



ARTISTS A TO Z

Artists are listed alphabetically by the band name or first name and ignoring 'The'.

ALAN MUSGROVE & HIS WATSANAME BAND

The Watsaname Band was formed in 2004 by collector and performer Alan Musgrove to present Australian Folk Music in all its many facets, from early transplanted British broadsides and convict ballads through to bush songs and early country influenced material. The band has a sound that just can't be beat! Other members include larrikin fiddler Bob McInnes and concertina maestro Stuart Leslie.

THU 9.40pm Restaurant - *Great Tripe Dinner and Concert*

FRI 11am Restaurant

FRI 6pm Restaurant - *Australian Tradition*

SAT 11.30am The Chapel

SAT 2pm Show Pavilion - *Ron Edwards Tribute Concert*

SUN 12.15pm The Chapel - *AL Lloyd Tribute Bush Songs Concert*

SUN 2pm Show Pavilion



ANEMONE/MIGNON

Anemone is Mignon Lee-Warden, Ann Lehmann and Nicole Murphy. They have played at various folk clubs, International women's day concerts, rallies and parties. Three local performers who enjoy crossing styles with their original folk world music style. Mignon released her first CD this year.

FRI 5pm The Chapel

SAT 4.30pm Restaurant

ANN VRIEND

Canadian singer-song writer Ann Vriend exudes originality and flare comparable to the likes of Kate Bush, Regina Spektor, and Sarah Slean. Ann's double-entendre lyrics have likened her to Leonard Cohen and Paul Simon. Her exquisite honest and heartbreaking voice is as much like Dolly Parton's as it is like Eva Cassidy's, making

both her albums and acclaimed international performances a stunning experience.

FRI 2.30pm Heritage Hotel

SAT 12.30pm Black Diamond Marquee

SUN 1.15pm Restaurant

ANTHONY DE BOLFO

Tony De Bolfo is a Melbourne journalist and author by profession. In 1994 he began research on his family and 105 others who disembarked the SS Re d'Italia in 1927. Eight years later, *In Search Of Kings* was published. In 2004 he discovered the silent film, *Dall'Italia All'Australia*, a documentary of the voyage of the SS Regina d'Italia. Since then he has been presenting the film with live music and currently with Kavisha Mazzella and The Viaggiatori.

THU 4pm Show Pavilion - *Dall Italia All Australia - Film and Music*

FRI 6.45pm Show Pavilion - *Dall Italia All Australia - Film and Music*

SAT 12.30pm Show Pavilion - *Dall Italia All Australia - Film and Music*

ARCH BISHOP

Arch returns to the stage as the storyteller and poet he is loved for. His quirky Australian humour will bring a sparkle to your face.

THU 10.40pm Restaurant - *Great Tripe Dinner and Concert*

FRI 5pm Grandstand Bar

SAT 2.45pm Grandstand Bar - *Limerick Competition*

SUN 8am Show Pavilion - *Poets Breakfast Sunday*

SUN 10am Nag's Lounge - *Concert of Humour*

AUSTRALIAN PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION DANCERS

The APA dance group are members of the Australian Philippine Association Illawarra. The performers have grown up together with the APA performing various traditional Filipino dances that have many influences - from Muslim to Spanish Colonial. Their eclectic dances tell stories of their history with Tribal, Muslim, and Rural dances; and the celebration of life, love and country. All their dances reflect our rich and colourful cultural heritage.

SAT 4pm Global Green

SAT 5.30pm Global Green

AVIVA SHEB'A

Aviva graduated from dance school in 1968 and has Ballet Jazz Flamenco National Character Afro-Cuban Improvisation experience. She has worked in over twenty countries settings as diverse as Chorus Captain with the Compagnia Italiana d'Opera, Vietnam war art galleries, Jazz clubs, TV film cabaret, street, intimate and large theatre conferences and Rap Poetry evenings. Aviva is the innovator of Vocal Dance a performance and teaching technique incorporating dance and voice.

FRI 11am The Shed

SAT 9.45am Nag's Lounge - *A Cappella Concert*

SUN 4.15pm Grandstand Bar - *Vocal Workshop*

AZ-I-AM

Reclusive singer Chris Wilson returns to the stage for a rare performance. She will be backed by Johnny Spillane, Bob McInnes and Ray Marshall, some of the Illawarra's finest musicians. It's bound to be an especial event and should not be missed. Expect folk to jazz and any where in between.

