

# THE BURKE & WILLS FOLK FESTIVAL 2021

Programme at 21/02/21(*subject to change*)

## Friday ...

**5.00 - Welcome Round Robin....**

**Cliff Milne, Bill Jackson,  
Kieran Butler... 'Playing Favourites'.**

**6.00 - We Mavericks**

6.30 - 8.00 - DINNER BBQ

**7.30 - Bruce Watson**

**8.30 - Bill Jackson & Kerryn Tolhurst**

**9.30 - Glenn Cardier**

**10.30 - 'a bit of a jamm session'** with Cliff Milne  
and other festival musos and you!

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## Saturday

**10.00 ...** *Awkward Giraffe presents*

**Breakfast Radio Active**

hosted by Kieran Butler with a cast of 1000s

11.40 - **The Humbucking Pickups**

12.30 - 2.00 LUNCH

2.00 - **Glenn Cardier**

3.00 - **First Songs** - *with Jo Jo Smith, Paul  
O'Gorman, Ewan Cloonan, Vinnie Russell ...  
an insight to their early influences.*

4.30 - **Dingo's Breakfast & friends**

5.20 - **The 4 Peace Band** (*the country folk set*)

6.00 - 7.30 - DINNER BBQ

7.30 pm - **Jo Jo Smith**

8.20 - **Bruce Watson**

9.15 - **The 4 Peace Band** (*the party set!*)

10.15 to ??? ... **The Strum Club** ...  
*... open session with festival musicians and you!  
Bring voices and instruments.*

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## Sunday

10.00am - *Awkward Giraffe presents*

**Breakfast Radio Active**

hosted by Kieran Butler with a cast of 1000s

11.40 - **Jo Jo Smith**

12.30 - 2.00 LUNCH

## Sunday continued ....

2.00 - **First Songs** - *... with Judy Small,  
Glenn Cardier, Victoria Vigersner, Bruce Watson ...  
an insight to their early influences.*

3.45 - **The Humbucking Pickups**

4.45 - **Would I Lie To You?** (*to be confirmed*)

6.00 - 7.30 - DINNER Spit Roast

7.30 - **Judy Small**

8.30 - **We Mavericks**

9.30 - **Dingo's Breakfast present**  
**'A Dingo's Tour Of Hell'**

10.15ish - **'The Strum Club'** ...  
*open session with festival musicians and you!  
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## Monday

10.00 .. *Awkward Giraffe presents*

**Breakfast Radio Active**

hosted by Kieran Butler with a cast of 1000s

11.40 - **'Songs I wish I'd written'** .. *round robin with  
Greg Champion, Dave O'Neill,  
Khristian Mizzi.*

12.45 - 1.45 LUNCH

2.00 - **The Humbucking Pickups**

3.00 - **Cliff Milne & Dave O'Neill** ...  
*... 'songs to sing along to'*

4.00 - **Bruce Watson**

5.00 - **Greg Champion & Khristian Mizzi**  
**'Return To The Sixties' Folk Club'.**

6.00 - 7.30 DINNER

7.30 - 10.30 approx ... **Finale Concert** ...

**Glenn Cardier**

**We Mavericks**

**Dingo's Breakfast & Friends**  
*and probably more!*

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## A bit of info about the performers ....

