoubtable Sam Martin and his team. Expect some spontaneous musical fun there with the Yuin Folk Club Sundown Sessions.

Opposite the bar area – in what was previously the Festival Shop – is a dedicated session space – aptly named The Session Shed – with the Brolga Dance and workshop venue just a little further on.

Putting together the program for a folk festival presents many challenges. We are committed to showcasing folk and roots music. The guiding principles when we select acts from the hundreds of applications are quality, entertainment and balance.

Getting the balance right is probably the biggest challenge. Our demographic includes a broad range of age groups; people who live locally and those who travel long distances to get here. They all have different tastes in music, spoken word and dance; some of those tastes can be quite specialised but we know if we choose the right acts, people will come to see them.

After a couple of difficult years with no festival and a mini festival last May, we know we have a terrific program for you to enjoy.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Welcome to Country and Auntie Eileen Concert.

We are on the land of the Yuin Nation and you are all invited to the Welcome to Country, followed by the Auntie Eileen Concert, featuring First Nations performers and commemorating Eileen Morgan, the first patron of the Yuin Folk Club who died in 2011. Featuring Uncle Warren Foster, The Warrens, The Gahdu Dreaming Band and Kyarna Rose and Matty Walker. (4 pm Friday, Gulaga).

Songlines

Kutch Edwards draws on his Mutti Mutti heritage and uses music to create connections across cultures, generations, and spaces. With an innate ability to communicate, he uses his unique, diverse talents to nurture understanding and self-knowledge amongst all those with whom he has contact. Kutch is a songman, not simply a songwriter. He draws on a profound sense of all those who have gone before him on this land, along with his own life experiences, to help his audiences understand themselves, reconnect with their culture and promote cultural understanding. His music touches the soul and through his humour and insights we realise that with recognition of the true Aboriginal history, there can be hope of reconciliation.

Mongolian Throat Singing

Speaking of testing your vocal chords, here's a fantastic opportunity to find out more about how the voice and breathing works at many different levels – featuring Bukhu Ganburged from Equus.

Songwriters Circle

The Valley's own, Mike Martin, hosts some of our best songwriters who will share their secrets and tricks of the trade in the Songwriters Circle (2:15 pm Saturday at the Yowrie).



The Big English Dance

Led by Jackie Luke and Greg Wilson, Blighty's Revenge will showcase some of the best in English Dance music at a dance to be held at the School of Arts Hall from 7:00pm on Saturday. Expect new dances from this band. They may play trad but they are not afraid to innovate.

Bush Traditions

Now a real Cobargo tradition where you can bring an instrument to a session led by Ray Mulligan and friends at Spooners Bar on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Beginners very welcome.

Sessions

Bluegrass, Irish, Old Timey, English, Bush music. Check the program for a slew of sessions in a wide range of musical styles, led by experts in their genres, or perhaps join in at one of the many impromptu sessions that happen around the site.



Yuin Folk Club Sundown Sessions

Expect the unexpected at these sundown sessions, where Sam Martin will curate some unexpected collaborations and jams from the wide range of Festival performers – see program for times.

Laugh 'til You Cry

There's not enough laughter around these days so we've put together three very entertaining performances that, we hope, will have you falling off your chairs with laughter. Featuring Mal Webb and Kylie Morrigan, the Tuck Shop Ladies, and our favourite political satirists, Shortis and Simpson. It's a tough job being funnier than our politicians nowadays. Saturday afternoon in the Gulaga.

The Festival Choir

The marvellous Moya Simpson will challenge your vocal chords with two choir rehearsals and a performance on Sunday morning.

HELP US ACHIEVE ZERO LANDFILL 2023

The 2023 Cobargo Folk Festival is seeking to build on our achievements towards **ZERO LANDFILL** at last year's Festival.

In 2022, waste generated was restricted to just **THREE** wheelie bins worth!

With the ongoing support of the Bega Valley Shire Council we are seeking to minimise contributions to landfill from the Festival.

REMEMBER - Bega Valley landfill is full of bushfire debris and we want to do what we can to avoid adding to it.

The Zero Landfill team are back but **we can't do this without the help and commitment from everyone on site.**

So we are hoping that all of us who care about living lightly on our beautiful planet, as well as taking recycling and minimising waste seriously, will all **take personal responsibility** and act thoughtfully by **carefully separating**

surplus resources into the bins provided (FOGO/ Recyclables/ Landfill)

and **avoid using single-use plastics wherever possible.**

We also encourage everyone to switch to re-useable items for food and drinks wherever possible.

Please give a shout out to the ZERO WASTE team when you see them during the Festival.



Give some thought to how you sort



Bioluminescence

Bioluminescence @ Cobargo Folk Festival is a video projection mapped corner of the Festival site designed and built by a team of local high school students under the direction of Bermagui video projection artist Scott Baker. It is the continuation of the successful previous Bioluminescence events at Montreal Goldfield and the Tathra Wharf last year.

Bioluminescence is a program designed to introduce the video projection mapping process and a variety of associated skills such as videography, video editing and event management to young people in the Bega Valley while capturing the unique biodiversity of the environment where the event occurs. The students capture the world around them and use video projectors to present it back larger than life.

Bioluminescence @ Cobargo Folk Festival will light up a corner of the festival site on Saturday 5 March. This program is supported by a Backing the Future grant from the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation and in partnership with the Atlas of Life in the Coastal Wilderness.



TANTRIC HATHA YOGA

With more than 40 year's experience on the mat, Jane Corben (founder of Jindabyne Yoga Shala and Jai Yoga teaching school) will lead the morning yoga. The practice weaves many powerful tools into a complete and synergistic practice. This artful merging of consciousness and prana, is designed to direct energy within the body in a way that purifies, enlivens and stimulates your potential, coupled with stabilising, strengthening and calming effects for the mind. Jane delivers her wisdom from her unique experiences as a serial entrepreneur, grandma to six, sacred spacemaker, risk taker and nature lover.

Saturday and Sunday Morning, 7:30-8:30am in the Brolga

SHAKING MEDICINE

Rachel Brown is a qualified Shaking Medicine teacher. Shaking Medicine is a spontaneous bodily movement practice that involves intuitively relaxing the body, inducing deep relaxation in order to access spontaneous tremors that are therapeutic to the autonomic nervous system. This enables our body to release stressors and traumas that have been absorbed by our body through physical injuries, relationships, traumatic events and everyday interactions, thus evoking freedom and release from our past experiences and a heightened sense of presence and enrichment of life. Meditation practices following Shaking Medicine embodiments can be powerful channels to awaken kundalini energy, enabling them to access deeper meditative states and heightened consciousness.

Sunday 11:30am-12:30pm in the Brolga



JOIN OUR FLAG PARADE

Saturday Evening

Everyone Welcome!



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Zero Waste Target

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HELP US ACHIEVE ZERO LANDFILL IN 2023

The massive amounts of Black Summer bushfire debris has strained available space for the Bega Valley landfill needs, so we are seeking your help to limit the Festival's landfill impact. To do this we need everybody to help play their part by making wise choices about what we bring to the Festival (mainly around eating and drinking, but also afterwards), and what we leave behind – a much lighter footprint on Mother Earth.

At the Cobargo Folk Festival in 2022, we excelled with a Zero Waste approach that limited waste to landfill to only 750 litres or the equivalent of around three standard wheelie bins. This was made possible by the support of Festival-goers for the Zero Waste approach which included the removal of the red-lid landfill bins and a request for people to take single-use plastic items home with them, supported by having volunteers staffing the bin stations to provide guidance on source separation.

In 2023, we are using the same three-bin system of green lid FOGO bins, yellow-lid RECYCLING bins and white-lid bins for REFUNDABLE containers that attract the 10c deposit. Green-lid bins are for food scraps and compostable packaging that will go to be bulk composted at a local farm. Yellow-lid bins are for clean recyclables including clean paper and cardboard, metal and plastic drink containers that are not refundable. The white-lid bins will have wooden covers with circular slots for the refundable drink containers. Please make sure bottles and cans that attract the 10c refund are empty, REMAIN UNCRUSHED and unbroken and have the original label attached. **There will be NO RED LID BINS** for waste that would usually go to landfill. We are asking you to take this rubbish home with you when you leave the site. We ask you to avoid bringing single-use plastics on-site, as was done so well last year.

We will have the two hot-wash stations (located near the toilet blocks) that were so popular last year, so if you bring your own re-useable cups, plates, bowls and cutlery, you can wash them there. Ultimately, moving to re-useable items is the solution to waste problems.

We aim to have volunteers monitoring the bin stations but they may not always be near the bins so we need your help and vigilance to make this work. The Cobargo Scouts are helping again with the sorting and quality control behind the scenes so please be conscious of using the bin stations wisely and making conscious choices with your surplus materials.

