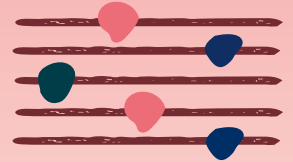


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**Sessions are big all weekend downstairs in The American Lounge - all players welcome.** Photo (c) Melbourne Ceili Camera CF2024



### COMMUNITY BANK WELCOME

Welcome to CresFest 2026 – a celebration of sound, creativity and community. Community Bank Creswick & District are long term supporters of the festival and are proud to once again be this year's Principal Partner. We hope you enjoy this year's performances set within the beautiful heritage buildings of Creswick, alongside our unique local businesses, and surrounded by spectacular countryside. Whether you're here to discover new artists, support local talent, or simply soak up the atmosphere, relax and enjoy being part of this unforgettable experience.

**Lisa Woodill, Branch Manager  
Community Bank Creswick & District**



### HEPBURN SHIRE WELCOME

Welcome to CresFest 2026, a vibrant celebration of community proudly supported by Hepburn Shire Council.

This much-loved music and arts festival brings together talent from across our region and beyond, set against the beautiful and historic backdrop of Creswick. As you enjoy the performances, we invite you to take time to explore Creswick's heritage venues.

We warmly welcome you and hope you enjoy the festival.

**Cr Tony Clark, Mayor, Hepburn Shire Council**



### DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

I've loved working with the hardworking CresFest team to bring the 5th CresFest to life. I'm really excited about the amazing 2026 program, especially the Big Sing and the wonderful number of community choirs taking part this year. I'm also looking forward to the Big String, featuring our talented local string players working with Natalie and Brittany Haas from the US, and the New Orleans-themed extravaganza on Saturday, which will be a real highlight.

Seeing professional and community musicians sharing the stage, learning from each other, and making music together. This is what CresFest is all about – bringing great music and great people together in regional Victoria.

If you're visiting from out of town, I hope you take time to enjoy the town and meet the locals. And if you live here, enjoy having a world-class festival right on your doorstep.

**Stella Savy, Director**

### EMERGENCY PROTOCOL - IN DANGEROUS EMERGENCY CALL 000

For lesser issues and injuries:

**Outdoors:** located at Central Highlands Health Network building, 69a Albert Street

**Indoors:** Notify your venue manager or MC - look for the teal t-shirts - as a first port of call then call a number below:

**Operations Manager: Sarah Spaven (0428 035 271)**

**Night Manager: Mishael (0473 561 429)**

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### FOUNDER'S WELCOME

Another year, another CresFest, but this time, we are so much better prepared - hope it shows! Thanks to the wonderful team that Stella has pulled together, we baby boomers are beginning to pull our heads in, and move on to, shall we say, more strategic roles, allowing me to move ahead with the Big Vision: growing music in community and schools. I am delighted that our committee has decided to create a special music in community fund, only possible through YOUR generosity (all untied donations and raffle monies will go into the pot) to enable more people in the district to play, hear, sing and enjoy music in all its forms. So go out and buy raffle tickets - there's TWO raffles this year and hey, you could even win a car and feel really good about the contribution you are making to community wellbeing in our small town. Enjoy the music and thanks for coming!

**Judy Turner, Founder and President,  
CresFest Inc**



### CresFest Inc Committee:

Judy Turner (President); Rachel (no relation) Turner (Vice President); Mark Myers (Treasurer); Tony Miller (Secretary); Pam Harris; Sarah Samsara; Trudy Edgely; Carolyn Garvey. Ada Drylie (to Dec. '05)

## MERCH

### LOVE OUR LOOK?

CresFest merch on sale at the Festival Hub this weekend – short and long sleeve T-shirts, beanies, tote bags and tea towels – take a memento of Creswick when you leave!

### NEW THIS YEAR

We're going green this year - take a cup from the Waste Against Wash trolley or buy one of our beautiful branded keep cups - for that warm drink feeling all weekend.



## FOR THE PUNTERS



### KIDS AND FAMILY

Loads of circus and magic to enjoy in the streets and in our beautiful venues. Find bubbles with Dr Hubble, be a star in Dapy's wow wow show, learn the ukulele with Woody, handstand with Cirque Barocco and turn your hand to magic with Cath Jamison. Craft activities happening in the kidzone all day plus Bella the Bookwork popping up around town with stories and more. Get your face done with The Travelling Face Painter. Bring your ideas and imaginations to life in the **Kidzone on Saturday and Sunday.**



### THE MAGIC PUDDING SHOW

The Magic Pudding Show is once again returning to Creswick - the birth place of Norman Lindsay! Join Bunyip Bluegum and friends, as they seek adventure. This authentic adaptation includes songs, slapstick and lots of fun for all! It all happens in the Magic Pudding Playground.

See grid for times.

### CRESFEST CONVERSATIONS

Regular hosts, author Cate Kennedy and film maker James Fremantle are back along with Neil Adam, chatting with many of our artists. Enlightening and candid, their conversations take place in The Courthouse and The Lindsay Room - upstairs in the American Hotel. Come and listen to the likes of Fiona Boyes, Valanga Khoza (escaping apartheid), Jeff Raglus (musician and Mambo artist), and The Bushwackers.

#### Cate Kennedy

**Sat 1:30pm** Courthouse -Valanga Khoza

**Sun 10:15am** Lindsay room Upstairs - The Bushwackers

**Sun 1:15pm** Courthouse - Fiona Boyes

#### James Fremantle

**Sat 11:45am** Lindsay Room Upstairs - Jeff Raglus

**Sat 3:00pm** Courthouse - Riccardo Tesi & Giua and Kavisha Mazzella - Italian folk songs

**Sun 12:30pm** Courthouse - Tony McManus

#### Neil Adam

**Sun 2:30pm** Courthouse - Classic fiddles, Classic Tales - Robert Zielinski & Manuela Centanni



### LIGHTNESS IN MUSIC & LIFE - INTRODUCTION TO ALEXANDER TECHNIQUE

Join Cathy Dowden to discover gentle, practical ways to free movement, breathe easier and ease tension - whether you're playing music, singing, dancing or just wanting to feel more comfortable day to day. The session would be hands-on, simple and welcoming for all ages.

**Sat 11:45am** Masonic Lower

### NEW ORLEANS EXTRAVAGANZA

CresFest 2026's Second Line Extravaganza brings the streets alive with Hoodoo Mayhem, Creswick Brass Band, Ballahornication, and Creswick's school children, celebrating New Orleans-style brass, community spirit, and joyful parade energy in a colourful, unforgettable festival experience!

**Sat 4:00pm** Bank Portico Stage



### ABC BROADCAST 8AM SATURDAY MORNING

Once again, we will have the iconic ABC live broadcast from Creswick Town Hall during CresFest. This captures the heart of the festival; sharing music, stories, and community spirit with listeners across Victoria, with Matt Tribe, in a vibrant celebration of culture, connection and the CresFest community.

#### **Saturday Night** Family Bush Dance

Bring the whole family to an old time bushdance led by the iconic Australian legends The Bushwackers.

**Sat 6:30pm** Wayapurra Hall

### GREAT DIVIDING TRAIL ASSOCIATION WALKS

Join local historian Barry Golding AM on two beautiful walks. Each walk is 6km approx commencing 7.30am meeting at the RSL on the Sat & Sunday mornings. Participants would be back before the music events commence at 10am.

The Creswick Tree Walk (Sat) would include Creswick Arboretum / Forestry School and La Gerche Walk, back via Botanical Lake.

The Creswick Water Walk (Sun) includes Creswick Creek, St Georges Lake and Blue Lagoon areas.

People must register prior to walking. Non-GDTA members must bring \$10 on the day to cover walker insurance.

Register at <https://www.gdt.org.au/events> or call Barry for more info 0427 216 337

## FOR THE PLAYERS



### SESSIONS AT THE AMERICAN BAR

All sessions will be at the American Bar this year and will be run by experienced players.

Everyone is welcome to come along. Genres are as advertised and it's expected that you follow the session leader, who will run some tunes slowly and some at a faster pace, hopefully enabling all to get their session kicks. Please be mindful of session etiquette and not overpower the group.

**Fri 7:00pm** Welcome Session - Ernie Gruner and Phil Carroll (Bohemian Nights) - Klezmer & Middle European

**Fri 9:00pm** Natalie and Brittany Haas - Scottish, Scandi and American tunes

**Sat 11:00am** Fiona Boyes - Blues Jam

**Sat 1:00pm** The Good Behaviours - Old Time

**Sat 3:00pm** Martin Scuffins - Open Acoustic Folk Circle, share a song.

**Sat 5:15pm** Terry Cole (Footscray Gypsy Orchestra) - Tunes that Bring Joy

**Sat 7:30pm** Liz Frencham - Name Your Song

**Sat 9:30pm** Up Late with Neil Adam and Judy Turner

**Sun 11:00am** Martin Scuffins - Slow tunes for beginner/intermediate players

**Sun 1:00pm** Andy Baylor - Cajun Styles

**Sun 3:00pm** Isobel Knight (Isobel Knight Trio) - Singing in the Round

### COMMUNITY BAND SONG JAM

Bring your instrument and join Havana Palava, Footscray Gypsy Orchestra, Ballan Community Street Band and the Homebrew Singers as they share and jam each other's songs taking you along with them.

**Sat 12:45pm** Woollen Mills

### THE BIG SING AND THE CRESFESTIVAL CHOIR LED BY STELLA SAVV

Join Stella as she leads the festival choir through fun filled rehearsals culminating in the Big Sing on Sunday! Do at least two rehearsals, learn the material and then join in the show on the Town Hall stage with festival favourites Uncle Frank Yamma, Makepisi, Fiona Boyes and Kavisha Mazzella.

**Fri 8:00pm** Wayapurra Hall (Rehearsal)

**Sat 9:00am** Wayapurra Hall (Rehearsal)

**Sun 9:00am** Wayapura Hall (Rehearsal)



**Sun 4:30pm** Town Hall (The Big Sing)

### BUSKING COMPETITION AND OPEN MIC

Calling all musicians, poets, and storytellers - Don't miss your chance! Enter the IGA Busking Competition at Rosie the Caravan Stage to win cash prizes and a spot on the Town Hall Stage Sunday afternoon or grab an open mic slot and play your heart out!

