



2026 Programme Listing

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FESTIVAL WELCOME

It's been a long road back from the wilderness but after five years of setbacks we're delighted to bring our beloved Festival back home. I want to thank my committee colleagues and the hard workers of the organising group, our dedicated team of volunteers, our extraordinary collection of multi-talented artists, Program Coordinator Jon Cope for a fantastic job assembling our program, and you the audience who have kept faith with us through thick and thin.

I want to make a special shout out to our co-founder, **Max Klubal**, who has made an incredibly generous donation that has enabled us to get to this point. We're recognising his contribution with the name of our main concert marquee, formerly Mandja, now Max's. Its rafters will be ringing this weekend!

Welcome back! Have fun!

Steve Barnes, Chair, FolkWorld Inc. Management Committee

From the Artistic Program Coordinator

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to Fairbridge Festival 2026 at its traditional home here at Fairbridge Village. After a period of deep reflection, the festival returns with renewed energy, celebrating the enduring spirit of this much-loved community gathering, first established in 1993.

This year's theme, *Honouring the Past – Reimagining the Future*, reunites our festival family while welcoming new generations of artists and audiences into the Fairbridge Festival story.

The 2026 program celebrates folk, world and roots music and musicianship, alongside an inspiring children's and youth program, with a renewed focus on participation and creative exchange.

We are grateful for the trust of many musicians and artists in supporting the return of our iconic Fairbridge Festival. Making this event happen requires the selfless commitment of many good people. Some highlight initiatives this year include the *Bindjareb Welcome to Country Procession* at sunset on Friday to acknowledge the traditional Bindjareb custodians of this beautiful land where we gather, the *World Slide Summit* concert on Sunday that demonstrates global humanity's shared sonic connection, *Song Circles* sharing intimate song and stories, the 'Questies' reunion and *The Future is Now* emerging artist showcase. Across the village, *Single-Mic Sessions*, *Peacock Bar Session Hall*, and *Youthopia Loft Jam Sessions* invite musicians and audiences to share, play, collaborate and connect.

These experiences celebrate the spirit of Fairbridge Festival, a place where living traditions evolve, creativity flourishes, and culture and music connects people across generations.

Jon Cope, Artistic Program Coordinator

MEET THE TEAM

Here's a list of the key personnel who have worked behind the scenes to make the 2026 Festival happen.

FolkWorld Management Committee

- Steve Barnes (Chair, Artist admin)
- John Reed (Vice Chair)
- Rob Phillips (Treasurer)
- Lyn 'Woody' Shurman (Secretary)
- Ros Barnes (Venues, MCs)
- Debi Locke (Event manager)
- Leanne Casellas (Marketing)
- Jon Cope (Artistic programme)
- Gareth Almond (Volunteers)
- Andrew Chambers (Production manager)

Festival Operations Group

- Artist Central: Paul Callery
- Camping: Dougie Scott
- Comperes, Stage and Venue Managers, Artist Admin: Ros Barnes
- Crew Cafe: Sue Wuest
- Event Management, HQ & Entry: Debi Locke
- Face Painting: Sarah Pollard-Oliver
- Festival Bars: Jessica Biggs
- Festival Merchandise: Emi Jackson
- IT: Sean Diggins
- Marketing: Leanne Casellas
- Paper Scissors Rock: Vynka Jinman
- Production: Andrew Chambers
- Programme Coordinator: Jon Cope
- Signage, Decoration and Site: Kim Shurman
- Vendors: Diane Butcher
- Volunteers: Gareth Almond, Woody Shurman and Debbie Fieldwick

TRIBUTES

Many of you will have fond memories of the amazing guitar artistry of **Guy Ghouse**, in the duo Desert Child and with Noongar singer-songwriter (and former festival patron) Gina Williams-Ghouse. Guy wore his prodigious talent lightly, always playing the way he lived, with warmth, grace and a great sense of humour. He'll be greatly missed.

Ted Egan, who passed away late last year, was a legend of the Australian folk scene. Raconteur, master songwriter, inventor of the Fosterphone (tuned by drinking the contents), unwavering champion of First Nations' culture and friend to everyone. A big part of his legacy is the extraordinary song "The Drover's Boy", truly one of the all-time great Australian story songs. There will never be anyone quite like him.

Most recently we heard the sad news of the passing of another giant, founder and guiding light of the Woodford Folk Festival, **Bill Hauritz**. Bill's vision and unquenchable enthusiasm not only created Woodford; it inspired the entire Australian folk festival movement. Fairbridge Festival wouldn't exist without the lessons we learned from Woodford. Bill, and Woodford, redefined what a folk festival could be: not just the music on the stages, but the entire sense of community and possibility that lived behind and around it. Very few people can be said to have genuinely made the world a better place. Bill was one. We encourage you to look on YouTube and find a wonderfully moving song tribute to Bill by Eric Bogle

Guy, Ted and Bill will be in our thoughts over the weekend.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Baby changing

Find this facility inside Clubhouse rest rooms.

Busking

Budding young musicians can busk along the main road leading from the Dining Hall toward the open area next to the Chapel.

Camping and Vehicle Movement

For the comfort and safety of others, please do not drive around the campgrounds or festival precinct once you have set up your campsite. Please take care to not block access ways when parking. Vehicles and tents in Kingsley Park must be at least two metres away from the cottages and buildings.

Festival Headquarters (HQ) and Information

Festival administration is at Belfast Cottage. Lost/found children/parents; incident reports; and festival compliments/complaints and feedback registers are here. On the left side of the road as you come into the site.

