

National Folk Festival Making a Donation



What is the National Folk Festival?

The National Folk Festival (the National) is a five-day celebration of Australia's national cultural identity – the music, songs, dances and spoken word that reflect the heritage of our diverse population, including the traditions of the many people from diverse backgrounds that now call Australia home.

The first National was held in Melbourne in 1967 and in 1969 when the National moved to Queensland a thirteen year tradition of different annual host cities commenced.

By 1992 the Australian Folk Trust, concluded that a permanent site and permanent staff must be found to ensure the future of the event.

The National Folk Festival Ltd was established and Exhibition Park in Canberra was chosen as the site for the event. From a single part time Director and a couple of thousand attendees in 1993 the Festival has grown to a full time staff of six and fifty five thousand attendees for the 2010 event.

How is the National Folk Festival managed?

A Board of Directors, currently numbering 11, manages the National. They are selected on the basis of their individual skills and expertise, as well as a commitment to the Festival and folk culture in Australia.

An establishment of 8 paid staff is responsible for the operational delivery of the festival event, as well as the national's other programs and projects. The staff team is supported by approx 60 key Volunteer Coordinators and between 1200 and 1500 Volunteers.

Further information on our management, governance arrangements and objectives can be found on our website (www.folkfestival.asn.au).

The National Folk Festival Public Fund

The National Folk Festival Public Fund was set-up to enable the organisation to accept tax-deductible monetary gifts. The fund is listed on the Register of Cultural Organisations (ROCO) under Sub-section 30B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1977.

In order to comply with the guidelines of ROCO the Festival has a Public Fund Committee comprised of member of the Board of Directors. This Committee ensures that funds are used appropriately (for the principal aims of the organisation) and gives approval for funds to be transferred out of the Public Fund account.

Why donate to the National Folk Festival?

The Festival is also accredited as a deductible gift recipient through the Australian Tax Office.

The National is a not for profit organisation that is primarily self-funded through ticket sales. We receive no ongoing financial support from either local or federal government.

The majority of this income goes towards essential costs such as Festival infrastructure, wages, performer fees and general administration costs. As a result there are limited funds that can be spent on special projects outside of the normal Festival operations.

In 2004 the Festival purchased the materials required to build a temporary 12m x 18m sprung dance floor each year in the Mallee Pavilion. The funds for this project came from donations received over the years. The Declan Affley Award, which recognizes young up-an-coming folk performers, was also funded by donations



The Festival is continuing to fundraise for further temporary dance floors as well as a number of projects that will be funded primarily through donations.

These projects include the following;

Temporary Dance floors designed for both indoor and outdoor use

The Festival is continuing to build new dance floors for indoor and outdoor use, as well as make repairs to current dance floors that are used for dance displays and dance workshops.

Developing an online resource for primary school teachers to encourage traditional music education

The Festival wants to fill the void left by the discontinuation of the ABC songbook by developing an online resource that will provide words, music and a multimedia aspect of traditional songs from all elements of Australian society as well as a range of educational modules looking at the cultural background and construction of

musical instruments from Australian and other diverse folk traditions.

Developing online training resources for Festival volunteers

The Festival is aiming to increase the level of training for volunteers, especially concerning OH&S (Occupational Health and Safety) legislation requirements, to ensure that volunteers all have knowledge of their responsibilities, as well as the ethos of the event. The training aims to provide the basic skills in the particular area they are working as well as the over-arching responsibilities of being part of the festival team. The development of online training modules is part of this process.

Creating artwork and sculpture for display at the Festival

The creation of permanent and temporary sculpture and artworks designed by practicing artists and built by Festival attendees to provide another aspect of the cultural history of the event.

Any donation over \$2 made to the National Folk Festival Public Fund is tax deductible.

There are two ways to make a monetary donation to the National Folk Festival Public Fund.

1. You can complete the form included with this document and send it back to the Festival with a cheque or with your credit card details.
2. You can make a direct deposit into the National Folk Festival Public Fund

The account details for the Public Fund are on the Donation Form attached below. If you do make a direct deposit then please drop us a line or give us a call to let us know as we would like to say thank you and we can then issue a Tax Receipt.

If you would like any further information or would like to talk to someone in the organisation please contact us (details below).

Thankyou for considering a contribution to the National!

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