Smokers: if you use the DSA (Designated Smoking Area) please ensure you dispose of the butt in the receptacle provided. If smoking at your campsite, please take the butts home with you for disposal.

If you bring any items that can only go to landfill, please take them home with you.



*Give some thought
to how you sort*



PLEASE DISPOSE OF GLASS THOUGHTFULLY

Please! For safety reasons and to help us comply with our Liquor License responsibilities, you cannot bring glass into the Festival entertainment areas.

The Showground is used to graze cattle and for horse events outside Festival time. So, please help us keep the area safe for animals and people by making sure that any glass you have onsite is disposed of properly. If camping, please take your glass home and dispose of it there. We REALLY appreciate your support.

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Zero Waste Target

WHAT TO PUT WHERE

			SANITARY ITEMS	
Compostable plates, cups, cutlery, food scraps and organic garden matter	Recyclables including aluminium cans, steel cans, milk & juice cartons, glass bottles and jars, plastic drink containers, clean paper and cardboard (flattened), newspapers and magazines	\$\$\$ Refundable recyclables that attract the 10c deposit	Sanitation receptacles are provided in toilets to dispose of nappies, wet wipes, incontinence products, etc.	Anything that you would normally put in your red bin should be taken home with you; i.e. general household and unrecyclable waste incl. plastic bags, polystyrene, soft plastics (e.g. cling wrap), non-recyclable glass and ceramics, cigarette butts. If you are using disposable face masks, please take them home with you for disposal. The Festival can provide bags for waste and these are available at the Festival Office.

To meet this target we need everybody to play their part, making wise choices about what we bring to the Festival, what resources we use at the Festival (mainly while eating and drinking, but also afterwards), and what we leave behind – a much lighter footprint on Mother Earth.



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KIDBARGO! CREATIVE CORNER

Join in the fun with the many creative activities going throughout the day. Great for kids aged 3-10 years!

1. Face painting.
2. Painting decorative pet rocks.
3. Sewing breathe bags - partially sewn and filled with sand then parents/helpers hand sew opening.
4. Colouring in and cutting out paper crowns/head pieces. Fairy, frog and spider.
5. Community creative project - Signature flags. Children are encouraged to create their own pictures on our flags. We'll display them temporarily but make them a permanent fixture of the Folky, adding to them every year. And.. they can carry them in the flag parade on Saturday evening!!!

WHAT'S IN THE PROGRAM?

Ginger's Feel Good Club - Saturday & Sunday

A fun mix of engaging wellness exercises teaching kids aged 3-9 and adults how to calm the nervous system and feel mentally nourished, ready for a great day at the Festival! Includes yoga stretches, games, cool breathing techniques, shaking, dancing and a whole lot more.



OUR FUTURE LIES WITH OUR CHILDREN

LET'S NURTURE THEM WELL!

Put away your iPads and phones and explore the wonderful world of creativity including music, craft, singing and storytelling, fantasy and self-discovery in our KidBargo! sanctuary. Learn exercises for emotional regulation, play with percussion, dance and move to wonderful musicians and singers, lose yourself in craft, get your face painted, create a crown, be entertained by our clowning and crafty Basket Boy, and so much more!

Note: KidBargo! is not a child minding facility.

Parents are asked to supervise their children and are encouraged to participate in the wonderful activities on offer.

Maypole with Molly - Saturday & Sunday

Enjoy sharing music and dance with kids. Their interactive and energetic dance sessions encompass music from Mozart along with Austrian influences from accordionist Erika Cleaver (Molly). Adults are invited to join the kids to create intricate ribbon patterns around the maypole or play percussion. No experience needed!

Family Belly Dance with Sapphire Tribal Bellydance

Learn to Bellydance "tribal style". Colourful and elaborate costuming mixes authentic tribal textiles, floral headpieces and ethnic jewellery to create a spectacular display of flying skirts and twirling tassel belts.

Ungus Ungus Ungus

A participatory workshop and musical play space for children aged 0-9yrs to enjoy percussion, play and dancing. Facilitated by Max Schollar-Root, a registered music therapist who specialises in early childhood developmental music programs. Featured at Port Fairy Folk, Wellington Folk Festival, Rainbow Serpent, Luminate, Dragon Dreaming and Wallaby Creek Festival.

Basket Boy Show

Clowning and acrobatics with a crafty edge. Our very own and multi-talented local identity Madhava will attempt to do the hardest trick he knows how to do...on a 7-foot-tall unicycle...with scissors. You need to be there!

Djembe Forte

Energetic high vibe West African drum rhythms - a lively activity for all the family.



CJ Shaw's Festival Classroom

ARIA nominated educator and musician, CJ Shaw, presents Festival Classroom. An all singing, laughing, learning festival session for students of all ages.

The Princesses of Planting

You will learn some of our key routines with easy moves that everyone can learn. You will also learn about what we do, and how to be involved, and maybe even create your own superhero persona.

Mal Webb

Vocal adventurer, multi-instrumentalist and looping beatboxing songwriter Mal sings his brain provoking songs using all sorts of vocal techniques, guitar, mbira, slide trumpet, trombone, chromatic harmonica and a loop recording pedal called Derek. And Kylie Morrigan (who's played with Orchestra Victoria and the likes of Stevie Wonder and Barry White!) provides violin and voice in a perfect balance to Mal's nuttiness.

Time	Saturday
10:00	Ginger's Feel Good Club
11:00	Maypole with Molly
12:00	Family Bellydance
1:00	Ungus Ungus Ungus
2:00	Basket Boy Show
3:00	Djembe Forte
	Sunday
10:00	Ginger's Feel Good Club
11:00	CJ Shaw
12:15	Princesses of Planting
1:15	Mal Webb & Kylie Morrigan





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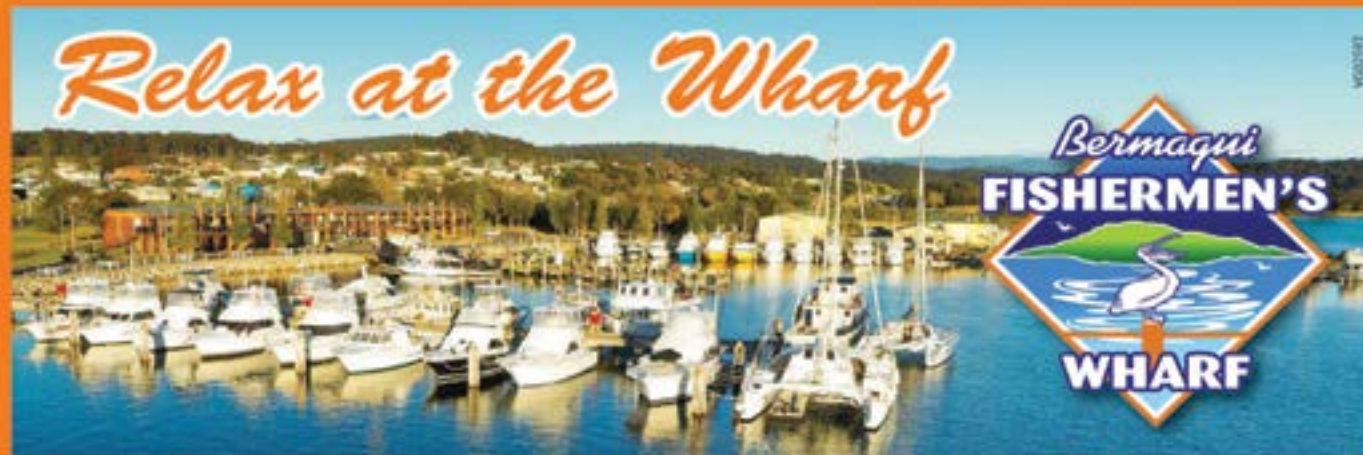
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The Crossing Youth Stage 13



Bega Valley Youth Orchestra



Thomas Alderman & Caleb Williams



Indy Lee



Tilly Rose



Jarrah & Sylvia



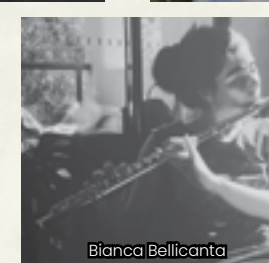
Zygy Gray



Emma Foote



Sophie's Choice



Bianca Bellicanta



Rory Phillips



Archie Schwarz



Sam Quast



Sienna Irwin

Alderman/Williams Duo

We're from Coolagolite and Wandella and we have originals and covers and guitars to blow your minds.

Archie Schwarz

Archie Schwarz from Bermagui has been playing music since he was very young. His favourite bands and artists include The Beatles, Queen, Crowded House and Elton John. Archie is a singer, drummer and guitarist and has written a number of original songs.