### THE BIG STRING THING

Not content with watching the singers and horn players get together, the string players from Ballarat Symphony, Ballarat Grammar, Melbourne and Adelaide Scottish Fiddlers and Goldfields Fiddles have come together under the spell of the magical Haas sisters and have joined forces thanks to support from Ballarat City Council. This will be a mighty outpouring of strings - some lush, some jaunty - all good readers with a CresFest ticket are welcome to join us.

**Sat 2:00pm** Masonic lower (Rehearsal)

**Sat 9:45pm** Town Hall (Big String Thing)



### WORKSHOPS

As well as the sessions and jams you also have a range of workshops you can get involved in.

Improve your skills or learn a new one! These are the workshops on offer:

**Sat 10:00am** Circus fun for kids (Cirque Barocco) - Kidzone

**Sat 10:45am** Violin w/sh (Bush Gothic) - Masonic Lower

**Sat 10:45am** African Drumming (Mishael & Kofi) - Wayapurra Hall

**Sat 10:45am** Ukulele w/sh for kids (Woody's World) - Masonic Upper

**Sat 11:45am** Introduction to Alexander Technique (Cathy Dowden) - Masonic Lower

**Sat 1:00pm** Ukulele w/sh for kids (Woody's World) - Masonic Lower

**Sat 2:45pm** Storytime/Dance (Bella the Bookworm) - Kidzone

**Sat 3:30pm** Ukulele w/sh for adults - Masonic Lower

**Sun 9:30am** Storytime/Dance (Bella the Bookworm) - Creswick Woollen Mills

**Sun 9:30am** Ukulele w/sh for adults (Woody's World) - Masonic Lower

**Sun 9:30am** Circus w/sh (Dapy) - Seniors

**Sun 10:45am** Singing w/sh (Queen of Hearts) - Wayapurra Hall

**Sun 11:00am** How to handstand & other fun tricks (Cirque Barocco) - Masonic Lower

**Sun 2:30pm** Magic w/sh (Cath Jamison) - Masonic Lower



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## ARTISTS (A-Z)

### ABOVE THE BIT

Lauded songwriters in their own right, Nigel Wearne and Luke Watt join forces to go 'Above The Bit.' Skirting the fringes of country, blues and outlaw folk, this duo shines a light on true tales of mutiny and civil disobedience in Australian history.

**Sat 11:30am** St.Andrews Church  
**Sat 2:45pm** Seniors  
**Sat 5:15pm** Leavers  
**Sun 12:15pm** Masonic Upper  
**Sun 4:00pm** Wayapura Hall

### ANDY BAYLOR WITH DENIS CLOSE - 'THE LOUISIANA JOURNALS'

Fiddler, guitarist, singer, and writer, Andy Baylor, is known for his cross-genre work. Joining forces with Denis Close, "The Louisiana Journals" will give insight into Andy's time spent in southern Louisiana over the last decade. While there he learned from Cajun and Creole fiddle masters and composed his own music.

**Fri 7:15pm** Leavers  
**Sat 2:00pm** Masonic Upper  
**Sat 9:30pm** Courthouse  
**Sun 11:30am** Town Hall  
**Sun 1:00pm** Session- CajunStyles American Bar  
**Sun 3:15pm** Lindsay Room Upstairs

### ARCHER

Renowned for a songwriting style reminiscent of a contemporary Woody Guthrie, Archer believes in the enduring power of music. He has toured extensively across the USA, Canada, UK, New Zealand and Australia.

**Sat 8:00am** ABC Live - Town Hall  
**Sun 5:00pm** Leavers

### ARCHER AND THE OPEN SKY BIG BRASS BAND

Talented singer/songwriter Archer, has teamed up with Eugene Ball (trumpet) and Phillipa Edwards (conductor) to present contemporary songs backed by a full brass band. This is Archer like you've never heard before, performing old and new songs with a gentle and sometimes powerful backing from the 28 piece Open Sky Big Brass Band.

**Fri 6:15pm** Welcome Concert - Town Hall  
**Sat 6:00pm** Town Hall



### BALLAHORNICATION

Ballahornication is a dynamic, six piece street brass band known for infusing jazz and pop classics with a vibrant Cajun-New Orleans flavour. Composed of talented local musicians, the band's high energy performances are packed with raucous melodies and irresistible grooves that are sure to get your hips and feet moving.

**Sat 8:00am** ABC Live - Town Hall  
**Sat 4:00pm** 2nd Line Extravaganza - Choir Zone  
**Sat 9:00pm** Seniors  
**Sun 1:00pm** Leavers

### BELLA THE BOOKWORM

Bella the Bookworm is a magical, mischievous librarian who brings books to life through interactive, imaginative storytelling that invites children to become part of the adventure. Whether it's sneezing up a dragon or helping a shy unicorn find its roar, Bella's sessions are full of laughter and surprises.

**Sat 9:45am** Storytime - Creswick Woollen Mills  
**Sat 2:45pm** Storytime Dance - Kidzone  
**Sun 9:30am** Storytime Dance - Creswick Woollen Mills  
**Sun 12:30pm** Storytime - Creswick Woollen Mills

### BOHEMIAN NIGHTS

From soulful melodies to wild whimsy, expect the unexpected from Bohemian Nights. Featuring seasoned performers, Ernie Gruner and Phil Carrol, Bohemian Nights have toured extensively through Australia and NZ to rave reviews. This eclectic performance transcends genre, drawing on European, Gypsy, Klezmer, French, and Italian music, captivating audiences with their skilled musicality.

**Fri 7:00pm** Session - Klezmer and Middle Eastern - American Bar  
**Sat 12:00pm** Masonic Upper  
**Sat 2:15pm** Lindsay Room Upstairs  
**Sat 8:30pm** Courthouse  
**Sun 1:15pm** Masonic Upper

### BUSH GOTHIC

Bush Gothic are an award winning Australian folk trio who reinvent songs in ways that will pleasantly twist your mind and move you. The trio have played at major festivals worldwide and across Australia, including : Mona Foma, Sidmouth Folk Festival, Womadelaide, and Port Fairy folk festival. They have been described as 'Extraordinary, beautiful and evocative folk'.

**Sat 10:30am** Violin W'shop - Masonic Lower  
**Sat 1:00pm** Leavers  
**Sat 8:15pm** Wayapurra Hall  
**Sun 1:00pm** Wayapurra Hall

### CATH JAMISON

Cath is Australia's leading female magician and mentalist. She is offering two shows and a workshop this year.

#### Conjure Woman Show

Cath weaves together elements of illusion, mentalism and storytelling to create an unforgettable, mysterious and immersive experience. Enter the unseen realm of the historic Courthouse, where shadows whisper secrets and the hair tingles on your neck! Suitable for ages 15+

**Sat 7:30pm** Courthouse

#### Magic - The Family Show

The whole family will be entertained and enthralled by this hilarious, fun show. Cath's unique and quirky approach to magic is appealing and thought provoking to all ages.

**Sun 11:30am** Courthouse

#### Magic Workshop

You are invited to become a Magician's Apprentice of the mysterious arts! You will learn the secrets and tips to put together your own magic show to impress family and friends!

**Sun 1:15pm** Masonic Lower

### CIRQUE BAROCCO

Cirque Barocco is a whirlwind of circus, live music and glamour. Expect dazzling hula hoops, acrobatic Cyr wheel, soaring opera and sparkling costumes in a joyful performance that delights and amazes audiences of all ages.

**Fri 9:00pm** Courthouse  
**Sat 10:00am** Kidzone  
**Sat 2:30pm** Wayapurra Hall  
**Sun 11:00am** Masonic Lower - How to handstand and other fun tricks  
**Sun 1:15pm** Bank Portico  
**Sun 3:00pm** RSL Forecourt



## ARTISTS (A-Z)

### DAPY

Dapy is an acclaimed physical comedian and theatre-maker whose award-winning works have toured over thirty countries. A master of clowning, improvisation, and circus, he transforms streets and everyday spaces into unforgettable experiences that spark laughter, wonder and genuine human connection. Experience his hilarious shows in the streets over the weekend or join in the workshop!



#### Workshop and Show

Learn circus and magic skills then join the WOW WOW community showcase on stage.

**Sun 9:30am** Circus & Magic Workshop - Seniors

**Sun 1:00pm** WOW WOW Show - Seniors  
Also performing in the streets over the weekend

### DEBORAHN (ACOUSTIC)

deborahN's smooth, mellifluous voice entrances her audience as she takes them on a journey with each song. Her music includes covers and originals in an RnB style that further engages her Meriam heritage. Audiences will find her music engages the heart as they cry, tap a foot or sing along. She will be joined by Nick Day on guitar.

**Fri 7:45pm** Courthouse

**Sat 11:15am** Courthouse

**Sat 3:15pm** Masonic Upper

**Sun 11:15am** Lindsay Room Upstairs

### DR.HUBBLE'S BUBBLES

Australia's favourite bubble man is back! Dr.Hubble creates miraculous moments of wonder by manipulating simple soap bubbles. His shows are always fun, funny and slightly educational. 'Children and adults alike were agape with wonder' Weekend Notes.

**Sat 10:00am** Courthouse

**Sun 11:30am** RSL Forecourt

You will also see Dr.Hubble performing in the streets over the weekend.



### FIONA BOYES AND THE FORTUNE TELLERS

Fiona Boyes sings and plays deep Americana Blues - expect original songs in a myriad of styles played on electric guitar and unique cigar-box instruments. She is a former Port Fairy Folk Festival 'Artist of the Year', has eight nominations in the USA Blues Foundation 'Blues Music Awards' and was inducted into the 'Blues Hall of Fame' in 2022 by Blues Music Victoria. She is also the winner of the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, USA. Her band, 'The Fortune Tellers', features Melbourne's Hammond Maestro Tim Neale and inventive percussionist Mark Grunden.

