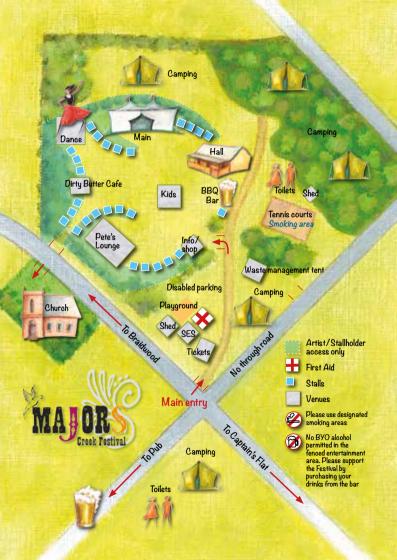


PROGRAM GUIDE







WELCOME!

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Majors Creek Festival 2017. Majors Creek Festival is one of the largest volunteer-run

community events in our beautiful region and I am sure you will delight in the outstanding music, workshops, food and markets that you are about to experience.

The festival excels at being inclusive and family friendly in particular and you will find programmed activities for everyone including those specific to children and young people.

Majors Creek Festival has always led the way in environmental event management for our region and QPRC is proud to support and partner with the festival committee in this area. Please do your bit to support their efforts to return all organic waste matter to farm soil and to achieve zero waste to landfill.

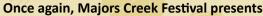
Many hours hard work go into an event of this scale and I would like to acknowledge the dedicated volunteers who have given their time and skills in the lead up to this event, and over the whole weekend.

Together with the council I offer congratulations to the Committee and wish you all a fantastic weekend. *Tim Overall*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

In keeping with the spirit of Reconciliation, the Majors Creek Festival Committee acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather and recognise that this has always been a place of teaching and learning, music and art.

We wish to pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging and acknowledge the important role Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play in our community.





Around the grounds you will see sets of three bins: Recycling, Organics and General Waste

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WORKSHOPS IN THE HALL

SATURDAY

9:45AM

MAKINDU Indian Rhythms

Join tabla player Randeep Bilkhu for a fun and informative introduction to the different sounds and rhythmic cycles of Indian music.

11:00AM

CHARLIE & JENSEN Mandolin

Come and learn all about the mandolin family. The full range of instruments will be on display and Charlie and Jensen will showcase different playing styles, techniques, and discuss the history of this fascinating instrument.

12:15PM ADAMIEVY

Guitar

Attention guitarists—don't miss this! Adam is not only a great player, but a highly experienced teacher currently working at Los Angeles College of Music and offering lessons worldwide via Skype. He has authored several instructional books and video courses and runs the popular YouTube series 'Guitar Tips'.

1:30PM

THE MAE TRIO Harmony Singing

Join Maggie, Anita and Elsie for a good old singalong as they share their tips and tricks for great harmony singing.



MUSTERED COURAGE

Bluegrass

Bring your pick axe and join the boys from Mustered Courage to explore the bluegrass world in this all ages, all abilities session.

4:00PM

DAVID ROSS MCDONALD, TERRA LIGHTFOOT AND PAUL GREENE Song Circle

Join some of the festival songsmiths for an open, intimate and informative discussion of their writing processes and stories behind their words and music.

STRING PLAYER SUNDAY

11:30AM

MONIQUE CLARE, MICHAEL O'DONNELL

Try a string instrument

It's never too late to discover the joy of scraping horse hair over cat guts! Come and try the violin

(aka the fiddle) or the cello (aka 'the big guitar') facilitated by the witty talents of ii - V - Fun and cello-wielding songstress Monique Clare. Instruments provided by local string teacher and wonder woman Judy Knowles.

12:30PM

CATHERINE FRASER

Scottish Fiddle

Next up, join fiddle player Catherine Fraser for a workshop on Scottish fiddle music. Learn a tune by ear with all the twiddley bits carefully explained by this accomplished musician and teacher.

1:30PM

RACHEL JOHNSTON Cello

Calling all cellists! Don't miss this opportunity for a workshop with renowned musician Rachel Johnston, who performed for seven years with the Australian String Quartet and is at the festival with her Catherine Fraser Trio hat on.