Bega Valley Youth Orchestra

The Bega Valley Youth Orchestra was founded in February 2020. Despite bush fires and COVID, it has been a great success. We have performed at the Four Winds Youth Festival, Summer Strings Camp in Wolumla and Bega, Spring Fashion show in Bega, and look forward to performing a lot more in our community and beyond. We wish to create a space for all young musicians to join and are determined to give the kids of the Bega Valley a quality music education and the delightful opportunity to make music together.

Bianca Bellicanta

Flute performance, folk music, covers.

Bodhi Turner

Bodhi Turner is a young Folk, Pop and Rock Musician from the Bega Valley who writes and plays her own original songs. Bodhi won the NSW under 21's Folk award in 2021 and has been going up and up since. Bodhi's music is raw and engaging and felt right to the heart. Bodhi is fun and always up for a chat.

Emma Foote

Emma will sing a couple of original contemporary folk songs and play some traditional Australian folk tunes on her fiddle accompanied by Mike Martin on guitar and Chris Bird on cello.

Guitarama

Guitarama are a 6-piece guitar ensemble, with an emphasis on Latin American guitar styles.

Indy Lee

Acoustic guitar and singing.

Jarrah & Sylvia

We play Celtic folk, with Jarrah on fiddle and Sylvia on bodhran and tin whistle and maybe mandolin and guitar as well. We'll play some sets, some slow and pretty and some lively.

Kinja and Moss Katona and Fern Cross

String trio.

Rory Phillips

With a long list of accolades to his name, Rory Phillips was a finalist in the 2022 Environmental Music Prize (alongside industry heavyweights like Paul Kelly, Tim Minchin and Lime Cordiale), has the endorsement of Cole Clark Guitars. Rory is the youngest ever member of iconic Australian band, The Bushwackers.

Sam Quast

Sam plays a variety of music covers including Crowded House, the Chats, Paul Kelly, The Wiggles, The Beatles, Elvia and many more. Sam is an 18 year old autistic man whose love for music began when he was a toddler by watching The Wiggles, who he still loves.

Sienna Irwin

Sienna Irwin playing Saxophone with Georgi Hargraves.

Sophie's Choice

Lovers and duo performers with a shared passion for music and a love for the stage.

Tilly Rose

Solo guitarist singing and playing beautifully.

Zygy Gray

Zygy is a highland bagpiper who enjoys playing traditional folk music.



TIME	VENUE	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
7:30-8:30am	Brolga	Tantric Hatha Yoga	Jane Corben
This form of Yoga systematically weaves consciousness and energy in an artful and scientific way to get amplified outcomes.			
10:00 – 11:00am	Yowrie	Festival Choir	Moya Simpson
Calling all singers and would be singers! Here’s your opportunity to join our choir, meet new people and have fun. Lead by Moya Simpson, you will be guided through the learning process culminating in a performance on Sunday. All ages and abilities welcome.			
10:15-11:15	Brolga	Blues Dance Workshop	Savoy Dance with Moondog
Our workshop will provide an introduction to dance with traditional Blues aesthetic and explore foundational Blues dance. Blues dance is a collection of dances that were created alongside different musical styles over time in African American culture.			
10:30-11:30	Narira	I Don’t Like Microphones	Graeme Johnson
Performing Bush Poetry for Adults – Presented by The Rhymer from Ryde.			
11:00-12:00pm	Yuin Elders tent	Marketing Your Act in a Digital Era	Sats Kramer, Ron “Callo” Callaghan
Ron “Callo” Callaghan and Sats Kramer will take you through the steps of setting up your Electronic Press Kit (EPK), applying to festivals and putting your act’s best foot forward in the digital age.			
11:30-12:30pm	Brolga	Morris Dancing	Black Joak Morris
This workshops is suited to anyone who can swing a stick and follow basic instructions. Participants will be taken through the basics of stepping, sticking and hankie-waving, then the specific figures of a dance. By the end of the workshop all participants will know how to do, at minimum, one Morris dance.			
11:30am-12:30pm	Yowrie	Mongolian Harmonic Throat Singing	Bukhu from Equus
Introduction to the fundamental techniques of Khöömii, or Mongolian harmonic throat-singing.			
11:45-12:45pm	Narira	Cajun Fiddle Styles	Andy Balor
Andy Baylor presents an overview of traditional Cajun fiddle tunes and discusses history and stylistic elements including Cajun bowing rhythms, melodic and blues content. Over the years Andy has been a regular visitor to Louisiana where he has learned from many leading musicians. The workshop will present a two-step and a waltz and is open to all fiddlers.			
12:45-1:45pm	Brolga	Create Your Superhero	The Princesses of Planting
In this workshop you will learn some of our key routines with easy moves that everyone can learn. You will also learn about what we do, and how to be involved, and maybe even create your own superhero persona.			
1:00-2:00pm	Yowrie	Sing for Your Tucker	Tuck Shop Ladies
Exploring vocal harmonies: Come and have a singalong with the Tuck Shop Ladies and experience the wondrous feeling of singing harmonies as part of a group. Explore the differing affects of low versus high harmonies, thirds, fifths, sixths and more.			
1:15-2:15pm	Narira	Chiller’s Fiddle	Austral
Learn how to get rid of your classical violin training and relax when playing fiddle tunes fit for sessions down the pub or in the festival tent.			
2:00-3:00pm	Brolga	New English Dance	Blighty’s Revenge
Dance Workshop to prepare for Saturday night Dance - An opportunity to learn some newly minted dances – all levels of experience welcome.			
2:00-	Yuin Elders Yarnin’ Tent	Songline Circle	Kutcha Edwards
Kutcha will pose some curly questions in this workshop designed to draw from participants their knowledge of Aboriginal Australia and to enhance itwith some reality checks along the way.			
2:15-3:15pm	Yowrie	Songwriters Circle	Mike Martin
Songwriters talk about their craft. Mike Martin introduces Hugh Watson from Willie & the Correspondents, Steve Tyson & the Train Rex & Felicity Dowd 2023 Tamworth New Songwriter of the Year award.			
3:15-4:15pm	Brolga	Bellydance Tribal Style	Sapphire Belly Dance
This workshop is all about dancing together. Learn a few basic tribal belly dance moves and dance with friends old and new to the best global grooves. No dance experience is necessary to enjoy this fun workshop.			
3:30-4:30pm	Yowrie	Guitar Techniques	Tony McManus
A rare opportunity to learn from one of the world’s leading Celtic guitarists drawing on traditions from Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, Galicia, Asturias, Cape Breton, Quebec.			



TIME	VENUE	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
7:30-8:30am	Brolga	Tantric Hatha Yoga	Jane Corben
This form of Yoga systematically weaves consciousness and energy in an artful and scientific way to get amplified outcomes.			
10:00am-11:00am	Yowrie	Festival Choir	Moya Simpson
Calling all singers and would be singers! Here’s your opportunity to join our choir, meet new people and have fun. Lead by Moya Simpson, you will be guided through the learning process culminating in a performance on Sunday. All ages and abilities welcome.			
10:00-11:00am	Brolga	Morris Dancing	Surly Griffin Morris
If you do nothing else that’s strange this weekend, then join us for some stick whacking and ringing bells. We promise to teach you a dance and not tell anyone.			
10:00-11:00am	Yuin Elders Yarnin’ Tent	Ideas from the Edge: Surviving the 21st Century	Linda Mottram – Moderator
Session 1: “Re-feathering the Pheonix” – a discussion forum – fires, floods, plague, AI and other modern day mayhem. The first of two sessions that confront the threats and how to survive them. We’re all in this together...			
10:00-11:00	The Session Shed	Portraits of Cobargo	Bethany Thurtell
Faces of bushfire impact and recovery. An exhibition and talk by renowned Australian portrait painter, Bethany Thurtell. Bethany, a Cobargo local, is collecting the human stories of residents of Cobargo and surrounds who have been impacted by the Black Summer bushfires and expressing them in a visual way through the painting of their portraits. Bethany will be joined by some local people who are participating in the project.			
11:30-12:30pm	Brolga	Shaking Medicine	Rachel Brown
Shaking Medicine is a spontaneous bodily movement practice that involves intuitively relaxing the body inducing deep relaxation in order to access spontaneous tremors that are therapeutic to the autonomic nervous system.			
11:30-12:30pm	Yuin	Accompaniment	Austral
‘Choonbacker’ – how to listen out for chord changes in a Celtic music session and provide rhythm support with bouzouki, mandolin or guitar.			
11:30-12:30pm	Yowrie	Traditional Scottish Songs	Fiona Ross
Fiona Ross shares her passion for the Scots song tradition in this relaxed, engaging and informative workshop. Learn songs from the treasure trove of Scots material – from working songs to love songs, to the songs of Robert Burns and the “muckle” (big) ballads. Explore traditional singing style and use of Scots language. The sang’s the thing!			
11:30-12:30pm	Yuin Elders Yarnin’ Tent	Ideas from the Edge: Surviving the 21st Century	Linda Mottram – Moderator
Session 2: “Persephone Rising” A discussion forum – fires, floods, plague, AI and other modern day mayhem. The second of two sessions that confront the threats and how to survive them. We’re all in this together...			
12:30-1:30pm	Brolga	Blues Dance Workshop	Savoy Dance with Moondog
This Blues dance workshops will provide an introduction to dance with traditional Blues aesthetic and explore foundational Blues dance. Blues dance is a collection of dances that were created alongside different musical styles over time in African American culture.			
12:30-1:30pm	Yowrie	Feldenkrais	Marilla Holmes
Combining vocal technique, awareness through movement, and playful ways to explore vocalising and singing. Open to all ages and abilities.			
2:00-3:00pm	Brolga	African Drumming Dance & Rhythms	Djembe Forte
Djembe Forte offers an energetic high vibe West African dance and drum rhythms.			