**Fri 9:15pm** Leavers

**Sat 11:00am** - Session - Blues Jam - American Bar

**Sat 1:30pm & Sat 10:15pm** - Seniors

**Sun 1:15pm** Conversation - Lindsay Room Upstairs

**Sun 2:45pm** Wayapurra Hall

**Sun 4:30pm** Big Sing - Town Hall

### HOODOO MAYHEM

HooDoo Mayhem are a modern New Orleans style funk and brass band. Their live shows showcase a mix of original repertoire, New Orleans standards and modern songs in a quirky style. They have played at festivals across Melbourne, regional Victoria and interstate. HooDoo Mayhem is a horn blowin' beat party that groove hard!

**Sat 4:00pm** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Extravaganza - Choir Zone

**Sat 4:45pm** - Parade Windup Party - Wayapurra Hall

**Sat 8:45pm** Leavers

**Sun 4:00pm** Leavers

### ISABEL RUMBLE

Isabel Rumble is a rising indie-folk songstress who has been captivating audiences worldwide. Isabel's 2023 debut album 'Be Bird Brave' was nominated for Folk Alliance Australia awards and led to extensive tours across Australia, Europe and UK. She is quickly gaining recognition for her intimate songwriting, beautiful vocals and soul soothing performances.

**Fri 6:30pm** Lindsay Room Upstairs

**Sat 8:00am** ABC Live Town Hall

**Sat 3:00pm** Town Hall

**Sat 8:30pm** Lindsay Room Upstairs

**Sun 11:45am** Wayapurra Hall

### ISOBEL KNIGHT TRIO

Isobel Knight has played her pop-and-soul-influenced folk music into hearts and charts around the world. Joined by award-winning guitarist, Solomon Steele and multi-instrumentalist Esther Lukins, the trio has charmed audiences in Australia and America with their crystalline harmonies and melodic interweaving.

**Sat 1:00pm** Masonic Upper

**Sat 3:30pm** Leavers

**Sat 7:15pm** Lindsay Room Upstairs

**Sun 1:30pm** Courthouse

**Sun 3:00pm** Session - Singing in the Round - American Bar



### KAVISHA MAZZELLA

Kavisha is a songbird, folkloric explorer and Aria award winner. Singing in English and Italian, she will take you on an uplifting journey of well-crafted stories and songs with Celtic, Fado and Gypsy influences. Kavisha has the voice of an angel and includes humour, social justice and spiritual themes in her songs.

**Fri 8:45pm** Lindsay Room Upstairs

**Sat 3:00pm** - Conversation - Courthouse

**Sat 6:00pm** Lindsay Room Upstairs

**Sun 12:00pm** Seniors

**Sun 4:30pm** - Big Sing - Town Hall

### KIM YANG

Kim Yang is a Taiwanese-Australian folk singer-songwriter whose bilingual songs explore themes of love, loss, resilience and finding home. Her performances are warm and engaging, with honest storytelling, soaring vocals and audience participation. Kim has performed at festivals across Australia and internationally.

**Sat 1:45pm** St.Andrews Church

**Sat 5:15pm** Courthouse

**Sun 11:15am** Masonic Upper

**Sun 1:30pm** Creswick Woollen Mills



**LIZ FRENCHAM**

Liz Frencham is an acclaimed acoustic double bassist, known for her raw, intimate performances blending folk, swing and Americana. Her music offers a hopeful perspective around themes of neurodivergence, resilience and self-acceptance. She will be joined by virtuoso instrumentalists Robbie Melville- electric guitar and Jacob McGuffie- voice, acoustic guitar.

**Fri 9:00pm** Seniors

**Sat 11:00am** Seniors

**Sat 4:30pm** Town Hall

**Sat 7:30pm** Session - American Bar

**Sun 3:00pm** Leavers

**LUCY WISE**

Lucy is a multi award-winning singer-songwriter who blends traditional folk, roots and pop sounds. She is a captivating performer with a voice that effortlessly pulls hearts out from the shadows. Lucy is a natural storyteller, infusing songs with a strong sense of place. She will launch her seventh album at CresFest 26.

**Fri 8:00pm** Seniors

**Sat 1:00pm** Lindsay Room Upstairs

**Sun 10:15am** Masonic Upper

**Sun 2:00pm** Leavers

**MAKEPISI**

Makepisi is an exciting acapella ensemble, singing contemporary and traditional South African songs. This all male group contains powerful voices hailing from various South African choirs and shows, including the Lion King. They have a rich, invigorating sound that is guaranteed to uplift you!

**Fri 6:15pm** Welcome Concert - Town Hall

**Sat 8:00am** ABC Live - Town Hall

**Sat 6:30pm** Seniors

**Sun 11:00am** Leavers

**Sun 4:30pm** Big Sing - Town Hall

**MANA DUET**

Mana Duet is a duo featuring Sanaz Saadatfar on Kamancheh (spike fiddle), known for her soulful and heartfelt musical expressions, and Mohammad Mirkarimi on Daf (Persian frame drum). Together they create music that tells stories and provides listeners with a unique and enriching experience and a deep connection to Persian heritage.

**Sat 12:30pm** Courthouse

**Sat 4:45pm** Lindsay Room Upstairs

**Sat 8:15pm** Masonic Upper

**Sun 10:30am** Courthouse

**MARTIN SCUFFINS**

Martin Scuffins is a highly accomplished and recognised fiddle player. Martin has a unique musical voice which reflects both his Irish ancestry and the fiddle styles of Scandinavia and America. He will be leading two sessions: An Open Acoustic Folk Circle session and an Irish music session.

**Sat 3:00pm** Open acoustic Folk Circle - Share a Song

**Sun 11:00am** - Slow Tunes for Beginner/Intermediate Players

**MELBOURNE AFRICAN TRADITIONAL ENSEMBLE (MATE)**

Melbourne African Traditional Ensemble is a vibrant tapestry of music woven from the rich traditions of Africa. This ensemble is a Pan African music project that brings together a range of traditional instruments to celebrate Africa's diverse cultural heritage and musical traditions.

**Fri 8:15pm** Leavers

**Sat 10:45am** Drumming Workshop - Wayapurra Hall

**Sat 12:00pm** Wayapurra Hall

**Sat 1:30pm** Conversation Escaping Apartheid with Valanga Khoza- Courthouse

**Sat 10:00pm** Leavers

**Sun 1:00pm** Town Hall

**MELBOURNE UNI OPERA**

Returning to CresFest for the fourth time, the opera program from Melbourne University combines young talent, thrilling operatic narratives with themes of social justice, in a program to please all.

**Sat 12:45pm** St.Andrews Church

**Sat 3:15pm** Creswick Woollen Mills

**NATALIE AND BRITTANY HAAS**

Natalie and Brittany Haas are among the most exciting, moving musicians in the acoustic string music world. With Natalie on cello and Brittany on fiddle, their music encompasses travels from Nashville to Norway, the Celtic Isles to California. They have absorbed, adapted and made their own world of music to create their new recording 'HAAS', which has received rave reviews around the globe.

**Fri 7:00pm** Seniors

**Fri 9:00pm** Session - American Bar

**Sat 10:30am** St.Andrews Church

**Sat 12:45pm** Town Hall

**Sat 9:30pm** Big String Thing - Town Hall



## ARTISTS (A-Z)



### QUEEN OF HEARTS

Drawing from their diverse roots across Chile, Colombia and Australia, Queen of Hearts brings a fresh multicultural approach to mariachi. This all female lineup performs both original music and classics, in Spanish and English, with a unique contemporary twist of folk, blues, pop and Latin styles. They combine four-part harmonies, intricate arrangements and a magnetic stage presence to their live shows. They have recently performed at the Port Fairy and National folk festivals and completed an east coast tour featuring their second album- 'Divina.'

**Fri 6:15pm** Welcome Concert Town Hall

**Sat 2:15pm** Leavers

**Sat 8:15pm** Town Hall

**Sun 10:45am** Singing Workshop - Wayapurra Hall

**Sun 2:30pm** Seniors

### ROBERT ZIELINSKI & MANUELA CENTANNI

Robert and Manuela play traditional music from Ireland and beyond on wooden flute and fiddle. They are known for their unique tone, arrangements, unison playing, and harmonies. They perform many of Robert's original pieces, inspired by Western Australia's south west coast. Their album, Kiangardarup, won three silver medals at the Global Music Awards.

**Fri 7:30pm** Lindsay Room Upstairs

**Sat 10:30am** Lindsay Room Upstairs

**Sat 7:00pm** Masonic Upper

**Sun 10:30am** Town Hall

**Sun 2:30pm** Conversation - Courthouse

### THE BURNING BRIDGES

The Burning Bridges are an old-school string band with a repertoire that includes old-time Appalachian fiddle tunes, work songs, early bluegrass and an expanding catalogue of classic-sounding original songs and tunes. Their starkly haunting fiddle and banjo melodies combine with soaring three-part harmonies to create music with a timeless mountain soul.

**Fri 6:30pm** Courthouse

**Sat 4:15pm** St.Andrews Church

**Sat 6:30pm** Leavers



### RICCARDO TESI AND GIUA

Riccardo Tesi is a true pioneer of ethnic music in Italy. Together with Giua, they breathe new life into singer-songwriter music with works that look to both the past and the future, leaving room for experimentation and beauty. Their songs are inspired by stories, images and visions of a changing world that remains anchored to its roots.

**Fri 6:15pm** Welcome Concert - Town Hall

**Sat 12:15pm** Seniors

**Sat 3:00pm** Conversation - Courthouse

**Sat 5:15pm** Seniors

**Sun 10:45am** Seniors



## CRESWICK'S NEWEST VENUE! THE YARD - 38 ALBERT STREET

**The Yard's CresFest opening hours:**

Friday: 4pm - 9pm | Saturday: 10am - 9pm | Sunday: 10am - 4pm

🍷 Food trucks and market stalls 🍷

🎵 Live music (Saturday and Sunday) 🎵

🔥 Fire pit area - Jam sessions welcomed (Friday 6-9pm) 🍷

Saturday - Special appearance by the renowned Gone Westerly band who will be performing on stage from 7pm - 8:30pm. Gone Westerly will be taking donations for Foodbank Australia.