FRIDAY

6:30PM SURLEY GRIFFIN MORRIS

Performance

7:00PM

DEEP RIVER DANCERS

Performance

7:30PM

SYDNEY ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE Performance

SATURDAY

9:00AM RACHEL MURPHY *WAKE UP DANCING:* Workshop

9:30AM HARIKA DAN€E GREEK DANCING: Workshop 10:30AM SYDNEY ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE Workshop

11:30AM FRAN ROBERTSON INTRO TO TAP: Workshop

2:00PM BRAIDWOOD DANCE STUDIO STUDENTS Performance

3:00PM ROCIO ESCOBAR *MERENGUE:* Workshop

3:45PM EMMA, BRAIDWOOD DANCE STUDIO *zumba:* Workshop

4:15PM

SET IN THEIR WAYS *TRADITIONAL IRISH SET DANCE:* Workshop

5:15PM EMMA, BRAIDWOOD DANCE STUDIO *BURLESQUE:* Workshop

6:00PM RACHEL MURPHY BAREFOOT SALSA: Workshop

7:00PM RACHEL MURPHY *barefoot salsa:* Social Dance

8:00PM

GHAWAZEE MOON, HARIKA, JAZIDA'S FAN DANCERS AND OBSIDIAN BELLYDANCE SPECTACULAR: Performance

SUNDAY

9:00AM

RACHEL MURPHY WAKE UP DANCING: Workshop

9:30AM ROCIO ESCOBAR zapateado (mexican candle dance): Workshop

10:15AM FRAN ROBERTSON BLUES: Workshop

11:15AM DEEP RIVER DANCERS WEST AFRICAN DANCE: Workshop

1:30PM GHAWAZEE MOON BELLYDANCE Workshop

2:30PM SET IN THEIR WAYS *TRADITIONAL IRISH SET DANCE:* Workshop

3:30PM SURLEY GRIFFIN MORRIS Performance

KIDS FEST

Located at the centre of the festival, the Kids Fest is a vibrant and colourful hub, somewhere to catch a great show for little ones, create something in one of our fun craft workshops to take home or find a quiet corner and read a book. All children under the age of 12 should be in the care of a responsible adult at all times.

SATURDAY

FRIDAY

4:00PM

Art Free Play

Time to let little imaginations run wild with lots of different paints, feathers, glitter and glue.

5:00PM

Margaret Bradford

Come and make an instrument out of recycled materials and sing and play along with Margaret.

9:00AM The Cashews

Nursery Rhymes with Alison and Pete

10:00AM

Maypole with Molly

Join Molly and her musicians to dance the maypole using colourful ribbons to make a Barbers Pole, Spiderweb or weave a colourful pattern.

11:00AM Flower Garlands

Come and make a beautiful spring garland to wear from locally picked flowers and ivy.

12:00PM

ii - V - FUN

Join Mickey and Luke for an intro to Jazz with themes from your favourite kids' films

1:00PM

Eco Printing Workshop (kids with their adults)

Make a beautiful eucalyptus eco print wall-hanging together and go for a short nature walk to learn more about eucalyptus trees. Places limited.

2:30PM

Quiet Time-Stories

A chance for families to find a cosy cushion and read one our children's books. Perfect rest time activity.

3:00PM

Chaika

Come along to hear and learn about some weird instruments and weird rhythms

4:00PM Puppet Making

Make your own puppet and try it out in our mini theatre. Afterwards everyone can create an original puppet show together.

SUNDAY

9:00AM

Flower Garlands

Come and make a beautiful spring garland to wear from locally picked flowers and ivy.

10:00AM

Maypole with Molly

Join Molly and her musicians to dance the maypole using colourful ribbons to make a Barbers Pole, Spiderweb or weave a colourful pattern.

10:30AM Kids Talent Show

Note** the kids talent show is held in the hall. To enter, please fill out the form at the kids tent before 10am Sunday.

11:00AM

Art Free Play

Time to let little imaginations run wild with lots of different paints, feathers, glitter and glue.

12:00PM

Kristabelle and the Southern Jubilee Ringers

Calling all cowboys and cowgals: The Ringers will be rounding up some of their best songs to share with you. So come join us for a little singing, dancing and reminiscing about life out on the range.

1:00PM Straw painting

Create a beautiful spring garden painting using paper straws and watercolour paints....and plenty of lung power.

2:00PM The3Sisters

The3Sisters are a spinoff of the Morukers uke group from Moruya. They started playing at the beginning of 2017 when their grandmother bought them each a ukelele. Islay is 11 and her twin sisters Simone and Lilly are 9.