Festival Shop (Artists and Festival Merchandise)

You will find our merchandise shop adjacent to Gus's Bar, across from Max's circus tent venue.

First Aid

On the main street in the Activities Centre, across from the Dining Hall.

Food Stalls

Food and drink stalls operate all weekend, providing a variety of healthy food cuisines. You'll find them between the Chapel and Max's.

Kids Registration

Parents and Guardians: Come along to HQ where you can register your U18 and write your mobile number and camping details on their wristband.

Licensed Venues

Alcohol is only permitted to be consumed in our two licensed venues: Gus's Bar (opposite the food court) and Peacock Bar (inside the Dining Hall). There is a zero-tolerance policy on under-age drinking.

Lost Property / Children (or parents)

Visit Festival HQ to report lost persons or property, and to see if your lost items have been handed in.

Market Stalls

You will find the market stalls toward the children's festival precinct, near Fairbridge House which is under renovation.

No smoking

Smoking is not permitted within the festival precinct.

Respect the Village – leave no trace

Please put your rubbish in the appropriate bins to help us eradicate all rubbish left in the camping areas and festival precinct.

Safety Tips

This is a rural site with uneven ground. Be aware of hazards such as concrete kerbs, ditches and gumnuts – and use a torch at night. Wear a hat, sunscreen, and drink plenty of water during the festival. Sorry – strictly no campfires!

Volunteer Check-in

Located at Festival HQ. Head here if you are unable to complete your volunteer hours or if you'd like to help out as a last-minute volunteer.

WiFi point

You'll notice that phone and internet coverage on site is patchy at best. There are WiFi points in the concert venues (Max's, Clubhouse, Chapel, Dining Room) where you can download the entire festival programme with notes on the acts, performance times and other details.

NOTE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

While our festival is family friendly, we do not provide childcare so please make sure you always know where your little ones are. Add your mobile number to your child's wristband and make sure they know where to find Festival HQ should they get lost.

VENUES

Max's

Max's circus tent marquee hosts a broad range of showcase festival concerts, located south of the food court.

Chapel

Located at the top of the roadway leading toward the east and adjacent to the food stalls area. This beautiful venue is perfect for vocal and intimate musical concerts.

Clubhouse

Look for this venue on your left as you walk up the main street, near the swimming pool. The Clubhouse hosts music concerts throughout the day from 10am to 12.30am.

Dining Hall

This year the Dining Hall will be a special place for participation and collaboration offering morning workshops, afternoon and early evening Single-Mic Sessions (open mic), live music sessions, and more.

Kaleidoscope Children's Marquee

Providing entertainment for the younger ones and grown-ups too! Find this venue east of Clubhouse (museum end), behind the swimming pool.

Youthopia Loft

Upstairs in Clubhouse, the Loft will host several youth-focused workshops and acoustic jam sessions for young players to share, learn, and create music together. Bring your instrument! Entrance stairs located behind the Clubhouse.

Paper Scissors Rock

Located under the trees opposite Kaleidoscope, this space offers hands-on art and creative workshops for children of all ages. You will find Face Painting nearby too!

BARS

Gus's Bar

Centrally located opposite Max's and the food court, Gus's Bar is a Fairbridge Festival institution. This is where you meet up with old and new friends and meet an artist or two!

Peacock Bar

Licensed from mid-afternoon to midnight in the Dining Hall, it's a great space to meet other players and share the friendly camaraderie of the festival.

PROGRAMME LISTING

Concert acts and workshop presenters

This is an alphabetic listing of all the acts and presenters at the 2026 Festival giving you a brief description of the artist or act, a listing of where you can find them, and website and/or social media links where we have them. For more details on the acts you can go back to the programme page on our website,

<https://fairbridgefestival.com.au/2026-programme/>

Note that acts on the *web page* are sorted by last name in the case of solo acts – so Kris Mizzi is under M. The Stamps appear under S.

In this listing the acts are sorted exactly by the act name except for “The”, so Kris Mizzi is under K and The Stamps are under S.

“Paper Scissors Rock” refers to “Paper Scissors Rock”, the kids’ craft tent near Kaleidoscope.

Here goes:

Anja Reid Creative Workshops

Artist Anja Reid takes you on a playful exploration of colour and simple painting techniques and lets your imagination run free!

Saturday	Paper Scissors Rock	2:30 PM Creative Paint Play
Sunday	Paper Scissors Rock	2:00 PM Creative Painting and Printmaking
Sunday	Paper Scissors Rock	2:00 PM

Apolline

www.apollineband.com.au

(Vic) Winners of Youth Artist of the Year at the 2024 AFMAs, Australian folk trio Apolline combine fiddle, cello and double bass into genre-bending arrangements of traditional Celtic melodies that inspire a new generation of contemporary folk.

Friday	Max's	7:05 PM
Saturday	Chapel	1:00 PM
Sunday	Max's	2:05 PM
Sunday	Max's	8:00 PM Festival finale

Ari Jasper

<https://www.instagram.com/ari.jasper/>

A solo indie-acoustic act, featuring all-original music from his new album. Ari is an upcoming singer-songwriter and despite being only 19 years old has already begun to launch his career-opening for acts such as Deborah Conway all around WA.

Saturday	Clubhouse	2:30 PM
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Arty Brellas

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

Get into the rhythm with friends (or family) decorating a Fairbridge Festival Arty Brella for our stage and marquee décor! Presented by Arty Brellas. Only 20 Brellas, so arrive early! (All ages)

Friday Paper Scissors Rock 2:00 PM Arty Brellas

Baba Lala Musical Playtime

<https://www.pennylanesmusic.com.au/babies-toddlers>

A joyful early childhood music program from Penny Lane's Music Workshop in Fremantle. Relaxed sessions where little kids and their grown-ups explore rhythm, movement and song together. Perfect for early festival risers and a playful start to the day.