# SATURDAY 11 APRIL

## CRESFEST 2026

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	SENIOR CITIZENS HALL	COMMUNITY BANK STAGE (TOWN HALL)	AMERICAN (LINDSAY ROOM)	LEAVERS	WAYAPURRA HALL (CNC)	ST ANDREWS CHURCH	COURTHOUSE	MASONIC UPPER	AMERICAN (THE LOUNGE)
7:30 AM									
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9:15 AM		ABC Live ( 2h ) Broadcast with Makepisi; Tony McManus; Ballarahornication and Archer 8:00 - 11:00am							
9:30 AM					Cresfestival Choir Rehearsal with Stella Savy 9:00 - 10:30am			New Orleans Extravaganza Rehearsal 9:00 - 10:00am	
9:45 AM									
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10:15 AM							Dr Hubble's Bubbles 10:00 - 10:45am		
10:30 AM									
10:45 AM			Robert Zielinski & Manuela Centanni 10:30 - 11:15am			Natalie & Brittany Haas 10:30 - 11:15am			
11:00 AM								Woodys Ukulele School For Kids 10:45 - 11:30am	
11:15 AM	Liz Frencham 11:00 - 11:45am				African Drumming Workshop with Kofi Kunkpe and Mishael Gyabeng 10:45 - 11:45am				
11:30 AM		Tony McManus 11:30 - 12:15pm	Conversation With Jeff Raglus, Mambo Artist Pioneer Musician 11:45 - 12:30pm	Wood and Water 11:45 - 12:30pm		Above The Bit 11:30 - 12:15pm	DeborahN (Acoustic) 11:15 - 12:00pm		Fiona Boyes - Blues Jam 11:00 - 12:30pm
11:45 AM					Melbourne African Traditional Ensemble-MATE 12:00 - 12:45pm				
12:00 PM									
12:15 PM								Bohemian Nights 12:00 - 12:45pm	
12:30 PM	Riccardo Tesi & Giua 12:15 - 1:00pm								
12:45 PM		Natalie & Brittany Haas 12:45 - 1:30pm				Melb Uni Opera 12:45 - 1:30pm	Mana Duet 12:30 - 1:15pm		
1:00 PM			Lucy Wise 1:00 - 1:45pm	Bush Gothic 1:00 - 1:45pm				Isobel Knight Trio 1:00 - 1:45pm	Session with The Good Behaviours and Burning Bridges - Old Time 1:00 - 2:30pm
1:15 PM					The Darlings Family Trust 1:15 - 2:00pm				
1:30 PM	Fiona Boyes & The Fortune Tellers 1:30 - 2:15pm					Kim Yang 1:45 - 2:30pm	Conversation Escaping Apartheid with Valanga Khoza 1:30 - 2:30pm		
1:45 PM		The Bushwackers 2:00 - 2:45pm						Andy Baylor The Louisiana Journals 2:00 - 2:45pm	
2:00 PM			Bohemian Nights 2:15 - 3:00pm	Queen Of Hearts 2:15 - 3:00pm					
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2:45 PM	Above The Bit 2:45 - 3:30pm	Isabel Rumble 3:00 - 3:45pm				Alley Cats Community Choir 3:00 - 3:45pm	Conversation - Italian Folk Songs with Riccardo Tesi & Giua and Kavisha Mazzella 3:00 - 3:45pm		Open Acoustic Folk Circle session. Come and share a song or a tune (or even a poem!) in an acoustic folk tradition of your choice with Martin Scuffins 3:00 - 4:30pm
3:00 PM								DeborahN (Acoustic) 3:15 - 4:00pm	
3:15 PM			Creswick Cloggers 3:45 - 4:15pm	Isobel Knight Trio 3:30 - 4:15pm					
3:30 PM					Wood and Water 4:00 - 4:45pm				
3:45 PM						The Burning Bridges 4:15 - 5:00pm			
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7:00 PM					Family Bush Dance with The Bushwackers 6:30 - 8:00pm				
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9:45 PM		Big String Thing - Natalie & Brittany Haas; Melb. Scottish Fiddlers and Judy Turner 9:45 - 10:30pm							
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10:30 PM	Fiona Boyes & The Fortune Tellers 10:15 - 11:00pm				Melbourne African Traditional Ensemble-MATE 10:00 - 10:45pm		Andy Baylor The Louisiana Journals 9:30 - 10:15pm		Session Up Late with Neil Adam and Judy Turner 9:30 - 11:00pm
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Time	Masonic Lower	Creswick Woollen Mills	Kidzone at Raglan Street	Choir Zone (Old Post Office)	Bank Portico Stage	Rosie the Caravan @ IGA	The Yard	RSL Forecourt	Magic Pudding Playground
7:30 AM									
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8:30 AM								The Creswick Tree walk - 6km approx. 7:30 - 9:30am	
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9:30 AM					U3A Celtic Band Ballarat 9:15 - 10:00am				
9:45 AM		Bella the Bookworm's Magical Storytime 9:45 - 10:30am				Open Mic 9:00 - 10:30am			
10:00 AM								Creswick Ukestra 9:30 - 10:15am	
10:15 AM				South of the River 10:00 - 10:45am					
10:30 AM			Circus Workshop for Kids with Cirque Barocco 10:00 - 11:15am				Open Mic Session 1 10:00 - 11:00am		
10:45 AM	Violin Workshop with Bush Gothic 10:30 - 11:30am	Sue Johnson's Combined Forces 10:45 - 11:30am				Havana Palava 10:45 - 11:15am		Climate Choir Melbourne 10:30 - 11:15am	
11:00 AM				Alley Cats Community Choir 11:00 - 11:45am					
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11:30 AM									The Magic Pudding - Live with the Bard 11:15 - 12:15pm
11:45 AM	Lightness in Music & Life - Introduction into Alexander Technique 11:45 - 12:45pm	U3A Celtic Band Ballarat 11:45 - 12:30pm	Face Painting 11:00 - 12:45pm		Ballan Community Street Band 11:45 - 12:30pm	Open Mic 11:30 - 1:00pm	Open Mic Session 2 11:30 - 12:30pm	Homebrew Singers 11:45 - 12:30pm	
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12:30 PM				Climate Choir Melbourne 12:30 - 1:15pm					
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1:00 PM		Community Band Song Jam with Havana Palava; Ballan Community Street Band; Footscray Gypsy Orchestra and Homebrew Singers 12:45 - 2:30pm							
1:15 PM	Woodys Ukulele School for kids 1:00 - 1:45pm					Alley Cats Community Choir 1:15 - 1:45pm			
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2:00 PM			Face Painting 1:30 - 3:30pm						
2:15 PM	Big String Thing - Open Rehearsal 2:00 - 3:00pm			Homebrew Singers 2:00 - 2:45pm					
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2:45 PM						Open Mic 2:00 - 3:30pm			The Magic Pudding - Live with the Bard 2:30 - 3:30pm
3:00 PM			Giraffes can Dance: A Storytime Dance Adventure 2:45 - 3:30pm						
3:15 PM							Open Mic Session 4 3:00 - 4:00pm		
3:30 PM		Melbourne Uni Opera 3:15 - 4:00pm		Sue Johnson's Combined Forces 3:00 - 3:45pm				Havana Palava 3:15 - 4:00pm	
3:45 PM	Adult Woodys Ukulele Workshop 3:30 - 4:30pm								
4:00 PM				New Orleans 2nd Line Extravaganza with Hoodoo Mayhem; Ballahornication and Creswick Brass Band 4:00 - 5:00pm		Footscray Gypsy Orchestra 4:00 - 4:45pm			
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TIMETABLE, MAP, EMERGENCY UPDATES ALL IN ONE PLACE



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# SUNDAY 12 APRIL

**CRESFEST 2026**

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9:45 AM	Dapy - Circus Workshop 9:30 - 10:30am								
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10:15 AM			Conversation with Australian legends The Bushwackers 10:15 - 11:00am						
10:30 AM		Robert Zelinski & Manuela Centanni 10:30 - 11:15am					Mana Duet 10:30 - 11:15am	Lucy Wise 10:15 - 11:00am	
10:45 AM	Riccardo Tesi & Giua 10:45 - 11:30am			Makepisi 11:00 - 11:45am	Singing Workshop with Queen Of Hearts 10:45 - 11:45am				
11:00 AM			DeborahN (Acoustic) 11:15 - 12:00pm						Slow tunes Session for beginner and intermediate players with Martin Scuffins 11:00 - 12:30pm
11:15 AM		Andy Baylor The Louisiana Journals 11:30 - 12:15pm					Cath Jamison - Magic Show 11:30 - 12:15pm	Kim Yang 11:15 - 12:00pm	
11:30 AM				Victoriana Gaye Trio 12:00 - 12:45pm	Isabel Rumble 11:45 - 12:30pm				
11:45 AM			The Good Behaviours 12:15 - 1:00pm						
12:00 PM	Kavisha Mazzella 12:00 - 12:45pm						Conversation with Tony McManus 12:30 - 1:15pm	Above The Bit 12:15 - 1:00pm	
12:15 PM		Melbourne African Traditional Ensemble-MATE 1:00 - 1:45pm	Conversation with female blues legend Fiona Boyes 1:15 - 2:00pm	Ballhornication 1:00 - 1:45pm	Bush Gothic 1:00 - 1:45pm				
12:30 PM	Dapy - Wow Wow 1:00 - 1:45pm								Session with Andy Baylor - Cajun styles 1:00 - 2:30pm
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2:45 PM	Queen of Hearts 2:30 - 3:15pm	Uncle Frank Yamma 2:15 - 3:00pm			Fiona Boyes & The Fortune Tellers 2:45 - 3:30pm		Conversation, Classic fiddles, Classic tales with Robert Zielinski & Manuela Centanni 2:30 - 3:15pm		
3:00 PM									
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3:30 PM			Andy Baylor The Louisiana Journals 3:15 - 4:00pm	Liz Frencham 3:00 - 3:45pm					Session with Isobel Knight - Singing in the round 3:00 - 4:30pm
3:45 PM		Busking Comp Winners 3:30 - 4:00pm							
4:00 PM	The Bushwackers 3:45 - 4:30pm	Raffle Drawn 4:15 - 4:30pm							
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4:45 PM		The Big Sing with the CresFestival choir; Fiona Boyes & The Fortune Tellers; Makepisi; Uncle Frank Yamma and Kavisha Mazella 4:30 - 5:30pm	The Darlings Family Trust 4:30 - 5:15pm						
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**10-12 APRIL 2027** 