2:30PM Art Free Play

Time to let little imaginations run wild with lots of different paints, feathers, glitter and glue.

KIDS TALENT SHOW

The Kids Talent Show aims to encourage children visiting the festival to have a taste of being on the stage. Come to the Hall at 10:30am Sunday and have a go, whether you are singing, dancing, playing an instrument or telling jokes, we want to see you there! All performers need a parent or guardian to fill out an entry form by 10am Sunday. Forms available at the kids tent all weekend. Great prizes to be won, including tickets to the next Majors Creek Festival!

TEEN LOUNGE

The Teen Lounge is a popular spot for the older children at the festival to congregate and hang out. This year we have an eco-dying workshop, a harmony singing workshop, performances and our Friday and Saturday night Youth Blackboard, for the keen performers in the crowd to share their talents with a supportive audience.

FRIDAY

7:00PM

Eco printing workshop

Make a beautiful eucalyptus eco print wall-hanging together and learn more about eucalyptus trees. Places limited.

8:00PM

Youth Blackboard

9;00PM **Board Games** Challenge

SATURDAY

7:00PM

Charm of Finches

Harmony singing

Learn how to sing gorgeous two-part harmonies from these amazing young and talented musicians followed by a performance. Suit Youth 12-17 yrs

9:00PM Youth Blackboard

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YOGA PROGRAM

SATURDAY

8:00AM

Morning Yoga Class: Workshop

12:45PM

Play with Prana



Yoga is to connect with prana, universal life force energy, through breath. Learn to play with breath to energise, invigorate, strengthen, balance, quieten, relax and develop awareness.

SUNDAY

8:00AM

Morning Yoga Class: Workshop

12:15PM

Yoga for Musicians 1.01

Yoga can reduce performance anxiety and stress in musicians, and improve mental wellbeing and physical stamina. Learn simple yoga poses and breathing practices for flow, focus and relaxation.

AROUND THE GROUNDS

GET INVOLVED

ROCK n ROLL DANCE

FRI 7:00PM: HALL

Join the Balkan Elvis— Mikelangelo—and his band and get ready to shake, rattle and roll all night at the inaugural Majors Creek Rock'n'Roll Dance Party!

BUSH DANCE

SAT 6:00PM: HALL

Join Folklines as they play their collection of Australian tunes for the ever-popular family bush dance.

JANE AUSTEN BALL SAT 8:30PM: HALL

Join Short Dented Potts for an evening of romance and fun dancing through the Regency era and the history of English Country Dance.

SESSION EXPERIENCE

SAT & SUN 10:30AM: BAR AREA

Bring your instruments and join the team from Folklines who will lead these music sessions. All welcome!

BLACKBOARD CONCERTS

DIRTY BUTTER CAFE FRI 9:30PM-11:00PM SAT 10:00AM-1:30PM AND 6:45PM-11:00PM SUN 10:00AM-12:00PM

MAJORS CREEK HOTEL SAT 11:00AM-12:00PM AND 2:15PM-6:00PM SUN 11:00AM-1:00PM

Blackboard concerts provide a space for all-comers to share their talents. If you'd like to perform, see the team at either stage to sign up!

Creek Festival

POETS BREAKFASTS sat & sun 8:30am: bab abea

Join our marvellous host Lorraine McCrimmon and special guests Rob Barrett and Jason Roweth to share poetry, tales and laughs with your breakfast.

WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

ALL WEEKEND

Come and learn from the amazing team behind the festival's Focus on Food environmentally aware waste system. Workshops will cover topics such as nutrient dense food, holistic management & food branding. Talk to folks from Upper Shoalhaven Landcare and see information displays from Tombarra. And the Kids can check out a worm farm!!!

THEMED CONCERTS

OPENING CONCERT

FRI 5:00PM: MAIN STAGE

Come together to start the festival buzz with a selection of tasters and an overview of what's instore for your weekend.

CELEBRATING--Women in Music

FRI 6:15PM: MAIN STAGE

Majors is always striving to uphold our ethos of inclusivity and equality. This year we take the opportunity to celebrate the power and vitality of female leadership and creativity by showcasing some of our outstanding female artists on the main stage.

HEADLINE FORUM--You asked for it! sat 10:30AM: PETE'S LOUNGE

Join some of our headline artists for an informative and hilarious quick-quiz style round robin, with questions asked by YOU!