**Bill Jackson & Kerryn Tolhurst ...** Bill is one of those special singer songwriters who is hard to define ... he's folk, he's country, he's a story teller, he's from Gippsland where he played cricket for Sale, he's Nashville where he has recorded many times, he's an entrepreneur who brought great Nashville songwriter David Olney to Australia, he's the husband of Ruth Hazleton and the father of Charlie: **Kerryn** has been described as 'one of the most tasteful and talented musicians Australia has ever produced'. He was in Country Radio with Greg Quill, was a founder member of The Dingoes and then spent twenty years in the USA as a songwriter and record producer. Most recently he has produced Bill Jackson's Wayside Ballads Vol 3, much of which will be on show on Friday night. **Bruce Watson** is a writer of both serious and silly songs and has been around the folk scene for over thirty years, as well as being a civil servant in The Premier's Department and The Department of Health And Social Services. He has made numerous albums, and Eric Bogle recorded his song *Amazon*. **Cliff Milne** is an Adelaide musician whose talents stretch from folk to reggae, from acoustic guitar to electric bass, and he is a fine sound engineer who has worked with us at festivals for nearly two decades. **Dave O'Neill** is a master of many instruments and a member of many bands and has a university degree in jazz. He was the lead instrumentalist in Eric Bogle's (*that name again!*) international touring band in the 1990s, and was the artistic director of the National Folk Festival for many years. He has lived almost all of his life in Canberra so has yet to experience the real world. **Dingo's Breakfast** is a Bush Music and Poetry band, originally from Perth, and features the talents of singer, songwriter, poet, comedian and National Treasure Roger Montgomery, along with longtime friend John Angliss on bouzouki and bass, and various other likely lads, including on this trip Ryan Tews on keyboards and percussion and most likely Lindsay Martin from We Mavericks joining in with a bit of fiddle and mandolin; and on Sunday night they will present a special show *A Dingo's Tour Of Hell*, ... a Curse described thus: "JOIN THE DINGO'S BREAKFAST TO CURSE THE LIMACEOUS, CREPITOUS FOLK RUNNING THIS BLESSED PLANET . . CHEER AS THEY PRESENT THEIR TAKE ON THE PUNISHMENTS THAT MUST BE HEAPED UPON THESE CORRUPTED COXCUMBS AND COCKALORUMS WHO LIE TO US . . CHEAT US . . ROB US OF DIGNITY AND RESPECT AND LABOUR TO MAKE ALL LIFE ON THIS BLESSED PLANET UN-NECESSARILY MISERABLE . . JOIN US AND JUDGE FOR YOURSELVES". **Glenn Cardier** is a musician's musician, a songwriter's songwriter, has been compared in style to Tom Waits, played the Sunbury Festivals back in the '70s, went to London and had an album produced by Labi Siffre, toured for the best part of a year with Spike Milligan, gave it all away for a decade and then re-discovered acoustic music in 2001 and several acclaimed albums have appeared since, awards too! **Greg Champion** is well known for his 35 plus years as one of the ABC's Coodabeen Champions, and for scoring a hundred in the backyard at Mums. Originally from Adelaide he has been a major part of Melbourne's singer songwriter scene for 40 years, and loves to entertain. **JoJo Smith** is regarded as one of Australia's greatest soul singers, an inspirational performer who takes her audiences on a lyrical, musically diverse journey of blues, soul, funk, R&B, latin and jazz. She has recorded backing vocals with many of Australia's top artists and her own songs are a tour de force, and along with her unique interpretation of a small select group of covers, make JoJo a true artist who is known for her captivating and gripping live shows. **Judy Small** is revered as a beautiful singer and writer of songs with a strong feminist slant and had an international career spanning a couple of decades. Then she decided it was time for a real job, studied law, and ultimately became a Family Law Judge, at which stage she decided she needed to stop performing. She retired from the bench last year, just as Covid stopped all music events, so this festival is her first time back on stage for many years. We are honoured!

**Khristian Mizzi** has been performing since he was 15, but only discovered the folk scene about 5 years ago, and instantly became a star. Beautiful gentle songs and an equally beautiful voice and an on stage presence that has the audience captivated. He also does a great Neil Young impersonation! **Kieran Butler** is a comedian with several Edinburgh Fringe Festivals under his belt, and a singer songwriter and was once leader of a Crowded House cover band. He is also half of the duo Whimsical Tricycle. **The 4 Peace Band** was formed in 2010 by singer /guitarist Gary Hammond, previously part of an extremely popular duo Skaff and Happ, who dominated the Melbourne covers scene through the 80's and 90's in their own right as well as supporting such greats as Daryl Braithwaite and Russell Morris. Gary is also a fine singer/songwriter having released a number of original solo albums over the last few years. Gary quickly recruited his friend Paul O'Gorman, also a singer and guitarist. Paul had hit songs in the 70's "Ride Ride America" and "You and Me and Love in the Morning" and also a top ten album "Poet and the Painter" He appeared on many TV shows of the time, such as Countdown, The Midday Show and The Don Lane Show. They quickly added Peter Grant (lead guitar, vocals) who had played in legendary local bands such as The Blue Echoes, and Peter Shilton (sax) who came to the band via the Melbourne jazz scene, where he had performed for many years. The 4 Peace Band specialize in the classic harmonies of the singer/ songwriters of the 60's and 70's. **The Humbucking Pickups** hail from the Yarra Valley and play their own brand of folk and roots music, filled with close harmony, versatile musicianship and heartfelt storytelling. A brainchild of frontman and award-winning songwriter Ewan Cloonan, the band formed in 2012 and quickly gained a reputation for their captivating live performances. It is these unforgettable live performances that have seen 'The Humbuckers' become folk festival mainstays, attracting national attention, widespread airplay and a loyal fan base. **We Mavericks** (not *Wee* Mavericks!) are a Wollongong based duo featuring the songs and vocals of young New Zealand singer songwriter Victoria Vigenser and the dynamic instrumental work of Lindsay Martin. They won the Artists Of The Year Award at the 2020 Newstead Live! Festival.