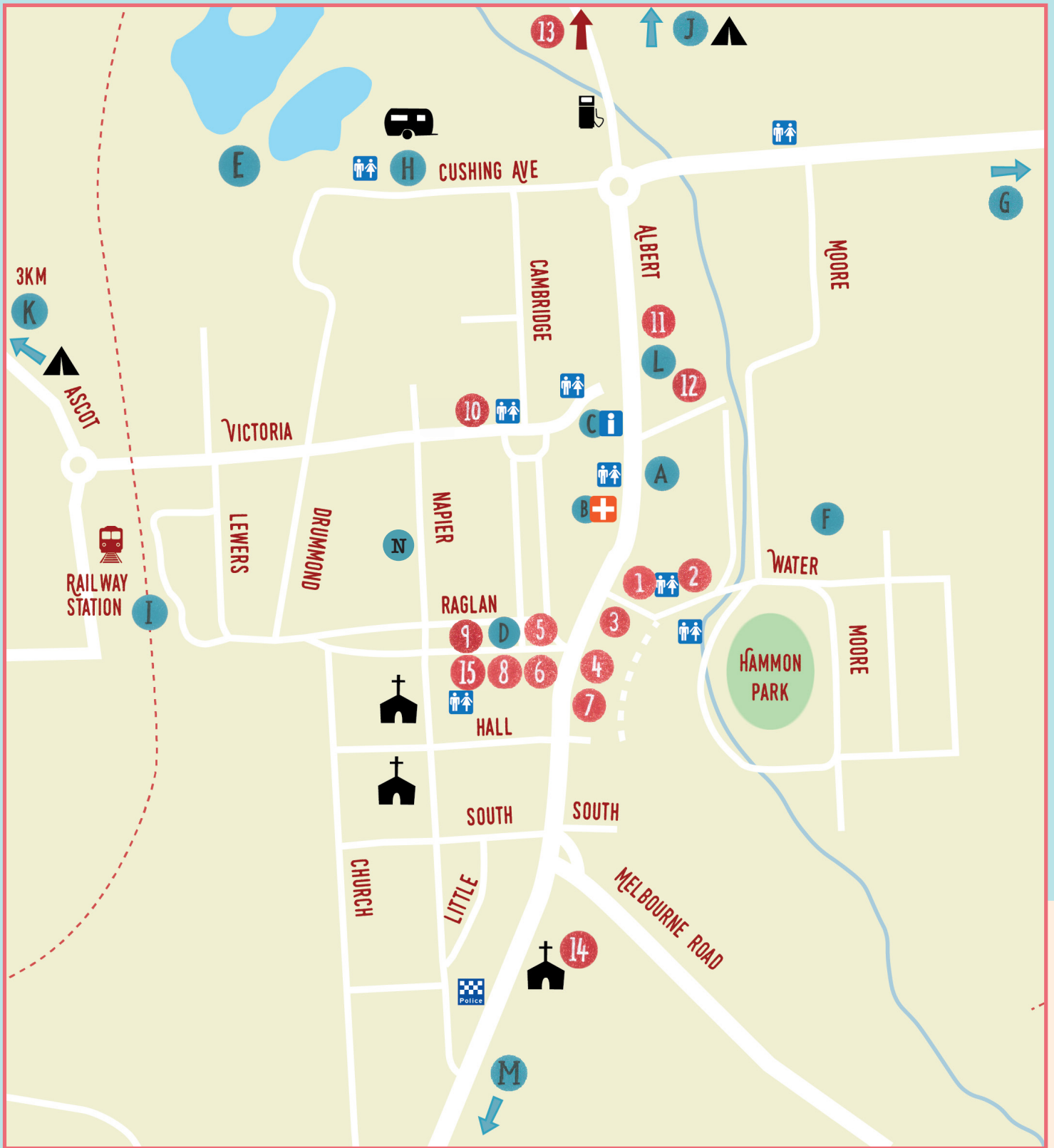
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\*Friends prices will be \$190 & \$160





## CRESFEST FESTIVAL MAP

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

PTV runs an hourly bus service from Ballarat to Creswick. Search for Route 30 online at <https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/route/timetable/15175/30-ballarat-station-creswick/>.

V-Line runs trains from Melbourne/Ballarat to Creswick twice daily. For information on this service (Maryborough line) visit <https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/stop/1590/creswick-station>

## SHUTTLE BUS MAP →

### SHUTTLE BUS - LINGBOGOL, LOG CABIN CAMPS TO RACV

Thanks to our volunteer drivers, to the Dharma School Daylesford, to John Curtin Aged Care and the Hazeldine brothers we have a shuttle service!! There will be 2 buses on the route most of the weekend.

## MUSIC VENUES

- 1 Community Bank Town Hall Stage  
48 Albert Street
- 2 PRD Stage / Senior Citizens Centre  
Water Street
- 3 Leaver's Hotel (Odessa)  
80 Albert Street
- 4 The American Hotel  
(Lounge – SessionZone; Lindsay Room – concerts)  
90 Albert Street
- 5 Bank Portico Stage / Rotunda  
1 Raglan Street
- 6 ChoirZone (Old Post Office)  
81 Albert Street
- 7 Havilah Masonic Lodge upper & lower  
96 Albert Street
- 8 Courthouse Theatre  
2 Raglan Street
- 9 Magic Pudding Playground  
6 Raglan Street
- 10 Wayapurra Hall (Creswick Neighbourhood Centre)  
Concerts & Car Park  
19 Victoria Street
- 11 The Yard - Open Mic & Food Trucks  
2/38 Albert Street, Creswick
- 12 IGA / Rosie the Caravan (Busking & Open Mic Comps)  
48 Albert Street
- 13 Creswick Woollen Mills  
Railway Parade
- 14 St Andrews Church  
130 Albert Street
- 15 Kidzone  
(between Courthouse and magic pudding)

## PLACES OF NOTE

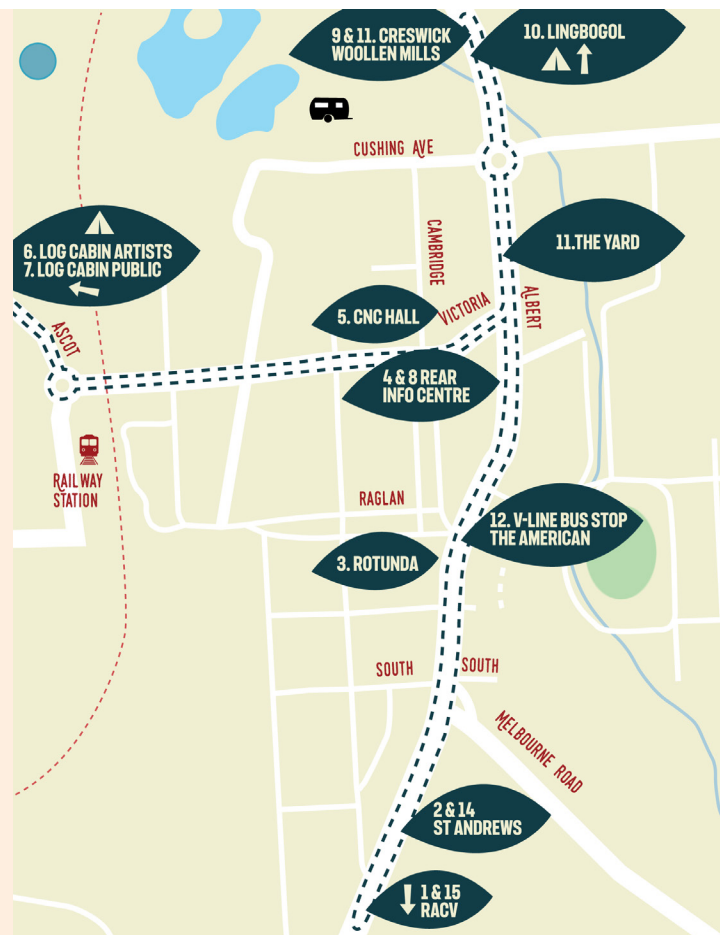
- A Festival Hub (RSL)  
60 Albert Street
- B First Aid Station (Central Highlands Health)  
69a Albert Street
- C Visitor Information Centre /  
Evacuation Assembly Point  
41/43 Albert Street
- D Raglan Street food court  
(by the choir zone, 81 Albert Street)
- E Calemben Park (Swim & Park Run)  
Cushing Avenue
- F University of Melbourne Gardens (walk)  
4 Water Street
- G La Gerche (Walk)  
Via Midland Hwy/Sawpit Rd
- H Creswick Holiday Park  
12 Cushing Ave
- I Creswick Train Station  
Lewers Street
- J Lingbogol Campsite  
Turn off Broomfield Rd to Geddes Road
- K Log Cabin Camps  
270 Ascot-Creswick Rd
- L Artist Merch at Tell Tales Collectables  
38 Albert St, Creswick VIC 3363
- M RACV Goldfields Resort  
1500 Midland Highway
- N Creswick Primary School  
Napier Street

## CRESFEST 2026 SHUTTLE BUS ROUTE

- Stop 1 RACV Midland Hwy, main entrance
- Stop 2 St Andrews Church Midland Hwy south of Melbourne Rd
- Stop 3 Rotunda (Bus Stop) Albert Street corner Raglan Street
- Stop 4 Information Centre rear carpark
- Stop 5 CNC Hall Victoria Street (Wayapurra Hall)
- Stop 6 Log Cabin Homestead Artists Accom Ascot Road
- Stop 7 Log Cabin Public Camp Ascot Road
- Stop 8 Information Centre rear carpark
- Stop 9 Creswick Woollen Mills carpark
- Stop 10 Lingbogol Camp
- Stop 11 Creswick Woollen Mills (same as stop 9)
- Stop 12 Pasco Driveway at The Yard
- Stop 13 Vline Bus Stop opposite Rotunda Albert St
- Stop 14 St Andrews Church Midland Hwy south of Melbourne Rd.
- Stop 15 RACV (same as stop 1)

## TIMING/COURTESY/PAYMENT

Drivers will aim to be at RACV and Lingbogol on the hour and half hour. Please thank them either way - you shouldn't have to wait too long. The shuttle bus is free, but donations gladly accepted to offset the cost of bus hire - you can drop change into the tins provided.