Saturday Kaleidoscope 8:00 AM music for early years (0-5 yrs)

Sunday Kaleidoscope 8:00 AM Baba Lala Musical Playtime

Bernard Carney

Bernard Carney OAM, an inaugural Fairbridge Patron, is celebrating 50 years in the Australian music industry receiving many awards and honours. His songs tell of Australia, it's people and history with humour and heart. See "Peter Bugden and Bernard Carney" for more info.

Friday Dining Hall 7:30 PM Single Mic Session host with Peter Bugden

Sunday Clubhouse 10:00 AM Bernard Carney and Peter Bugden

Sunday Chapel 1:00 PM

Bluegrass Parkway

<https://www.bluegrassparkway.com/>

Bluegrass Parkway remains faithful to the 1940s genre using to a single microphone and incorporating strong harmonies, great picking, fancy footwork and lots of fun into their traditional sounds of bluegrass.

Saturday Max's 3:00 PM

Sunday Chapel 9:00 AM Gospel Concert hosts

Bryan R Dalton

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

Irish singer/songwriter Bryan Dalton's music is unquestionably moving. From delicate fingerpicked guitar to soaring vocals wrapped up in an Irish folk story. Undeniably true to his craft Dalton's live performances are intimate yet powerful.

Friday Chapel 5:00 PM Songs of Leonard Cohen

Saturday Max's 10:00 AM Song circle

Saturday Chapel 4:00 PM

Chris While & Julie Matthews

<https://www.whileandmatthews.com/>

(England) Fairbridge favourites make their first return visit for fifteen years, with their trademark powerhouse harmonies, warm stage presence and unforgettable songs. "The undisputed queens of British folk duos continue to come up with the goods. First class songs delivered with to-die-for harmonies, immaculate musicianship and melodies that lodge themselves in your brain" The Guardian. "They light up the room with their amazing energy" James Taylor.

Friday Max's 9:00 PM

Saturday Chapel 6:00 PM

Sunday Max's 7:00 PM

Ciaran O'Sullivan & Ross Hume

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

Originally from Donegal in the northwest of Ireland, Ciaran emigrated to Perth in 2011. He performs and sings regularly in traditional Irish music sessions across Perth. He is joined at Fairbridge Festival by uilleann piper Ross Hume and will also host the Celtic session on Saturday afternoon, 3pm in the Peacock Bar in the Dining Hall.

Saturday	Chapel	12:00 PM
Saturday	Dining Hall	3:00 PM Celtic session

Community Bluegrass Jam

www.facebook.com/groups/2120929978015288

Bluegrass is fun! Bring your acoustic instruments (traditionally but not exclusively guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle and bass) and jam in a friendly, relaxed, inclusive environment. All levels of musicians are welcome. Spectators too!

Friday	Dining Hall	4:00 PM SMS host
Friday	Dining Hall	9:30 PM Bluegrass bar session
Saturday	Dining Hall	4:30 PM Community Bluegrass Jam session
Sunday	Dining Hall	3:00 PM Bluegrass session

David Hyams

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

David is an accomplished Fremantle producer, singer-songwriter and instrumentalist. Equally comfortable across many genres, he is now touring his fourth album bringing together influences, from gentle acoustic fingerstyle, to bluesy electric and country.

Sunday	Max's	3:05 PM
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De Cuba Son

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

De Cuba Son lights up the night with electrifying Afro-Cuban rhythms! Led by Arvis Mena and Jeremias Sosa, this powerhouse band brings son, salsa, and Latin jazz that'll have you moving till the last note.

Saturday	Max's	10:45 PM
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Duende Indalo

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

Duende Indalo take their audiences on a journey from the deserts of the Middle East to the sun drenched streets of Latin America. Every performance is a fusion of melody, rhythm, and storytelling- woven together by virtuosity and soulful expression.

Saturday	Max's	2:00 PM
Sunday	Max's	11:05 AM

Emily Barker

Emily Barker is an award-winning Australian singer-songwriter. She had early success as the writer and performer of the theme to the hugely successful BBC/PBS Masterpiece crime drama Wallander.

Friday	Chapel	10:00 PM
Saturday	Max's	12:15 PM

Emily Gelineau

<https://www.emilygelineau.com/>

Award-winning Jazz Violinist Emily Gelineau brings the fiery energy of Gypsy Jazz, French Jazz and Brazilian Jazz to the stage at Fairbridge Festival. Her performances combine lyrical melodies, rich improvisation and infectious rhythm, celebrating the spirit and spontaneity of jazz. You can also catch her as part of Brazilian ensemble Jazz Tupi.

Saturday Clubhouse 11:30 AM

Fairbridge College Loft Jam Sessions

Workshops and Jam sessions with the crew from Fairbridge College, led by Dave Nolan (drum workshops) and

Chris Portlock (songwriting)

Saturday	Loft	12:30 PM	Youthopia Loft Jam Session
Saturday	Loft	4:00 PM	Youth drum workshop
Saturday	Loft	8:30 PM	Youthopia Loft Jam Session
Sunday	Loft	10:00 AM	Songwriting Workshop
Sunday	Loft	3:00 PM	Youthopia Loft Jam Session

Fiona Brown

Fiona Brown is a WA based creative working with a mindful, intentional approach to making, emphasizing the process over the final product.