Workshops not only educate and entertain, they give our Festival goers the opportunity to get close up to performers, learn from them and ask questions.

We are always keen to hear about what sort of workshops you’re interested in for future festivals. Please do that through our survey on the website.

NOTE: Workshops are for all levels unless indicated otherwise.



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2023

Friday 3 March Program

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FESTIVAL OPENING 4:00 – 5:30pm

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featuring Uncle Warren Ngarrae Foster

followed by the **AUNTY EILEEN MEMORIAL CONCERT** with

Johnny Huckle

The Warrens

The Gahdu Dreaming Band

Kyarna Rose & Matty Walker

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BIAMANGA

4:15 Super Rats
4:15–5:00

5:15 Chris While and
Julie Matthews
5:15–6:00

6:15 Bill Jackson with
Kerryn Tolhurst
6:15–7:00

7:30 Kutcha Edwards
7:30–8:30

8:45 Austral
8:45–9:30

9:45 Ungus Ungus Ungus
9:45–10:45

11:00 Startijenn
11:00 – midnight

VENUE CLOSED 12:00

GULAGA

4:00 Opening
Ceremonies
4:00–5:30

5:45 Pickin' Time
Bluegrass
5:45–6:30

6:45 Montgomery
Church
6:45–7:30

7:45 Andy Baylor
7:45–8:30

8:45 Jo Davie
8:45–9:30

9:45 Tuck Shop Ladies
9:45–10:30

10:45 Kyarna Rose &
Matty Walker
10:45–11:45

VENUE CLOSED 11:45

WANDELLA

4:15 Steve Tyson and
the Train Rex
4:15–5:00

5:15 Double Dole String
Band
5:15–6:00

6:15 Malumba
6:15–7:00

7:15 Rheinberger &
Wilson
7:15–8:00

8:15 Benji & the
Saltwater Sound
System
8:15–9:00

9:30 Owen Campbell & the
Cosmic People
9:30–10:30

10:45 Howlin Mitch & the
Habaneros
10:45–11:45

VENUE CLOSED 11:45

YUIN FOLK CLUB STAGE

4:15 The Michael
Menager Trio
4:15–5:00

5:15 Martyn Wyndham-Read
5:15–6:00

6:15 Fiona Ross &
Shane O'Mara
6:15–7:00

7:15 Tony McManus
7:15–8:00

8:15 Black Mountain
String Band
8:15–9:00

9:15 Isabel Rumble
9:15–10:00

Yuin Folk Club
Sundown Sessions
curated by
Sam Martin

10:00–midnight

VENUE CLOSED 12:00

THE CROSSING

BLACKBOARD

Hosted by

Linda & Scott

5:00–10:00pm

VENUE CLOSED 10:00PM

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Cobargo Village walk led by John Walters from the Cobargo Community Development Corporation Ltd. 10.30-11.30 am Saturday. John will talk about the plan for the rebuild of the village Main Street and the remarkable community effort that sits behind it. Meet at the Showground entry gate just before 10.30

BIAMANGA

10:00 Gahdu Dreaming Band
10:00-10:45

11:00 Chris While & Julie Matthews
11:00-12:00

12:15 Bill Jackson with Kerryn Tolhurst
12:15-1:00

1:30 Felicity Dowd
1:30-2:15

VENUE BREAK

2:30 Sionnach Rua's Big Irish Songbook
2:30-3:30

3:45 Eric Bogle
3:45-4:45

5:00 Austral
5:00-6:00

VENUE BREAK

6:30 Ungus Ungus Ungus
6:30-7:30

8:00 Kutcha Edwards
8:00-9:00

9:30 Startijenn
9:30-10:30

10:45 Howlin Mitch & the Habaneros
10:45-11:45

VENUE CLOSED

GULAGA

10:00 Black Cypress
10:00-10:45

11:00 The Double Dole String Band
11:00-11:45

12:00 Fiona Ross & Shane O'Mara
12:00-12:45

1:00 CJ Shaw & the Blow Ins
1:00-2:00

VENUE BREAK

2:30 Mal Webb & Kylie Morrigan
2:30-3:15

3:30 Tuck Shop Ladies
3:30-4:15

4:30 Shortis & Simpson
4:30-5:30

VENUE BREAK

6:00 Tony McManus
6:00-6:45

7:00 Marilla Holmes
7:00-7:45

8:00 Montgomery Church
8:00-9:00

9:15 Kyarna Rose & Matty Walker
9:15-10:15

10:30 Antipodeans
10:30-11:30

VENUE CLOSED

WANDELLA

10:00 Kara Coen
10:00-10:45

11:00 The Warrens
11:00-11:45

12:00 Malumba
12:00-12:45

VENUE BREAK

1:15 The Mike Menager Trio
1:15-2:00

2:15 Black Mountain String Band
2:15-3:15

3:30 Johnny Huckle
3:30-4:15

4:30 Jo Davie
4:30-5:15

5:30 Enda Kenny & Dave O'Neill
5:30-6:30

VENUE BREAK

7:00 Harmanix
7:00-8:00

8:15 Benji & the Saltwater Sound System
8:15-9:15

9:30 Owen Campbell & The Cosmic People
9:30-10:30

10:45 Whiskey Dram
10:45-11:45

VENUE CLOSED

YUIN FOLK CLUB STAGE

8:00 Poets' Breakfast
8:00-9:30

10:00 Pickin' Time Bluegrass
10:00-10:45

11:00 Isabel Rumble
11:00-11:45

12:00 Marilla Holmes
12:00-12:45

1:00 Martyn Wyndham-Read
1:00-2:15

2:30 Super Rats
2:30-3:30

VENUE BREAK

4:00 Willie & the Correspondents
4:00-5:00

5:15 Andy Baylor
5:15-6:00

6:15 Equus
6:15-7:00

7:15 Rheinberger & Wilson
7:15-8:00

8:15 Mike Martin, Pete Wild, Pete Hisco Trio
8:15-9:00

9:15 YUIN FOLK CLUB Sundown Sessions Launched by Madhva with Sam Martin
9:15-11:30

VENUE CLOSED

THE CROSSING

11:00 Zygy Grey

11:20 Tilly Rose

11:40 Caleb Williams & Thomas Alderman

12:00 Archie Schwarz

12:20 Kinja & Katona Moss & Fern Cross

12:40 Indy Lee

VENUE BREAK

1:40 Emma Foote

2:00 Sienna Irwin with Georgie Hargreaves

2:20 Bianca Bellicanta

2:40 Bega Valley orchestra

3:40 Sam Quast

4:15 Guitarama

5:00 Jarrah & Sylvia

5:30 Sophie's Choice

6:10 Bodhi Turner

7:00 Rory Phillips

VENUE BREAK

BLACKBOARD Hosted by Linda & Scott 8:00 - 11:00pm

VENUE CLOSED

KIDBARGO!