## ARTISTS (A-Z)



### THE BUSHWACKERS

The Bushwackers have brought Australian stories to life through folk and country music since the early 70's. Expect wild instrumentals, a strong Celtic influence and a blend of contemporary original songs and traditional favourites. They have earned many honours including the Roll of Renown (2021) and Contribution to Folk (2024)

**Sat 2:00pm** Town Hall

**Sat 6:30pm** Family Bush Dance - Wayapurra Hall

**Sun 10:15am** Conversation - Lindsay Room Upstairs

**Sun 3:45pm** Seniors

### THE DARLINGS FAMILY TRUST

The Darlings Family Trust are a local folk group who also dash in and out of other genres such as blues, country and indie. With acoustic finger style guitar songs and warm, lush electric guitar, their music tells sprawling stories with unison harmonies.

They released four singles and a debut album 'Truth Be Told' in 2025 with airplay across multiple radio stations.

**Fri 6:15pm** Leavers

**Sat 1:15pm** Wayapurra Hall

**Sat 6:15pm** Courthouse

**Sun 4:30pm** Lindsay Room Upstairs

### THE GOOD BEHAVIOURS

The Good Behaviours are an award winning chamber-folk band crafting cinematic, heartfelt music rooted in the Australian landscape. With lyrical banjo, soaring strings and rich ensemble interplay, they deliver powerful sets that journey through joy, intimacy and instrumental brilliance.

**Sat 1:00pm** Session - American Bar

**Sat 6:00pm** Masonic Upper

**Sun 12:15pm** Lindsay Room Upstairs

### THE MAGIC PUDDING

The Magic Pudding Show is once again returning to Creswick - the birth place of Norman Lindsay! Join Bunyip Bluegum and friends, as they seek adventure. This authentic adaptation includes songs, slapstick and lots of fun for all!

**Sat 11:15am** The Magic Pudding P'ground

**Sat 2:30pm** The Magic Pudding P'ground



### TONY MCMANUS

Tony McManus has transcended the parameters of contemporary celtic music. His fiendishly dexterous, dazzlingly original guitar playing draws on traditions from the entire Celtic diaspora - Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, Galicia, Asturias, Cape Breton and Quebec - along with flavours of jazz and eastern European music.

**Sat 8:00am** ABC Live - Town Hall

**Sat 11:30am** Town Hall

**Sat 7:45pm** Seniors

**Sun 12:30pm** Conversation - Courthouse

**Sun 2:15pm** Lindsay Room Upstairs



### UNCLE FRANK YAMMA

Uncle Frank Yamma is one of Australia's most powerful Indigenous voices. A proud Pitjantjatjara man, who sings in language and English, sharing stories of love, heartbreak and country. His soulful voice and emotive songwriting have captivated audiences worldwide. With critically acclaimed albums and standing ovations at recent festivals, Frank's music resonates deeply. An experience not to be missed!

**Sat 7:00pm** Town Hall

**Sun 2:15pm** Town Hall

**Sun 4:30pm** Big Sing - Town Hall



### VICTORIANA GAYE TRIO

The Victorianna Gaye Trio combines indie folk-rock and new-wave pop, performed in a singer-songwriter style. With diverse and broad musical knowledge, the trio draws on jazz, classic movie soundtracks, reggae, and sunny psychedelia, creating whimsy and romance, with a touch of rock.

**Sat 11:45am** Conversation with Jeff Raglus - Lindsay Room Upstairs

**Sat 7:45pm** Leavers

**Sun 12:00pm** Leavers

**Sun 2:15pm** Masonic Upper



### WOODY'S WORLD/UKULELE SCHOOL

Woody Clarke is a beloved children's music specialist, entertainer and educator. He is known for his infectious energy and knack for inspiring young musicians where every child feels empowered to make music. Woody has taught over 10,000 children ukulele through his mobile school and at major festivals across Australia.

**Sat 10:45am** Kids W'shop - Masonic Upper

**Sat 1:00pm** Kids W'shop - Masonic Lower

**Sat 3:30pm** Adults W'shop - Masonic Lower

**Sun 9:30am** Adults W'shop - Masonic Lower

### WOOD AND WATER

Mark Leehy and Tim O'Brian have two lifetimes of music creation between them. They are a contemporary Australian folk duo whose songs are beautifully crafted and performed with powerful lyrics that tear at the heart.

They have produced a number of albums, commissions and educational programs and will appeal to both younger and older audiences.

**Fri 7:00pm** Wayapurra Hall

**Sat 11:45am** Leavers

**Sat 4:00pm** Wayapurra Hall



# THE PUT YOURSELF OUT THERE BIT



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## COMMUNITY BANDS & CHOIRS



**YOU WILL HEAR THE HARMONIOUS SOUNDS OF CHOIRS ALL OVER CRESWICK ON THE WEEKEND.**

**THE MAIN PLACE TO FIND THEM WILL BE AT THE CHOIR ZONE - OUTSIDE THE OLD POST OFFICE.**

**THESE ARE THE CHOIRS PERFORMING AT CRESFEST:**

### ALLEY CATS

Alley Cats Choir is a community singing group based in East Gippsland. They believe in the power of community music providing a shared and inclusive experience.

They sing a diverse and multi-cultural repertoire, including themes related to social issues and human experiences. They have performed at The National Folk Festival, regional festivals and state-wide singing events.

**Sat 11:00am** Choir Zone

**Sat 1:15pm** Rosie the Caravan

**Sat 3:00pm** St. Andrews Church

### CLIMATE CHOIR MELBOURNE

The Climate Choir sings to draw attention to the climate emergency and other environmental issues. They perform a mix of familiar tunes with new words and community music originals. They have sung at multiple demonstrations and meetings and enjoy encouraging the audience to join in.

**Sat 10:30am** RSL Forecourt

**Sat 12:30pm** Choir Zone

### CRESWICK CHORUS

Creswick Chorus is a group of enthusiastic singers led by Stella Savy. They came together for the first CresFest and have been sharing the joy of song ever since.

**Sun 11:00am** Choir Zone

**Sun 12:45pm** The Yard



### HOMEBREW SINGERS

Homebrew Singers is a men's choir who have performed at many events around Victoria, including Melbourne Town Hall and The Queensberry Cup. Their performances range from political to love songs, with humorous moments thrown in. The choir prioritises having fun and making everyone, including the audience feel better for the experience.

**Sat 12:00pm** RSL Forecourt

**Sat 2:00pm** Choir Zone

### LAVERTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Established in 2009, the Laverton Community Choir has been led by Ellery Durrant since 2023. Comprising keen singers covering a range of ages and backgrounds, the choir aims to develop skills and have fun in a welcoming environment.

**Sun 9:30am** Choir Zone

**Sun 11:30am** Creswick Woollen Mills



### ONE WORLD VOICES

One World Voices sings a range of world music which is both uplifting and unifying.

Directed by Andrea and Valanga Khoza, the choir is a platform to explore and celebrate the music and stories of different cultures within our communities.

**Sun 9:30am** RSL Forecourt

**Sun 2:00pm** Choir Zone

### SOUTH OF THE RIVER

South of the River is an award winning Melbourne based community choir celebrating diversity and harmony through a shared passion for singing. Under the direction of Annemarie Sharry since 2001, the choir explores the rhythms of Africa, traditional African-American gospel and original Australian compositions.

**Sat 10:00am** Choir Zone

**Sat 1:30pm** RSL Forecourt

### SUE JOHNSON'S COMBINED FORCES

Sue Johnson's Combined Forces: The Trolls, Pagan Angels, Women of Love and Fury (WOLF) and Living Out Loud choirs, unite again for a special CresFest program.

A joyous mix of sheer fun, happiness, unique songs, whimsical grooves and soulful anthems.

**Sat 10:45am** Creswick Woollen Mills

**Sat 3:00pm** Choir Zone

**Sat 2:45pm** The Yard

### THE GORGEOUS VOICES FEEL GOOD CHOIR

Carl Pannuzzo's Bendigo based Gorgeous Voices and Melbourne based Feel Good Choirs will join together in the shared magic of the human spirit through song.

Carl's unique song choices and choral arrangements result in special experiences for both singers and audiences.

**Sun 10:45am** Creswick Woollen Mills

**Sun 12:30pm** RSL Forecourt

**Sun 2:45pm** The Yard

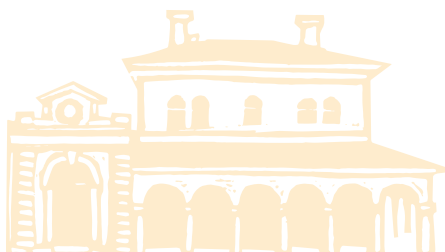


### WOODEND WARBLERS

The Woodend Warblers are a large a capella community choir with a repertoire ranging from pop, world music and ballads, all sung in four part harmonies. They have performed at many festivals and concerts and are looking forward to singing at The National Folk Festival in 2026.

**Sun 10:30am** RSL Forecourt

**Sun 12:30pm** Choir Zone



**A RANGE OF COMMUNITY BANDS WILL BE BRINGING ENERGETIC MUSIC AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT ALL AROUND THE FESTIVAL. CRESFEST IS COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY MUSIC SO COME AND ENJOY THE VIBRANT SOUNDS AND INFECTIOUS RHYTHMS!**

## THE BALLAN COMMUNITY STREET BAND

The Ballan Community Street Band is a fun, family-friendly and exuberant band with brass, saxes and percussion. They play a wide variety of musical genres and are guaranteed to get your toes tapping and your cheeks smiling with fun tunes from around the world.

