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COBARGO FOLK FESTIVAL

1-3 March 2024



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The Cobargo Folk Festival is extremely proud to have been recognised as a **WINNER** in the 2023 Tidy Towns Awards in the Population Category A (population less than 1500) for the Zero Landfill Project in 2023.

This award would not have been possible without the dedication and passion of the Team Leader **HUGH PITTY** and our magnificent Zero Landfill Team.





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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/vaping/e-cigarettes are only permitted in the Designated Smoking Area - see map (DSA) p38.
- Please do not bring alcohol and/or 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. NO GENERATORS please!
- Campsites are allocated on first-in-first-served basis. Please don't rope off sites for friends who haven't arrived.
- No pets - only registered assistance animals will be permitted.

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.



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Welcome to the 2024 Cobargo Folk Festival - our 27th Festival!!!

Over the ten years I have been involved in the Cobargo Folk Festival, one important thing I've learned is that you can't rest on the laurels of previous years. Like the folk arts themselves, folk festivals need to be nurtured and supported – if we don't do this, we won't thrive.

As a not-for-profit, community-run and organised Festival, we aim to put on a great show, in a beautiful and safe environment. We hope everyone feels welcomed, knowing that each of us has a part to play in making this Festival a celebration of all that is good in our lives.

Each year, your responses to our audience surveys guide our work to improve the way our Festival is run: providing better venues, better amenities, higher production values and better staging for our performers. After all, if we don't have performers, we don't have a festival. Likewise without volunteers, venue providers, sound technicians and a well maintained and easily accessible site, we don't have a festival.

Most importantly, without you – the Festival supporters who buy tickets vital for the financing of the Festival – there's no point in having any of it!

Over the past four years, we've all had more than our fair share of trials and tribulations. For us, one amazing development from all of this mayhem has been a strengthening of community bonds with other not-for-profit groups in the region.

The Far South Coast is home to a vibrant community of local artists, musicians, writers and craftspeople.

Last year, we were delighted to announce a deepening of our collaboration with the Four Winds Festival in Bermagui. Our plan is to work together on joint concerts and events and to look at supporting co-productions that we can take from the Bega Valley to audiences in cities and regional centres around Australia. Our collaboration with Lindy Hume and Heath Cullen on the Dead Horse Gap project is another example of this exciting work.

We are pleased to launch a revamped poetry and spoken word program, introducing a wonderful range of poets and storytellers from the Sapphire Coast to our Festival audience working together with the bush poets.

Another focus this year is passing on the knowledge and skills we've learned to the next generations. You'll note that we've planned a series of workshops and training opportunities for young people this year.

Once again, thanks to all our organisers, volunteers, performers and contractors for their work in getting our Festival up and running. And thanks to Destination NSW for help with marketing and to Bega Valley Shire Council for their support of our Zero Landfill achievements.

The efforts of all involved in this event were recognised this year in two awards: the 2023 Zero Landfill Project won the Resource, Recovery and Waste Minimisation Award in the 2023 Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Tidy Towns Awards in the small towns section (under 1000); and our audience survey work was Highly Commended in the Research Society's Research Effectiveness Award. My thanks to everyone who contributed by sorting rubbish and filling in our surveys.

As a not-for-profit organisation any money we make from the event is used to fund and improve our Festival and to encourage music, art and culture in our region.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all of you who buy tickets each year and provide the income that makes all of the above possible. Have a great time and bring more friends!

Zena Armstrong

Festival Director

EV chargers in the Cobargo area



Cobargo

Cobargo Co-op
Two Chargefox destination, up to 22 kW, Type 2, cables provided

Bermagui

Fisherman's Co-op
Two Chargefox destination, up to 22 kW, Type2, cables provided

Tathra

Tathra Hotel and Motel
Two Chargefox destination, up to 22 kW, Type 2, cables provided

Bega

One NRMA fast DC, up to 50 kW

Narooma

Four Tesla fast DC, up to 120 kW (open to non-Teslas)

For exact locations check PlugShare, Google Maps or relevant network app. Chargefox and Tesla apps are required for payment and can be checked on route for availability.





ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This Festival would not be possible without the extraordinary efforts of the dedicated volunteers, many of whom work tirelessly throughout the year to organise and manage the huge variety of tasks necessary to run this event and bring you the very best Festival experience.

Managers

Artistic Program	Zena Armstrong, Peter Logue, Carolyn Griffin, Sats Kramer, Peter Hisco
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Construction & Staging	Harry Binnendijk, Mike Nicholas
Finance & Budgeting	Zena Armstrong, Peter Shears
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Camping	Pamela & Peter Shears
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Photography	Sabine Friedrich

A HUGE THANK YOU
to our amazing volunteers



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Sustainability & Zero Landfill Team	Hugh Pitty and the 1st Cobargo Scout Group
The Crossing Youth Stage	Annette & Dean Turner
Ticket Office	Samantha Fenton

Other Significant Roles

Bookkeeper	Lainey Keir/Ali Taylor
Business Manager	Ali Taylor
Grants, Sponsorship & Funding	Zena Armstrong
Program Book (Compilation & Editing)	Pam Cogar
Social Media	Zena Armstrong, Peter Logue, Ali Taylor, Felicity Dowd
Website	Darryl Butler (Itchybrain Productions)

Special Thanks

We would like to thank Lainey Keir who has looked after the Yuin Folk Club and Festival accounts for the past seven years. As well as keeping our budgets in order, Lainey has also made sure our invoices are paid on time! On top of that she has taken part a number of times as a musician and we hope she will continue her involvement in the Festival in years to come.

Replacing Lainey as our Financial Manager is the wonderful Alison Taylor who also continues in her volunteer role as Volunteer Manager. Also from the local area, Ali makes an enormous contribution to the success of our Festival.

Thanks also to Sabine Friedrich and Chris Sheedy for photos used in this publication.





SITE CHANGES



Regular attendees will notice a number of significant changes to our site this year. First and foremost, we are moving two of our main venues – the Biamanga and the Wandella, onto the main arena, creating more of a village atmosphere on what's said to be the biggest showground arena in New South Wales. There are a few reasons for this. In the past, we have had to work hard to improve the old site of the Wandella venue because it gets pretty ripped up during the Cobargo Show rodeo, two weeks earlier. We have decided to relocate the venue away from the rodeo site. A lot of work has been done to improve access to the arena from the bar area, with new steps and gates installed.

We are adding a food court to the arena, within easy reach of our venues and of the Yuin Elders tent. This is a "must visit" for those interested in the wisdom from a culture that has existed in this area for millennia.

We are also moving the Brolga dance venue onto the arena and using the old site of the Biamanga for the Crossing Youth/Blackboard venue and for our new poetry/spoken word venue.

Another significant and most welcome change is the



acoustic upgrading of the Gulaga (big shed) venue which will significantly improve the acoustics and ambience there. We thank the Cobargo Show Society and the Showground Land Manager and Committee for driving this change.

Organised Sessions

After its success last year, the session space opposite the bar, now re-named Bob's Session Shed in honour of Life member Bob McInnes, is the place to go if you want to test your musical skills with some of the best or just sit listening at the back. Some sessions are programmed but expect the unexpected. All welcome. Check the Notice Board in the Shed!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Where to start? There are so many exciting things happening at our Festival this year that we don't have room to list them all. Ideas from the Edge is back. Frank Yamma is leading a conversation about cross-cultural "working relationships" in the Yuin Elders Tent. Make sure you take time to read through the program booklet so you don't miss any of our special events! Here are a few.

Shortis and Simpson with Michael Simic "Under the Influence"

Michael Simic together with John Shortis and Moya Simpson and a stellar band, takes us through his musical influences in a 90 minute musical extravaganza. And those influences are wide and eclectic, from Balkan to blues to spaghetti westerns to Elvis.

Poetry and Spoken Word "festival within a festival"

Can bush poetry and contemporary poetry co-exist at the same event? We keep trying and are giving it a red-hot go with our revamped Poetry and Spoken word program in The Yarnin' venue, co-ordinated by poet, Sandra Renew. Catch Gabrielle Journey Jones, fresh from Woodford Folk Festival, and a host of other exciting South Coast voices together with Festival favourites Robyn Sykes and Stonybroke.

Harry Laing and Michael Simic Time of Fire

A collaboration between poet and performer Harry Laing and songwriter, musician and performer Michael Simic.

Harry Laing's new collection of poems *Time of Fire* is a personal and poetic account of the bushfires of 2019/20. A landholder in Reidsdale (near Braidwood on the Southern Tablelands of NSW), Harry's property was severely impacted by the fires. A member of NSW Rural Fire Service, Harry was out on the truck during that time. The addition of Michael's music and song creates a truly immersive performance experience. Michael, a Braidwood resident, was living with his family in Majors Creek at the time of the fires, and has created music and songs in response to this experience. *"Without sharing our stories, the fear and devastation can seem unfathomable. These poems, with music, remind us of the ways in which we were able to support each other during the Black Summer, working together, rekindling hope and remaking our future, community by community."*

Yuin Culture Circle

Uncle Warren Ngarrae Foster will be sharing his thoughts on cultural issues and the importance of song and dance and the language of fire. The Gulaga Dancers will perform on Saturday evening in front of the Yuin Elders tent. A wonderful opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the cultural diversity and connection to Country of our First Nations people.

Frank Yamma will present a workshop on Relationship Building – Sunday, Yuin Elders Tent 11:00am

Aunty Eileen's Emerging Indigenous Voices Concert

The focus of the Aunty Eileen Emerging Indigenous Voices Concert this year is to showcase some wonderful emerging First Nations talent from the Far South Coast and beyond.





Maybe the new Archie Roach, Frank Yamma, Kutcha and Gina Williams (all of whom have played the Cobargo Folk Festival) are already in the making here on Djiringanj land.

Stonewave Taiko

Here in Cobargo we have one of the most exciting developments in Australian percussion with the growth of Stonewave Taiko. Led by former Taikoz drummer, David Hewitt, Stonewave Taiko is the one of few taiko ensembles based in remote regional Australia. Formed in 2014, it currently boasts over 35 members of a diversity of ages from all walks of life. Stonewave performs the beautiful and dynamic art form of Japanese taiko drumming.

Choirs



Choirs bring a richness and diversity to music festivals. This year you can watch the wonderful Bega Valley Male Voice Choir, led by Geoffrey Badger and also take part in our Festival Choir, led by The Third Voice.

Dead Horse Gap

Our region is blessed that some of Australia's most creative and successful arts producers and administrators now live here. Lindy Hume, a well-known Australian opera and festival director, is working with local musicians and others to develop Dead Horse Gap, a new music and storytelling production being created in the Bega Valley, with a view to taking it to some of our major cities. A series of three community workshops will be held between March and May.

A presentation about the production will be held at our Festival. Sunday, The Yarnin' 11:30am.

The Solo Voice

"The human voice is the most perfect instrument of all" Avo Pärt. Join Candelo singer-songwriter Mike Martin and some fabulous solo singers to hear their stories and the power of their voices. Saturday, Gulaga 12:10pm.

Gordon Lightfoot Tribute

The great Canadian singer/songwriter Gordon Lightfoot went to the big singing session in the sky last year. Fred Pilcher, Gary Luck and Georg Breu, regulars on the Canberra and Sydney scene since the 1970s, will bring you some of Gordon's best and lesser known songs. We've made sure not to program it in the Early Morning Rain.

Festival Photographer

We are very fortunate each year to have a number of wonderful volunteer photographers who capture some of the great Festival moments. In addition to this year's photographer Sabine Friedrich, we have engaged an official photographer of some note.

Now a Cobargo local, Matt Netheim has worked as the official stills photographer on Australian films like *Rabbit Proof Fence* and *Jindabyne* as well as international films like *Hot Fuzz* and *Where the Wild Things Are*. He's also a talented circus and children's performer and a singer, pianist and songwriter. Say hello if you see him around.


Settler Sessions

These acoustic sessions run by Ray Mulligan, are led by active players and collectors interested in passing on Australia's musical heritage. Presented in an informal, participative, inclusive and approachable manner, bring an instrument and play along, we begin slowly but we might speed up a bit later if it feels right. <https://bushtraditions.wiki>

Saturday & Sunday: Spooners Bar, 9:00-11:00am

Tilba Valley Winery & Ale House

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Campbell the Swaggie

Congratulations Campbell on your award of "Order of Woodfordia"!

The rare "Order of Woodfordia" was presented to Campbell the Swaggie at the 2023-24 Woodford Folk Festival. Campbell has been at every Maleny and Woodford Folk Festival since their inception.

Campbell has also been a regular at the Cobargo Festival and many of you will know that he turns up at Festivals and events all over Australia presenting his non-stop dialogues of stories and poems.

Originally from New Zealand, he has lived as a swaggie throughout Australia since the 1970s. A living legend!





HEALTH & WELL-BEING



Tantric Hatha Yoga with Jane Corben

With more than 40 years' 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 & Sunday in the Brolga 7:00-8:00am



Tai Chi with Rod Dunn

The ancient Chinese art of Tai Chi is gaining world wide popularity for its ability to relax and strengthen the body and mind and is suitable for people of all ages. Rod Dunn teaches the Hun Yuan Tai Chi System which specifically focuses on fostering a deep level of relaxation, cultivating energy to nurture oneself and developing natural freedom of movement.

Saturday in the Brolga 8:20-9:20am

Kavisha Mazzella

Empty Sky Kirtan and Silent Meditation

Kavisha teaches songs and chants that draw inspiration from the mystic poets such as Rumi, Hafiz, Saint Frances of Assisi. The sacred world traditions have so much to offer us and these lead into silent meditation in between each song celebrating our inner world. The workshop was well received at the 2023 National Folk Festival.