Saturday	Paper Scissors Rock	12:00 PM	Kintsugi Ceramics
Sunday	Paper Scissors Rock	9:30 AM	Nature Creations

Fremantle to Freedom

The stirring tale of the Catalpa rescue and James Wilson the Unbroken Fenian, told on its 150th anniversary by Fred Rea and Peter Murphy.

Sunday Dining Hall 11:15 AM **The** Catalpa Escape (see workshops)

George Walley

WAMI Winner George Walley George is a story teller through the messages in his music. Born in Pinjarra and growing up in the region, he now lives and works back in Mandurah. His ongoing cultural connection to this Bindjareb Territory is obvious and respectful. He will be playing with Ailsa Williams, Tracy Miller and Victoria Standing, playing a fusion of Indigenous and Celtic sounds echoing their previous band, Knotwork.

Friday	Max's	6:00 PM	Welcome to Country
Sunday	Chapel	11:00 AM	

Gina Williams-Ghouse

www.ginawilliams.com.au

Gina Williams-Ghouse is a Ballardong, Whadjuk, Goreng (Noongar) woman with links to the Gitja people of the East Kimberley. Combining ancient Noongar language, powerful storytelling, musical brilliance and beautiful songs, her music celebrates life. Her writing and performance highlights include Koorlangka (2020) and Koort (2022) for Perth Festival, her opera Koolbardi wer Wardong (Magpie and Crow, West Australian Opera), 2021 AFL Grand Final pre-match entertainment, and the launch of her book Kalyakoortl, ngalak warangka (Forever, we sing), published by Magabala Books.

Saturday	Kaleidoscope	1:00 PM Kids workshop – songs in language
Saturday	Chapel	7:00 PM

Glenn B Swift

gbs-storyteller.com.au

Your favourite Fairbridge Storyteller is back! Join Glenn B Swift for hilarious Bedtime Stories and creative Kidz Kaperz. (See Kids Program details for more info)

Friday	Kaleidoscope	7:00 PM Bedtime stories
Saturday	Kaleidoscope	9:00 AM Kidz Kaperz
Saturday	Kaleidoscope	3:00 PM Parachute Games
Saturday	Kaleidoscope	7:00 PM Bedtime stories
Sunday	Kaleidoscope	9:00 AM Kidz Kaperz

Huaira

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

Huaira brings the vibrant sounds of the central Andes highlands to life. In a traditional sextet formation, they perform captivating folk songs and rhythms on authentic South American instruments, played the original way.

Saturday	Chapel	3:00 PM
Sunday	Max's	10:00 AM

The Human Highway

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

The Human Highway play Neil Young - not just another tribute show but a rare chance to hear the great man's music reproduced with authenticity and passion, while allowing the virtuosity of some of WA's finest musicians to shine.

Saturday	Clubhouse	7:00 PM
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Hunter Gordon

@huntergordonmusic

Hunter Gordon is a singer, songwriter and producer from Walyalup/Fremantle. She blends emotional and angelic vocals with deep lyricism, sharing her passion and creativity through metaphors and melodies.

Saturday	Clubhouse	3:00 PM
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Isabel Rumble

<https://isabelrumble.com/>

(NSW). Indie-folk artist Isabel Rumble crafts earth-rooted songs that speak straight to the heart. With a “voice like honey” (ABC) and a gift for creating intimate, healing listening spaces, she tours her new album across Australia and overseas in 2026.

Friday	Chapel	4:00 PM
Saturday	Max's	10:00 AM Song circle
Saturday	Chapel	10:00 PM

Jack Davies

<https://jackdavies.com.au/>

Renowned west Australian folksinger and rambler Jack Davies blends his warbled guitar with intimate thought provoking lyrics.

Friday	Clubhouse	10:00 PM
Saturday	Max's	10:00 AM Song circle
Saturday	Chapel	9:00 PM
Sunday	Clubhouse	3:45 PM Questies

Jane and the Rain

janeandtherain.com

Winners of Song of the Year at the Yungaburra Folk Festival in 2020, Australian duo Jane and The Rain deliver a rich blend of delicious, thought-provoking lyrics, soaring harmonies and intricate guitar. Their songs explore what it means to be human. Jane is a multi award-winning author, journalist and songwriter. She teaches songwriting and creative writing in beautiful places around the world and is a qualified therapeutic writing coach.

Saturday	Chapel	5:00 PM
Sunday	Chapel	4:00 PM

Jazz Tupi

<https://www.emilygelineau.com/>

Jazz Tupi brings a high-energy Brazilian-jazz dance party to Fairbridge. Blending samba, maracatu, choro and forró, their bold sound channels Banda Black Rio and Hermeto Pascoal, delivering driving rhythms, soaring melodies and irresistible groove. With vibrant rhythms, soaring melodies and an epic, full-bodied sound, Jazz Tupi invites audiences to dance non-stop and experience the joy and power of Brazil in full flight.

Saturday	Max's	9:05 PM
Sunday	Max's	12:10 PM

Jill Turner Arts

Join WA artist Jill Turner for some creative adventures over the festival weekend, building connections and skills through nature-based creative play, art, making and doing. All ages welcome!

Friday	Paper Scissors Rock	4:00 PM Nature Wands and Mandalas
Saturday	Paper Scissors Rock	9:00 AM Where the Wild Things Are Seed Pokeballs
Sunday	Paper Scissors Rock	11:30 AM Make-Do Wild Things Cardboard Construction

Junkadelic Brass Band

<https://www.junkadelic.org/>

Junkadelic Brass Band's stage show with vocalist Jenny Gee bursts with high-energy funk, bold brass, and dynamic original grooves, delivering an electrifying, crowd-engaging performance.

