

THE BURKE & WILLS FOLK FESTIVAL, March 10th - 13th 2023

Programme as at 8/3/23 (*subject to change!*)

Friday ...

5.00 - **Remember Traynor's!** - with Roger Montgomery, Martyn Wyndham-Read, Dingos.B

6.00 - **Graham Wilson**

6.30 - 8.00 - DINNER BBQ

7.30 - **Gina Jeffreys & Rod McCormack**

8.30 - **Valley Road**

9.30 - **Enda Kenny**

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

Saturday

9.30 **'Living With Huntington's'**

Andrew chats briefly with Martin Pearson

10.00 ... **F.Y.I. comedy Quiz** -

hosted by Roger Montgomery with a panel including Martin Pearson and special guests.

11.00 ... **'Songs I wish I'd written'** -

with Rebecca Jane, Marty McKenna, Khristian Mizzi, Enda Kenny.

12.00 Garry Hayes

12.30 - 2.00 LUNCH

2.00 - **The Peppercorns**

3.00 - **Rod McCormack and Gina Jeffreys**

4.00 - **'First Songs'** - with Rhiannon McArthur, Garry Hayes, Craig Sinclair and Lara Norman...
... an insight to their early influences

5.20 - **The Paper Jane Band**

6.00 - 7.30 - DINNER BBQ

7.30 pm - **Rhiz & The Sugarplums**

8.30 - **Khristian Mizzi**

9.30 - **The Paper Jane Band**

10.30 - **Peter Anderson ...** with a handful of songs leading into ... **The Strum Club ...**

... Session with Peter and other festival musicians and you! Bring voices and instruments.

Sunday

10.00am - **F.Y.I. comedy nonsense quiz!**

hosted by Roger Montgomery with panelists including Martin Pearson.

11.00 - **Gina Jeffreys & Rod McCormack**

11.50 - **Peter Daffy - Songs from the early years'.**

12.30 - 1.30 LUNCH

Sunday continued ...

1.45 - **Celebrating Henry Lawson...** with Geoffrey Graham and Martyn Wyndham-Read

2.40 - **Khristian Mizzi**

3.40 - **'Celebrating Buddy, Don & Phil' ...**
... Rhiz & The Sugarplums.

4.30 - **'Songs I wish I'd written'**
with Peter Daffy, Rod McCormack, Garry Hayes.

5.15 - **Valley Road CD Preview**
(Marty and Bec)

6.00 - 7.30 - DINNER Spit Roast

7.30 - **The Peppercorns**

8.30 - **Dingo's Breakfast present**
'Laugh Till You Drop'

9.30 - **Rhiz & The Sugarplums**

10.30ish - **'The Strum Club' ...**
session led by Peter Anderson and other festival musicians and you! Bring voices and instruments.

Monday

10.00 .. **'First Songs Part 1'** - with Rebecca Jane, Roger Montgomery, Graham Wilson....
... an insight to their early influences.

11.20 - Martyn Wyndham-Read

12.15 - 1.30 LUNCH

1.30 - **Khristian Mizzi**

2.30 - **Enda Kenny**

3.30 - **'First Songs Part 2'** with James Gillard, Enda Kenny, Marty McKenna.

5.00 - **Dingo's Breakfast**

6.00 - 7.30 DINNER

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

Chris While and Julie Matthews

**Paul Wookey, Rod McCormack
and James Gillard,**

and one or two more Port Fairy surprises.