Sunday morning in Yowrie 10:50am

Shaking Medicine with Rachel Brown

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 in the Brolga 8:20am-9:20am



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Gallery
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Original local art with a quirky edge

<https://www.facebook.com/thelazylizardgallery>

Diary Dates



Festival 2025: 28 February - 2 March

Performer Applications:

Open May 2024 - Close 31 July 2024

Volunteer Applications:

Open September 2024

Stallholder enquiries for 2025 to:

cobargoffstall@gmail.com (all year)





A FOCUS ON YOUTH

BIOLUMINESCENCE

Bioluminescence @ Cobargo Folk Festival is back for 2024! After lighting up the Chook Shed in 2023 we will be back bigger and better, presenting a stunning light show on the top of the Biamanga venue after dark! Run by local young people, Bioluminescence will light up the Festival on the Saturday night with videos captured from the Festival site, Narira Creek and surrounds.



The Bioluminescence Project gives young people experience in the creative industries through large scale video projection mapping events and develops skills such as videography, video editing and event management while engaging them in the unique biodiversity of each environment where the event occurs.

This program is supported by the Yuin Folk Club and in partnership with the Atlas of Life in the Coastal Wilderness. <https://bioluminescence.au>

SOUNDCHECK

The Festival is delighted to introduce Soundcheck to our event this year.

Soundcheck is a mentoring program that aims to build music, performance and event management and production skills in young people from the local area who were affected by the 2019/2020 bushfires.

The program is delivered by Sats Kramer on behalf of the Cobargo Community Access Centre, funded by the Cobargo Community Bushfire Recovery Fund.

The Festival is providing performance opportunities to learn how to MC concerts, experience in audio production and venue and stage management. We hope this will continue into future festivals, as we nurture the festival producers, event managers and performers of the future.

Soundcheck Concert Sunday, The Crossing 10:00-11:00am



Lamont St, Bermagui Phone 02 6493 4575 bermaguifishermenswharf.com.au



il Passaggio



Bermagui Fishermen's Wharf is located on the harbour at beautiful Bermagui on the NSW Far South Coast.

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HELP US BUILD ON OUR 2023 ACHIEVEMENTS FOR ZERO LANDFILL IN 2024

At the 2022 Cobargo Folk Festival we introduced a new approach to minimising the amount of waste going to landfill. We removed all the red-lid landfill bins and introduced our Zero Landfill team of volunteer Zero Waste Warriors to help festival-goers to put their waste in the right bins.

Two hot wash stations were provided, as well as green-lid bins for FOGO (= Food Organics Garden Organics) and yellow-lid bins for recycling at the bin stations. As a result of these changes, **in 2022 we reduced the total amount of waste going to landfill to just 770 litres (or around three standard wheelie bins)**



This achievement was recognized by Keep Australia Beautiful NSW at the Tidy Towns Sustainability Awards on 4th November 2023 when **the Cobargo Folk Festival Zero Landfill Project was awarded the Resource Recovery and Waste Minimisation Award for towns in the smallest population size category.**

We continued this approach at the 2023 Cobargo Folk Festival, the first full size

festival since the Black Summer bushfires and COVID pandemic. **Despite a larger crowd, we were able to keep the total amount of material going to landfill down to around 1.1 cubic metres = 1,100 litres (or the equivalent of around four and a half standard wheelie bins).**

- Approximately 11 cubic metres of organic material went to bulk composting at a local farm including soiled paper and cardboard
- 2.2 cubic metres of clean cardboard and paper, mostly from vendors went to recycling
- 3.3 cubic metres of co-mingled recycling were also recycled
- Cobargo Scouts collected approximately 7 cubic metres of 10c refundable containers (including 6 cubic metres of single use plastic bottles and aluminium cans together with 1 cubic metre of glass) for fundraising through the Return & Earn Scheme.



Give some thought to how you sort

For the 2024 Cobargo Folk Festival, we aim to further improve our performance as we work towards our goal of generating zero landfill at the event. This year we will continue to provide 10 bins stations at strategic locations around the Festival site and we are specifically targeting particular places such as the bar to support our collective efforts to reduce waste.

We are also making a special effort to reduce waste during the set-up and pack-down phases before and after the event (which together account for about a third of the waste produced at each of the last two festivals). Switching to reliable reusable cable ties would be a fine thing

Effective source separation by all of us reduces the time and effort required by volunteers doing quality control at the depot at the back of the Festival site (where the contents of each bin is checked to ensure no cross-contamination of different material streams). Please say hello to our volunteers and help make their work easier by showing your support.

What we would like you to do is:

1. **Appreciate the effort that volunteers are making to help you reduce the amount we contribute to landfill;**
2. **Please, follow the guidance offered by the volunteers and thank them for their efforts;**
3. **If you happen to bring any single-use plastic items or composites (single-use items made of more than one material), we ask you to kindly take them home with you when you go;**
4. **Make use of the two hot wash stations (conveniently located near each toilet building) which are equipped with a kettle for hot water, detergent, scrubbers, drying racks and tea towels, to clean your plastic items before taking them home with you;**
5. **Use the small hazardous waste bin in the main toilet block (sensibly located near the change table) for any nappies, wipes or other hazardous items or materials soiled with human waste to keep them out of the recycling and FOGO bins. If possible, consider switching to reusable cloth nappies;**
6. **If you are unsure what to do with any particular item or material and should you find a bin station unattended by a volunteer 'bin fairy' please read the colour-coded signs on the bins which make it clear which items and materials go in which bin.**

We hope you will take this example of sustainable living practice back home to implement in your day-to-day life as best you can.

We thank the Bega Valley Shire Council for their continuing financial support of our waste management efforts.



PLEASE DISPOSE OF GLASS THOUGHTFULLY

Please! For safety reasons 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.





ZERO WASTE TARGET

WHAT TO PUT WHERE

			SANITARY ITEMS	
Food scraps and organic garden matter and other compostables including SOILED cardboard plates, paper cups, and bamboo cutlery	Recyclables including single-use aluminium cans, steel cans, milk & juice cartons, glass bottles and jars, plastic drink containers, clean paper and cardboard (flattened), newspapers and magazines	\$\$\$ Refundable single-use 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.



FESTIVAL ZERO LANDFILL TEAM VOLUNTEERS

Winning the 2023 Tidy Towns Sustainability Awards (Cobargo Folk Festival Zero Landfill Project) would not have been possible without the dedication and enormous efforts of Hugh Pitty, our Zero Landfill Team volunteers, the 1st Cobargo Scout Group and all who attended our 2023 Festival and took the time to sort their waste carefully.

Our Zero “Waste Warriors” work throughout the Festival collecting the full bins, sorting where necessary and depositing empty bins so that we can minimise the waste going to local land fill.

If you are unsure about where to put your rubbish, please check with one of the many Zero Waste Warriors (also known as bin fairies) working around the site. You’ll easily identify them by their Zero Landfill Team T-shirts.



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HOME OF THE DJIRINGANJ PEOPLE - YUIN NATION

Welcome to Djiringanj Country

“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. Walawaani njindiwan - Welcome everyone!”

Warren Ngarrae Foster, First Nations Coordinator, Cobargo Folk Festival

The Welcome to Country with Uncle Warren Ngarrae Foster will take place on the Biamanga (Main Stage) from 4pm on Friday 1 March.
We encourage everyone to participate in this ceremony of welcome onto Djiringanj lands.

The First Nations program this year has a special focus on young indigenous performers and story sharing.

The Aunty Eileen Emerging Indigenous Voices Showcase concert will feature emerging indigenous artists - Sam Ellis, Nikea Brooks-Hayes, Dre Wicks and The Bush Billies - in a one hour showcase on the **Wandella Stage on Saturday from 11:00am.**

- ✳ **The Bush Billies, Warren Foster Jnr & Tim Hagan** (of Prodikal-1), mix bush band music with comedy and hip hop swagger. The Bush Billies are not to be missed.
- ✳ **Sam Ellis** is a proud Aboriginal woman from the beautiful Yuin country on the NSW Far South Coast. At 17 years old, Sam is an aspiring songwriter and performer, drawing inspiration from her culture and family, as well as an eclectic range of musicians and musical styles.
- ✳ **Nikea Brooks-Hayes and Dre Wicks.** Nikea is a young Yuin, Bidwall Maap woman and Dre is a young Yuin Wiradjuri man, both live on the South Coast of NSW.



These young artists range across genres and all are accomplished storytellers, conveying the deep and complex stories behind the lives of young indigenous people in the 21st Century.

Story is at the heart of all we do at the Festival and we are delighted to welcome poet Sassi Nuyum, to the festival for the first time. Sassi Nuyum is a performer travelling life’s road with a compelling insight and honest creativity that rises above the barriers that sometimes block cultural understanding and open conversation. Sassi will be performing in the Opening concert, just after the **Welcome to Country** and again in the Poet’s event on **Saturday in the Yarnin’.**

We welcome back Ron Callaghan to our stages. Ron, a Yuin artist, is a South Coast institution who has been playing his unique blend of blues, rock and country for more than 30 years.

We are also delighted to present Frank Yamma with David Bridie. Frank Yamma is one of Australia’s most significant Indigenous songwriters with an ability to cross cultural and musical boundaries. An initiated Pitjantjatjara man, Frank sings in his native language and English. His mighty songs, magical guitar playing and deeply evocative voice tell stories of country, protection, heartache, travel and love. As well as his concerts, Frank will also be presenting a workshop on **Relationship Building** in the **Yuin Elders Tent on Sunday at 11:00am.**

The Yuin Elders Tent will once again be on the Arena hosted by Uncle Warren Ngarrae Foster and volunteers from the Wallaga Lake community. Warren and friends will host several Yuin conversations during the weekend so do call by and say hello, share a story, listen and learn from cultural lore holders. Warren and his band **The Warrens** will also perform during the welcome concert on **Friday night and again on Saturday.**

Finally, as part of the ongoing healing work taking place post-2019 bushfires, the Gulaga Dancers will dance in the Festival’s Healing Circle on **Saturday from 5.30 pm at the Yuin Elders Tent.** All are invited to help make the Healing Circle, starting at 5.20pm. The main stages on the Arena will take a break during this event.

About Warren Ngarrae Foster

Warren Ngarrae Foster has spent most of his life on country at Wallaga Lake and is committed to telling the stories of his people, through song, dance, music, film; and the more mainstream understanding of what storytelling is. Warren is an accomplished musician, singer and dancer, who released his first hip-hop CD *Dreamtime* as WZA in 2008, to engage First Nations youth through contemporary song. He is founding member of the Gulaga Dancers, which formed in the 1990’s,

The Yuin Nation extends from the Shoalhaven River at Nowra, down the coast into Mallacoota Lake and the Victorian border and west to the Great Dividing Range.





Cobargo Preschool will be hosting the Kidbargo Tent, providing a fun, creative space for children and families. Alongside the programmed entertainment there will be activities for children to create and explore using nature's treasures, recycled materials, lots of colour and a sprinkle of magic! Some activities will include up-cycled weaving, crown making and nature wands.

Alive and Connected Play Space

Alive and Connected Play Space offers a fun, engaging connection for all ages.

On our big colourful mats we have space for families to sit and hang out, dress ups (for all ages) and giant scrabble. We have a blackboard flowing throughout the day with workshops (juggling, hacky sack and rope making), big rope skipping, demos and a little show or two.

- 🌟 Juggling workshops Saturday and Sunday for an hour and a half. Come and learn to juggle or develop your skills by learning some new tricks.
- 🌟 One Big Rope Skipping, hoops and dress-ups session each day for 45 mins.
- 🌟 Giant Scrabble for 1 hour each day.
- 🌟 Hacky Sack session each day.



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.

Participate in the Alive and Connected Play Space activities and be entertained by our wonderful musicians and singers. Try juggling, skipping, hoops and dress-ups and so much more!

Lose yourself in craft, get your face painted, get moving!

Maypole with Molly - Saturday and Sunday

Always a favourite, Maypole with Molly sessions are colourful, energetic and a whole lot of family fun. An early start to escape the heat of the day! Look for the colourful Maypole near KidBargo!

Madhava Flag Warrior - Saturday 11:30am and Sunday

Flag making workshop with ribbons and stilts.

Harry Laing - Poetry for Kids - Saturday 12:30pm

An event for parents and children. Enjoy Harry Laing's fun and dynamic performance of some of his own raps, chants and stories and have a go and writing and performing your own. Harry will give you some great ideas and prompts and you'll really want to share what you write.

Robyn Sykes - Poetry for Children - Saturday 10:30am

Earth. Environment. Ecology.

Whether we write prose or poetry, nature can inspire us. Come with award-winning writer Robyn Sykes on a journey to explore landscape and its impacts on us; the natural world and our position in it. Investigate the relationships. Play with the sense of place and space. Stretch your mind.

Songs of the Desert with Gleny Rae - Saturday 1:30pm

Appropriate for kids from 6 up. Gleny Rae will share songs from the desert, including some walking songs, rounds, and a song in Arrerndte! Bring your parents too!

Lucky Jim Saturday 2:20pm; Sunday 10:40am

Lucky Jim is musician and storyteller who plays music for children aged 0 -112 years of age. He makes silly, imaginative and engaging music to entertain and enthral kids and their families. He has released two albums of fantastic family music - *There's Something Stinky in the Fridge* and *other Family Favourites* and *Lucky Jim's Family Album*.

Lucy Wise - Folk Songs for Children Saturday 3:20pm

Join singer-songwriter Lucy Wise, for some singalongs and story-songs that she has learned throughout her upbringing playing folk music - she will have your little ones dancing, singing and grooving!