Friday	Max's	5:55 PM	Welcome to Country procession
Friday	Max's	6:30 PM	Junkadelic & George Walley
Saturday	Clubhouse	8:30 PM	

Kavisha

www.kavisha.com

Born in the UK to Italian and Anglo-Burmese parents and migrating to Australia at an early age, Kavisha Mazzella AM is attuned to the power of cultural diversity. She is a warm, engaging, and thoughtful singer-songwriter who invites audience participation in her concerts. She has been a valued part of the Australian folk movement since the 1990s. Her motto is 'Sing for no one, sing for everyone!'

Friday	Chapel	8:00 PM	
Saturday	Max's	10:00 AM	Song circle
Sunday	Chapel	12:00 PM	

Kris Mizzi

<https://krismizzi.com/home>

(Vic). With a voice that is both strong and tender, Melbourne singer-songwriter Kris Mizzi has earned his place among Australia's most captivating folk artists. A masterful storyteller, Mizzi crafts songs that linger long after the final note, weaving beauty, truth, and vulnerability into every line. His live performances are a kaleidoscope of emotions—joyful, uplifting, spiritual, comedic, and deeply moving.

Friday	Max's	8:00 PM	
Saturday	Max's	10:00 AM	Song circle
Saturday	Chapel	8:00 PM	
Sunday	Chapel	3:00 PM	

Lachy John and the Red Bellies

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

Influenced by classic blues and pub rock, Lachy John And The Red Bellies blend gritty guitars, poignant lyricism and a raw, roots-driven sound; their own brand of Australiana blues rock that cultivates stories of power, heritage, love and loss.

Saturday	Clubhouse	5:30 PM	
Sunday	Clubhouse	3:00 PM	Questies

The Lost Quays

<https://linktr.ee/thelostquays>

The Lost Quays are a group of blokes that sing songs of the seas with a strong emphasis on harmonies. They do a combination of traditional, contemporary, and original music and have performed at festivals and events throughout Western Australia and beyond.

Saturday	Chapel	11:00 AM	
Saturday	Dining Hall	6:30 PM	Shanty Club (hosts)

Luca Gatti Unit

@thelucagattiunit (instagram)

The Luca Gatti Unit is a country group from Western Australia, playing authentic country music the way Hank Williams intended. Our legendary pedal steel virtuoso Lucky Oceans joins the Unit for a Western Swing set on Friday night.

Friday	Clubhouse	8:30 PM Western Swing with Lucky Oceans
Saturday	Clubhouse	11:30 PM

Lucky Oceans

luckyoceans.com

Multiple grammy-winning pedal steel virtuoso and co-founder of the legendary Asleep at the Wheel, Lucky makes two appearances at the festival this year, as part of "World Slide Summit" and with up-and-coming WA star Luca Gatti.

Friday	Clubhouse	8:30 PM Western Swing with Lucky Oceans
Sunday	Max's	4:15 PM World Slide Summit Special Concert

Mahali

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

Mahali is a sensational new band on the local music scene. The band features charismatic gospel singer Mahali, originally from Lesotho. She trained at the London Institute of Contemporary Music Performance and performed at the London Olympics. The band, Mahali is joined by harmony singers and a brilliant southern African rhythm section featuring Mahamudo Selemane on guitar, Percy Kalino on bass, and Hardy Perrine on drums.

Friday	Max's	10:45 PM
Saturday	Loft	10:00 AM Mbira African thumb piano workshop
Saturday	Max's	5:15 PM
Sunday	Chapel	9:00 AM Gospel Concert

Milu Green

Milu Green is a WA-based artist, performer and creative educator passionate about storytelling. Working with young people to build confidence and self-expression through drama, movement and visual art.

Saturday	Paper Scissors Rock	4:00 PM Intuitive drawing
Sunday	Loft	12:00 PM Intuitive drawing

Miss Friby

<https://www.instagram.com/missfriby/>

Melbourne's boldest showgirl brings her unique brand of cabaret, vaudeville and burlesque to Fairbridge Folk Festival! Miss Friby's world class wit, high end choreography and nail-biting satire promise an unforgettable audience experience.

Saturday	Clubhouse	10:00 PM Miss Friby Comedy Cabaret
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Music as Medicine: Playlists for Life and You

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/christinefranceshogan/>

Music has proven medicinal effects. It helps us manage anxiety, pain, stress and may slow down memory loss. This workshop presents current brain-based research and practical ways to use music to support your wellbeing and those you care for.

Saturday	Dining Hall	10:00 AM	Workshop with Dr Christine Hogan
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Pearl the Guerrilla Granny

<http://www.sandpiperproduction.com/>

The unstoppable Sandy McKendrick, aka Pearl the Guerrilla Granny, is being unleashed at Fairbridge Festival for the first time. This senior woman on her hotted-up mobility scooter will challenge our perceptions of the elder female as she roves, or “revs” around each day. If you catch Pearl in a quiet moment, you may join her in a game of Scrabble; admire her silver spoon collection; be sketched by her; or even indulge in a teabag reading.

(revving randomly around...)

Penny Lane

https://www.instagram.com/_penny_.lane._/

Fremantle-based indie/alt-pop artist, Penny’s music weaves evocative piano-led melodies, guitar, cello and rich vocals. Raised in a musical family and inspired by her late father Richard Lane (The Stems), her songs are introspective sweeping soundscapes. Thoughtful lyrics, woven together with warm arrangements, creating a tapestry brimming with striking emotional depth and insight.

Saturday Clubhouse 4:05 PM

Penny Lane's Music Workshop

<https://www.pennylanesmusic.com.au/>

Jam Time at Penny Lane’s in Fremantle is about the simple joy of making music together. These sessions invite teens and tweens to listen, interact and create music as a group. Fairbridge Festival feels like the perfect place to share that spirit of relaxed, community music-making.