10:00 Gingers Feel Good Club
10:00-10:30

Activities

11:00 Maypole with Molly
11:00-11:30

Activities

12:00 Family Belly Dance
12:00-12:30

Activities

1:00 Ungus Ungus Ungus
1:00-1:30

Activities

2:00 Basket Boy Show
2:00-2:30

Activities

3:00 Djembe Forte
3:00-3:30

VENUE CLOSED

BROLGA

7:30 Tantric Hatha Yoga with Jane Corben
7:30-8:30

10:15 Savoy Dance with Moondog
10:15-11:15

11:30 Morris Dancing Black Joak Morris
11:30-12:30

12:45 Create Your Super Hero Princesses of Planting
12:45-1:45

2:00 English Dance Workshop Blighty's Revenge
2:00-3:00

3:15 Bellydance Tribal Style! Sapphire Tribal Bellydance
3:15-4:15

VENUE CLOSED

NARIRA

10:30 I Don't Like Microphones The Rhymer from Ryde
10:30-11:30

11:45 Cajun Fiddle Styles with Andy Balor
11:45-12:45

1:15 Chiller's Fiddle with Austral
1:15-2:15

VENUE CLOSED



YOWRIE

10:00 Moya Simpson Festival Choir Rehearsal
10:00-11:00

11:30 Mongolian Throat Singing with Bukhu (from Equus)
11:30-12:30

1:00 Sing for Your Supper Tuck Shop Ladies
1:00-2:00

2:15 Songwriters Circle Hosted by Mike Martin with Steve Tyson, Felicity Dowd, Hugh Watson
2:15-3:15

3:30 Guitar Techniques with Tony McManus
3:30-4:30

8:00 The Singing Space Hosted by Judy Pinder & friends
From 8:00pm

VENUE CLOSED

Look out for the Gulaga Dancers Saturday Evening

SPOONERS BAR

9:00 Settlers Session with Ray Mulligan and friends
All welcome
9:00-11:00am

THE SESSION SHED

11:30 Irish Trad with Blighty's Revenge
From 11:30am

6:00 Old Time Pick Black Mountain String Band
From 6:00pm

VENUE CLOSED

ELDERS YARNIN' TENT

11:00 Marketing in the Digital Era Sats Kramer & Ron "Callo" Callaghan
11:00-12:00

12:30 Yarn with Uncle Warren Foster on Fire Lore and Cultural Burning
12:30-1:30

2:00 Kutcha's Songline Circle
From 2:00pm

This program may be subject to change.



FLAG PARADE - Saturday Evening

Join the Flag Parade through the Festival site. Meet at the Narira about 5:50pm for the 6:00pm parade. Everyone Welcome!

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BIAMANGA

10:00 Antipodeans
10:00-10:4511:00 Enda Kenny &
Dave O'Neill
11:00-11:4512:00 Equus
12:00-12:451:00 Eric Bogle
1:00-2:002:30 Austral
2:30-3:304:00 Startijenn
4:00-5:00

VENUE CLOSED 5:00

GULAGA

10:00 Harmanix
10:00-10:4511:00 Black Cypress
11:00-11:4512:00 Sionnach Rua's Big Irish
Song Book
12:00-1:001:15 Mike Martin, Pete Wild,
Pete Hisco Trio
1:15-2:002:15 Jo Davie
2:15-3:003:15 Bill Jackson with
Kerryn Tolhurst
3:15-4:15

VENUE CLOSED 4:15

WANDELLA

10:00 Mal Webb &
Kylie Morrigan
10:00-10:4511:00 Gahdu
Dreaming Band
11:00-11:4512:00 Kara Coen
12:00-12:451:15 Johnny Huckle
1:15-2:002:15 Steve Tyson &
the Train Rex
2:15-3:153:45 Whiskey Dram
3:45-4:45

VENUE CLOSED 4:45

YUIN FOLK
CLUB STAGE8:00 Poets' Breakfast
8:00-9:3010:15 Marilla Holmes
10:15-11:0011:15 Festival Choir
11:15-11:3012:00 Willie & the
Correspondents
12:00-12:451:00 CJ Shaw & the Blow Ins
1:00-1:452:00 Tony McManus
2:00-2:453:00 Old Friends Round Robin
With Special Guests
Hosted by Eric Bogle
3:00-4:15

VENUE CLOSED 4:15

Volunteers - Group Photo!

Please gather at the
bleachers below Spooners
Bar at 5:30pm on Sunday to
be part of the
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KIDBARGO!

10:00 Gingers Feel
Good Club
10:00-10:30

Activities

11:00 CJ Shaw
11:00-11:30

Activities

12:15 The Princesses
of Planting
12:15-12:45

Activities

1:15 Mal Webb with
Kylie Morrigan
Lip to Lung
1:15-1:45

Activities

VENUE CLOSED 3:00

YUIN ELDERS YARNIN'
TENT10:00 Ideas from the
Edge
Surviving the 21st
Century
Session 1
Moderator
Linda Mottram
10:00-11:0012:00 Ideas from the
Edge
Surviving the 21st
Century
Session 2
Moderator
Linda Mottram
12:00-1:00Don't miss
Molly's Maypole

YOWRIE

10:00 Moya Simpson
Festival Choir
Rehearsal
10:00-11:0011:30 Scottish Songs
Fiona Ross
11:30-12:3012:30 Feldenkrais with
Marilla Holmes
12:30-1:30

VENUE CLOSED 3:00

BROLGA

7:30 Tantric Hatha
Yoga with Jane
Corben
7:30-8:3010:00 Morris Dancing
Surly Griffin Morris
10:00-11:0011:30 Shaking Medicine
with
Rachel Brown
11:30-12:3012:45 Blues Dance
Savoy Dance
(with Moondog)
12:45-1:452:00 African Drumming
Dance & Rythym
Djembe Forte
2:00-3:00

VENUE CLOSED 3:00



SPOONERS BAR

8:45 Settlers Session
with Ray Mulligan
and friends
all welcome
8:45-10:00am

THE SESSION SHED

10:00 Portraits of
Cobargo
Bethany Thurtell
10:00-11:0011:30 Irish Trad
with Austral
and friends
From 11:30

THE CROSSING

Blackboard
Hosted by
Linda & Scott

10:30-3:30pm

VENUE CLOSED 3:30

FESTIVAL SURVEY

DID YOU PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS AT THE GATE?

Each year, to help improve the Festival, we run a short but comprehensive visitor satisfaction survey.
Feedback helps us to improve our venues, performance mix and also prove the value of our Festival to our stakeholders.

So, if you purchased your ticket at the gate, we would definitely like to hear from you.

Our survey can be found on our website - just follow the link.

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Performer Bios

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Andy Baylor



Andy will be presenting tunes and songs from his varied repertoire including hybrid Aussie-Cajun fiddle music from his award-winning album, *Possum Stole The Pumpkin* and new songs from his recent albums. As a fiddler, he has worked up a unique sound with elements of Swing, Celtic, Bluegrass, Cajun and old-timey folk. Andy's singing, songwriting and guitar playing skills have been honed over many years on the road with such bands as Redgum, The Dancehall Racketeers, The Cajun Combo and many others.

Fri Gulaga 7:45pm
Sat Narira (W/S) 11:45am
Sat Yuin Folk Stage 5:15pm

Austral



Austral will transport you into full festival party mode. They are a high-energy, four-piece Australian Celtic group combining didgeridoo, Irish pipes, high energy fiddling, journeying songs and energetic foot percussion. Whether you see them on stage or at the session afterward, Austral will get your festival going. HUP!

Fri Biamanga 8:45pm
Sat Narira (W/S) 1:15pm
Sat Biamanga 5:00pm
Sun The Session Shed 11:00am
Sun Biamanga 2:30pm

Benji and the Saltwater Sound System



Benji and the Saltwater Sound System fuse Pacific flavours with the raw rolling sounds of the Australian Pacific coast. Add to this poignant lyrics and a will to transcend genre and you are part the way there. A festival favourite, we're glad to have them back.

Fri Wandella 8:15pm
Sat Wandella 8:15pm

Bill Jackson with Kerry Tolhurst



Australian singer songwriter Bill Jackson has a career that spans just over 16 years, most recently he was awarded 2021 Contemporary Folk Album of the Year—Folk Alliance Australia for *The Wayside Ballads* (Vol 3.). Born in Albury, grew up in Gippsland and now based in Melbourne, Bill has seven albums to his name. He's joined at this festival by the multi-talented Kerry Tolhurst and musical maestro Dave O'Neill.

Fri Biamanga 6:15pm
Sat Biamanga 1:30pm
Sun Gulaga 3:15pm

Black Cypress



Borne of dark and chimeric folk blues, Black Cypress pay a melodic homage to the savage and beautiful. Inspired by remote wilderness areas, this three-piece band mesh dynamic acoustic blues, with instinctive vocal harmonies and incisive, soaring violin riffs. Black Cypress challenge us with bootlegged and bow-legged folk tales of the struggle to satisfy a twisted and unapologetic longing for wildness and love.

Sat Gulaga 10:00am
Sun Gulaga 11:00am

Black Joak Morris Dancers



In the dark days of 2004, the Australian Morris dancing scene was capering t'ward a doleful grave. When Lo! Black Joak Morris was born. A wailing infant crying for a small beer, come to revive the old dances and imbue them with vigour and youthfulness. With their distinctive bells and ribbons, they perform at festivals far and wide, drinking beer and spreading cheer.

Black Joak Morris performs the Morris dances of the Cotswolds in southern England, which date back to the 13th century, and our own local Sydney tradition, which dates back to 2004.

Sat Brolga 11:30am

Black Mountain String Band



The Black Mountain String Band celebrates string band music in all its forms. They combine fiddles and banjos along with guitar and double bass to draw from a deep wellspring of tradition, while adding timeless original material. The band is Donal Baylor, Jacqueline Bradley, Matt Nightingale and Pablo Shopen, continuing the revival of Pablo's father's band of the same name from the 1970's.