FOR THE LITTLE FOLK

Mic Conway & Robbie Long - Rubbish - A Look at the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) - Sunday 11:30am

Using a variety of skills including magic, puppets, tap dancing, circus and song Mic Conway makes the message FUN! He demonstrates the magic of recycling with some dazzling tricks and shows the pleasure in reusing "junk" for music and fun, with lots of audience participation.

An educational and entertaining show encouraging children to think of what they can do in their everyday lives to minimise their consumption of resources.

Robyn O'Neill - Book Reading "Tree-squeak" - Sunday 10:00am

Robyn's book is about an old growth gum tree. These are our native Eucalyptus trees, that are over 170 years old, and the myriad of creatures that call them home. That includes over 75 species of gliders, birds, bats, snakes, bats, powerful owls that all use their hollows or their branches. The book is a rhyming guessing game with pictures for young children ages 3-8 years.



Hula Hoops and Circus Skills with Jewelz - Sunday 1:00pm

Jewelz A Hoopz is a quirky little firecracker that calls herself a "Hoopologist". She wields hoops of all shapes and sizes. She spins, dances and has been weaving magic with hoops since 2009. From spinning multiple hoops to teaching preschoolers. 88-year-old cancer survivor, Jewelz, spreads hoopy loopy happiness wherever she goes.

But wait, there's more! Beyond hoops, she'll teach you other circus tricks like juggling balls, poi, flower sticks, ribbons and spinning plates. Look out for Jewelz this Festival, you never know when she'll Pop-Up and Pop-In for some circus fun!



Note: KidBargo! is NOT a child minding facility.

Parents/guardians are required to supervise their children **at all times** and are encouraged to participate in the wonderful activities on offer.



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ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PERFORMERS

A regular feature at the Cobargo Folk Festival for over 16 years, The Crossing continues to showcase youth talent and give young musicians valuable experience performing in front of a live audience.

The aim of The Crossing stage is to provide challenging and fun experiences in a supportive environment where young people can learn new skills, increase self-awareness and build confidence.

Come, watch and be inspired by these budding young stars of the future!

Abby May



Solo singer-songwriter, from the foothills of Gulaga Mountain, Abby May began her singing journey at eleven years old, achieving awards in the National Busking Festivals. Now 17, Abby shares her ethereal vocal sounds through an acoustic mix of folk, indie and jazz, bringing the love of our Mother Earth back through song.

Ashton Washbrook



An intriguing and long experience based around the acoustic guitar instrumentals in a folk genre and a calm and relaxing song style. Worth coming down and listening to if you want to be taken on a journey through your

emotions and minds as you listen to some beautifully composed music that reminds you of the good times and the beautiful scenery around us.

Bega Valley Youth Orchestra



The Bega Valley Youth Orchestra was co-founded in February 2020. Despite bush fires and COVID, it has been a great success. Under the direction of Vanessa Vromans and the support of the BVYO tutors Julian Gonzalez, Georgi Hargraves, Jack Hobbs, Nyah Cockle and Steven Fitzgerald, the Bega Valley Youth Orchestra looks 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.

Photo credit: David Rogers

Bluescape Music



Bluescape Music is an existing outfit. We can do Groove, Swing, Blues, Gospel, Shuffles, Latin and Ballads. We joined with local teens Hamish and Remy in the last 6 months because they showed interest in mentorship and playing in a group. Ours is music inspired by the Afro American tradition and all those that have been inspired by this traditional lineage.

Cavell Martin



Cavell Martin is an emerging performer having grown up in and around folk festivals - this is home. Mainly playing the acoustic guitar, but with an ever growing collection of instruments, you'll be sure to enjoy the variety of sounds, songs and emotions from this upcoming young artist.

Cheers to Noone



An upcoming alternative rock band from the far south coast.

Froggies on Poppies



Hop into the vibrant world of the Froggies on Poppies, where Anna's piano keys create soulful ripples, Finn's drumming leaps like a rhythmic amphibian, and Maya Rae's vocals croon with froggy charm. This trio's soul-pop fusion is more infectious than a pond full of catchy tunes, ribbiting with every groove.

Guitarama



Thirty four strings in mainly Latin American style.

Joint Custody



Joint Custody are a 4-piece soft rock band. We started off as four friends and then joined forces because of our love for music.





THE CROSSING YOUTH STAGE

Millicent & Tristan White



Millicent and Tristan White are siblings who play an array of tunes and songs on their English concertinas. They won the NSW Folk Federation Young Folk Artist Award for Under 19s in 2023. They have participated in festivals, charity, blackboard sessions, and online video events, and are striving to create and perform their own music.

Toby Jennings



Toby is a seasoned guitar player who has recently ventured into the world of written music and the viola. He brings a variety of short, catchy tunes as he tries to push his music further out of his comfort zone and to into the realm of performing live.

Kinja Katona



I am Kinja and I have been singing for as long as I can remember. I enjoy listening to a wide range of music from Crowded House to Josh Pyke to Montaigne, but my favourite songs to sing are usually rather whimsical or tell a story.

Performance Schedule Saturday

Bega Valley Youth Orchestra
10:00-10:40

Students & Teacher Performances:
Everly Paine
Xanthe Dowd
Kinja Katona
Genevieve Goldsworthy
From 11:00

Tilly Rose
12:30

The Young Universe
1:00

Millicent & Tristan White
1:30

Ashton Washbrook
2:00

Abby May
2:30

Guitarama
3:00

Cheers to Noone
3:30

Toby Jennings
4:00

Cavell Martin
4:30

Froggies on Poppies
5:00

Joint Custody
5:40

Bluescape Music
6:20-7:00

The Young Universe



Sisters doing it for themselves!

Student and Teacher Performances

This year we have four students performing with their teacher Arati George. These performances will begin at 11:00am and finish about 12:30 showcasing Everly Paine, Xanthe Dowd and the final student will be Genevieve Goldsworthy



Genevieve will lead and be accompanied by Arati singing songs from a variety of genres. They both play guitar and sing.

Everly Paine



Everly, 10 years old, is an aspiring singer-songwriter. She is inspired by the place she calls home, Candelo, a village known for its thriving arts and music scene.

Tilly Rose



Tilly brings a beautiful blend of classical and contemporary guitar, perfectly balanced with her heavenly vocals. A variety of modern pop and timeless classics means, Tilly is a real crowd pleaser.

Xanthe Dowd



Aspiring singer.



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Spoken Word and Poetry

Immerse yourself in the Spoken Word events presented by the Cobargo Folk Festival 2024. We're featuring both poetry and storytelling performances and workshops. Building on the experience and demand of the last two years, we have significantly expanded the Spoken Word program offerings.

Enjoy a wide range of poetry styles and types from classic bush poetry, to slam, modern performance, lyrics and humour.

Join Robyn Sykes and Stonybroke at a classic Poets Breakfast – open mic walk-up/sign-up on both Saturday and Sunday mornings – to get you started. Poets performing all types of poetry, at all levels of creative development are welcome to use their two minutes at the microphone to recite or read their own work or the classics of bush poetry.

Jacqui Malins and Sassi Nuyum feature their own unique slam and performance presentations in a one hour performance set with two individual performances.

A one hour workshop to develop skills in presenting bush poetry and performance/slam is presented jointly with Robyn Sykes and Jacqui Malins.

Check out our poetry Showcases for the work and poets of several regional poetry groups: South Coast Writers Centre, Sapphic Coast Creatives, Poetry Alive Weekends and Well Thumbed Poets. Gabrielle Journey Jones and Harry Laing will join them to hear readings, launches, and recitals of memorised pieces— all kinds of poetry to be found here.

We hope you enjoy this “festival within a festival”. We plan to add more Spoken Word events in future Cobargo Folk Festivals for general enjoyment and appreciation of the spoken word, to encourage community participation in the Festival and provide opportunities to develop skills for performances. Many thanks to Sandra Renew for co-ordinating the Spoken Word and Poetry program.



Ideas from the Edge

A Conversation with Brett Cottle - Hosted by Phil Williams - Saturday, Yuin Elders Tent 11:40am-12:40pm

“Artificial Intelligence: Creative Tool or Cyborg Plagiarist?”

In this conversation, Brett will explore the impact of AI on the music industry in conversation with former ABC journalist, Phil Williams.

Brett was CEO of the Australian Performing Rights Association APRA AMCOS for 28 years until stepping down in 2018. For the last 21 years of that time, he was also CEO of Australian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society Ltd (AMCOS). Other key roles include appointments to CISAC (International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers), the Australian Copyright Council and the Copyright Law Review Committee and the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers.

Throughout his career, Brett has worked to secure effective rights for Australian and NZ songwriters, composers and music publishers, fighting against piracy, copyright theft and now turning his attention to AI.



A Conversation with Julian Cribb AM - Hosted by Dr Stephen Mills - Saturday in the Yowrie 2:00-3:00pm

“Surviving the 21st Century”

Distinguished author and science communicator Julian Cribb AM in conversation with former ABC presenter Linda Mottram, discussing threats to the future of our society and the role of regional areas.

Julian is a fellow of the Royal Society for the Arts, the Australian Academy of Technological Science (ATSE) and the Australian National University Emeritus Faculty. His career includes appointments as newspaper editor, on numerous scientific boards, advisory panels, national professional bodies for journalism and science communication. He is a co-founder of the Council for the Human Future and the author of eight books, including the international acclaimed *The Coming Famine* (2010).

A Huge Thank You To the Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade

The Cobargo Folk Festival acknowledges the outstanding service of the Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade, Quaama Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, Bermagui, Tilba and other volunteer brigades in our region. Their selfless work keeps our communities safe in times when disaster can strike at a moment's notice. Our rural fire services provide a vital community service, and hold a huge amount of local knowledge of great value during fast-developing disasters.

As local people we recommend donating directly to local Rural Fire Brigades. The Cobargo Community Bushfire Recovery Fund provided a grant of \$65,000 to construct two much-needed 110,000 litre water tanks at the CRFB fire station for fire fighting purposes. These tanks could not be funded through other means.

The Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade's sausage sizzle at our Festival is a major CRFB fundraising activity. Please support the work of the rural fire brigades (by donating to them directly via the NSWRFES page) and buying a bacon and egg roll or sausage sandwich at the Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade's stall this weekend!





FRIDAY

Time	Venue	Description	Presenter
10:00-11:00pm	Yowrie	Singing Session Workshop	Thieving Magpies
Thieving Magpies will host a singing session workshop. Open to all whether you have a song to share or simply wish to sit and listen.			

SATURDAY

Time	Venue	Description	Presenter
7:00-8:00am	Brolga	Tantric Hatha Yoga	Jane Corben
This form of Yoga systematically weaves consciousness and energy in an artful and scientific way to achieve improved flexibility, better athletic performance, stress reduction, and improved quality of life.			
8:20-9:20am	Brolga	Tai Chi	Rod Dunn
Let local Tai Chi teacher, Rod Dunn, lead you in the ancient Chinese discipline that integrates mind, body and spirit - a perfect start to a day of inner peace and harmony.			
10:00-11:00am	Yowrie	Festival Choir	The Third Voice
Calling all singers and would be singers! Here's your opportunity to join our choir, meet new people and have fun. Join The Third Voice and be guided through the learning process culminating in a performance on Sunday. All ages and abilities welcome.			
11:20-12:20pm	Yowrie	Songs of the World	Miriam Lieberman
In this playful fun vocal workshop Miriam will introduce you to songs and fun vocal warm ups from around the world. Sing out loud and enjoy connecting to our oldest and most innate instrument - the human voice!			
12:30-1:30pm	The Yarnin'	Skills Development	Robyn Sykes & Jacqui Malins
Can contemporary poetry and bush poetry exist together? A one hour workshop to develop skills in presenting bush poetry and performance/slam, presented jointly by Robyn and Jacqui. We love a cross-cultural mash-up!			
12:40-1:40pm	Yowrie	Concertina Ninja	Cormac Begley
Acclaimed Irish concertina player, Cormac Begley, will demonstrate his skill and talk about his approach to music across a range of different types of concertinas. An exciting workshop from a virtuoso.			
12:50-1:50pm	Brolga	Contra Workshop	Canberra Contra Band
Canberra Contra Band will introduce you to the fun of contra dancing. Learn the dances here, and join the big dance on Saturday night. No partner needed, footwork is simple and if you enjoy line dancing you will love contra dance. Beginners welcome!			
2:10-3:10pm	Brolga	Irish Set Dance	Set In Their Ways
Come and dance with a bunch of fun loving Irish Set dancers from Canberra. Always eager to share the joy of dancing both traditional and contemporary Irish Sets to the awesome rhythms of Irish music including Jigs, Reels, Polkas, Sides and Hornpipes. Come along and enjoy the craic! Display and workshop. Beginners welcome!			
3:20-4:20pm	Yowrie	Sing For Your Tucker	Tuck Shop Ladies
Exploring Vocal Harmonies. Come and have a sing-along with the Tuck Shop Ladies and experience the wondrous feeling of singing harmonies as part of a group. There will be laughter, stories, singing and so much joy.			
3:30-4:30pm	Brolga	Bavarian Dance	Jim & Ingrid Rehle-Williams
Workshop and display. Jim & Ingrid will teach easy and fun dances from Bavaria, Germany. The dances are suitable for all levels of dancers from beginners to the more experienced. These dances are quick to learn and fun to do to the music of our experienced musicians.			
4:40-5:40pm	Yowrie	Dobe Newton and Roger Corbett Songs and Stories	The Bushwackers
An intimate conversation about writing Australian songs including tips and tricks for emerging songwriters. The Bushwackers have created a legacy of Australian songs such as Beneath the Southern Cross, Henry's Men, Night of the Bush Dance and I Am Australian. Dobe and Roger will talk about how the songs came into being and how they were created.			
4:40-5:00pm	Brolga	Hula Hoops & Circus Skills	Jewelz
88-year-old cancer survivor, Jewelz spreads hoopy loopy happiness wherever she goes. Come and join her for some fun!			
6:00-6:50pm	Yowrie	Harmony Singing	Alanna & Alicia
Everyone can sing! Come along and have fun learning some new pieces and trying some harmonies with Alanna & Alicia. No need to read music.			