Sunday Kaleidoscope 1:00 PM Jam Time

Pete and the Good Life

<https://youtu.be/dWrPiaCeg-Y?si=TJ3ebtzs9RMsS3sp>

In a great big world of trouble and strife, everyone yearns for the Good Life! Alma, playing superb violin and harmony vocals. Ross, grooving away on bass, guitar and vocals, and songwriter Pete, strumming up a storm on guitar and harmony vocals.

Saturday Clubhouse 10:00 AM
Sunday Chapel 5:00 PM

Peter Bugden & Bernard Carney

After 40 years of carefully avoiding any chance of performing together, Peter Bugden and Bernard Carney join forces to break boundaries with beautiful ballads, balderdash and bullshit. They may also ignite a spark of nostalgia as they explore a song or two from a bygone era.

Friday Dining Hall 7:30 PM SMS host with Bernard Carney
Sunday Clubhouse 10:00 AM Bernard Carney and Peter Bugden

Praaz

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

"Harmony in Diversity" : the latest project by Praaz focuses on bringing together a collective of established musicians of various styles and genres to play a unique blend of cross-cultural music. The music is conceptualised and written by Praaz (Praashekh Borkar) who is predominantly an Indian Classical Sarod player with over 28 years of performance experience globally. He will be performing on an instrument he invented named the E-sarod (a combination of the traditional Indian sarod and an electric guitar) which helps in bringing to life, his vision of re-imagining Indian Classical music.

Saturday Max's 4:05 PM

Pulse Circus

Participatory circus skills workshops for Kids

Friday	Paper Scissors Rock Outdoor	5:30 PM	Pulse Circus
Saturday	Paper Scissors Rock Outdoor	5:30 PM	Pulse Circus

Radujsja

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

Radujsja (Rejoice!) is a 5-voice a cappella ensemble specialising in Eastern European folk music. Over a decade, Radujsja has explored polyphonic singing, some of which pre-dates written records, from across the regions many cultures and landscapes.

Saturday	Chapel	10:00 AM
Sunday	Chapel	2:00 PM

Red's Tribe

<https://www.facebook.com/redstribе2>

Red's Tribe is an eight-piece Perth band dedicated to reviving the classic sounds of 1960s Jamaican ska, rocksteady, and jazz. With soaring vocals, a blazing horn trio and tight rhythm section, they are vintage-authentic and guaranteed to light up the festival.

Friday	Clubhouse	7:00 PM
Saturday	Clubhouse	1:00 PM

Rose Parker

<https://facebook.com/roseparkermusic> , [@roseparkermusic](https://twitter.com/roseparkermusic)

Heart Songs by Candlelight in the Chapel is hosted by Rose Parker and will include many artists from the festival weekend bringing songs from their cultures and faith... songs that uplift our hearts and connect us as only music can....see Workshops and Special Events for more

Saturday	Chapel	11:00 PM	Heart Songs by Candlelight
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Ruby Spinning Arts

Bodypainting workshops for youth

Friday	Kaleidoscope	4:00 PM	Bodypainting for youth
Saturday	Kaleidoscope	4:00 PM	Bodypainting for youth

Sacred World Music Choir

<https://onepagelink.com/SacredWorldMusicChoir>

Join us on a journey to heart and feeling, allow us to move you through sound and voice. Songs and prayer from cultures all over the world, honouring Mother Earth, the human spirit, community and power.

Friday	Chapel	7:00 PM
Saturday	Chapel	2:00 PM

Salama - Island Rhapsodies

<https://www.facebook.com/salamacreole> <https://www.instagram.com/salamacreole/>

Island Rhapsodies is a high-energy celebration of Maloya from Réunion Island. Live percussion and call-and-response vocals invite audiences to clap and sway in a joyful gathering of rhythm, movement and shared stories.

Saturday	Max's	8:00 PM
Sunday	Clubhouse	1:00 PM

Sambanistas

www.sambanistas.com

Sambanistas are Perth's original Brazilian-style percussion collective. They return to Fairbridge for rhythm workshops for teens, and a roving performance across the festival.

Sunday Paper Scissors Rock outdoor 10:30 AM Samba for youth

Scott Wise

www.scottwise.net

Luthier Scott Wise brings his experience of building over 750 instruments to his presentation "How Acoustic Guitars Work". A musician since 1968, Scott will also play a solo set of some of his original songs on some of the presentation instruments.

Saturday Dining Hall 11:30 AM Acoustic guitars and how they work
Sunday Clubhouse 11:30 AM

Scottish Stramash Sessions

<https://www.scottishstramash.com>

Scottish Stramash is a vibrant session celebration of Celtic music, where everyone is encouraged to join in. Rooted in the North-East traditions of Scotland and now thriving in the heart of Western Australia! See Workshop listings for more details.

Sunday Dining Hall 3:00 PM Scottish Stramash session

Shannon Smith band

<https://shannonsmithmusic.com.au/electronic-press-kit>

2026 WA Country Music Awards Male Artist of the Year, Shannon Smith blurs the lines between country, soul-pop and Americana. With powerful vocals and a dynamic band, he brings stories of love and redemption to life in raw, uplifting performances.

Friday Clubhouse 11:30 PM
Sunday Clubhouse 5:00 PM

So Circus

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Saturday Paper Scissors Rock Outdoor 10:00 AM So Circus (3-9 yrs)
Saturday Paper Scissors Rock Outdoor 11:00 AM So Circus (10-16 yrs)

Sophie Lilah band

https://www.instagram.com/_sophielilahhh/

WAM 2025 winner of the Folk Song of the Year, Sophie Lilah is a Perth-based alternative/indie artist crafting raw, soul-stirring songs that linger long after the final chord.