Fri Yuin Folk Stage 8:15pm
Sat Wandella 2:15pm
Sat The Session Shed 6:00pm



Blighty's Revenge

This is Ceilidh dancing with an English accent where the new and old collide to bring frolicking good fun. We offer newly composed dances and a few old favourites. Blighty's Revenge invite you to dance to some of the latest tunes coming out of the UK dance scene. Madness and mayhem mandatory!

Sat The Session Shed 11:30am
Sat Brolga (W/S) 2:00pm
Sat Brolga 8:00pm

Chris While & Julie Matthews

Making a very welcome return to Cobargo, Chris and Julie are the undisputed queens of British folk duos. Come listen to what the Guardian describes as "first class songs with to-die-for harmonies, immaculate musicianship and melodies that lodge themselves in your brain."

Fri Biamanga 5:15pm
Sat Biamanga 11:00am

CJ Shaw & the Blow Ins

CJ Shaw & the Blow Ins present his new family album *All Sorts*. For children and adults alike the concert combines CJ's 'best of' children's songs—acknowledged by the ARIA's in 2020 (receiving 'Teacher of The Year' nomination) sung alongside his contemporary Australiana folk songs written over the past 20 years.

Sat Gulaga 1:00pm
Sun KidBargo! 11:00am
Sun Yuin Folk Stage 1:00pm

Djembe Forte

From nearby Eurobodalla, Djembe Forte offers dynamic, high vibrational West African rhythms of drum and dance performance. The rhythm is the thing.

Sat KidBargo! 3:00pm
Sun Brolga 2:00pm

Enda Kenny & Dave O'Neill

Australia's favourite festival duo are back together after a bit of social distancing! Smashing songs with amazing accompaniment on fiddle, mandolin and guitar, they'll have you singing along in no time.

Sat Wandella 5:30pm
Sun Biamanga 11:00am

Eric Bogle

Singer-songwriter par excellence, Eric needs no formal introduction. A legendary figure in Australia's folk scene, his songs are known, listened to and recorded around the world. Not to be missed. He's accompanied by the peerless Pete Titchener and the eminent Emma Luker.

Sat Biamanga 3:45pm
Sun Biamanga 1:00pm
Sun Yuin Folk Stage 3:00pm

Equus

Equus is a Mongolian/World/Roots music infusion combining traditional Mongolian folk, Mediterranean strings with contemporary grooves and improvisation. From epic ballads to rollicking horse gallops through bluegrass, blues, Middle-Eastern and swing, you'll be taken places you've never imagined.

Sat Yowrie (W/S) 11:30am
Sat Yuin Folk Stage 6:15pm
Sun Biamanga 12:00pm

Felicity Dowd

Don't miss an opportunity to see Felicity, a passionate local singer-songwriter who has just been recognised with the Tamworth Songwriters Association's New Songwriter of the Year Award Festival 2023.

Sat Biamanga 12:15pm
Sat Yowrie 2:15pm

Fiona Ross & Shane O'Mara

Glasgow-born tradition bearer Fiona Ross has secured her reputation as a highly gifted interpreter of Scots song. Finalist for Scots Singer of the Year in Scotland's prestigious Trad Music Awards, she continues to fly the flag for Scots song here in Australia. ARIA Award winning guitarist Shane O'Mara has collaborated with a host of luminaries including Paul Kelly and Chris Wilson.

Fri Yuin Folk Stage 6:15pm
Sat Gulaga 12:00pm
Sun Yowrie (W/S) 11:30am

Gahdu Dreaming Band

Gahdu Dreaming Band front man Ronald Thomas, Yuin man from Wreck Bay, singer songwriter performing all originals with his awesome band with a unique sound and life stories through song. They have been playing regularly since 2017 and guarantee their show will leave everyone happy and feeling a good vibe.

Fri Gulaga 4:00pm
Sat Biamanga 10:00am
Sun Wandella 11:00am

Harmanix

From Melbourne, Harmanix are Australia's premier Zydeco and Cajun band with regular gigs at some of Melbourne's premier venues like The Rainbow Hotel, Baropen and The Lowie. The band members come from a long line of Cajun Zydeco and roots performers: Billy Abbott - Crawfish Dave, Geoff Le Blanc - Le Blanc Brothers Band and Michaela Burke - Celtic City Sons. Put on your dancing shoes.

Sat Wandella 7:00pm
Sun Gulaga 10:00am

Howlin Mitch and the Habaneros

Howlin Mitch and the Habaneros are a local five-piece electric rhythm and blues band, playing a blend of original and traditional blues tunes combining quality musicianship and songwriting.

Fri Wandella 10:45pm
Sat Biamanga 10:45pm

Isabel Rumble

Isabel Rumble invites listeners into a cocoon of reflection on the subtleties of love, nature and human relationships. Warm and clear vocals accompanied by acoustic guitar invokes artists of the folk genre like Joni Mitchell and Laura Marling. Isabel's debut album has the multi-talented Luke Plumb as producer.

Fri Yuin Folk Stage 9:15pm
Sat Yuin Folk Stage 11:00am

Jo Davie

Graced with jazz sensibilities, exceptional vocal technique and a four-octave range, vocalist Jo Davie offers up genuine story-telling. Bursting onto the Australian scene as runner-up to the 2018 Folk Alliance Young Artist of the Year, she is winning audiences and accolades across Australia.

Fri Gulaga 8:45pm
Sat Wandella 4:30pm
Sun Gulaga 2:15pm

Johnny Huckle

Johnny Huckle is a proud Wiradjuri man, who admits he has had a tough life, but loves sharing his passion for music and telling the stories of his life. A consummate performer, you will hear him before you see him and you'll never forget him.

Fri Gulaga 4:00pm
Sat Wandella 3:30pm
Sun Wandella 1:15pm

Kara Coen

Kara Coen is one of the most exciting new female soul artists of the south east. A singer-songwriter, she plays a unique fusion of blues, smooth Jazz and pop. Intoxicating vocals and compelling lyrics, with a message of love, empowerment and equality; she composes her music on guitar and piano. Kara is working on her debut album of original songs and gearing up for her first Australian tour.

Sat Wandella 10:00am
Sun Wandella 12:00pm

Festival 2024: 1-3 March 2024

Performer Applications:
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Volunteer Applications open:
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Kutch Edwards



Proud Mutti Mutti songman Kutch Edwards is a strong advocate for Aboriginal people and is dedicated to the continuum of his traditional Songline. He has been prolifically combining songwriting and activism since 1991. It is his experiences as a survivor of the Stolen Generations that has shaped his diverse creative output in groups like Blackfire and The Black Arm Band. Kutch is now multi-award-winning singer/songwriter, and his most recent album *Circling Time* has garnered critical acclaim. He tells us that music chose him. His music touches the soul, and through his humour and insights, we realise that with recognition of the true Aboriginal history, there can be hope of reconciliation.

Fri Biamanga 7:30pm
Sat Elders Yarnin' Tent 2:00pm
Sat Biamanga 8:00pm

Kyarna Rose & Matty Walker



Kyarna Rose and Matty Walker came together at the beginning of 2020, entertaining people all over Australia with their Facebook Live Lounge Room Sessions during lockdown. Kyarna and Matt bring their own flavour to classic songs with their melodic harmonies and their on-stage chemistry. The pair sing everything from soft-rock to country and everything in between, with a sprinkling of their original songs on top.

Fri Gulaga 4:00pm
Fri Gulaga 10:45pm
Sat Gulaga 9:15pm

Lorraine McCrimmon



Lorraine has been a performance poet for many years, with a large repertoire of traditional and contemporary poems and has 2 best reciters awards and performances at Maldon, National, Illawarra festivals.

Sat Yuin Folk Stage 8:00am
Sun Yuin Folk Stage 8:00am

Madhava



A stand-out performer at our 2022 festival, pianist Madhava's quirky on stage antics and amazing songwriting and musical abilities captivated his privileged audience. The principal songwriter in numerous bands and musical projects, Madhava once travelled the world as a circus musician, performing piano whilst riding a 7-foot tall unicycle.

Sat KidBargo! 2:00pm
Sat Yuin Folk Stage 9:15pm

Mal Webb & Kylie Morrigan



Vocal adventurer, multi-instrumentalist and looping beat boxing songwriter Mal sings his brain provoking songs using all sorts of vocal techniques, guitar, mbira, slide trumpet, trombone, chromatic harmonica and a loop recording pedal called Derek. And Kylie (who's played with Orchestra Victoria and the likes of Stevie Wonder and Barry White!) provides violin and voice in a perfect balance to Mal's nuttiness.

Sat Gulaga 2:30pm
Sun Wandella 10:00am
Sun KidBargo! 1:15pm

Malumba



Virtuosic, original and exciting, Malumba's genre-defying music will take you on a sonic journey while making your toes tap and your heart soar. With hints of Klezmer melodies, gypsy jazz harmonies, Celtic instruments and African rhythms, Malumba's sound is unique and hugely versatile.