SUNDAY


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7:00-8:00am	Brolga	Tantric Hatha Yoga	Jane Corben
This form of Yoga systematically weaves consciousness and energy in an artful and scientific way to achieve improved flexibility, better athletic performance, stress reduction, and improved quality of life.			
8:20-9:20am	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.			
10:00-11:00am	Yowrie	Festival Choir	The Third Voice
Calling all singers and would be singers! Here's your opportunity to join our choir, meet new people and have fun. Join The Third Voice and be guided through the learning process culminating in a performance on Sunday. All ages and abilities welcome.			
10:20-11:10am	The Yarnin'	The 'Boy' in Wild Colonial Boy	Graham Dodsworth
Origins of the folk song 'Wild Colonial Boy' have long been in contention with notable claims from Canada and Ireland. Performer and folk historian Graham Dodsworth suggests the origins are Bendigo based. He will present song versions, evidential documents, newspaper excerpts and government certificates to support his assertion.			
10:50-11:50am	Yowrie	Empty Sky Kirtan & Silent Meditation	Kavisha Mazzella
At Empty Sky Kirtan, Kavisha teaches songs and chants that draw inspiration from the mystic poets such as Rumi, Hafiz, Saint Frances of Assisi. The sacred world traditions have so much to offer us and these lead into silent meditation in between each song celebrating our inner world.			
11:00-12:00pm	Yuin Elders Tent	Working Relationships	Frank Yamma
Pitjantjatjara Elder, Uncle Frank Yamma and singer-songwriter David Bridie (Not Drowning, Waving and My Friend the Chocolate Cake) will talk about the creativity and endurance behind their twenty-five year long-term working relationship.			
11:00-12:00pm	Brolga	Bavarian Dance	Jim & Ingrid Rehle-Williams
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11:30-12:30pm	The Yarnin'	Dead Horse Gap	Crimson Rosella
A new Bega Valley production with Lindy Hume, Andrew Gray and Heath Cullen			
12:20-1:10pm	Brolga	Irish Set Dance	Set In Their Ways
Display and workshop by Set in Their Ways. Come and develop your Irish set dance skills to the awesome rhythms of Irish music, including Jigs, Reels, Polkas, Sides and Hornpipes. Come along and enjoy the craic! Display and workshop. Beginners welcome!			
12:10-1:10pm	Yowrie	Fiddle Workshop	Manus McGuire
Sligo-born and Clare-based, legendary Irish fiddler Manus McGuire will talk about and demonstrate the range of fiddle styles he has acquired in his lifetime of playing, recording and teaching Irish traditional music. It's our great pleasure to welcome Manus back to Cobargo.			
1:30-2:30pm	Yowrie	Transitioning Classical Instruments	Pepper & Davies
Tips on how to transition classical instruments to folk music.			

Tickets are **\$2 each** OR **3 for \$5**
DRAWN: 1:00pm Sunday 3 March
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FRIDAY 1 MARCH -PROGRAM

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BIAMANGA	GULAGA	WANDELLA	YUIN FOLK CLUB STAGE	BROLGA
3:30 FESTIVAL OPENING Stonewave Taiko 3:30-4:00pm	4:00 Pepper & Davies 4:00-4:40pm	4:00 Ben Drysdale & Niall Howe 4:00-4:40pm	3:50 Rain Of Animals 3:50-4:40pm	Kameruka Bush Band Bush Dance 8:00-10:00pm
4:00 Welcome to Country Warren Foster 4:00-4:10 Sassi Nuyum 4:10-4:20	5:00 Miriam Lieberman Trio 5:00-5:50	5:00 Curtis Eller 5:00-5:50	4:50 Thieving Magpies 4:50-5:30	YUIN ELDERS TENT
4:40 Ron Callaghan 4:40-5:20	6:00 Goldie 6:00-6:50	6:10 Tuck Shop Ladies 6:10-7:00	5:40 Lucy Wise 5:40-6:20	Yuin Stories Uncle Warren Ngarrae Foster & Friends 6:40-7:20
5:30 The Warrens 5:30-6:10	7:10 The Bega Valley Male Voice Choir 7:10-7:30	7:20 Willie & the Correspondents 7:20-8:10	6:40 Manus McGuire 6:40-7:30	YOWRIE
6:30 Den Hanrahan & the Rum Runners 6:30-7:20	7:50 The Good Behaviours 7:50-8:40	8:30 The White Top Mountaineers 8:30-9:20	7:50 Fiona Boyes & the Fortune Tellers 7:50-8:40	Singing Session Workshop Hosted by Theiving Magpies 10:00-11:00pm
7:40 Kavisha Mazzella 7:40-8:30	9:00 Kejafi 9:00-9:50	9:40 Gangar 9:40-10:30	9:00 Mic Conway & Robbie Long 9:00-9:50	THE CROSSING
8:50 Cigány Weaver 8:50-9:40	10:00 Winter Wilson 10:00-10:50	10:50 Skiffle Party 10:50-11:40	10:10 Zumpa 10:10-11:00	BLACKBOARD 5:00-10:00pm
10:00 Heath Cullen & His Band 10:00-10:50	11:00 Sam Stevenson 11:00-11:50	VENUE CLOSE 11:40pm	11:00 Yuin Folk Club from 11:00pm	
11:10 The Bushwackers 11:10-12:00	11:50 Venue available for Acoustic Session Space 11:50-2:00am		VENUE CLOSE	
VENUE CLOSE 12am				

PROGRAM MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

BOB'S SESSION SHED

Located opposite the Bar and Shop you will find the Bob McInnes Session Shed. Details of sessions will be available on the Notice Board in the Session Shed. Share your musical skills with some of the best or just sit listening at the back. All welcome.

NOTE: The Festival Bar (Spooners Bar) closes at midnight

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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 food courts 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 or session. Grab a coffee, cold drink or a wine or Coopers 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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BIAMANGA	GULAGA	WANDELLA	YUIN FOLK CLUB STAGE	THE CROSSING
9:30 Stonewave Taiko 9:30-9:50am	10:00 Graham Dodsworth 10:00-10:40am	10:00 Rory Phillips 10:00-10:40am	10:00 Turnip Sundae 10:00-10:40am	10:00 Bega Valley Youth Orchestra 10:00am
10:00 Sunday Lemonade 10:00-10:40	11:00 Tim MacMillan & Rachel Snow 11:00-11:40	Aunty Eileen Emerging Indigenous Voices Showcase with Sam Ellis Nikea Brooks-Hayes Dre Wicks The Bush Billies 11:00-12:00	11:00 Thieving Magpies 11:00-11:40	11:00 Student & Teacher Performances: Everly Paine Xanthe Dowd Kinja Katona Genevieve Goldsworthy performing with their teacher Arati George From 11:00
10:50 Lucy Wise 10:50-11:40	12:10 The Solo Voice Sam Stevenson, Riley Catherall, Kavisha Mazella, Lucy Wise, Graham Dodsworth Hosted by Mike Martin 12:10-1:10	11:00 Alanna & Alicia 12:10-1:00	11:50 Ben Drysdale & Niall Howe 11:50-12:30	12:30 Tilly Rose 12:30
11:50 The White Top Mountaineers 11:50-12:40		12:10 Jeff Gibson Trio 1:10-2:00	12:40 "Gordon Lightfoot Tribute" Fred Pilcher & Georg Breu 12:40-1:30	1:00 The Young Universe 1:00
VENUE BREAK	VENUE BREAK	VENUE BREAK	VENUE BREAK	1:30 Millicent & Tristan White 1:30
1:10 The Good Behaviours 1:10-2:00	1:50 Mic Conway & Robbie Long 1:50-2:40	2:30 Kejafi 2:30-3:20	2:00 The Third Voice 2:00-2:40	2:00 Ashton Washbrook 2:00
2:20 The Bushwackers 2:20-3:20	2:50 Kavisha Mazzella 2:50-3:30	3:30 Sam Stevenson 3:30-4:20	2:50 Riley Catherall 2:50-3:30	2:30 Abby May 2:30
3:50 Michael Simic with Shortis and Simpson <i>Under the Influence</i> 3:50-5:30	4:00 Manus McGuire 4:00-4:50	4:40 Ron Callaghan 4:40-5:30	3:50 Miriam Liebermann Trio 3:50-4:30	3:00 Guitarama 3:00
VENUE BREAK	5:10 Tuck Shop Ladies 5:10-6:00	VENUE BREAK	4:50 Cormac Begley 4:50-5:40	3:30 Cheers to Noone 3:30
6:00 Lisa O'Neill 6:00-7:00	6:20 Rain Of Animals 6:20-7:10	6:00 Den Hanrahan & the Rum Runners 6:00-6:50	6:00 Lizzie Flynn & the Runaway Trains 6:00-6:50	4:00 Toby Jennings 4:00
7:20 Frank Yamma & David Bridie 7:20-8:20	7:20 Winter Wilson 7:20-8:10	7:10 Heath Cullen & His Band 7:10-8:00	6:00 VENUE BREAK	4:30 Cavell Martin 4:30
8:40 Cigány Weaver 8:40-9:30	8:30 Curtis Eller 8:30-9:20	8:20 The Warrens 8:20-9:10	7:20 Willie & the Correspondents 7:20-8:10	5:00 Froggies on Poppies 5:00
9:50 Skiffle Party 9:50-10:40	9:40 Pepper & Davies 9:40-10:30	9:30 Goldie 9:30-10:20	8:20 Graham Dodsworth 8:20-9:00	5:40 Joint Custody 5:40
11:00 Gangar 11:00-11:50	10:50 Fiona Boyes 10:50-11:40	10:40 Zumpà 10:40-11:30	9:20 Gleny Rae Virus & the Brass Razoos 9:20-10:10	6:20 Bluescape Music 6:20-6:50
VENUE CLOSE 11.50pm	VENUE CLOSE 11.40pm	VENUE CLOSE 11.30pm	10:10 Yuin Folk Club Until Late	VENUE BREAK
				BLACKBOARD Hosted by Linda & Scott 7:30-11:00pm
				VENUE CLOSED

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SATURDAY 2 MARCH PROGRAM

THE YARNIN'

8:00 Poets Breakfast with Stonybroke & Robyn Sykes 8:00-10:00am

10:20 Sassi Nuyum & Jacqui Malins 10:20-11:20

11:40 Well Thumbed Poets Poetry Showcase Hosted by Glendamai Morgan 11:40-12:10

12:30 Skills Development Jacqui Malins & Robyn Sykes 12:30-1:30

1:50 Sapphic Coast Creatives Showcase and Story Circle Convened by Gabrielle Journey Jones 1:50-2:50

3:10 Poetry Alive Showcase Hosted by Harry Laing 3:10-3:40

4:00 South Coast Writers Centre Poetry Showcase with Peter Frankis & Friends 4.00-4.30

YOWRIE

10:00 FESTIVAL CHOIR Rehearsal led by The Third Voice 10:00-11:00

11:20 Miriam Lieberman Songs of the World Vocal Workshop 11:20-12:20

12:40 Cormac Begley Concertina Ninja 12:40-1:40

2:00 IDEAS FROM THE EDGE Surviving the 21st Century A Conversation With Julian Cribb 2:00-3:00

3:20 Tuck Shop Ladies Sing for Your Tucker Exploring Vocal Harmonies 3:20-4:20

4:40 BUSHWACKERS Dobe Newton & Roger Corbett Songs and Stories 4:40-5:40

6:00 Alanna & Alicia Harmony Singing 6:00-6:50

10:00 Singing Session Hosted by Judy Pinder & Anthony Woolcott 10:00-11:00

YUIN ELDER'S TENT

11:40 IDEAS FROM THE EDGE A Conversation With Brett Cottle 11:40-12:40

1:00 Yuin Stories 1:00-2:00

2:20 Yuin Cultural Workshop 2:20-3:00

5:30 Healing Circle with the Gulaga Dancers 5:30

SPOONERS BAR

Settlers Session with Ray Mulligan and Friends All Welcome 9:00-11:00am

KIDBARGO!