FRI 12.30pm Show Pavilion

SAT 4pm The Chapel

SUN 3.20pm Nag's Lounge



BALYANA

Balyana blends bluegrass Aussie bush and country rock to deliver a fresh new style of acoustic music. Our music is informal, lively, light and acoustic. Our music appeals to all ages. Balyana uses vocal harmonies and a broad range of acoustic instruments including 6 and 12 string guitars, mandolin, accordion, harmonica, banjo, fiddle, bass and Dobro.

FRI 12mid Restaurant

FRI 4.30pm Slacky Flat Bar

SAT 8.20pm Restaurant - *Bluegrass and Beyond*



THE BEEZ

The Beez (Rob Rayner, Deta Cordelia Rayner, Peter D'Elia and Juliane Schroeder) are a Berliner cabaretic rehabilitation centre for classic hits, east and west, where every pop patient is treated to a new lease of life and a sorely needed sense of humour. "All are exquisite singers, musicians and comedians whose specialty is incredibly sophisticated, hilarious, acoustic parodies of pop standards—as if Frank Zappa had done the musical arrangements and the guys from Spinal Tap had done the staging." David Essig
 THU **9.30pm** Slacky Flat Bar
 FRI **5.15pm** Black Diamond Marquee
 SAT **2.30pm** Black Diamond Marquee
 SAT **9.45pm** Slacky Flat Bar
 SUN **9pm** Slacky Flat Bar

BERTIE MCMAHON

Bertie McMahon is well known to kids festival fans as one half of Gobsmaeked. This time he's out on his own with some of the same whacky songs dances and fractured folk tales. There may be a few ghosties in the show too so hang on to your hats!
 FRI **11.45am** The Shed
 SAT **9am** The Shed

BETTINA SCHELKER

Bettina Schelker has exploded onto the English speaking music scene with her new album 'The Honeymoon is Over', produced by Chumbawamba Leeds UK. She is the current Grand Prize Winner of the John Lennon International Songwriting Contest (folk) and has been on both the Swiss and German charts. Bettina has opened for or toured with Chumbawamba, Peter Frampton, Van Morrison, Toto Barclay, James Harvest, Rihanna Hansen, Marla Glen and many more. The former Swiss boxing champion owns her own recored label and music and sports school.
 THU **9.30pm** Ryans Hotel – *Festival Preview Concert*
 FRI **6.30pm** Black Diamond Marquee
 SAT **9.30pm** Show Pavilion
 SUN **1.30pm** Slacky Flat Bar

BIGERLE

Big Erle's (Simon Leamon's) unique vocal technique draws influence from blues singers of the 30's and 40's. His strong vocal overlays his fingerpicking slide/lapslide/acoustic guitar style, the driving rhythm of Drewe Peard (bass) and

beats of Pav the Russian. Big Erle has fostered his interest in blues/folk themes developing a fusion between contemporary songwriting technique and old world blues and folk traditions creating a unique and tempered style. Big Erle tells the stories of Wollongong living between the escarpment and the sea.

FRI **8pm** Heritage Hotel
 SAT **10.20pm** Show Pavilion
 SUN **4.10pm** Nag's Lounge

BIG SNORE HAMMERS

Big Snore Hammers is 12 year old Samuel De Santi's dream band come to life. The band was originally assembled for the 18th Illawarra Folk Festival at Jamberoo in 2002 at Jamberoo when Sam was 5 years old. Since then the band has performed at every Illawarra Folk Festivals since, 2 Woodford Folk Festivals, National Folk Festival and Port Fairy Folk Festival! The band of musicians has members of Wongawilli, Obrobini and friends playing an array of acoustic instruments including violin, mandolin, guitar, accordion, piano, whistle and saxophone with drums and African drums for high energy jigs, reels and polkas. Sam leads the band playing bodhran fiddle and anything else he can bang.
 FRI **11pm** Restaurant
 SAT **8.30pm** Black Diamond Marquee – *World Music Dance Party*