Saturday Clubhouse 3:30 PM

The Stamps

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

Walyalup/Fremantle trio, The Stamps (Sofia Hourani, Rubina Bertolini, Scarlett Graham) make coming-of-age indie pop built on lush harmonies and the easy balance of friendship.

Friday	Chapel	9:00 PM
Saturday	Dining Hall	1:00 PM Single Mic Session hosts
Saturday	Max's	7:00 PM
Sunday	Clubhouse	4:30 PM Questies
Sunday	Max's	6:00 PM Festival finale

Tai Chi with Andy Green

Andy Green has been practising Tai Chi for 50 years and teaching for 42 years. He is the director of Wu Wei School in Kyneton, Central Victoria and a member of Wushu Tai Chi Qigong Association Australia. He has taught at a number of festivals such as Woodford, Cygnet and the Sacred Edge Festival and runs friendly Tai Chi, Qi Gong and Meditation Classes where all are welcome.

Saturday	Loft	8:00 AM
Sunday	Loft	8:00 AM

Warralakin

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

Hear the music, smell the dust, listen to the stories. Warralakin is a Western Australian bush band presenting an authentic Australian Folk journey of mostly WA songs and stories of people, places and happenings. It's fun and entertaining. Phil Gray from Swan Acoustic Club and John Ralph from Wanneroo Folk Club will also be hosting single mic sessions.

Sunday	Dining Hall	9:30 AM When Bayley's Star Gleamed Bright
Sunday	Dining Hall	1:00 PM Single-mic session

Woody's World

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/woodys_world_music/

From Glastonbury to Fairbridge! Woody returns with his cheeky puppet mates, wholesome ABC Kids tunes, and high-energy ukulele fun. A festival favourite, Woody brings back his interactive fun after 8 years!

Friday	Kaleidoscope	5:00 PM Woody's World
Saturday	Kaleidoscope	11:00 AM Woody's World
Saturday	Kaleidoscope	5:00 PM Woody's Kids Dance
Sunday	Kaleidoscope	11:00 AM Woody's World
Sunday	Roaming	1:30 PM
Sunday	Kaleidoscope	3:00 PM Woody's Kids Concert Finale

World Slide Summit

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

World Slide Summit is a special feature concert celebrating humanity and sonic connections across cultures. The Slide Summit band was born out of the unusual migration of two of the world's top slide instrument players to Perth. Sarod player Praashekh Borkar from India and pedal steel guitarist Lucky Oceans from the United States of America, who have both won the highest music awards from their respective countries. Completing the quartet is Arvis Mena on bass and Ric Eastman on drums. Together, their unique global repertoire explores a musical fusion of Jazz, Blues, Indian Folk, Cuban rhythms, and Irish reels. There's nothing like the Slide Summit ensemble anywhere else in the world and their outstanding musicianship makes this new group truly exceptional.

Sunday

Max's

4:15 PM World Slide Summit Special Concert

WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

(alphabetical by title of event)

Acoustic guitars and how they work, with Scott Wise

A discussion of the craft, science and art of guitars, from a master craftsman who has spent fifty years building them.

Saturday

Dining Hall

11:30 AM

Catalpa Escape - James Wilson the Unbroken Fenian

The stirring tale of the Catalpa rescue and James Wilson the Unbroken Fenian, told on its 150th anniversary by Fred Rea and Peter Murphy

Sunday

Dining Hall

11:15 AM

Gospel Concert

The Sunday Morning Gospel Concert has been a beloved fixture of the Fairbridge Festival programme from the very beginning. Raise your voices and join hosts Mahali and Bluegrass Parkway in songs celebrating the spirit. Non-denominational and open to all, whatever your faith or background.

Sunday

Chapel

9:00 AM

Heart Songs by Candlelight

Heart Songs by Candlelight in the Chapel is hosted by Rose Parker and will feature artists from the festival sharing songs that speak to their hearts in a lo-fi unplugged sensory late night immersion in our beautiful Fairbridge Chapel. You will be the Choir!! We will give space to all cultures and faiths and let the universal language of music and songs uplift and connect us. A meditation for the weary souls and traveller in us all.

Saturday Chapel 11:00 PM

Mbira African thumb piano workshop

An introduction to this simple but beautiful instrument and the rich musical traditions of southern Africa.

Saturday Loft 10:00 AM

Questies

This joyous show reunites past winner of the Fairbridge Quest who have all gone on to great things. Some of the best young talent in the country, bringing it back home. Hosted by Lachy John.

Sunday Clubhouse 4:30 PM

Scottish Stramash session

Scottish Stramash is a vibrant celebration of Celtic music, where everyone is encouraged to join in. Rooted in the North-East traditions of Scotland and now thriving in the heart of Western Australia, this collective brings the authentic, exhilarating energy of a traditional "stramash"—a glorious musical commotion that welcomes all. One of the most special aspects of Scottish Stramash is its inclusivity. Musicians of every level, from pure beginners finding their feet to enthusiastic buddies eager to share their passion, are warmly invited to join in. Every session is an open door to experience, learn, and celebrate together, ensuring that everyone, regardless of skill, can be part of the music and camaraderie. Led by fiddlers Fiona and Linda the group delivers a masterclass in Scottish music. Their sound is marked by driving Strathspeys, lightning-fast Reels, and hauntingly beautiful Jigs, all played with the technical skill of heritage musicians and the infectious joy of a community session.