DON'T MISS Alive and Connected Play Space throughout the day
* Juggling Workshop
* Big Rope Skipping
* Hacky Sack Sessions
* Giant Scrabble
* Flag Warrior Workshop
Plus Maypole with Molly

10:30 Robyn Sykes Poetry for Children 10:30-11:10

Activities
11:30 Flag Warrior Workshop with Madhava 11:30-12:20

Activities
12:30 Harry Laing Poetry for Kids 12:30-1:20

Activities
1:30 Songs from the Desert with Gleny Rae 1:30-2:10

Activities
2:20 Lucky Jim 2:20-2:30

Activities
3:20 Folk Songs for Children with Lucy Wise 3:20-4:00

BROLGA

7:00 Yoga Jane Corben 7:00-8:00am

8:20 Tai Chi Rod Dunn 8:20-9:20

10:10 Black Joak Morris 10:10-11:10

11:30 Sapphire Tribal Belly Dance 11:30-12:30

12:50 Canberra Contra Club Contra Workshop 12:50-1:50

2:10 Set in Their Ways Display and Irish Set Dance Workshop 2:10-3:10

3:30 Jim & Ingrid Rehle-Williams Bavarian Dance Display and Workshop 3:30-4:30

4:40 Hula Hoops & Circus Skills with Jewelz 4:40-5:00

Canberra Contra Band Dance 8:00-10:00pm



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BIAMANGA

10:00 Blues & Blessings
Join the Walking
Band from
9:45am
10:00-11:00am

11:20 Tim MacMillan &
Rachel Snow
11:20-12:10

12:30 Bega Valley Male
Voice Choir
12:30-1:00

1:00 FESTIVAL RAFFLE
1:00-1:20

1:40 Frank Yamma &
David Bridie
1:40-2:30

2:50 Fiona Boyes & the Fortune
Tellers
2:50-3:40

4:00 Gangar
4:00-5:00

5:30 Volunteer Group
Photo
5:30

GULAGA

10:00 Alanna & Alicia
Album Launch
10:00-10:50am

11:10 Cormac Begley
11:10-12:00

12:20 Lisa O'Neill
12:20-1:10

1:30 Festival Fiddle
Concert
1:30-2:30

2:40 Curtis Eller
2:40-3:30

3:40 Gleny Rae & the
Grass Brazoos
3:40-4:30

VENUE CLOSE 4:30pm

WANDELLA

10:00 Riley Catherall
10:00-10:40am

10:50 Sunday
Lemonade
10:50-11:40

11:50 Jeff Gibson Trio
11:50-12:40

1:00 Zumpà
1:00-1:50

2:00 The Bushwackers
2:00-2:50

3:10 Tuck Shop
Ladies
3:10-4:00

VENUE CLOSE 4:00pm

YUIN FOLK CLUB STAGE

10:00 Skiffle Party
10:00 to 10:30am

10:50 Turnip Sundae
10:50-11:30

11:40 Festival Choir
Performance
11:40-12:00

12:30 Luke O'Shea
12:30-1:20

1:30 Kavisha Mazzella
1:30-2:20

2:30 Winter Wilson
2:30-3:20

3:30 Christina
Mimmocchi,
Clarita Derwent,
Gemma Turner
(The Third Voice)
host the Final
Folk Concert
with friends
3:30-4:40

VENUE CLOSE 4:40pm

THE CROSSING

Soundcheck
Youth
Performance
10:00-11:00

BLACKBOARD
11:00am-3:30pm

VENUE CLOSE 3:30pm



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SUNDAY 3 MARCH PROGRAM

THE YARNIN'	YOWRIE	YUIN ELDERS TENT	SPOONERS BAR
8:00 Poets Breakfast Hosted by Robyn Sykes & Stonybroke 8:00-10:00am	10:00 Festival Choir Rehearsal led by The Third Voice 10:00-10:30am	10:00 Gulaga Dance Workshop 10:00-10:30am	Settlers Session with Ray Mulligan and Friends All Welcome 9:00-11:00am
10:20 Graham Dodsworth The 'Boy' in 'Wild Colonial Boy'. 10:20-11:10	10:50 Kavisha Mazzella Empty Sky Kirtan and Silent Meditation 10:50-11:50	11:00 Frank Yamma Relationship Building 11:00-12:00	KIDBARGO! DON'T MISS Alive and Connected Play Space throughout the day * Juggling Workshop * Big Rope Skipping * Hacky Sack Sessions * Giant Scrabble * Flag Warrior Workshop Plus Maypole with Molly
11:30 Dead Horse Gap Presentation 11:30-12:30	12:10 Manus McGuire Fiddle Workshop 12:10-1:10	1:00 Yuin Stories Uncle Warren Ngarrae Foster 1:00-2:00	BROLGA 7:00 Yoga Jane Corben 7:00 to 8:00am
12:50 Harry Laing & Michael Simic Bushfire Songs 12:50-1:50	1:30 Pepper & Davies Transitioning Classical Instruments to Folk Music 1:30-2:30		8:20 Shaking Medicine Rachel Brown 8:20-9:20
			10:00 Black Joak Morris 10:00-10:50
			10:00 Robyn O'Neill Book Reading Tree -squeak 10:00-10:30am
			10:40 Lucky Jim 10:40-11:10
			11:00 Jim & Ingrid Rehle-Williams Bavarian Dance Display & Workshop 11:00-12:00
			11:30 Rubbish - A Look at the 3Rs Reduce, Reuse, Recycle with Mic Conway & Robbie Long 11:30-12:30
			12:20 Set in Their Ways Display & Irish Set Dance Workshop 12:20-1:10
			1:30 Sapphire Tribal Bellydance 1:30-2:20
			2:30 Canberra Contra Club Contra Dance 2:30-3:20
			1:00 Hula Hoops & Circus Skills with Jewelz 1:00-2:00

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Alanna and Alicia



Twin sisters Alanna and Alicia are excited to return to Cobargo, bringing their much-anticipated new release, *Heart Song Listen*, produced with support from Creative Victoria. As identical twins, their rich, intuitive vocal blend creates the magical close harmonies unique to siblings. Their songwriting is equal part heart and humour.

Accompanied by their highly talented band, Damien Neil (guitar), Silas Palmer (violin, piano), and Sarah Busutill (violin and drums).

Sat Wandella 12:10pm
 Sat Yowrie (W/S) 6:00pm
 Sun Gulaga 10:00am

Bega Valley Male Voice Choir



The Bega Valley Men's Choir formed after the Black Summer fires of 2020-2021 by conductor Geoffrey Badger. It has succeeded as a source of strength, beauty, community and connection between men across the valley since that time. Filled with rich, deep harmonies, love songs and lullabies, the sound of the choir lifts spirits and soothes the soul.

Fri Gulaga 7:10pm
 Sun Biamanga 12:30pm

Ben Drysdale and Niall Howe



Ben Drysdale is a contemporary folk musician from Canberra who has won prizes in Nashville and Hawaii songwriting competitions. His songs blend folk, soul and blues.

Niall Howe's style is the result of classical training combined with journeys through folk, jazz, funk, ska and swing. He blends all of this together, creating eclectic layers that build new dimensions into the songs he accompanies.

Fri Wandella 4:00pm
 Sat Yuin Folk Club 11:50am

Black Joak Morris



Black Joak Morris performs the traditional folk dancing of the bucolic English Cotswolds (Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire). Morris dancing is fresh and varied, friendly and skilled, danced to live music provided by our talented and knowledgeable musicians. The Joakers are an energetic group from Sydney who couple athletic display with bright costumes and loud bells to delight and mystify audiences of all ages.

Sat Brolga 10:10am
 Sun Brolga 10:00am

Blues and Blessings



Blues and Blessings will take you on a musical and reflective journey through the great traditions of Gospel, Blues, and folk spirituals. In these great musical styles there has always been a thin line between the church-house and the barrel-house. Join Fiona Boyes and the Fortune Tellers, the Festival Choir and Second Line Marching Band, and a range of Festival artists.

Alive and Connected Play Space (Kids Festival)



Alive and connected play space offers a fun, engaging connection for all ages. On our big colourful mats we have space for families to sit and hang out, dress ups (for all ages) and giant scrabble. We have a blackboard flow throughout the day of workshops (juggling, hacky sack and rope making), big rope skipping, demos and a little show or two.

Saturday & Sunday KidBargo!

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They'll make you jump and shout, cry and moan, as the Blues Preacher, Reverend Steve Clarke, takes you on a musical journey of spirit and soul. Steve, an Anglican priest and social justice advocate, is married to Fiona and together they have hosted Blues and Blessings at Festivals and Cathedrals around the world.

Sun Biamanga 10:00am

Canberra Contra Club



Canberra Contra Club recreates the exhilarating and inspiring contra dance scene from northern America. With diverse, dare we say eclectic, music from the Appalachians, through New England, to Quebec, and our world-renowned callers (who teach and call all the dances), Contra is fun, furious, and open to everyone.

Sat Brolga 12:50pm
Sat Brolga 8:00pm
Sun Brolga 2:30pm

Cigány Weaver



Fusing the passion of folk music, the precision of classical, and the spontaneity of jazz, Cigány Weaver creates a rich and vibrant atmosphere for both the heart and mind. Front woman, Jo Davie's soaring vocals and enchanting gentle demeanour combine

with the fiery violin, dynamic guitars and driving rhythm section to create a purely acoustic group that effortlessly navigates the musical nexus between intimacy and raucousness.

Fri Biamanga 8:50pm
Sat Biamanga 8:40pm

Cormac Begley



A virtuoso concertina player from West Kerry, Cormac plays a range of different concertinas from the large bass to the tiny piccolo. A captivating performer, he is in enormous demand as a collaborator with a wide range of musicians, including Lisa O'Neill, another performer at this year's Festival.

Sat Yowrie (W/S) 12:40pm
Sat Yuin Folk Club 4:50pm
Sun Gulaga 11:10am

Curtis Eller



Curtis Eller is a banjo player, songwriter, and twenty-year show business veteran who began performing at the age of seven as a juggler and acrobat, but has since turned to the banjo because, as he says, that's where the money is. The iconoclastic troubadour relentlessly tours the stages of America, Europe, and Australia, where

his legendary solo shows once earned him the title, "New York's angriest yodelling banjo player".

Fri Wandella 5:00pm
Sat Gulaga 8:30pm
Sun Gulaga 2:40pm

Den Hanrahan and the Rum Runners



Den Hanrahan writes brilliant songs about people, life, and the stuff that hooks him in the heart. The Rum Runners give his songs the musical support that they deserve. If you like a bit of edge with your folk, don't miss this band.

Fri Biamanga 6:30pm
Sat Wandella 6:00pm

Fiona Boyes Band and the Fortune Tellers



Internationally renowned blues guitarist, singer, songwriter and bandleader, Fiona is a powerhouse performer who brings the grooves of the Delta, Mississippi Hills, Chicago and New Orleans. And we are so happy that she's now a Bega Valley local.

Fri Yuin Folk Club 7:50pm
Sat Gulaga 10:50pm
Sun Biamanga 2:50pm

Frank Yamma and David Bridie



Frank Yamma is one of Australia's most significant Indigenous songwriters with an ability to cross cultural and musical boundaries. An initiated Pitjantjatjara man, Frank sings in his native language and English. His mighty songs, magical guitar playing and deeply evocative voice tell stories of country, protection, heartache, travel and love. Although he's lived in Adelaide for many years, Frank's spirit belongs to the heart of Australia - Uluru, Docker River, Ernabella and Central Australia. As Frank says, "wherever the Pitjantjatjara mob come from". Frank will be accompanied by David Bridie.

Sat Biamanga 7:20pm
Sun Yuin Elders (W/S) 11:00am
Sun Biamanga 1:40pm





Fred Pilcher with Georg Breu
(Gordon Lightfoot Tribute)



While he never achieved quite the heights of fame and fortune as some of his fellow Canadians like Leonard Cohen, Neil Young, or Joni Mitchell, many Canadians (and others) consider Gordon Lightfoot to have been their greatest troudadour. Fred Pilcher and Gary Luck have recently toured with Keith Potger (founding member of The Seekers) as The Lightfoot Band, singing the iconic songs that made Lightfoot famous and telling the fascinating stories behind the songs and the man. Fred and Gary will be joined by Georg Breu to bring Gordon Lightfoot's songs and his stories to life.

Sat Yuin Folk Club 12:40pm

Gabrielle Journey Jones



Gabrielle Journey Jones is an award-winning performance poet born on sovereign Gadigal Land, Sydney, Australia. She is from Maori and African American bloodlines and has lived in Bega Valley on Yuin Country since 2018. Gabrielle has shared her poetry at local, national and

international events for over 25 years. Gabrielle enjoys sharing interactive poetry performances and loves to encourage others to write, create and perform.

Sat The Yarnin' 1:50pm

Gangar



Are you ready for a Norwegian folk music party? Gangar is a Norwegian folk rock cannon ball of young and wild energy you won't forget anytime soon. Gangar arrange traditional Norwegian instrumental tunes and songs resulting in a new sound that includes everything from rockabilly to Djentrock. With inspiration from Hoven Droven, Shining, AC/DC and Meshuggah they make the oldest Norwegian folk repertoire more accessible to a varied audience without compromising the original material.

Fri Wandella 9:40pm
Sat Biamanga 11:00pm
Sun Biamanga 4:00pm

Gleny Rae Virus and the Grass Brazoos



Bluegrass music with a modern country twist, Gleny Rae Virus brings humour and vibrancy to the stage with her feisty fiddle and irrepressible humour. Together with some of Australia's finest pickers, the Grass Brazoos repertoire

crosses continents and centuries, from old time to gypsy, the Appalachians to the western plains of NSW. Gleny's story telling and original songs will spirit you around Australia, from shearing sheds to remote communities, from the Top End to the Red Centre, where she has been performing and teaching for the past three years.

Sat Yuin Folk Club 9:20pm
Sat KidBargo! 1:30pm
Sun Gulaga 3:40pm

Goldie



Goldie is a fresh and vibrant funk band from a little town called Cobargo. Expect tight rhythms from drums and bass, imaginative keyboard harmonies, big trombone solos, searing vocals, and original songs that make you get down and boogie.