HENRY LAWSON: 'As good as new' sun 10:30AM: PETE'S LOUNGE

150 years after his birth, Chloe and Jason Roweth invite you to join them in savouring this extraordinary man's work.

CONNECTIONS: People, places, time. sun 12:00PM: CHURCH

Join Alison and Pete of The Cashews in contemplating connections through song.

SOUL SUNDAY

SUN 1:00PM: CHURCH

Join David Ross Macdonald to share in some music for the soul, some Soul music, and maybe even some Gospel singalongs.

COW CONCERT

SUN 2:00PM: PUB

Kristabelle & The Southern Jubilee Ringers will wrangle their finest cow songs with their best yodels and yippie-ti's!



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Music program

FRIDAY

5:00PM WELCOME CONCERT Main Stage

6:15PM MONIQUE CLARE *Main Stage*

6:30PM ADAM LEVY Pete's Lounge

6:45PM MAKINDU Dirty Butter

7:00PM MIKELANGELO Hall Dance 7:30PM THE MAE TRIO *Main Stage*

MUSTERED COURAGE Pete's Lounge

7:45PM CHARLIE & JENSEN Dirty Butter

8:30PM WILLIAM CRIGHTON Pete's Lounge

8:45PM CATHERINE FRASER TRIO Dirty Butter

9:00PM TERRA LIGHTFOOT Main Stage 9:30PM BLACKBOARD Dirty Butter

10:00PM CHAIKA *Pete's Lounge*

10:30PM FANNY LUMSDEN Main Stage

SATURDAY

8:30AM POETS BREAKFAST *Bar Area*

10:00AM VOICES FROM THE VACANT LOT Main Stage

BLACKBOARD Dirty Butter

10:30AM YOU ASKED FOR IT! FORUM Pete's Lounge

11:00AM CHARM OF FINCHES *Main Stage*

KRISTABELLE & THE SOUTHERN JUBILEE RINGERS Church

BLACKBOARD Pub Stage 12:00PM FANNY LUMSDEN Pete's Lounge

DAVID ROSS MACDONALD Main Stage

MONIQUE CLARE Church

12:15PM ECHO DEER Pub Stage

1:00PM CATHERINE FRASER TRIO *Main Stage*

MAKINDU Church

1:15PM THE FUELERS *Pub Stage*

1:30PM GOOD GIRL SONG PROJECT Pete's Lounge 1:45PM ROB BARRETT Dirty Butter

2:00PM CHLOE & JASON ROWETH Church

2:15PM BLACKBOARD *Pub Stage*

2:30PM MIKELANGELO: SOLO RETROSPECTIVE Main Stage

2:45PM PAUL H GREENE *Dirty Butter*

3:00PM ON THE STOOP Pete's Lounge

VOICES FROM THE VACANT LOT Church

3:45PM THE CASHEWS Dirty Butter 4:00PM LOW DOWN RIDERS *Main Stage*

CHARLIE & JENSEN Church

4:30PM ECHO DEER Pete's Lounge

4:45PM KRISTABELLE & THE SOUTHERN JUBILEE RINGERS Dirty Butter

5:00PM GOOD GIRL SONG PROJECT Church

5:30PM CHAIKA *Main Stage*

5:45PM MONIQUE CLARE *Dirty Butter* 6:00PM DAVID ROSS MACDONALD Pete's Lounge

FOLKLINES Hall Bush Dance

6:15PM CATHERINE FRASER TRIO *Church*

6:45PM ADAM LEVY *Main Stage*

BLACKBOARD Dirty Butter

7:30PM THE MAE TRIO *Pete's Lounge*

8.00PM CHARM OF FINCHES *Kids tent* 8:15PM HEATH CULLEN *Main Stage*

8:30PM SHORT DENTED POTTS Hall English Country Dance

9:00PM TERRA LIGHTFOOT *Pete's Lounge*

9:45PM THE FUELERS *Main Stage*

10:30PM ON THE STOOP *Pete's Lounge*

11:15PM MUSTERED COURAGE Main stage

SUNDAY

8:30AM POETS BREAKFAST Bar Area

10:00AM ECHO DEER *Main Stage*

BLACKBOARD Dirty Butter

10:30AM HENRY LAWSON 'AS GOOD AS NEW' CHLOE & JASON ROWETH Pete's Lounge

11:00AM ACCAPALERANG *Church*

BLACKBOARD Pub Stage

11:15AM THE MAE TRIO *Main Stage*

12:00PM LOW DOWN RIDERS Pete's Lounge THE CASHEWS: CONNECTIONS Church

12:15PM CHARLIE & JENSEN *Dirty Butter*

12:30PM CHAIKA *Main Stage*

1:00PM DAVID ROSS MACDONALD: SOUL SUNDAY Church

1:15PM MIKELANGELO: WOMEN OF BRAIDWOOD Pete's Lounge

CHARM OF FINCHES Dirty Butter

1:45PM MUSTERED COURAGE *Main Stage* 2:00PM KRISTABELLE & THE SOUTHERN JUBILEE RINGERS: COW SHOW

COW SHOW

GOOD GIRL SONG PROJECT Church

2:15PM VOICES FROM THE VACANT LOT *Dirty Butter*

2:30PM TERRA LIGHTFOOT *Pete's Lounge*

3:00PM ON THE STOOP *Main Stage*

PAUL H GREENE Pub Stage

<mark>4:00PM</mark> THE FUELERS *Pub Stage*

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Artists

Accapalerang