Fri Wandella 6:15pm
Sat Wandella 12:00pm

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Marilla Holmes

Ex-pat Australian singer, songwriter, poet, storyteller and entertainer based in Sheffield, UK. Known for her incredible voice, her performances are filled with lots of humour and songs of strong women. Mostly solo acapella, with surprise guests. Her repertoire draws from Australia, England, Scotland, Ireland, US and Canada, as well as her own material.

Sat Yuin Folk Stage 12:00pm
Sat Gulaga 7:00pm
Sun Yuin Folk Stage 10:15am
Sun Yowrie (W/S) 12:30pm

Martyn Wyndham-Read

In his late teens Martyn left his mother's farm in Sussex, England and headed off, with his guitar, to Australia where he worked on a sheep and cattle station, Emu Springs, in South Australia. It was while he was there that he first heard the old songs sung by some of the station hands and became captivated by the character and atmosphere of these songs and the need to know more of them and where they came from. His first time back in Australia for many years. Not to be missed.

Fri Yuin Folk Stage 5:15pm
Sat Yuin Folk Stage 1:00pm
Sun Yuin Folk Stage 3:00pm

Maypole with Molly

Maypole with Molly interactive dance sessions encourages children and adults to dance around the maypole or play percussion. Dancers will learn how to make a Barber's Pole, a colourful Weaving Pattern and a Spider's Web with maypole ribbons.

Saturday and Sunday at KidBargo!

Mike Martin, Pete Wild, Peter Hisco Trio

A stalwart of the folk machine, multi-instrumentalist, singer and accomplished author. Mike has been through the mill and escaped unscathed and is passionate about having a future for humans and the planet.

Sat Yowrie (W/S) 2:15pm
Sat Yuin Folk Stage 8:15pm
Sun Gulaga 1:15pm

Montgomery Church

Cielle Montgomery & James Church are 4 times Golden Guitar Award finalists, 'Montgomery Church'. Representing a blend of acoustic folk, Americana and bluegrass influences, grown and distilled in the Snowy Mountain ranges of country NSW, this captivating duo are entralling in their dynamic intimacy and embrace all that is subtle, spacious, and sensitive.

Fri Gulaga 6:45pm
Sat Gulaga 8:00pm

Owen Campbell & The Cosmic People

Owen Campbell & The Cosmic People is alternativ blues and oceanic rock at its best. Smouldering guitar work running from bluesy riffs and soulful finger-picking to lap steel guitar solos using a shot glass slide, gritty caramel vocals and a sublime rhythm section.

After 3 best-selling studio albums, 2 EPs, and over 12 years of national and international touring, Owen Campbell has cemented himself as one of Australia's premier blues exports.

Fri Wandella 9:30pm
Sat Wandella 9:30pm

Pickin' Time Bluegrass

Authentic bluegrass music from the Bega Valley, Pickin' Time Bluegrass celebrates everything from Flatt and Scruggs to the Ozark Mountain Daredevils.

Ralph Cullen (vocals, guitar, whistle), Fiona Cullen (vocals, rhythm guitar), Peter Hisco (fiddle, mandolin, vocals), Paul McMurray (banjo, mandolin, vocals) and Luciano Bassegio (double bass) are drawn together by their love of toe-tapping bluegrass and related acoustic styles.

Fri Gulaga 5:45pm
Sat Yuin Folk Stage 10:00am

Rheinberger and Wilson

Nick Rheinberger and Tia Wilson perform razor-sharp, hilarious songs about modern life and love, featuring brooding accordion, seductive strings, sweet harmonies and a love of the absurd.

Fri Wandella 7:15pm
Sat Yuin Folk Stage 7:15pm

Festival Raffle 2023

1st prize Two adult season tickets with camping to the National Folk Festival 2023 Value \$1000
2nd prize Unique Handmade Quilt by Carolyn Griffin Value \$650
3rd prize Two adult season tickets with camping to the Illawarra Folk Festival 2024 Value \$500
4th prize Two adult season tickets with camping to the Cobargo Folk Festival 2024 Value \$400
5th prize Original Watercolour Print by Shirleyanne Myers Value \$300
6th prize Selection of CDs donated by performers Value \$100

Tickets are available from our roving ticket sellers or at the Festival Shop

Tickets are \$2 each OR 3 for \$5

DRAWN: 3:30pm Sunday 5 March at the Biamanga venue

Sapphire Tribal Belly Dance

Dazzling swords, swirling skirts, colourful shawls, fans, finger cymbals and more, Sapphire Tribal presents a dynamic and colourful bellydance display. The style has its foundations in Middle-Eastern dance traditions but is strongly influenced by the beautiful folk dances of India, Africa and Spain. Colourful and elaborate costuming mixes authentic tribal textiles, floral headpieces and ethnic jewellery to create a spectacular display of flying skirts and twirling tassel belts. Dancers present a blend of choreographed and improvised pieces where the connection and interaction between dancers creates a highly engaging dynamic enjoyed by dancers and audiences alike.

Sat KidBargo! 12:00pm
Sat Brolga 3:15pm

Savoy Dance

Savoy Swing of Canberra is represented by long time Swing and Blues dancers Cathie, Steve, Katie and Katherine. Swing and Blues Dance is a broad term that encompasses historic dances of the African American culture. These dances evolved in response to Swing and Blues music of the early 20th century. The Dances are as varied as the music itself, from playful and fast-paced Swing to grounded, rhythmic Blues. Our performances will reflect an authentic expression of Swing and Blues Dance by performing alongside Jazz and Blues musicians, allowing for real-time interpretation, improvisation and collaboration.

Here with Moondog.

Sat Brolga (W/S) 10:15am
Sun Brolga (W/S) 12:30pm

Settlers Sessions

Settler sessions are participative. They focus squarely on collected Australian dance tunes. Sessions are acoustic and inclusive. We begin playing tunes a bit slower but we might speed up a bit later if it feels right. Bring an instrument, even if you're just a beginner.

Sat Spooners Bar 9:00am
Sun Spooners Bar 8:45am

Shortis & Simpson

Cabaret Politico: With a former prime minister censured, and a current one emerging from the honeymoon period, satirical cabaret duo Shortis and Simpson are back at Cobargo with a whole new batch of razor-sharp songs. As the government slays the inflation dragon, grapples with climate targets, plays with acronyms like NACC and IR, the opposition gives us secret portfolios, a new-look Peter Dutton, and turns down the volume on The Indigenous Voice to Parliament. John Shortis' witty songwriting and Moya Simpson's vocal and comic flair combine to tear it all down in hilarious and poignant style in Cabaret Politico.

Sat Yowrie (Choir) 10:00am
Sat Gulaga 4:30pm
Sun Yowrie (Choir) 10:00am
Sun Yuin Folk Stage (Choir) 11:15am

Sionnach Rua's Great Irish Song Book

Sionnach Rua's Great Irish Song Book is an authentic music and story catalogue from Irish born and raised front man, Gallie. Enjoy hearing about Gallie's Irish upbringing with tales of traditions and histories. Audiences will be transported back to a lively session in a celebration of Celtic music with songs ranging from Planxty to Van Morrison to the Dubliners. Joining Gallie (Vocals, acoustic guitar, bodhrán) are acclaimed Australian maestro's and multi-instrumentalists, Ruth Wise - fiddle, Paddy Montgomery - bouzouki, guitar and Sam Davies - uilleann pipes.

Sat Biamanga 2:30pm
Sun Gulaga 12:00pm

Startijenn

We saw them briefly at a concert held when the 2020 festival was cancelled after the bushfires. Best described as a trance/ trad band from Brittany, they have a solid line of traditional instruments played by superb musicians and backed by some rock energy. You will dance the night away.

Fri Biamanga 11:00pm
Sat Biamanga 9:30pm
Sun Biamanga 4:00pm



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Steve Tyson & the Train Rex



Based in Byron Bay, Steve Tyson has released four critically acclaimed records, the latest, *Banjo's Last Ride*, with his band The Train Rex. A set of blues-infused contemporary folk songs, intimate story-telling one minute, swaggering alt-country the next.

Fri Wandella 4:15pm
Sun Wandella 2:15pm

Stonybroke



Allan Stone is a poetry bloke also known as Stonybroke. He'll make you laugh and make you cry. And tell you tales of pie in the sky. So come along, get on yer bike. When Stonybroke is on the mike.

Sat Yuin Folk Stage 8:00am
Sun Yuin Folk Stage 8:00am

Super Rats



A hijacked taxi ride of classic tunes from the backstreets of Bucharest. Featuring the mighty cimbalom (imagine a mashup of honky tonk piano and xylophone) backed by blistering accordion, plaintive violin, and thumping double bass.