Fri Gulaga 6:00pm
Sat Wandella 9:30pm

Graham Dodsworth

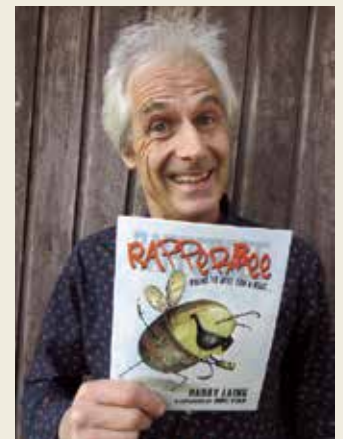


Graham Dodsworth overlays masterful guitar accompaniment with a velvet voice, creating the most moving interpretations of traditional folk, contemporary and original song. He is a seasoned performer with countless performances on radio, television, online and hundreds of festivals, folk venues throughout Australia, including Europe. Like everybody, Graham writes

his own biographies filled with flattering superlatives. He's aware that other people edit them.

Sat Gulaga 10:00am
Sat Gulaga 12:10pm
Sat Yuin Folk Club 8:20pm
Sun The Yarnin' 10:20am

Harry Laing



Harry Laing is a word-juggler, comic performer and children's author. He's been entertaining and delighting kids in schools with his rap-poems, chants and songs for over twenty years and he loves getting kids to write their stories, poems and rap.

Sat KidBargo! 12:30pm
Sun The Yarnin' 12:50pm

Heath Cullen and His Band



Heath Cullen has crafted four landmark albums and earned a trail of devotees across Australia, the UK, Europe and North America over the last decade. If 2010's *A Storm Was Coming...* hinted at greatness, 2013's *The Still And The Steep* certified the claim, earning a nomination



for the prestigious Australian Music Prize alongside Jen Cloher, Nick Cave and The Bad Seeds, Paul Kelly and The Drones. Cullen drafted Elvis Costello's legendary band The Imposters for his 2015 album *Outsiders*, and most recently he collaborated with Grammy Award winning producer Joe Henry for 2020's *Springtime In The Heart*.

Fri Biamanga 10:00pm
Sat Wandella 7:10pm

Jacqui Malins



Jacqui Malins is a performance poet and artist, living and making on the lands of the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people (aka Canberra). Her first poetry collection, 'F-Words', was published in 2021 (Recent Work Press). Find Jacqui and her work on stage and page, in galleries and online at www.jacquimalinsart.com.

Sat The Yarnin' 10:20am
Sat The Yarnin' 12:30pm

Jeff Gibson Trio



Don't be fooled by his work-worn hands, this singer-songwriter shearer has a delicate musical touch. His third album *Tin Dog Road* won Best Album at

the 2016 Australian Roots Music Awards. His fourth album will continue to challenge his listening and live audience with intelligent love songs alongside politically charged anthems, delivered with Gibbo's trademark honesty and humour.

Sat Wandella 1:10pm
Sun Wandella 11:50am

Jewelz a Hoopz



Jewelz A Hoopz is a quirky little firecracker that calls herself a "Hoopologist". She wields hoops of all shapes and sizes. She spins, dances and has been weaving magic with hoops since 2009. From spinning multiple hoops to teaching preschoolers and 88-year-old cancer survivors, Jewelz spreads hoopy loopy happiness wherever she goes.

But wait, there's more! Beyond hoops, she'll teach you other circus tricks like juggling balls, poi, flower sticks, ribbons and spinning plates. Look out for Jewelz this festival, you never know when she'll Pop-Up and Pop-In for some circus fun!

Sat Brolga 4:50pm
Sun KidBargo! 1:00pm
Sun Brolga 4:40pm



Jim and Ingrid Rehle-Williams



Jim and Ingrid have been teaching Bavarian dancing for over 20 years and have presented workshops at the National Folk Festival, Bundanoon Dancefest, Majors Creek and Cobargo. They make the dances accessible to beginners and interesting for the more experienced dancers.

Sat Brolga 3:30pm
Sun Brolga 11:00am

Kameruka Bush Band



Led by Candelo legend, singer, songwriter and multi instrumentalist Mike Martin, they call bush dances and play tunes, old and new. Put on your dancing shoes.

Fri Brolga 8:00pm

Kavisha Mazzella



ARIA award winner and songbird Kavisha Mazzella original song's lyrical ingredients include humour,

poetry, social justice and the spiritual. Combine this prowess with the voice of an angel and you have the experience of a Kavisha concert. Singing in English and Italian, she will take you on an uplifting boundary-riding journey of well-crafted stories and songs ringing with echoes of Celtic, Fado and Gypsy influences that will strike a resounding chord within.

Fri Biamanga 7:40pm
Sat Gulaga 12:10pm
Sat Gulaga 2:50pm
Sun Yowrie (W/S) 10:50am
Sun Yuin Folk Club 1:30pm

Kejafi



Kejafi is a fusion of intertwining dual fiddles, octave mandolin and double bass and effortlessly blend beautiful songs and exhilarating traditional and original tunes that celebrate the deep Australian and Scottish connection. Witness their fresh and modern interpretation that breathes new life into the living tradition of folk music.

Fri Gulaga 9:00pm
Sat Wandella 2:30pm





Lisa O'Neill



With a BBC Folk Awards nominations and Guardian's Folk Album of the Year in 2019, it is fair to say that Lisa O'Neill is one of the most evocative songwriters in contemporary Irish music today. Fresh off 2018's collection *Heard a Long Song Gone*, *The Wren* EP in 2019 and an adaptation of Bob Dylan's *All the Tired Horses* for the final scene of epic TV drama *Peaky Blinders*, O'Neill's latest album, the beautiful, resonant *All Of This Is Chance*, was released to huge critical acclaim in 2023. This album takes Lisa's inimitable voice to greater heights, or depths, depending on which way you look at it.

Sat Biamanga 6:00pm
Sun Gulaga 12:20pm

Lizzie Flynn and the Runaway Trains



A combination of lyrical honesty and charming melodies, Lizzie Flynn writes songs that blend a little satirical storytelling with a lot of joyful emotion. With *The Runaway Trains* (Gareth, Sam and Benja) they go off the tracks to play folk that all folk can relate to - from country to Celtic and a few other stations in-between.

Sat Yuin Folk Club 6:00pm

Lucky Jim



Lucky Jim is musician and storyteller who plays music for children aged 0-112 years of age. His live performances are full of toe-tapping tunes, ridiculous stories, imaginative lyrics and general silliness. He has released two albums of fantastic family music: *There's Something Stinky in the Fridge* and other *Family Favourites* and *Lucky Jim's Family Album*. His live performances are full of toe-tapping tunes, ridiculous stories, imaginative lyrics and general silliness.

Sat KidBargo! 2:20pm
Sun KidBargo! 10:40am

Lucy Wise



Lucy Wise writes and sings about the often-untouched universals – things we're often not allowed to feel and explore in the daily grind, intermingling deep feeling with humour. Drawing influence from a broad range of acoustic, roots and pop music, Lucy creates a rich and distinctive sound, accompanying her soulful vocals on an open-tuned guitar.

Fri Yuin Folk Club 5:40pm
Sat Biamanga 10:50am
Sat Gulaga 12:10pm
Sat KidBargo! 3:20pm

Luke O'Shea



Luke O'Shea returns to Cobargo bringing his inspiring, sometimes humorous and sometimes heartbreaking storytelling and carrying on the tradition of singing-up country. A recipient of 13 Golden Guitars, two APRA/AMCOS Songs of the Year & twice named the Australian Independent Artist of the Year – Luke O'Shea is a must-see festival favourite. Not to be missed!

Sun Yuin Folk Club 12:30pm

Manus McGuire with Adam Ogle



Making a welcome return to the Cobargo area, Manus McGuire is a legendary figure in traditional Irish Music circles around the world. Raised in a musical family in County Sligo and now living in East Clare, Manus is a keeper and illustrator of many and varied Irish musical traditions. He is accompanied by New Zealand singer-songwriter, Adam Ogle.

Fri Yuin Folk Club 6:40pm
Sat Gulaga 4:00pm
Sun Yowrie(W/S) 12:10pm

Maypole with Molly



Maypole with Molly sessions are colourful, energetic and a whole lot of family fun. They provide interactive dance and percussion at many festivals. They specifically cater for younger folk and family members. Molly, the founder of the group, has been a member of several Canberra ethnic folk dance groups as an accompanist on piano accordion, and enjoys sharing her skills with her family and the wider community.

Sat KidBargo! 10:00am
Sun KidBargo! 10:00am

Mic Conway and Robbie Long



In a circus of comedy, music and magic, Mic Conway and Robbie Long present a hilarious array of idiosyncratic songs that will make your jaw drop, toes tap and sides split. Audiences who know Mic from his days with *Captain Matchbox Whoopee Band* and *Circus Oz* will be delighted by this incarnation: Mic as storyteller of tall tales and true. There's magic, juggling, cavorting and that trademark tongue-in-cheek sense of humour.

Fri Yuin Folk Club 9:00pm
Sat Gulaga 1:50pm
Sun KidBargo! 11:30am





Miriam Lieberman Trio



A welcome return. African influences blend seamlessly with blues-infused melodies and soaring vocal harmonies in the music by Australian singer songwriter Miriam Lieberman. Her songs are soulful collections of stories, beautifully told through kora (21 string West African harp) guitar and Lieberman's unmistakable voice. Trio members Lara Goodridge (Baby et Lulu/ FourPlay) and Susie Bishop (Chaika) add luscious vocal harmonies and soaring violin arrangements. Together the trio offers a powerful soundscape.

Fri Gulaga 5:00pm
 Sat Yowrie (W/S) 11:20am
 Sat Yuin Folk Club 3:50pm

heartfelt and playfully inventive new original songs.

Fri Gulaga 4:00pm
 Sat Gulaga 9:40pm
 Sun Yowrie (W/S) 1:30pm

Rain Of Animals



Rain Of Animals is the euphonious collaboration between Pepita Emmerichs (Oh Pep!) and Theodore Barnard (Wire & Wool) and their love of all things mandolin, fiddle, guitar, harmony vocals, bluegrass, old-time, swing, tunes and songs. Spanning originals to arrangements of classics and gems of rarities, their sound is both new and old, unique in its instrumental wizardry and musical integrity all at once.

Fri Yuin Folk Club 3:50pm
 Sat Gulaga 6:20pm

Robyn Sykes



Robyn Sykes is a multi-awarded spoken word artist who writes and performs original poetry. She cares about nature, social justice, family and strengthening communities. The dynamic performer has entertained audiences at festivals and events around Australia, including festivals at Woodford (Qld), Illawarra (NSW), Boyup Brook (WA) and National FF (ACT). She is a NSW finalist Australian Poetry Slam, and Australian Champion Bush Poet.

Sat KidBargo! 10:30am
 Sat The Yarnin' 8:00am
 Sat The Yarnin' (W/S) 12:30pm
 Sun The Yarnin' 8:00am

Rory Phillips



No stranger to the Cobargo Folk Festival, Rory Phillips is an aspiring young guitarist/singer/songwriter and a music lover to his core. In 2022 his single *The Truth* was named a finalist in the inaugural Environmental Music Prize alongside some industry heavyweights such as Paul Kelly, Lime Cordiale, Briggs, Tim Minchin and Holy Holy. His latest single, *Because Boys*, takes an insightful look into the mental health struggles of young men and tries to break down the stigma associated with asking for help.

Sat Wandella 10:00am

Pepper & Davies



Pepper & Davies are a new collaboration between the infamous Blues-bro in rainbow Damon Davies and Songbird with a hint of nerd Zoey Pepper in all her classical-pop chameleon glory. It's a folked-up fusion of funk and grace, featuring crystalline vocals, lush harmonies, haunting bassoon, and dancing guitars woven through

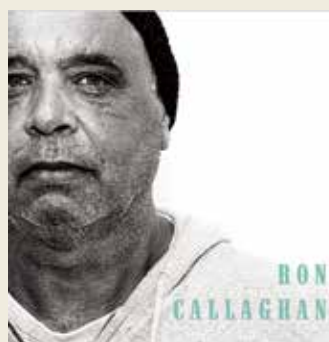
Riley Catherall



Riley Catherall is recognised as a one of Australia's most promising songwriters through his poetic sincerity and alluring live shows. The last 18 months saw Riley release his debut album *When I Go*, tour the UK and Australia to promote it, and score some great support spots for The Whitlams and Taxiride.

Sat Gulaga 12:10pm
 Sat Yuin Folk Club 2:50pm
 Sun Wandella 10:00am

Ron Callaghan



Ron Callaghan is a South Coast institution and has been playing his unique blend of blues, rock and country up and down the south coast for 30 years. He sings originals and covers with a unique vibrato singing style and raw rhythm guitar. Ron will be accompanied by some of the finest musicians on the south coast including Dave Tweedie and Mick McGrath.

Fri Biamanga 4:40pm
 Sat Wandella 4:40pm

Sam Stevenson



Sam is a South Coast local, who plays both acoustic and electric guitar and weaves stories into his music that take audiences on a trip with him in every song. A unique performer who must be seen to be believed. Sam has a unique blend of soul and blues roots that has overtones of his upbringing in the country and being brought up around the jazz scene as well.

Fri Gulaga 11:00pm
 Sat Gulaga 12:10pm
 Sat Wandella 3:30pm



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.](#)

Please don't be shy – let us know how you have enjoyed the Festival and how we can make it better for you.

NOTE: [A survey will be emailed separately to all iwannaticket on-line ticket purchasers.](#)

Did you hear that our Festival Survey is an AWARD WINNING survey?

Over the past 12 years over 5000 questionnaires from audiences, performers and volunteers have been analysed for ways to improve the Festival.

Last month, at the 2023 Australian Research Effectiveness Awards, The Cobargo Folk Festival was **Highly Commended** in the category of **Public Policy and Social Research**.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their opinions and ideas over the years!