Accapalerang is a local choir that formed in 2006 inspired by other community choirs, where people come together on a regular basis to share their love of singing. Join in at The Church on Sunday morning, featuring songs from many parts of the globe.

Adam Levy



Adam Levy is best known as the former guitar-slinger for jazz/pop phenomenon Norah Jones. Levy has made a name for himself as a singer-songwriter as well, crafting winsome songs that tell colourful tales. He punctuates his verses and choruses with the soulful guitar lines that have become his hallmark.

Barefoot Salsa

Back again by popular demand, throw your shoes off and embrace the Salsa! Rachel teaches a street salsa style that's fun, unbelievably easy to learn and highly addictive. It's an accessible way for just about anyone to get a taste of this passionate Latin dance. Dancers of all experience levels welcome.

Braidwood Dance Studio

Braidwood Dance Studio offers classes from Ballet to Hip Hop to all the children and adults of Braidwood. Studio Owner Emma Campbell is delighted to share with you

some of the creative dance skills they have developed this year, to delight, entertain and inspire.

Catherine Fraser Trio

Award-winning fiddler Catherine Fraser plays the music of her Scottish heritage with a high level of technical skill, finesse, passion and sensitivity. Featuring the talents of guitarist Trent Arkleysmith and renowned cellist Rachel Johnston, the Catherine Fraser Trio presents an exciting selection of new compositions steeped in an old tradition.

Catherine Potter

Catherine Potter runs the Broulee Yoga Shed on the NSW south coast where she teaches summer yoga classes and yoga eco retreats. She first started yoga some 40 years ago and has been teaching since 2007. She is inspired to share the holistic spiritual, mental, emotional, philosophical and physical wonders and benefits of yoga with others.

Chaika

Chaika are a Sydney-based sextet of highly trained and creative performers who make music that shifts between spellbinding beauty and exhilarating energy. They bring spine-tingling vocal harmonies together with intricate instrumental dialogues, drawing influences from the Balkans and jazz and presenting it with the grace, dexterity and dynamic temperament of classical music.

Charlie & Jensen

This dynamic acoustic duo blend elements of folk-country, celtic and classical music together. They play both original compositions and standards from a wide range of styles, as well as improvisational performance. Charlie & Jensen utilise mandolin, mandola, mandocello and guitar to create a unique sound that showcases an impressive musical chemistry between two artists. Charm of Finches



Teen sisters Mabel and Ivy sing sublime harmonies and have a unique dreamfolk style that is delicate and authentic, pure and beautiful. Charm of Finches released their stunning debut album 'Staring at the Starry Ceiling' last year, named one of the best releases of 2016 by ABC Radio National. "Folk purity... affecting and emotional" The Music.

Chloe & Jason Roweth

The Roweths have been researching and presenting the living tradition of Australian music for over twenty years. They bring you the songs, poems and yarns of the kitchen, the verandah, the shearers' huts, and the local pub. Music runs under poems and expands into songs, weaving together and driving forward diverse threads of the Australian tradition.

David Ross Macdonald

Waifs drummer and finger picking tunesmith shares his grab-bag of songs and stories from the road less travelled but long toured. "...one of those few songwriters like Nick Drake, Conor Oberst (Bright Eyes), and Josh Ritter that can captivate his listeners armed only with a voice and guitar." American Songwriter Magazine.