**Sat 11:45am** Bank Portico

**Sat 2:00pm** Creswick Woollen Mills

## THE CRESWICK BRASS BAND

The Creswick Brass Band, known as "The Happy Band from the Central Highlands", has members ranging in age from 8 to 80 and performs across Victoria. They play a wide range of music from traditional to modern and create uplifting musical experiences.

**Fri 4:00pm** RSL Forecourt

**Fri 6:15pm** Welcome Concert - Town Hall

**Sat 4:00pm** 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Extravaganza - Choir Zone

**Sun 11:45am** Bank Portico

## CRESWICK CLOGGERS

Creswick Cloggers are a local clogging group. Clogging is like tap dance and is an american folk dance hailing from the Appalachian Mountains.

**Sat 3:45pm** Lindsay Room

**Sat 5:00pm** Come and Try - Wayapurra Hall

## THE CRESWICK UKESTRA

The Creswick Ukestra has performed in various venues including: Creswick market, The Kingston show, The Clunes show, Leavers Hotel and Creswick Town Hall.

They perform songs that audiences often know and love to sing along to.

**Fri 5:00pm** RSL Forecourt

**Sat 9:30am** RSL Forecourt

**Sat 1:15pm** Bank Portico



## FOOTSCRAY GYPSY ORCHESTRA

Footscray Gypsy Orchestra is a large ensemble that delights audiences with its eclectic array of tunes from Greater Europe, The Balkans and beyond.

They have played on large stages such as Fed Square and Birrarung Mar and have produced two recordings.

**Sat 5:15pm** Session - American Bar

**Sat 4:00pm** Rosie the Caravan

**Sun 10:15am** Bank Portico

## HAVANA PALAVA

Havana Palava is a lively street band that plays an eclectic mix of African, Caribbean, Gypsy, Klezmer and Blues. They lure the crowd with their carnival vibe and hot pink outfits!

**Sat 10:45am** Rosie the Caravan

**Sat 12:45pm** Creswick Woollen Mills

**Sat 2:45pm** RSL Forecourt



## U3A CELTIC BAND BALLARAT

The U3A Celtic Band is made up of top class performers with backgrounds in a wide range of musical genres. Corrie Olson conducts this vibrant band through a variety of traditional and contemporary Irish and Scottish tunes with some surprises thrown in!

**Sat 9:15am** Bank Portico

**Sat 11:45am** Creswick Woollen Mills



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<b>Michael Waugh</b>	<b>19 June</b>

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**BALLARAT**

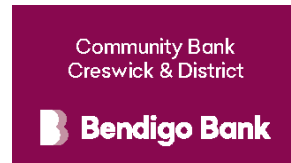
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# OUR SUPPORTERS

ABC Ballarat	Publicity across regional Victoria
The American Hotel	Artist accommodation/venue support
Ballarat Times Group	Publicity across regional Victoria
Belgravia/Creswick Holiday Park	Town accommodation/raffle support
Community Bank Creswick & District	Principal Partner/venue support
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre	Venue and administrative support
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Creswick Mens' Shed	Children's craft
Creswick Pharmacy	Funding support
Creswick Primary School	Venue support
Creswick Theatre Company	Venue and bar support
Creswick and Smeaton RSL	Venue support
Creswick Senior Citizens	Venue support
Creswick Woollen Mills	Venue support
Dharma School Daylesford	Shuttle buses
Girl Guides Vic. - Ballarat District	Artist accommodation
Hepburn Shire Council	Infrastructure support; venue support, staff support
IGA Creswick	IGA Busking competition/artist hospitality
Log Cabin Camp	Artist accommodation
Miles Electrical	Lighting genius
Odessa at Leaver's Hotel	Artist hospitality/venue support
Palmer Hire	Seating
Pasco's	Venue support
Pavilion Arts	Loan of screens
PRD	Signage and funding support
RACV Goldfields Resort	Artist accommodation
Rotary of Daylesford	Loan of screens
Sovereign Hill Museums Ass.	Lighting supply
Sovereign Press	Printing support
G and J Sparks	General Support
University of Melbourne	Artistic Support
Visit Victoria	Funding Support

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## GOVERNMENT PARTNERS



## EVENT PARTNERS



## WHERE AND WHAT TO EAT

### IN TOWN

**The American Hotel**, 90 Albert St, All weekend until late - no dinner Sunday

**Leavers Hotel**, 80 Albert St. All weekend until late (CresFest ticketed venue)

**Farmers Arms Hotel**, 31 Albert St, All weekend until late, meals stop 8.30 pm

**Raffa's pizza & burgers**, 84 Albert St, All weekend evenings 5-9pm, Sat & Sun 11-2:30 & 4-9pm

**Miss Northcott's Tea Rooms (Alicartia)**, 79 Albert St, All weekend 10am-3pm

**Smokeytown Café**, 77 Albert St, All weekend 8am-3pm plus Fri 6pm - 8pm

**Le Pêché Gourmand**, 73 Albert St. Fri & Sat 7am-3pm

**Il Bello**, 67A Albert St. Fri - Sun 8am - 3pm

**Country Bakery Creswick**, 61 Albert St. Fri 7am-5pm, Sat 8am-4:30pm, Sun 8am-4pm

**Creswick Noodle Kitchen**, 57 Albert St. All weekend 11am-8pm

**Shirls**, 56 Albert St. Fri - Sun 9am-2.30pm

**Creswick IGA Plus Liquor**, 48 Albert St. Fri & Sat 7am-8pm, Sun 8am-7pm, (CresFest venue)

**Coffee van Beek**, IGA courtyard. All weekend 7am - 4pm

**I Love Coffee & Candy, Ice-cream**, 10am-5pm Fri-Sun

**Krackerjacks Fish 'n Chips & Pizza**, 18 Albert St. All weekend 11am-3pm, 4:30-8pm

**Flemos Milk Bar** 85 Clunes Creswick Rd Fri 6am-6.30pm, Sat 6am-3pm

### A SHORT DRIVE AWAY

**The Commercial Hotel Kingston Rd**, Kingston All weekend

**The Swiss Mountain Inn A300**, Blampied. All weekend

**Captains Creek Winery** 120 Kangaroo Hills Rd, Blampied 11-5pm Sat and Sun

### RAGLAN STREET FOOD COURT

**Mr. Squidgy** - Friday night (4pm - 9pm), Saturday (9am - 8pm), Sunday (9am - 5pm)

**Nohadra's Kitchen** - Friday night (4pm - 9pm), Saturday (9am - 8pm), Sunday (9am - 5pm)

**Smoke on the Weir** - Friday night (4pm - 9pm), Sunday (9am - 5pm)

**Blue Wren Coffee** - Friday night (4pm - 9pm), Saturday (9am - 8pm), Sunday (9am - 5pm)

**Bubba's Coffee** - Friday night (4pm - 9pm), Saturday (9am - 8pm), Sunday (9am - 5pm)

**EJPipers** - Saturday (9am - 8pm), Sunday (9am - 5pm)

**Indian Hot Food** - Saturday (9am - 8pm), Sunday (9am - 5pm)

**Tricki's Catering** - Saturday (9am - 8pm), Sunday (9am - 5pm)

**Decent Beets Food Co.** - Saturday (9am - 8pm)

**The Dumpling Man** - Sunday (9am - 5pm)

### THE YARD FOOD COURT - SEE ADVERT FOR OPENING HOURS

**Greek on the Street** - Greek style street food/ **Wiels Food**

- Dutch Pancakes/desserts / **Char City** - Charcoal grilled foods / **Salis Foods** - American BBQ and salads / **The Happy Winemaker** - French inspired wines / **Wattle Gully Farm and The Conscious Caravan** - Gluten free and plant based snacks catering to specific dietary requirements

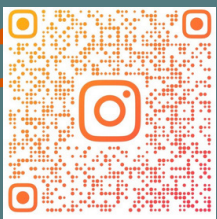
### THE YARD MARKET STALLS - SEE ADVERT FOR OPENING HOURS

**Gorgeous Hair by Samantha** - Hair braiding and more / **Sugar High Co** - Dirty Sodas and Matcha / **Yvonne's feel good art** - Handspun, hand dyed knitted items, " far out beanies, mittens, headbands, neck warmers.

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10-12 APRIL 2026

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## Overwrought Garden Art

### Sculpture Garden & Gallery

For that perfect break this Cresfest weekend, come enjoy the tranquility of Overwrought Sculpture Garden and Gallery at Blampied. Find us 10 minutes from Creswick on the Midland Highway towards Daylesford.

Overwrought showcases the unique sculptural metal art of David Dawson alongside the works of other Australian artists and makers. Explore our beautifully landscaped sculpture garden and enjoy the tranquility surrounded by waterfalls, fish filled ponds and plants.

It's a unique destination well worth a visit.



• Free entry

- Accessible for people using wheelchairs and mobility aids
- Coffee, drinks, ice creams, toilets and picnic areas available
- Parking for all vehicles including caravans
- All dogs welcome
- Activities for children including fish feeding

Open 10am - 5pm everyday  
Plan your visit today:



3409 Midland Hwy,  
Blampied



**ACCESSIBILITY** Please note the following heritage buildings and venues are not accessible for people in wheelchairs or on walkers: Lindsay Room, Havilah Masonic Lodge. Accessible toilets are marked on the map.

**ANIMALS** No pets in venues please apart from companion dogs, with specific permission from the venue manager.

**ARTIST CENTRAL** All artists are welcome to rest, rehydrate, rehearse and snack at the Courthouse back room (outside back entrance).

**ATMS** There are two ATMs in the village – Creswick and District Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) located across from the rotunda, and a CBA (ATM only) in the main street near the traffic lights.

**CHILDREN** Please bring any lost children to the Festival Hub. We ask that a parent or responsible adult stay with young children at all times. We also suggest writing a contact number on your child's armband.

**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY** Please note ticketed concerts are marked in the program and entry is by armband only. Entry to our venues is at your own risk – please wear footwear at all times. See the CresFest website for a complete list of entry conditions.

