

# WELCOME FROM THE FESTIVAL TEAM

Welcome to the 2025 National Folk Festival, where artists, audiences, and communities come together, to celebrate and create. Folk is about connection—to each other, to tradition, and to the world around us—and this festival is built on that spirit. Whether you're here to listen, dance, learn, or play, we invite you to immerse yourself, be inspired, and make the Festival your own. At the heart of the Festival is our ethos—a commitment to inclusion, participation, sustainability, and artistic excellence. Folk is not just a performance on stage; it's something we live and share.

The National Folk Festival belongs to all of us—the artists, the audiences, and the communities who bring it to life. To every performer, volunteer, and festival-goer who makes this space welcoming, vibrant, and full of possibility—thank you. Whether you've been coming for years or are here for the first time, we invite you to step into the music, move with the rhythms, and add your voice to the song.

### FESTIVAL STAFF TEAM

**Festival Director:** Anne Denzer  
**Volunteer and Business Administration:** Demelza Crook  
**Artistic Directors:** Holly Downes | Michael Sollis | Chris Stone

# 60 YEARS OF THE NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL IN 2026

In 2026, the National Folk Festival turns 60. From its humble beginnings in 1967, it's become a cornerstone of Australia's folk and acoustic music scene. What's your favourite Festival memory? How would you celebrate 60 years of the National? Share your stories, ideas, or photos by scanning the QR code—and help shape the celebration.



## FESTIVAL RAFFLE

The Festival Raffle has a great range of prizes. Scan the QR code to buy tickets, or visit the Festival Office or Shop.

Raffle drawn Monday 21 April 5:00 PM  
Announced at the Farewell Concert.

Tickets are available to purchase by ACT, NSW and Victoria residents only.

BUY



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## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Our volunteers deserve recognition so we present four awards at the Farewell Concert, including:

**The People's Choice Volunteer of the Year**

Please use the QR Code to nominate an outstanding volunteer!

VOTE



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### CONNECT, CREATE AND CELEBRATE

Keep up with the latest Festival news across Facebook and Instagram throughout the Festival. Don't forget to tag us in your posts and pics!

#nationalfolkfestival2025 #OurNFF #nationalfolkfestivalcanberra

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The National Folk Festival acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters, and community.

We pay our respects to them, their cultures, and their Elders past, present, and emerging.

We especially acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which our Festival takes place, the Ngunnawal peoples, their Elders past, present and emerging, their continuing culture, and the contribution they make to the life of our region.

# FESTIVAL PARADE

At 4:50 PM on Monday, the Festival Parade will take over the site and everyone is invited to join in. Jump in as the parade passes or plan ahead and prepare at the Community Arts Tent over the weekend to create lanterns and art to carry in the parade, or take part in many of the activities in the Family Fest. Meet at the Fitzroy Gate area near Sam's Caravan on Monday at 4:30 PM with your art, your music, or just your energy.

### Turn up anytime at the Community Arts Tent to:

- Make a lantern for the parade
- Decorate a mask for the Masked Ball
- Create your own bead necklace or jewellery
- Learn to knit, crochet or find other crafty folks

A few workshops have a small fee to cover materials. Please book in at the Community Arts Tent to secure your place!

The last column (Notes) on the main program schedule is ready for you to add in your workshops for easy reference.

# COMMUNITY ARTS

FRIDAY			
11:00 AM	Candle Making	Murals from the Sky	Tie Dyeing
2:00 PM	Wet Felting	Leather Work	Signature Perfume
9:30 AM	Mosaic Coasters	Urban Sketching	Pine Needle Broom
SATURDAY			
9:30 AM	Wet Felting	Bees Wax Wrap	Urban Sketching
11:00 AM	Tie Dyeing	Murals from the Sky	Mosaic Coasters
2:00 PM	Bees Wax Wrap	Afghan Embroidery	Pine Needle Broom
3:30 PM	Leather Work	Candle Making	Raden Jewellery
SUNDAY			
9:30 AM	Tie Dyeing	Candle Making	Emotions and Art
11:00 AM	Murals from the Sky	Urban Sketching	Raden Jewellery
1:10 PM		Bird Choir	
2:00 PM	Afghan Embroidery	Mosaic Coasters	Signature Perfume
3:30 PM	Wet Felting	Leather Work	Pine Needle Broom
MONDAY			
9:30 AM	Wet Felting	Leather Work	Tie Dyeing
11:00 AM	Urban Sketching	Candle Making	Pine Needle Broom
2:00 PM	Emotions and Art	Art: Create, Parade!	

# THURSDAY EVENING

	BUDAWANG	FLUTE & FIDDLE	BOHEMIA	COORONG	TERRACE	SESSION BAR
5:00					** SEE BELOW GRID **	FOLK FAMILY REUNION 5:00 - 11:00 PM
5:30		THE HIGH STREET DRIFTERS 5:30 - 6:20 PM	BLACKBOARD 5:30 - 11:00 PM			
6:00						
6:30	OPENING CONCERT 6:30 - 8:30 PM	TRIOC 6:40 - 7:30 PM				
7:00						
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8:00		KID HANK AND HIS OCKERSTRA 7:50 - 8:40 PM		WELCOME DANCE 7:30 - 9:30 PM		
8:30						
9:00						FOLK FAMILY SINGALONG 8:30 - 11:00 PM
9:30		THE BOROUGH 9:00 - 9:50 PM				
10:00						
10:30						
11:00						

\*\* THURSDAY AFTERNOON 1:00 - 4:30 PM FORUM: AUSTRALIAN FOLKLORE CONFERENCE \*\*

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## 2026 FESTIVAL TICKETS

Season / Season + Camping tickets for 2026 will go live on Friday 18th April 2025 at 8am. Get your 'Early Bird 1' tickets now and reserve your preferred campsite. Tickets will never be cheaper in the lead up to the 2026 Festival.

Use the QR code below between Friday 18th April at 8am and Tuesday 22nd April at 12pm to secure your tickets for 2026, get the best possible discount, and support 60 Years of the National Folk Festival!

**More tickets will go live later in the year, so be sure to sign up to our newsletter on our website, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.**

**BUY  
2026  
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