Echo Deer

Echo Deer sing songs about love, drinking, death and desire. This fivepiece play a mix of folk ballads, country bawlers, blues, bluegrass, all with sweet harmonies. They are a regular fixture on the Sydney live music scene and the festival circuit with their high-energy and highly entertaining shows.

Fanny Lumsden



Hailing from a farm in western NSW, Fanny Lumsden is "a breath of fresh country air" according to Rolling Stone Magazine. With many accolades already to her name, Lumsden along with her great band, The Thrillseekers, create cracking alt-country music with a whole lot of heart – not to be missed.

FolkLines

FolkLines play the music of Australia's settlers all around the Monaro and Southern Highlands regions. Kick up your heels with the FolkLines crew at the Saturday night bush dance, led by caller Claire Stoneman, or join them for a session to ease into the day each morning of the festival.

Fran Robertson

Fran will take you on a journey to explore some of the roots of blues music and dance. Grab a pair of tap shoes from the travellin' blues bag to try some old-style tap dancing, or massage the floor with your bare feet for some low down, slow solo blues.

Ghawazee Moon Bellydance

Banat Amar is the performance troupe from Ghawazee Moon Bellydance, Canberra. They specialise in folkloric, vintage and fusion belly dance. Banat Amar will be presenting a modern folkloric showcase with swords, cymbals, intense improvisations and joyful choreographies.

Harika Dance

Growing up listening, watching, and socially dancing with different types of music and dance styles progressed into life-long love of learning and performing dance. Effie Sharma will be performing in the Bellydance Spectacular and we are thrilled to have her back teaching traditional Greek dances.

Heath Cullen



Heath Cullen has emerged as one of Australia's strongest musical voices. His 2015 album 'Outsiders' was recorded with Elvis Costello's long-time band The Imposters, and named "One of the finest Australian albums in quite some time...the work of a man well on top of his game" by Rhythms Magazine.

Jason Roweth

A natural storyteller with a warm, engaging stage presence, Jason presents a vibrant combination of new and old Australian traditional songs, poems, yarns, and observations. With his poetry repertoire drawn from the great Australian writers - Henry Lawson, Banjo Paterson, Denis Kevans, John Dengate and others, Jason will take you on a journey, make you laugh, and make you really think.

Jazida's Fabulous Fan Dancers

Jazida's Fabulous Fan Dancers use fan veils in a range of creative ways and take influence from bellydance, burlesque and jazz. They perform a wide repertoire of choreographies written by Jazida, aka 'Miss Fantastic' for winning best fan dancer at the Miss Burlesque Australia competition in 2016.

Kristabelle and The Southern Jubilee Ringers



Kristabelle and The Southern Jubilee Ringers are an old-fashioned ranchparty outfit bringing you the Hollywood style cowboy jazz of yesteryear, alongside soulful original gems, written by US-born songstress Krista Schmeling. Roped and branded by their love of the genre, The Ringers have been known to win over even the fainthearted city slicker to their high-spirited swooning.

Lorraine McCrimmon

Lorraine has been a performance poet for many years and has a large repertoire of contemporary & traditional poems. She won the Kangaroo Valley Reciters award in 2016 and has attended many festivals. Lorraine has been part of many Majors Creek Festivals, with 2017 being no exception!

Low Down Riders



Born and bred in Sydney's inner west, the Low Down Riders are a five piece band inspired by New Orleans street music. Tales of happiness and heartbreak, raucous horn melodies, and a rhythm section that chugs like a steamboat down the Mississippi; put on your dancing shoes, grab a hurricane cocktail and don't miss them!

Makindu

Makindu take their name from a Kenyan village, their rhythms from the Indian tabla, and their melodies from the travelling clarinet. Their music embodies this spirit of inclusion, sacred sounds, and folk traditions. From the temples of India to an Albanian mountaintop, be transported to faraway places and back again!

Maypole with Molly

Maypole with Molly facilitate children and adults to dance around a maypole or play percussion. Dancers will learn how to make a Barber's Pole, a colourful Weaving Pattern and a Spider's Web with maypole ribbons. Founder and accordionist, Erika Cleaver (Molly) is an experienced early childhood teacher.