From diverse and colourful strands – Ottoman court music, raw Balkan peasant folk, a handful of tango and jazz – Super Rats' *Întăreașcă* music weaves a magic carpet to whisk you away to other times and places.

Fri Biamanga 4:15pm
Sat Yuin Folk Stage 2:30pm

Surly Griffin Morris



Traditional English stick whacking mayhem from Canberra, continuing a strange dance tradition that dates back hundreds of years, and makes no more sense now than it did then. But it does serve to scare off evil spirits and wake up apple trees! Morris at its finest...

Sun Brolga 10:00am

The Double Dole String Band



The Double Dole String Band are an old-time and bluegrass band formed in Melbourne during the pandemic. Releasing their debut album of original tunes, *Jobs and Growth* in 2021 to sold-out crowds up the east coast, they perform with a raucous gentleness and bring a modern and interesting take on traditional music.

Fri Wandella 5:15pm
Sat Gulaga 11:00am

The Michael Menager Trio



The Michael Menager Trio was born at Cobargo Folk Festival 2017 and has been a feature of the South Coast music scene ever since. This year's line-up features Sats Kramer (Scaramouche) on guitar, Dan Efraemson (Malumba) on violin, and singer-songwriter Michael Menager on guitar and vocals. Michael's lyrics cut along a philosophical edge, his style cuts across the musical spectrum from blues and swing to country and early rock 'n' roll.

Fri Yuin Folk Stage 4:15pm
Sat Wandella 1:15pm

The Princesses of Planting



The Princesses of Planting are a group of #Cosplay4ClimateAction heroes, regenerating landscapes with cosplay and choreography! The Princess project is all about referencing some of the many times artists have shown us on screen that we need to band together to protect nature and save the world. With a nostalgic soundtrack and accessible choreography, the Princesses of Planting are fun for emerging superheroes of all ages.

Sat Brolga 12:45pm
Sun KidBargo! 12:15pm

The Rhymer from Ryde



The "Rhymer from Ryde" has been performing as a Bush Poet since legend Frank Daniel introduced him on stage with that moniker in the late 1990's. In his formative years he was mentored by such luminaries as Milton Taylor, "Blue the Shearer", Terry Regan & Denis Kevans and has now developed into the vibrant and entertaining performer that you see commanding the stage today.

Sat Yuin Folk Stage 8:00am
Sat Narira (W/S) 10:30am
Sun Yuin Folk Stage 8:00am

GREAT FOOD AND MARKET STALLS!

Taking in the atmosphere of the Cobargo Folk Festival can leave you needing sustenance, so we have selected a variety of delicious and nutritious culinary options to help you recharge! Sit down and relax at our Too Tents Food Village or eat on the run as you check out our local food and market stalls on your way to or from a concert, dance, workshop.

Grab a coffee, cold drink or Bentspoke Beer from Spooners Bar. Our Festival market is back too with a wide range of clothing, leather products, arts and crafts, many handcrafted in the local region. Support our community and local vendors!

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Tony McManus

Hailed as the world's greatest finger-style Celtic guitarist, Scottish-born Tony is attending his first Cobargo Folk Festival, though he has played twice at our Yuin Folk Club in recent years. An absolutely mesmerising musician and a wonderful educator of young guitarists.

Fri	Yuin Folk Stage	7:15pm
Sat	Gulaga	6:00pm
Sat	Yowrie (W/S)	3:30pm
Sun	Yuin Folk Stage	2:00pm

Tuck Shop Ladies

The triceps ain't what they used to be but the funny bone has only gotten sharper. The Tuck Shop Ladies are an amalgamation of Australian folk music darlings Sam Lohs (Fruit) and Rosie Burgess (Rosie Burgess Trio). Strapping on a pair of ukuleles, the duo pull back the curtain to share an intimate selection of the often ridiculous, but always harmonious songs that were birthed in the back of a tour van, to amuse themselves.

Fri	Gulaga	9:45pm
Sat	Yowrie (W/S)	1:00pm
Sat	Gulaga	3:30pm

Ungus Ungus Ungus

Hold on to your hats as Ungus Ungus Ungus, Australia's premier peddlers of vaudevillian psychedelia, strap you in for a roller coaster ride of dance and mayhem. This is carnivalesque party music for the creatively inclined, traversing territory from global folktronica to swing, Eastern European influences and their signature carnie-hop. Featuring a dynamic stage presence and a dash of seasoned carnie chaos, this cosmic circus is on a mission to make you boogie, gawp and expand your perceptual horizons.

Fri	Biamanga	9:45pm
Sat	KidBargo!	1:00pm
Sat	Biamanga	6:30pm

The Warrens

Djiringanj Elder Warren Foster Senior and his son, Warren Foster (Jnr), are committed to preserving cultural history and telling Yuin stories through song, dance, music and film.

"Our heritage keeps us on track of where we have come from and where we have got to go. We do what we have to do to keep it alive and keep it strong. There's a spiritual fulfilment seeing the pride come out when you teach our traditions. I'm proud to be who I am and proud of my heritage". - Warren Foster Senior

Fri	Gulaga	4:00pm
Sat	Wandella	11:00am

Whiskey Dram

Whiskey Dram is a hard driving folk band with influences ranging from traditional folk, punk, blues, bluegrass and funk. The full line-up includes guitar, banjo, double bass, mandolin, fiddle, trumpet, concertina, flute, tin whistle and percussion. They have a penchant for sea shanties and Australian folk songs, and a reputation for being fast-paced, loud and fun.

Sat	Wandella	10:45pm
Sun	Wandella	3:45pm

Willie and the Correspondents

Songs that tell a story. Willie and the Correspondents, a country/folk/roots band, have been writing and performing for more than 25 years. With two Bega-born residents they sing songs about Jimmy Sharman's Boxing tent, fishing, the struggles of country life plus humorous songs with a political bent. Featuring former ABC International Correspondent, Phil Williams, who is no stranger to Cobargo in much darker times.

Sat	Yuin Folk Stage	4:00pm
Sun	Yuin Folk Stage	12:00pm



We'd like everyone to have a great time. In addition to our Terms and Conditions of Entry. Here are a few tips to make everyone's experience enjoyable:

AROUND OUR SITE

- Our Festival is a family friendly event. Don't be a boofhead! Intoxicated, disruptive and abusive behaviour will not be tolerated anywhere on the Festival grounds;
- Know your limits and watch the booze - remember to eat, and drink plenty of water, especially in hot weather;
- Illicit drugs are not permitted;
- Please put your phone on "silent" during concerts;
- Be mindful of our Showground site by respecting the environment. Pick up your waste, sort your rubbish and place in the bins provided;
- Respect others and their property;
- From 10pm onwards, noise in camping areas designated as quiet zones (Fowls) must be kept to a minimum. In other areas of the campsite, if you are requested to shut down late night sessions please do so;
- Campers - please don't get territorial about your pitch (like putting up barriers around your site) - it's not your land - you are only there temporarily.

BLACKBOARDS AND SESSIONS

The COBARGO FOLK FESTIVAL is a musos' festival and we encourage players of all abilities to get in and participate. Here are some common-sense guidelines to avoid being a boofhead or worse, a "session-wrecker".

FESTIVAL BLACKBOARD SESSIONS

Our blackboard stage will be open on Friday, Saturday after the conclusion of The Crossing Youth Stage Program, and Sunday. This stage will be MC'd by Linda and Scott.

Performers are invited to register their names on the whiteboard in their preferred timeslot. Please be respectful of other performers - anyone found removing the names of other acts to insert their own will not get a gig.

A performance time will be allotted, and each performer will be given a nominated start time for a specified period of performance. Performance duration may vary at the discretion of Linda and Scott, in discussion with the performer, and will be made clear beforehand.

SINGING SESSIONS

Sessions are usually participatory in a 'take a turn around the circle' style of event - there's no compulsion to take the lead though. Please respect the singer and their interpretation of the song. Remember "QUIET FOR THE SINGER" - if you need to chat to your neighbour, please leave the circle. Turn off mobile phones! While we love lively and enthusiastic singing, raucous drunken mayhem into the early hours of the morning, doesn't sit well with us and you will be told to STFU.

MUSIC SESSIONS

There will be music sessions and picks throughout the festival weekend. If you are new to sessions and picks take time to understand the dynamics of the circle. Respect the players, follow the leaders, if you don't know the tune don't play or, at the very least, try not to noodle too loudly on tunes that you don't know. Please respect the musical genre that is the focus of the session.

FOR CAMPERS

This is a folk music festival!

If you are likely to be disturbed by people sessioning into the early hours of the morning and starting up early the next day please do not camp on-site but take advantage of the many local caravan and camping areas in the Bega Valley.

Musicians have been starved of opportunities to play together for the past three years and there will be late night sessions.

Sessioners and pickers - please keep it acoustic!



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