And a very special **THANK YOU** and **CONGRATULATIONS** to Frank Wilson for his continued dedication and hard work compiling and analysing the survey results.

WELL DONE EVERYONE!





Sapphire Tribal Bellydance



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.

Sat Brolga 11:30am
Sun Brolga 1:30pm

Sassi Nuyum



Sassi Nuyum is a performer, person, and soul travelling life's road with a compelling insight and honest creativity that rises above the barriers that sometimes block cultural understanding and open conversation. Her writing and performances can pack a punch, hence her creative name 'Sassi Nuyum' – Nuyum meaning spirit in the Wakka Wakka language. A spirit that is always edged with a lively, bold stage presence that supports the idea of a 'Sassi Spirit'.

Fri Biamanga 4:10pm
Sat The Yarnin' (W/S) 10:20am

Set in Their Ways



A bunch of fun-loving Irish Set dancers from Canberra. Always eager to share the joy of dancing both traditional and contemporary Irish Sets to the awesome rhythms of Irish music including Jigs, Reels, Polkas, Sides and Hornpipes. Come along and enjoy the craic with us.

Sat Brolga 2:10pm
Sun Brolga 12:20pm

Settlers Sessions



These sessions feature the music of Australians, presented in an informal and approachable manner. Sessions are led by active players and collectors interested in passing on Australia's musical heritage. Bring an instrument and play along.

Saturday & Sunday: Spooners Bar 9:00-11:00am

Shortis and Simpson with Michael Simic



Presenting *Under the Influence*, a bittersweet cabaret based on the musical influences of Mikangelo (Michael Simic)-from his years as a Croatian-

Australian boy in Canberra to a performer and writer who has gone onto great success on national and international stages. Hear songs that range from Balkan folk to Spaghetti Western, surf music, '50s rock 'n' roll, crooners, children's TV themes, iconic singers and songwriters, original songs, and more. Accompanied by a three-piece band, *Under the Influence* promises humour, poignancy, revelations and stunning musical moments. Directed by Tracy Bourne.

Sat Biamanga 3:50pm

Skiffle Party

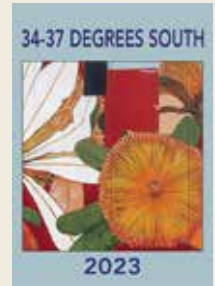


Skiffle Party plays high-energy upbeat American roots music in the style of UK proto-rockers Lonnie Donegan, Chris Barber and the Vipers Skiffle Group. Skiffle was the birth of British rock.

Donegan's iconic 1954 hit recording of Leadbelly's 'Rock Island Line' started the UK skiffle craze that inspired countless musicians to pick up the guitar, an instrument that was hitherto largely ignored by British popular music. The Beatles, Van Morrison, Mick Jagger, Jimmy Page and the Bee Gees all started their musical career as skiffles, exploring the rich tradition of American hillbilly and blues music from Leadbelly to Woody Guthrie.

Fri Wandella 10:50pm
Sat Biamanga 9:50pm
Sun Yuin Folk Club 10:00am

South Coast Writers Centre Showcase – Peter Frankis



Readings from *Poetry Anthology titled 34-37 Degrees South 2023*.

The event will involve readings from the anthology on the theme of 'Country' from local poets and copies of the book will be available to purchase (by donation to the South Coast Writers Centre).

Sat The Yarnin' 4:00pm

Stonewave Taiko



Stonewave Taiko uses Japanese drums to create a dynamic, energetic performance. Our 25+ group play a variety of styles and a variety of Japanese percussion and other instruments to create a journey in rhythm, excitement and Japanese culture. Audiences will thrill to the power of the drumming with the vibration of the drums reaching through to the heart and soul of listeners. A fully physical feast for the senses!

Fri Biamanga 3:30pm
Sat Biamanga 9:30am





**Stonybroke
(Alan Stone)**



Now Alan Stone is a poetry bloke, otherwise known as Stonybroke.

He'll make you laugh and make you cry, or spin you tales of pie in the sky. So come along, get on yer bike, when Stonybroke is on the mike.

Sat The Yarnin' 8:00am
Sun The Yarnin' 8:00am

Sunday Lemonade



Nomadic duo Sunday Lemonade traverse the spectrum from heartfelt folk through to powerful indie rock. Their songs provide a unique standpoint exploring observations of life on the road, friendships and introspection, a culmination of two individuals experiences. The bubbly pair are powered by connection, evident in their uplifting, energetic performance.

Sat Biamanga 10:00am
Sun Wandella 10:50am



The Bushwackers



The Bushwackers are in their 53rd year of performing, and play regularly around the country at Festival's and other venues. The Bushwackers have a multi-generational appeal with three generations often coming to shows together to enjoy the music, the dancing, the humour and the stories. The band is five-piece, featuring lead singer Dobe Newton on lagerphone and vocals, and guitarist-songwriter Roger Corbett, they will be joined by Sarah Bussutil, Silas Palmer, and Rory Phillips. The Bushwackers have released 26 albums, 6 Books, won three Golden Guitar Awards and were inducted into the prestigious Roll Of Renown in Tamworth in 2021.

Fri Biamanga 11:10pm
Sat Biamanga 2:20pm
Sat Yowrie (W/S) 4:40pm
Sun Wandella 2:00pm

The Good Behaviours



Contemporary folk wrapped in old time banjo. Celebrated jazz musician and clawhammer enthusiast, Nick Henderson, composes music described as chamber-folk-meets-post-rock and is inspired by the flowing Hawkesbury River (Dyarubbin). Joined by festival favourites Chris Stone (fiddle) and Holly Downes (double bass), Emily-Rose Sarkova (accordion) and Felix Lalanne (guitar), they make a veritable super group spanning the Australian Folk and Jazz scenes.

Fri Gulaga 7:50pm
Sat Biamanga 1:10pm

The Warrens



Led by the Festival's Indigenous Program Coordinator, Yuin Elder Warren Ngarrae Foster, a band to sing and dance along with.

Fri Biamanga 5:30pm
Sat Wandella 8:20pm

The Third Voice



Three strong female voices, mainly unaccompanied, that weave, blend, caterwaul and serenade with new and pre-loved songs that will both challenge and soothe. Gemma Turner, Clarita Derwent and Christina Mimmocchi have followed various musical paths and share a love of voices in harmony and music for the body as well as the mind.

Sat Yowie (Choir) 10:00am
Sat Yuin Folk Club 2:00pm
Sun Yowie (Choir) 10:00am

Thieving Magpies



The Thieving Magpies roam the musical world picking up songs and tunes wherever they find them - the Celtic lands, Scandinavia, the Balkans, the Middle East, England, and a smattering of originals inspired by this musical smorgasbord. With musical backgrounds ranging across classical and Klezmer, soul and blues,

Celtic trad, and Americana the Magpies are an eclectic crew who have flocked together to have fun with the music they love.

Fri Yuin Folk Club 4:50pm
Fri Yowrie (W/S) 10:00pm
Sat Yuin Folk Club 11:00am

Tim McMillan and Rachel Snow



Fingerstyle percussive guitar meets masterful violin accompaniment and a magical blend of vocals as Tim McMillan and Rachel Snow twirl their musical influences together to create a riveting potion of Celtic rock, folk, metal, classical and jazz. Hailing from the same school on the Mornington Peninsula in Melbourne, Australia and now based in Berlin, Germany the duo has performed together for nearly 20 years.

Sat Gulaga 11:00am
Sun Biamanga 11:20am

Tuck Shop Ladies



The triceps ain't what they used to be, but the funny bone has only gotten sharper. Armed with a pair of ukuleles and the sharpest of wits, the duo pull back





the curtain to share an intimate selection of songs that truly showcase the ridiculousness of everyday life, in effortless harmony. Their live show is intimate and engaging and is an insight into the relationship of touring musicians, and the result of what happens when everyday life is a Broadway musical. Back in Cobargo by popular demand.

Fri Wandella 6:10pm
 Sat Gulaga 5:10pm
 Sat Yowrie (W/S) 3:20pm
 Sun Wandella 3:10pm

Turnip Sundae



Three well-known and highly respected musicians come together to form Turnip Sundae, a contemporary trio featuring cello, flute, 12 string guitar and percussion, performing an eclectic mix from traditional folk instrumentals to originals and modern covers, supported by lush 3-part harmonies.

Sat Yuin Folk Club 10:00am
 Sun Yuin Folk Club 10:50am

Well Thumbed Poets

Well Thumbed Poets present *Women of Verse, Hovering Around Nature*.

As women writing we are exploring the multi-dimensional layers of our home - planet earth - and our interbeing connection with all of life, alive to the possibilities and beauty of this journey with our mother earth. Readings by Sandra Taylor, Glendamai Morgan, Virginia Sada York.

Sat The Yarnin' 11:40am

Whitetop Mountaineers



The Whitetop Mountaineers is made up of duo, Martha Spencer and Jackson Cunningham. They both live in Whitetop, VA, the highest mountains in Virginia. Their shows feature old time country duet singing, up-tempo old time fiddle, clawhammer banjo, bluegrass mandolin and guitar instrumentals as well as high energy Appalachian dancing. The Whitetop Mountaineers have been performing and touring around the globe for many years together, Jackson and Martha have played concerts, festivals, workshops, and dance throughout the United States, Canada, UK, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand.

Fri Wandella 8:30pm
 Sat Biamanga 11:50am

Willie and the Correspondents



Folk/Roots/Country band Willie and the Correspondents delight audiences with their original songs covering the struggles and strength of country town people and Indigenous Australians, family ties, lost love, political posturing and times gone by. The Canberra Times said of their second album *Take Your Chances*, "The guitar playing throughout is very tasty in all its forms - acoustic, electric and slide. Throw in some exquisite mandolin,

classy piano, piano accordion, harmonica, drums and banjo, and you have a polished album that is sprinkled with musical surprises."

Fri Wandella 7:20pm
 Sat Yuin Folk Club 7:20pm

Winter Wilson



Kip Winter and Dave Wilson are one of the UK's hardest working folk acts, performing often hard-hitting original songs in stunning harmony, interspersed with wicked, self-deprecating humour. Touring the UK, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Canada they have also released a string of critically-acclaimed albums.

Fri Gulaga 10:00pm
 Sat Gulaga 7:20pm
 Sun Yuin Folk Club 2:30pm

Zumpà



Be transported with Zumpà to forgotten Italian fishing villages, moonlit olive groves and a hard life under a hot sun where peasants play music to celebrate life with a fierce sense of humour. They provide the sounds and energy of folk, gypsy and Italian world music woven together to provide a truly spaghetti and meatballs experience.

Fri Yuin Folk Club 10:10pm
 Sat Wandella 10:40pm
 Sun Wandella 1:00pm

LOST AND FOUND

Missing something? Perhaps a wallet, or your child? Chances are it has made its way to our Lost Property area. To claim items (or report something you have lost) please see our friendly staff at the Festival Office

Lost children will be cared for at the Festival Office until they are reunited with their parent or guardian.

Ph: 6493 6666



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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.
- **No alcohol and no glass is to be brought onto the Festival site.** People will be directed to leave the site immediately if they bring alcohol not purchased at the bar and glass into the Entertainment Zone and into venues.
- Know your limits and watch the booze - remember to eat, and drink plenty of water, especially in hot weather.
- Illicit drugs are not permitted. Alcohol must not be brought into the licensed Entertainment Area (see Festival Map) under NSW liquor licensing laws. Anyone with alcohol not purchased at the bar, will be told to dispose of it immediately. No exceptions!
- 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 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.
- We all love our pets but unfortunately they cannot be brought to the Festival. Only registered assistance animals will be allowed into the Festival site.

BLACKBOARDS AND SESSIONS

The COBARGO FOLK FESTIVAL is a musos' festival and we encourage players of all abilities to get in and participate. Please 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 in recent years and there will be late night sessions. Sessioners and pickers – please keep it acoustic!

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Please remember that this Festival is produced and organised by volunteers who give their precious time freely. We do our best to get everything right but we're not perfect and if we slip up, please be gentle with us.





We would like everyone to enjoy their experience at the Cobargo Folk Festival.

Our website has more detailed information but here are a few things that we think you should know.

FESTIVAL ENTRY

General access will open at 10:00am on Thursday 29 February for performers, ticket buyers and campers. Only authorised personnel will be allowed access before then. Please don't arrive early – we don't want to have to turn you away!

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

By entering the Festival site, you agree to abide by the full terms and conditions which are set out on the Festival Website: <https://cobargofolkfestival.com/tickets/terms-and-conditions/>

HOURS OF OPERATION



AREA	Thursday 29 February 2024	Friday 1 March 2024	Saturday 2 March 2024	Sunday 3 March 2024
Ticket Office (General Entry)	10:00am-6:00pm	8:00am-10:30pm	8:00am-10:00pm	8:00am-2:00pm
Volunteer Registration	10:00am-6:00pm	8:00am-10:00pm	8:00am-3:00pm	CLOSED
Festival Reception - Performers, Contractors, Stallholders, The Crossing, VIPs, Complimentary Tickets	10:00am-6:00pm	8:30am-10:00pm	8:30am-12:30pm	See Ticket Office
Festival Office - adjacent to Gulaga (Note – will be open 8am-4pm pre-Festival)	8:00am-4:00pm	7:00am-11:00pm	7:00am-11:00pm	7:00am-11:00pm
Festival Bar (Spooners)	N/A	3:00pm - midnight	11:00am - midnight	11:00am -5:00pm
Festival Shop	N/A	5:00pm-9:00pm	9:00am-9:00pm	9:00am-4:00pm

WHEN CAN I ACCESS THE SITE?