Sunday Dining Hall 3:00 PM

Shanty Club (hosts)

Fremantle-based shanty group The Lost Keys will lead this joyous shanty sing-along. Bring hearts, voices and sea-boots!

Saturday Dining Hall 6:30 PM

When Bayley's Star Gleamed Bright

In 1892, 36 year old prospector, William Ford, picked up a half ounce gold nugget on a grassy area that was later to be known as Coolgardie's Fly Flat. Together with his 26 Year old prospecting partner Arthur Bayley, they awakened a sleeping giant which was to become the WA Eastern Goldfields. The effect this had on both Western Australia, and indeed Australia, was profound. Join with us through song, story, verse and images, on our rollicking tale of the people of the Eastern Goldfields, who lived, worked and passed into history. This is our history and heritage of a roaring yesterday that is still there... and if you listen, you can still hear it!"

Sunday Dining Hall 9:30 AM Warralakin

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KIDS' SHOWS and WORKSHOPS

Arty Brellas

Get into the rhythm with friends (or family) decorating a Fairbridge Festival Arty Brella for our stage and marquee décor! Presented by Arty Brellas. Only 20 Brellas, so arrive early! (All ages)

Friday Paper Scissors Rock 2:30 PM

Baba Lala Musical Playtime

A joyful early childhood music program from Penny Lane's Music Workshop in Freo. Designed for babies, toddlers and little kids from birth to six years old. Relaxed and welcoming sessions explore rhythm, movement and song through playful musical activities that spark curiosity and connection. Led by Cathy and the Penny Lane's team, Baba Lala celebrates the simple joys of making music together in community. At Fairbridge, these playful morning sessions offer a perfect start to the day for early-rising festival families. Early years (0-5)

Saturday Kaleidoscope 8:00 AM

Sunday Kaleidoscope 8:00 AM

Bedtime stories with Glenn B Swift

Bedtime stories (a Fairbridge Festival institution for many years) is a slightly chaotic version of what your parents read you at bedtime. Storyteller Glenn Swift will get the kids just little overexcited with material suitable for the whole family. Expect to participate if you like to show off.

Friday Kaleidoscope 7:00 PM

Saturday Kaleidoscope 7:00 PM

Bodypainting for youth with Ruby Spinning Arts

Get into the festival spirit with Ruby Spinning Arts' DIY body painting workshop. Using professional grade materials, you can learn some face & body painting hacks *ahem* techniques, or feel free to cook if you have your own vision! Of course there is plenty of eco glitter, so come and splash some magic on yourself, bring a friend to paint, or find someone to become your canvas when you get here!

Friday Kaleidoscope 4:00 PM

Saturday Kaleidoscope 4:00 PM

Creative Paint Play

Join artist Anja Reid for a playful exploration of colour and simple painting techniques and let your imagination run free!

Saturday Paper Scissors Rock 2:30 PM

Creative Painting and Printmaking

Join artist Anja Reid to paint and press with leaves and other found nature items. Explore mark-making and free expression in this colourful and creative workshop to celebrate the festival weekend!

Sunday Paper Scissors Rock 2:00 PM

Intuitive drawing with Milu Green

This fun workshop is about letting go. Through a series of guided playful exercises, discover sketching without overthinking. Allow your hand to move freely and quiet the mind. No art experience needed, just let the lines wander. All materials supplied. Suitable for 12yrs+

Saturday Paper Scissors Rock 4:00 PM

Sunday Loft 12:00 PM

Kidz Kaperz with Glenn B Swift

“Fairbridge got Talent” for all Kids under 18. Bring your best song, dance, music, story, joke, play or whatever makes your parents laugh after dinner for a try-out with a live audience and microphones.

Saturday Kaleidoscope 9:00 AM

Sunday Kaleidoscope 9:00 AM

Songs in Language

Gina Williams-Ghouse sings and teaches story songs in Nyoongar language for kids. Come and learn some very cool new words and traditional tales.

Saturday Kaleidoscope 1:00 PM

Kintsugi Ceramics with Fiona Brown

This workshop pays homage to the traditional Japanese art practice of Kintsugi - repairing broken pottery using lacquer mixed with powdered gold. All materials provided (suitable for 12yrs+)

Saturday Paper Scissors Rock 12:00 PM

Make-Do Wild Things Cardboard Construction with Jill Turner

Design, build, create! Free play or work with facilitators to construct your own birds, mermaids or wild things!

Sunday Paper Scissors Rock 11:30 AM

Nature Creations with Fiona Brown

Come along and make some easy nature creations with dough and found nature items in this fun and creative workshop (5-12yrs)

Sunday Paper Scissors Rock 9:30 AM

Nature Wands and Mandalas with Jill Turner

Enjoy a simple forest craft and relax whilst colouring and listening to the music Jill Turner Arts Friday Paper Scissors Rock 4:00 PM

Parachute Games with Glenn B Swift

Exactly what it says on the box. Take one giant parachute and add kids and grown-ups . A variety of games for all players, guided by Glenn, just to make sure no one bumps heads.

Saturday Kaleidoscope 3:00 PM

Pulse Circus

Participatory circus skills workshops for Kids

Friday Paper Scissors Rock Outdoor 5:30 PM

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Samba for youth

Festival favourites Sambanistas teach the skills of samba drumming to the next generation. Come and feel the groove!

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Where the Wild Things Are with Jill Turner

Where the Wild Things Are - Seed Pokeballs with Jill Turner

Make your own Everlastings seed balls to gift to someone special

Saturday Paper Scissors Rock 9:00 AM

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