BILL QUINN

Bill Quinn has been working a microphone for 16 years as a trivia quiz presenter, a corporate wedding festival and other event MC and as a facilitator trainer and presenter in the world of the muggles. Bill sings with Ecopella and any festival choir that will have him. Bill's a professional speaker and amateur singer and will offer a punters perspective, keen observation and reflection rather than a scientific and technical approach.
 FRI **6.30pm** Grandstand Bar – *Singing Session for Newbies*
 SAT **10.15am** Nag's Lounge – *A Cappella Concert*
 SAT **7pm** Grandstand Bar – *Evening Song Singalong*
 SUN **9.30am** Grandstand Bar – *Singing Session for Newbies*

BLACK JOAK MORRIS

Not the twenty effeminate blacksmiths of Blackadder's imagining. They are the upholders of

the Australian Morris. Unlike the team of convict dancers from rural England arrested in Parramatta for sedition we have not yet been arrested for our dancing. EXPECT THEM ANYWHERE
 SAT **10.25am** Global Green
 SUN **1.30pm** Global Green

BLACKBOARD CONCERT

A chance to impress the audiences. Arrive early to ensure a spot.
 FRI **3pm** Grandstand Bar
 FRI **8.30pm** Nag's Lounge
 SAT **3.35pm** Grandstand Bar
 SAT **9.30pm** Nag's Lounge

BLUE GOOSE BAND

In the late 1980s Whistling Goose, one of Sydney's favourite jug/folk/goodtime bands, came to an end after more than a decade of entertaining Sydney audiences. Blue Goose represents the renewal of the musical relationship between three of the members of Whistling Goose. It combines Sonia Bennett's powerful vocals and guitar with the multi-instrumental musicianship of Max Gregory and Bruce Stavert and Andy Stavert on bass. Their many original compositions interspersed with refreshing interpretations of songs of many genres old and new combine with a whimsical approach to playing that makes them fun and great to listen to.
 SAT **6pm** Slacky Flat Bar
 SUN **1.40pm** Nag's Lounge

BLUE MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS

Features Karen Lynne Australia's foremost female contemporary Bluegrass artist joining up with her multi-faceted and talented sister Liz Frencham. Karen has worked with Sydney band Acoustic Shock for years but due to them taking a break Karen and Liz have taken the opportunity to create their own Bluegrass line-up. Karen takes with her Martin Louis (Banjo), Nigel Lever (Mandolin and Guitar) and Quentin Fraser (Guitar and Dobro) from Acoustic Shock and along with Wen-Tjen Lim (fiddle) this new line-up presents contemporary and traditional bluegrass instrumentals, Aussie originals and 3 part harmony Vocals from the Frencham sisters and banjoist Martin Louis.
 FRI **8.30pm** Slacky Flat Bar
 SAT **1.30pm** Black Diamond Marquee
 SAT **9.10pm** Restaurant – *Bluegrass and Beyond*
 SUN **10.25am** Black Diamond Marquee



BORDERLINE KAYLEE

A group of young multi-talented adults playing a mixture of tunes on a mixture of instruments that came together in late 2004. They are also a Ceilidh band experienced in playing for family dances performing a mixture of Irish Scottish Welsh and Bush dances guaranteed to get your toes tapping and your heart racing. Don't worry if you don't know the dances we call as we go! We also do dance demonstrations including Irish Step and our own choreographed dances, plus we sing a variety of songs in both English and Gaelic.

FRI **6.30pm** Slacky Flat Bar
SAT **3pm** Slacky Flat Bar
SAT **8.50pm** Nag's Lounge - *Youth Folkie Concert*

BOWRALHOUSE

First called The Bowral Blues Boys, the new name was suggested by Brian Rapsey the Canadian blues harmonica player. It's a corruption of Barrelhouse, the old blues style abnd. John Hall from The Songcatchers has spent a lifetime playing early country blues. Jason Winter also from The Songcatchers drives the band with his upright bass Beryl! Brian Rapsey brings his extroverted blues style to the band.

THU **4.40pm** Slacky Flat Bar
THU **9.10pm** Restaurant - *Great Tripe Dinner and Concert*

BRETT ROBIN WOOD

Described as Charlie Chaplin meets Leonard Cohen and The Michael Leunig of Singer Songwriters Brett Robin Wood is an artist renowned for his spontaneity, humour and honesty in live performance. His original and insightful songs strike a light in those hidden places revealing the ways of our heart, the intricate maze of our thinking and expressing what it means to be human. His new album *Curious Dream* was co-produced with Liz Frencham and Steve Vella at Dog and Bear Studios and is available along with his first album *Likely Stories*

FRI **6.45pm** Heritage Hotel
SAT **9.30am** Restaurant
SAT **3pm** The Shed
SUN **4.15pm** Restaurant

BRIAN BELL

Bush and city poet making audiences laugh and cry at the same time. Keep close attention or you

will miss the triple and quadruple entendres!