**FIRST AID** St John Ambulance will be set up at 69A Albert Street

**LOST PROPERTY** Please hand in and retrieve at the Festival Hub, or email [info@cresfest.com.au](mailto:info@cresfest.com.au) after the festival.

**MOBILE PHONES** Please turn off mobile phones during all performances. Please avoid logging on to the internet during gigs, as it can interfere with our sound systems.

**PARKING IN CRESWICK** Please note parking on Albert Street (Midland Hwy) shopping precinct is time limited and fines will be issued. We recommend parking in any of the side streets or in the parking area opposite the Neighbourhood Centre. Parking within easy walking distance of the centre can be found in these streets: Napier, Cambridge, Raglan, Hall. Midland Hwy north of Hall and south of Victoria. Creswick Railway Station has designated car parking as does Doug Lindsay Rec Reserve. Please be respectful of residents: don't block access to properties and keep the noise level to a minimum when leaving the Festival late at night.

**PHOTOGRAPHY** Still photography for personal use is permitted in our venues **NO VIDEO FILMING PLEASE**. No commercial or professional photography or recording is allowed without a permit.

**PROGRAM CHANGES** This program was correct at time of printing. Any necessary changes will be published in the app - see advert elsewhere in program

**SOCIAL MEDIA** Share your great images on socials after gigs, all approved images posted to [cresfestaus](https://www.instagram.com/cresfestaus) Instagram will be considered for CresFoto comp.

**SEATING** There's no reserved seating at the Festival. Please arrive early to get a seat. Due to the limited size of our venues popular shows may fill up early. Most acts will be performing multiple times, so if you miss out on one show there may be other options. Please do not reserve seats by leaving items on a seat for extended periods of time, it will be removed and taken to Lost Property in the interests of fairness.

**BURIED RIVERS OF GOLD TRAIL:** [buriedriversofgold.org](http://buriedriversofgold.org) The Creswick Visitor Information Centre has a self-guided driving tour available for \$2.

**CRESWICK HERITAGE WALK** – 8.5 kms, 3hour loop. Download map from Hepburn Shire website, or Visit Creswick VIC. The walk takes you through the La Gerche trail with its 150 year stands of conifers and extensive oak gully, historic buildings and arboretum within the grounds of the University of Melbourne's campus.

**CRESWICK MUSEUM** Located in the recently refurbished Town Hall, built in 1876 and a magnificent example of Victorian municipal architecture, the Museum houses artifacts and exhibitions on the rich history of Creswick. The Research Centre is the keeping place for items relating to Creswick and district, its history and development.

**CRESWICK REGIONAL PARK:** Explore the ancient hills and discover the relics of the gold mining era on a bushwalk or mountain bike ride – or simply relax and enjoy the peaceful surroundings with a picnic by tranquil St Georges Lake.

**FOR THE KIDS:** Head to Creswick Splash Park opposite the Information Centre next door to the IGA. If the weather is too cool for splashing there are skate ramps, a climbing wall, a basketball/netball hoop, and outdoor gym equipment for adults. The Magic Pudding Playground in Raglan Street celebrates Norman Lindsay's famous children's book (fenced). The Bridge Street Playground on the corner of Bridge Street and Castlemaine Road (Midland Highway) is a fully equipped playground with newly installed equipment (not fenced).

**MAZE HOUSE NEWLYN:** A great outdoor fun for kids, families, garden lovers, couples and the young at heart! Little kids love finding all the clues in the 30year old maze and everyone loves getting lost in the beautifully manicured hedge maze. There's a milk bar serving ice creams and milkshakes.

**CYCLING:** Creswick is a cyclist's haven with trails and routes for every rider. The 60km Djuwang Baring Mountain Bike Trails deliver adrenaline-pumping gravity runs, jumps, and technical tracks for all skill levels. Hammon Park adds an asphalt pump track and jump trails for a whale of a good time. Maps of the trails can be obtained from the Creswick Information Centre.

**PLACES TO PICNIC OR SWIM:** Take a dip and have a picnic at Calembreen Park, home to birdlife and waterlily displays, near the Creswick Holiday Park in Cushing Avenue, or St Georges Lake just a few minutes from Creswick on Melbourne Road. Or picnic at Park Lake (Castlemaine Road) with the historic Park Lake Rotunda nearby – an ideal undercover picnic spot for groups and families.

**UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE:** Campus: Generations of forestry students called Creswick home for a part of their student days, and the heritage buildings are set in a beautifully maintained and sculpted garden. 5 minutes walk from the Town Hall.

**PARK RUN CRESWICK:** If you're a rusted-on park runner then CresFest has good news for you: Park Run Creswick starts each Saturday at 8am at Calembreen Park. All welcome! [parkrun.com.au/calembreen](http://parkrun.com.au/calembreen)

**CHURCHES:** St Augustine's Catholic, St John's Anglican, St Andrew's Uniting. All within easy walking of Town Hall.

# OUR TEAM

## TEAM CRESFEST - WORKING TO BRING YOU A GREAT WEEKEND

### Executive

Director/Artistic **Stella Savy**

Director/Marketing **Judy Turner**

Finance Manager/Treasurer **Mark Myers**

Operations Manager **Sarah Spaven**

### Artistic Program Management

Busking Competition & Open Mic **Jen Hawley**

Artist Liaison **Pam Matthews**

Artist Accommodation **Pam Harris**

KidZone **Sarah Spaven & Stella Savy**

### Partnerships, Public Relations & Patron Experience

Partnerships Manager **Judy Turner**

Ticketing Manager **Charlie Farrell**

Hub Managers **Pam Matthews & Rachel Turner**

Merchandise **Loris Button**

Raffle **Barb Shears**

### Digital Marketing & Communications

Digital Marketing Manager **Susan Jackson/Tarl O'Mara**

Social Media Advisor **Briony Cullen**

Design Manager **Claudia Gross**

Design Volunteer **Michelle Sullivan**

Website **Lorne Gerlach**

Digital Marketing Intern **Helene Del Mar**

Photography **Adam Purcell**

Photography **Lindsay Cooke**

Videography **Brad Martin**

Public Relations **Fiona Watson**

Media support **Cass O'Mara**

### Site and Operations

Operations Manager **Sarah Spaven**

Traffic & Risk **Martin Foot**

Site Manager **Charlie Farrell**

Site Construction **Gary Gibbons**

Site Construction **Gareth Prosser**

Cleaning **Norah Gyabeng**

Town Decoration **Sarah Samsara**

Light Installations **Gary Miles & Jarrod Ferguson**

Bus co-ordination **Jane Varney**

### Human Resources Management

Volunteers Co-ordinator **Maureen Gleeson**

Volunteers Manager **Neil Adam**

### Administration

Accounting Advisor **Max Myers**

Database Manager **Leon Conway**

### Production

Production Manager **Mischa Herman**

Audio Engineers **Bruce, Dave, Jen, Terry, Joe, Mark, Renn, Rex, Siiri, Phil, Vicki, Rosie**

### Venue Management

North Venues Manager **Zerene Jaadwa**

South Venues Manager **Cassandra O'Mara**

Night Venues Manager **Mishael Gyabeng**



## SHIFT VOLUNTEERS

And not forgetting roughly 130 people who give up their weekend to set up the site, stand at doors, person the Hub, sell raffle tickets, pack down, hang bunting and much much more - we couldn't do it without our wonderful VOLLIES!



Picture shows some of our marketers at CF2025

# CRESWICK WOOLLEN MILLS

## Music in the Museum

Join us for Cresfest at  
our Mill Museum

**FREE CONCERTS**

### **SATURDAY 11TH APRIL 26**

9:45 AM - BELLA BOOKWORM'S MAGICAL STORYTIME

10:45 AM - SUE JOHNSON'S COMBINED FORCES

11:45 AM - U3A CELTIC BAND BALLARAT

12:45 PM - COMMUNITY BAND SONG JAM

3:15 PM - MELBOURNE UNI OPERA

### **SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 26**

9:30 AM - GIRAFFES CAN DANCE - STORYTIME

10:45 AM - GORGEOUS VOICES FEELGOOD CHOIR

11:30 AM - LAVERTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

12:30 PM - BELLA BOOKWORM'S MAGICAL STORYTIME

1.30 PM - KIM YANG



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## AT THE HEART OF CRESWICK IS YOUR IGA

### WE'RE MORE THAN YOUR LOCAL SUPERMARKET; WE'RE PART OF THE FESTIVAL FUN.

All weekend long, IGA Creswick is proud to host Rosie the Caravan Stage, bringing live music, busking and open mic sessions right to the heart of town.

- Fill your trolley with all your festival favourites and everyday essentials.
- Visit the Deli for fresh meals, hot food and sweet treats.
- Enjoy surprise live performances as you shop.
- Play the community piano, proudly provided by Steve, Jaqui and the IGA Family.

#### Saturday 11th April

##### 9am - 10.30am Open Mic.

Kevin Davis  
Bonnie & Mercy  
Lorraine McCrimmon  
Tall Paul  
Leigh Boyer  
Dre

##### 10.45am - 11.15am

Havana Palava

##### 11.30am - 1pm Open Mic.

Lira Show  
Wayne Mitchell  
Sarah O'Dowd  
Possums on the Porch  
Both Kinds  
The Cosmic Baird

##### 1.15pm - 1.45pm

Alley Cats Community Choir

##### 2pm - 3.30pm Open Mic.

Anderson Campbell  
Oakre  
Emmy L  
Mark Lanigan  
Rowdy Nights  
Seabrew

##### 4pm - 4.45pm

Footscray Gypsy Orchestra

#### Sunday 12th April

##### 9am - 10.30am

**Busking Comp.**  
Possums on the Porch  
Mick Davidson  
Charlotte Bettson  
Tall Paul  
Leigh Boyer  
Dre

##### 11am - 12.30pm

**Busking Comp.**  
Billabong Band  
Kira Janowsky  
Lorraine McCrimmon  
The Cosmic Baird  
Bonnie & Mercy  
Both Kinds

##### 1pm - 2.30pm

**Busking Comp.**  
Anderson Campbell  
Rowdy Knights  
Oakre  
Lira Show  
Emmy L

**2.30pm - 3pm  
BUSKING COMP  
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