PROGRAMME SUBJECT TO CHANGE

A bit of info about the performers for the 2023 festival

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 joined this weekend by Peter Anderson and Ryan Tews (Keyboard and Percussion). **Enda Kenny** is an outstanding singer songwriter who tours internationally. Originally from Dublin, he has been based in Melbourne for over thirty years and has produced a dozen albums. Great singer, guitarist and entertainer, Artist Of The Year at this year's Newstead Live! music festival. **Garry Hayes** was raised on The Beatles, writes songs in the country/folk/rock genres, is part of a 3 part harmony vocal group, and for many years was a Ch 0/10 sound engineer, working with Bert Newton, Peter Couchman and more episodes of Prisoner than most people have ever seen! **Geoffrey Graham** is a poet, reciter, actor, comedian long established in Melbourne and all around the country. He has been in movies and produces outstanding one man shows for theatre. **Gina Jeffreys** is one of the most successful stars in Australian Country Music, with countless Golden Guitar and Gold Record awards to her name, not to mention no.1 chart successes. She took over a decade off from performing to raise her son, and has only recently dipped her toe back in the performing water. She also hosts breakfast radio on the NSW Central Coast. **Graham Wilson** is a fanatical rugby following Scot, a former Yorkshire woollen mill owner, and an Australian for the past couple of decades. He plays very intricate and original guitar styles and champions great songs written by lesser-known writers. **James Gillard**, everybody's favourite bass player, also a fine guitarist and singer, was a long-time member of Mondo Rock, also in Broderick Smith's Big Combo, Mental As Anything and several other notable bands, and is married to singer Shanley Dell. **Khristian Mizzi** is a much loved performer who spent twenty years playing in the pub scene before he discovered the folk music family, which has taken him to its heart. A fabulous singer, writer and guitarist who has been invited to head to Nashville to record his next album with some industry heavyweights. **Martin Pearson** is a folk singing comedian who has been a permanent part of the Troubadour venues at Port Fairy, Woodford and The National Folk Festivals for over 30 years, and has been at every Burke & Wills Folk Festival. He has now retired from performing for health reasons, but is still a treasured presence. **Martyn Wyndham-Read** is a veteran of the Folk Revival of the 1960s, an English lad who was sent to Australia by his stepfather to become a man, working as a Jackaroo. He fell in love with the old Aussie songs he learned from his fellow stockmen and dived into the folk scene to learn more. He returned to England in 1967 but has toured here and in the USA and Canada many times. **The Paper Jane Band** is a long-established Macedon Ranges Americana / Roots band featuring the songwriting of Buck Edwards with 3 and 4 part harmonies, bass and drums, rootsy swagger, rich story telling and twangy guitar. **Paul Wookey** won the Best New Talent Golden Guitar at Tamworth in 1981, but he had already been on the Melbourne folk scene for seven or eight years, and isn't totally Country, and in fact was told he would have won Best Album the same year, but it wasn't country enough! He's played Blues with Jimmie Witherspoon, Bluegrass with Byron Berline, Country Rock with Vince Gill and Albert Lee, he idolises Woody Guthrie and Eric Clapton ... Oh! and he's a great singer too. **The Peppercorns** were born and bred in the open expanses of Western Australia, delighting audiences across the state for years with their homespun songs, beautifully delivered harmonies and acoustic textures. Craig Sinclair's guitar and Lara Norman's fiddle and mandolin are now joined by Sydney bassist Jed Wesley-Smith, for tastes of folk soul from around the globe. **Peter Anderson** is a long-time master of the folk scene, a multi-instrumentalist and especially an accordion player (and repairer) who is a one man orchestra. He will be joining Dingo's Breakfast this weekend, as well as playing solo and leading sessions for everyone to join after the main concerts, and probably more. **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 and the great singer songwriters of the '60s and '70s. **Rhiz And The Sugarplums** is a (*mostly*) youthful and (*mostly*) female Rockabilly band formed around the songwriting of Rhiannon (Rhiz) McArthur. Very reminiscent of the 1950s and '60s sounds of artists like Buddy Holly and the Everly Brothers, which is why, amongst other sets this weekend, they are presenting one of Holly and Everly songs. **Rod McCormack** is possibly the greatest guitarist, multi-instrumentalist, singer and songwriter in Australia who is unknown to the general public. But he is revered in the music industry, where he spends most of his time in his recording studio. A Golden Guitar winner, writer of over 400 recorded songs and thirty no.1 Country hits, and husband of Gina Jeffreys, Rod has worked with just about everybody in the Australian Music Industry, and has toured with Johnny Cash, Glen Campbell, Trisha Yearwood and countless others. He is also a great performer. **Valley Road** is the new name for local duo Rebecca (Bec) Jane and Marty McKenna, both steeped in the Country Folk tradition, and both fine artists in their own right. They have just finished recording a debut album with the above-mentioned Rod McCormack and will be presenting the songs from it at this festival, and hopefully launching the album if it is manufactured in time.

AND ALSO ... on Monday evening, returning from Port Fairy ... **CHRIS WHILE & JULIE MATTHEWS**, one of the greatest acts on the UK folk and singer songwriter scene - two girls who met when in The Albion Band and went on to record many albums together. Guitars, keyboard, fabulous harmony and fabulous stage presence. Not to be missed! And there will most likely be one, possibly two more Port Fairy artists joining us on Monday night.

Andrew Pattison

(if you disagree with any of the above please contact our complaints officer Peter Russell-Clarke, and he will tell you what you can do.)