

## A bit of info about the performers for the 2022 festival ....

**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. **Peter Daffy** is a much loved and admired singer, guitarist, songwriter, producer, sound engineer and top flight guitar maker from Camperdown, so his background is in the country and his influences include country folk. This year he brings some incredibly talented musicians with him, including Nick Dear, Lachlan Dear and Peter Fidler, and one of their shows will be a Hank Williams triIBUTE. And there might just be a few Bluegrass tunes too. **Gordie Tentrees** is a Canadian Troubadour. This authentic road poet travels North America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, UK & Ireland with 8 records behind him never repeating himself on stage. From Celtic Connections in Glasgow to the National Folk Festival in Canberra his ability to hold an audience, weave melody, while juggling the dark with the light, is infectious. He has performed 750 concerts in 11 countries during the past 4 years alone with foot percussion, harmonica, resonator/acoustic guitar and masterful storytelling. Influenced by touring with friends Fred Eaglesmith, Mary Gauthier, Steve Poltz & Kelly Joe Phelps, Tentrees is just getting started. Visit [www.tentrees.ca](http://www.tentrees.ca) to learn more. **Natalie de Napoleon** is a Western Australian contemporary/alt. country singer songwriter who has spent the last decade living and touring in the USA with her own trio which included Kenny Edwards, well-known for his years playing with Linda Ronstadt. She has a brand new album waiting for Covid to go away so she can do a release tour. So this weekend will be int east coast launch! **Dean & Carruthers** are a legendary Melbourne duo who have been playing their versions of most of the great songs of the '60s, '70s and '80s singer songwriter and country rock eras. Terry Dean was a pop star way back in the 1960s, and is a very talented multi-instrumentalist as well as a fine singer, and Gary Carruthers is also a gifted multi-instrumentalist in great demand from top artists around the country. **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. **Fred Smith** is a true original in the folk world, a notable songwriter, at times deadly serious, at other times the complete clown. A diplomat and the son of a diplomat he has spent much of the past few years working with our troops in Afghanistan, where his main weapon has been his guitar. His Afghan journey was featured on ABC TV's Australian Story a couple of years ago. **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 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. Sometimes he compares and shares notes with fellow Canberran Fred Smith. **Enda Kenny** is one of the most gifted songwriters in Australia, and has a dozen albums to prove the point. Originally from Dublin, he grew up on the same council estate as The Fureys, so there must have been something in the water there. Enda has been a frequent contributor to ABC Radio's Australia All Over, and has toured with Macca's live roadshow. He is an excellent entertainer. **Duxie Franklin** is one of our younger performers this year (i.e. post baby boomer!), and she was brought to our attention by Greg Champion. A singer songwriter who also loves the songs of the baby boomer generation, Duxie was recently a professional tennis player, in Australia's top 200, and has played against Ash Barty. Unfortunately a back injury has put her tennis career on hold, but fortunately not her music career. **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. **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 often some other likely lads, such as this weekend Lindsay Martin from We Mavericks joining in with a bit of fiddle and mandolin. This year's Dingo special presentation is titled 'Why We Do You Like We Do You' and features The McPorcine Brothers explaining to us why Australia has gone wrong and how to fix it. **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 other half being fiddle (and violin!) player Michelle Wilson, playing a mix of originals and memorable 1980's and 1990's quality pop (no, that's not an oxymoron). And joining us on Monday is **Peter Denahy**, probably the world's only Irish Australian Japanese folk, country and bluegrass musician and comedian, a member of Slim Dusty's band and a Youtube sensation with his comedy hit 'Sort Of Dunno Nothin'. As well as performing his own highly entertaining show Pete will also present a Slim Dusty tribute concert.

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