FRI **6pm** Grandstand Bar
SUN **8am** Show Pavilion - *Poets Breakfast Sunday*
SUN **12.15pm** Grandstand Bar - *One Minute Wonders*

BUSH MUSIC CLUB HUTT 44 MOB

Carrying on the reason the (real original) Bushwhackers founded the Bush Music Club 51 years ago ... to let people know that they can form their own bands ... and play their own Australian music and songs. The group is made up of players from the Club's regular Music Workshop at Hut 44 at Addison Street, Marrickville.

FRI **2pm** Grandstand Bar - *Trad Tunes and Song*
FRI **7.55pm** Restaurant - *Australian Tradition*
SAT **8pm** Grandstand Bar - *Trad Tunes and Song*
SUN **10.15am** Grandstand Bar - *Trad Tunes and Song*

CAMERON MATHER

Cameron 15 sings and plays Celtic music. When performing songs he plays guitar, banjo and mandolin. Most Sundays Cameron joins leading Irish band Claddagh at the Mercantile Hotel. He also occasionally joins Green Jam at the Hero of Waterloo Blackwater at The Harp and Camden Valley Inn as well as Hot Toddy and Finnegans Wake. Cameron loves joining Irish sessions around Sydney playing his banjo, mandolin and guitar. Cameron made his festival debut at the 2008 Illawarra Folk Festival receiving a great response from the audience.

SAT **6.05pm** Nag's Lounge - *Youth Folkie Concert*
SUN **9.40am** Nag's Lounge - *Young Celts Music*

CANBERRA CONTRA CLUB

Canberra Contra Club presents folk dance and music from the Appalachian Hills of New England, USA. The Club has a collaborative approach to musicians and callers and is committed to sharing and propagating the love of this energetic, smooth and flowing dance form.

SAT **9.30am** Global Green - *Workshop*
SAT **9.15pm** Global Green
SUN **11.15am** Grandstand Bar - *Contra Tune Session*

CHARLIE MCMAHON

Charlie McMahon is generally regarded as one of the world's top exponents of the Didjeridu. He's performed internationally with artists including

Ted Egan and Midnight Oil.
FRI **2.30pm** Slacky Flat Bar
SUN **5pm** Heritage Hotel

CHLOE AND JASON ROWETH

Chloe and Jason Roweth share a passion for Australian folklore and bush music getting great satisfaction out of bringing almost forgotten songs back to life again. Always a captivating concert experience, Chloe and Jason present a striking mix of strong original songs, old-style ballads, well known bush songs and lively dance tunes accompanied by some fascinating background on where the items come from and the performers who played them.

THU **10.25pm** Restaurant - *Great Tripe Dinner and Concert*
FRI **3.45pm** Heritage Hotel
FRI **8.25pm** Restaurant - *Australian Tradition*
SAT **11am** Slacky Flat Bar
SAT **2pm** Show Pavilion - *Ron Edwards Tribute Concert*
SUN **2.50pm** The Chapel

CINNAMON TWIST BELLY DANCE TROUPE

Cinnamon Twist Belly Dance Troupe specializes in a variety of the folkloric dance traditions of the Middle East as well as contemporary belly dance. Under the direction of Virginia Keft-Kennedy Cinnamon Twist showcases the energy diversity and beauty of the dance forms of the Middle East.

SAT **10.55am** Global Green - *W/Shop - Dances of the Arabian Gulf*
SAT **2.20pm** Global Green

CLAUDIA APHRODITE

Local 14 year old singer songwriter, Claudia, writes original songs in her bedroom and loves to come out and play them for you. Often likened to Joni Mitchell.

FRI **4.30pm** Nag's Lounge - *Youth Concert*
SAT **7.45pm** Nag's Lounge - *Youth Folkie Concert*

COMBINED UNION CHOIRS

Illawarra Union Singers the Sydney Trade Union Choir and the Newcastle Peoples Chorus all sing songs of struggle peace and the environment. Each Choir sings at rallies, concerts, Folk Festivals and Labour Council events.

SUN **11.45am** Global Green