Pre-Festival - Prior to 29 February

NO admission to the showground site until 10:00 am on Thursday 29 February 2024.

For WHS and associated insurance purposes and in order to be fair with the allocation of camping spots, only volunteers rostered to work during that time or approved contractors and stallholders will be permitted access, unless approved by the Yuin Folk Club Committee.

General Access

General access will open at 10:00am on Thursday 29th February for performers, ticket buyers and campers etc.

Under 18s

Minors under 18 years of age MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult (parent or guardian) who is on site at all times and contactable by mobile phone.

Vehicle Access

Only authorised vehicles will be allowed access to the Festival Entertainment site areas. These include construction team and contractors, stallholders, performers, campers with a vehicle pass and disability parking.

Disability Parking

People with a government issued disability parking permit may access disability parking located within the site.

Please see the Ticket Office Team if you require assistance.

Day parking is not permitted within the Festival Entertainment Zone. See the Festival map for approved parking areas – please park where directed.

WHERE DO I GET MY WRISTBAND?

All persons entering the Festival site must wear a wristband (police, emergency services and other official personnel excepted).

Pre-paid ticket vouchers will be exchanged for a wristband at the Ticket Office. Day or weekend tickets can be purchased at the Ticket Office.

Only weekend ticket holders can purchase camping (extra fee). Vehicle passes will be issued at the Ticket Office.

Volunteer Registration

Volunteers will be processed and wristbanded at Volunteer Registration located within the Ticket Office marquee.

Festival Reception

Located next to the Ticket Office marquee. Performers, Stallholders, The Crossing (youth performers), Contractors, VIPs and Complimentary Ticket holders will be wristbanded and processed via Festival Reception.

CAMPING

Camping must be pre-purchased. There is NO single night camping option. Campers must have a Season Ticket to be able to camp on-site.

Campers will be given a handout guide at the gate with information and requirements for campers.

Please ensure you read this information carefully.

If you didn't receive one, please see our friendly staff at the Ticket Office or check our website.

A Camping Vehicle Pass and wristband are required for vehicle entry to camping areas.

A responsible camping adult must accompany campers under 18.

Camper vans, caravans and motor homes are welcome and must be positioned in designated areas. No heavy vehicles are allowed on the Arena area this year.

Other than for authorised volunteers, there are NO powered sites available within the Showgrounds.

Please be courteous of other campers and keep noise levels down in camping areas. Lights out by 1am please!

Campfires

No campfires - no exceptions! Open cooking fires are not permitted - this includes fire bins.

ANIMALS ON SITE

We are sorry but pets are not permitted on the Festival site or in the campground. We regret that people who bring pets will not be admitted. Only accredited assistance animals permitted by law will be allowed access.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

There is a 24-hour security service – contact via the Festival Office. For all life threatening emergencies please call 000 and assist the emergency response personnel by

advising the Festival Office of the situation. Report any incidents, medical issues or other hazards to the Festival Office - please do not attempt to rectify problems yourself. Keep your valuables in a secure place.

Please report any incidents to the Festival Office.

Emergency Contacts

Festival Office: 6493 666
Ambulance, Fire, Police: 000
Police: Cobargo: 6493 6444
Hospital: Bega: 6492 9111
NRMA: 13 11 11

Disability Assistance

Anyone requiring disability assistance should contact the Festival Office during opening hours.

Emergency Evacuation

In the event of an emergency, please proceed to the Emergency Evacuation



Assembly Area located near the Ticket Office/ Festival Reception. (See Map page 40). Festival personnel will provide information and assistance.

First Aid

First Aid assistance is available on site at any time.



If you need assistance and no one is on duty at the First Aid site, please find a Security worker who will assist or phone 000 if it is an emergency. Sunscreen is available at the Festival Office.





Offensive and Illegal Behaviour

The Festival reserves the right to refuse entry or evict a person, without prior warning, who behaves in a manner inappropriate, offensive, dangerous or illegal.

Lost and Found

Children: Lost and found children should be accompanied to the Festival Office next to the Gulaga.

Personal Items: The Festival Office will look after lost property. Please report and claim items there.

Unclaimed items will be held by the Yuin Folk Club for one month. Unclaimed items after that will be donated to the Cobargo Bowerbird Community Op Shop.

Glass

Please! For safety reasons **no glass is to be brought into the Festival entertainment areas.**

The Showground is used to graze cattle and for horse events outside Festival time. Please help us keep the area safe for animals and people.

Smoke Free Festival

A reminder that this is a smoke free Festival and smoking/vaping/e-cigarettes are not permitted within the entertainment zone except



in the **Designated Smoking Area (DSA)**. See the Festival Map (p 40) for its location. Please be thoughtful of others.

SHOWERS AND TOILETS

Please do all you can to conserve water.

Extra (transportable) toilets are located in the



Banksia and Boronia camping areas. These facilities may not be suitable for people with a disability.

LICENSED BAR

NO WRISTBAND - NO SERVICE

The proceeds from the Festival bar (Spooners) help with the financing of the Festival.

The bar is run strictly according to

licensing regulations, i.e. under-aged and intoxicated persons will not be served and are not allowed to remain on licensed premises and will be asked to leave. No alcohol is to be taken out of the designated licensed area (see map).

No alcohol is to be brought into the Festival Entertainment Zone - this is a Licensed Venue.

Proof of age in licensed areas may be requested by staff. (See Festival map for alcohol free zones).

DRINKING WATER

Drinking water is available at drinking stations around the site.

FESTIVAL OFFICE

The Festival Office is located in front of the Gulaga venue.

PH 6493 6666

Message Board

A Message Board is located outside the Festival Office (adjacent to the Gulaga venue).

Mobile Phone Recharging

The Festival Office (& pre-Festival) has limited phone/device charging facilities available for volunteers and others to use when the Office is open. This service is provided on the basis of 'supply your own change cord' to plug into standard USB A and 3.0 sockets. The charge points will be placed on the table under the Festival Office window. No responsibility will be taken for security of devices. Please do not leave unattended.



CASH

There are no ATMs on site. ATMs are located at the Cobargo Hotel, Cobargo Post Office and the Horizon Bank in Bermagui.



FESTIVAL SHOP

Merchandising

Performer CDs, T-shirts, drink bottles, stubby holders, stickers, badges and programs can be purchased at the Festival Shop.

Festival Raffle Tickets

Available from the Festival Shop, the Bar and from roving ticket sellers. Drawn at 1:00pm Sunday at the Biamanga venue. Great prizes!

FOOD AND DRINKS

We have a variety of food stalls located around the site. You're sure to find something delicious.

FUEL - SERVICE STATIONS

Local service stations are not open 24-hours. Please ensure that you have adequate fuel for your return journey.

The United Petroleum service station in Cobargo will remain open until 8pm on Sunday evening. EV charging is available in central Cobargo adjacent to the Doctor's Surgery.

POSTERS

Please don't put posters up on painted surfaces. It costs the Festival money to repair damage done.

There is a Notice Board/Message Board at the Festival Office.

VOLUNTEERS

Our Festival is run by volunteers. Please be nice to them.

The **Volunteer Photo for 2024** will be taken at the Biamanga Stage at 5:30pm on Sunday - please be there by 5:20 if you can.

Volunteer Centre - Vollywood

A place for volunteers to get a bit of time-out, located opposite the main toilet block. Drop in and meet your fellow volunteers.

WASTE WISE EVENT

We have an award-winning 'Zero Landfill Project' which seeks to work with our community to reduce the waste we generate from the Cobargo Folk Festival until we reach zero landfill. Please help reduce the impact of waste on our environment by sorting your waste before disposal.

Campers, to make your job easier, we are providing three bags to help you sort your waste into Organics, General and Recyclables before binning. PLEASE USE THESE BAGS. The Festival is aiming

to be a ZERO LANDFILL event - please help by taking your rubbish home if you can.

See pages 8 and 9 for further information.



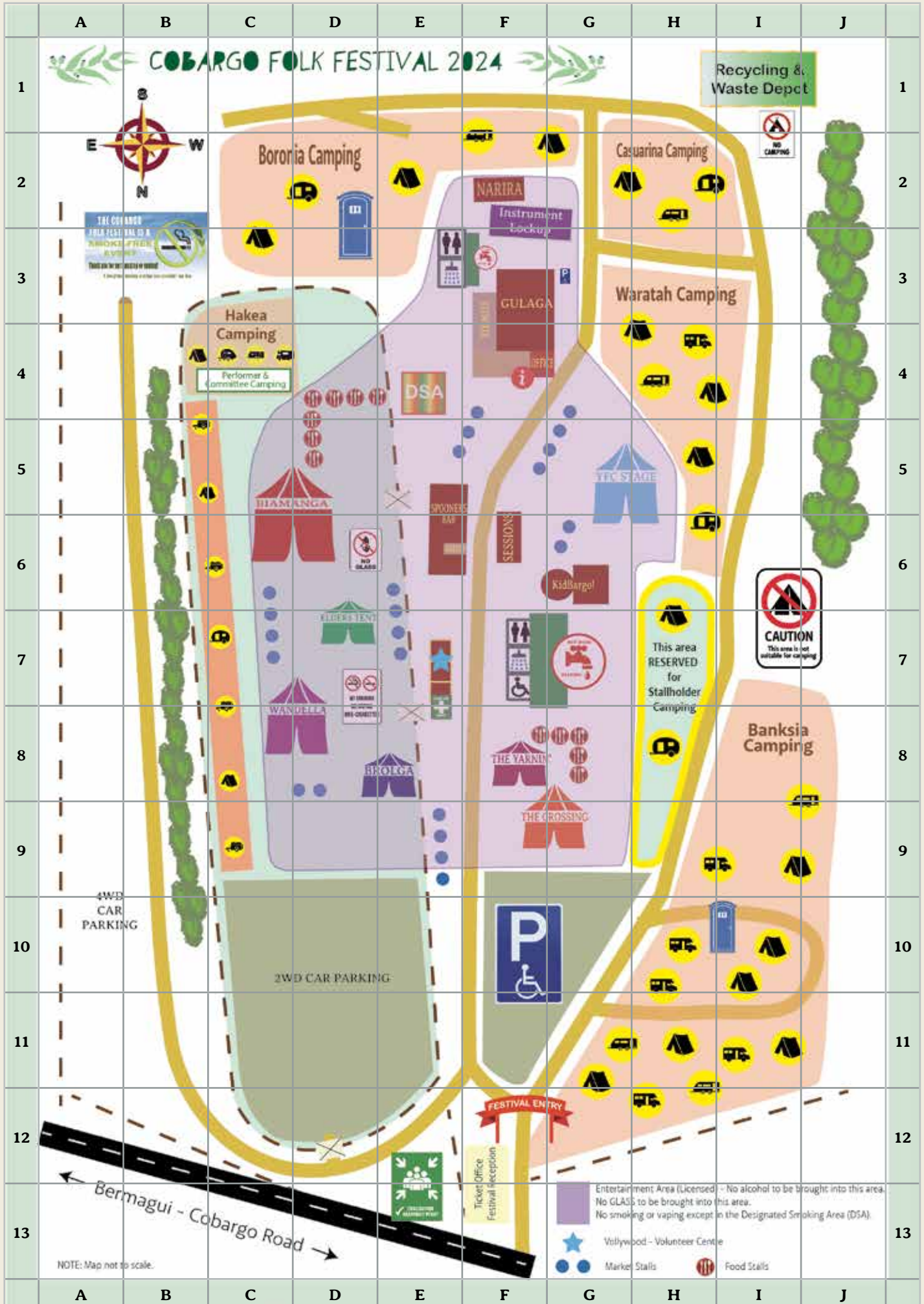
STRICT LIQUOR LICENSING CONDITIONS APPLY, IMPOSED BY THE NSW GOVERNMENT.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR FESTIVAL LICENCE BY COMPLYING WITH ANY DIRECTIONS GIVEN TO YOU



Give some **THOUGHT** to how you **SORT** - Support our **ZERO LANDFILL** initiatives





FOUR WINDS '24 ANNUAL PROGRAM

Come and enjoy a year of concerts and events. From contemporary to classical, join Four Winds for music in nature, food and family in 2024.

MARCH SAT 9 2PM: Caravãna Sun, with Benji and the Saltwater Sound System & Felicity Dowd

SUN 10 3PM: Headland Writers In Conversation: Bruce Nash & Sophie Cunningham AM

FRI 29 6PM: Butchulla songman Fred Leone & contrabassist Sam Pankhurst: Yirinda album launch

SAT 30 3PM: Goldner String Quartet

SUN 31 11AM: Goldner String Quartet

APRIL SUN 21 3PM: Heath Cullen & Band

JUNE SUN 2 3PM: Stefan Cassomenos, piano

SUN 30 3PM: David Bridie

JULY SUN 7 3PM: Ana de la Vega, flute and piano

AUGUST SUN 4 3PM: Headland Writers Partnership: Omar Musa, hip-hop poet with Mariel Roberts, cellist

SAT 17 6PM | SUN 18 12NOON: Affinity Quartet Beethoven Opus 18

FRI 23 6PM: Musica Viva Partnership: Sharon and Slava Grigoryan

SEPTEMBER SUN 8: Spring Sing

OCTOBER SUN 13: Barragga Yangga, Many Languages Project: Cheryl Davison

NOVEMBER SUN 24: Spring Youth Music Festival

All tickets GA \$45, Conc. \$35, 16&U FREE. A 15% discount when you purchase a flexipass 10 or 20. Redeem for any number of tickets (up to package amount) across any of these events.

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