Mikelangelo



Mikelangelo is one of the true originals in the Australian music scene, blazing his own path and pursuing his creative spirit wherever it may lead. With 12 albums and 25 years of international touring under his belt, the constants are the quality of his songs, his powerful delivery, his effortless showmanship and his unmistakable voice. Don't miss his rock n roll dance party on Friday! On saturday sit back for his solo retrospectve: 25 years of Mikelangelo. from the Black Sea Gentleman to the Tin Star to P. Harness. On shhunday he will showcase the musical talents amongst the Women of Braidwood.

Margaret Bradford

Margaret, renowned children's author/ song-writer, has been chortling her way around the folk scene for way too long to mention. She plays guitar, fiddle, bowed psaltery and ukulele. Her book/ CD, 'Bindi-eye Bop' has been loved and followed by kids and adults alike since its release in 2013.

Monique Clare



Monique Clare is a cello-wielding songstress from Queensland and the 2017 winner of the Ros Hales Award for Young Women in Music. Between ongoing explorations into Scandinavian and American traditional folk, a classical cello degree and a Radiohead obsession, her beautifully quirky songs entail a melting pot of eclectic influences.

Mustered Courage



Mustered Courage have breathed new life into the Australian roots music with their progressive folk-rock-bluegrass sound. The Melbourne-based band have been described as "the link between Bill Monroe and Mumford & Sons" (Music Australia Guide). They are riding high at home and in the USA on the strength of their energetic live shows and quality albums.

Obsidian Bellydance

Obsidian Bellydance are a 'fusion' bellydance troupe who perform to an eclectic mix of music and draw from a range of bellydance traditions, including traditional Egyptian, American tribal style and modern industrial. They tend towards a darker path, but are also cheeky, colourful and fun.

On The Stoop

On The Stoop is a six piece horn driven powerhouse of multi-instrumentalists that bulldoze boundaries between Balkan Gypsies, Spaghetti-Western, Nino Rota, folk, rock, ska and a few other genres that are still to be defined. They arrive at every show ready, willing and able to deliver a crazy vaudeville/theatre/blues/ balkan sound with brilliance.

Paul H. Greene

Paul's journey so far has encompassed 8 albums, over 3000 shows and countless kilometres - that changes the way you see things! A stylistic chameleon with performances from another dimension. Lamp wielding, hat wearing, trailblazing troubadour. Songwriter, storyteller and one-man juggernaut. Brutally honest, soulbearing and raucous.

Rob Barratt

Rob Barratt is a brain-tickling, wordmangling comic poet, humourist and singer from England who has appeared at venues and festivals all over the UK and in Ireland and Australia. He combines clever word play, verse and song with satire, parody and audience participation. He deals with such important topics as squid, Neanderthals, the weather in Scotland and distressed furniture.

Rocio Escobar



The famous Rocio Escobar from Mexico Lindo returns by popular demand to the festival to teach a few workshops! Come and try Merengue, the popular rhythmic Latin dance, and for her other workshop, a traditional Mexican candle dance. So much fun!

Short Dented Potts

A meeting of the ways for three lifelong musicians who enjoy exploring whatever musical challenges come their way. From a dainty country dance to the irresistible syncopation of a modern reel, Short Dented Potts bring their unique perspective and their enthusiasm for you to enjoy.

Set In Their Ways

Set In Their Ways are an engaging group of Irish Set dancers from Canberra with a diverse repertoire of traditional and contemporary Irish Set dances, including several original choreographies, all danced to the wonderfully infectious rhythms of traditional Irish music.

Surly Griffin Morris

Morris dancing is a traditional English street dance celebrating life, fertility, seasonal rites and agricultural cycles. The Surly Griffins uphold morris traditions across the capital region, including dancing the sun up at dawn on May morning on Mount Ainslie and wassailing the apple trees at Reidsdale in mid-winter.

Sydney English Country Dance

Sydney English Country Dance are a joyful group dedicated to continuing and sharing a lovely tradition. They appreciate and perform traditional dances, but are primarily devoted to enjoying English Country Dance as a modern and developing dance form encompassing a wide variety of musical styles.

Terra Lightfoot



As a songwriter, guitarist or vocalist, one thing is indisputable: Terra Lightfoot is a ferocious talent. Her songs tap into the raw emotion of hearts supercharged by love, lust, loneliness and temptation. Her playing melds expert finger-picking and distorted, hook-heavy melodies. And her elemental voice commands attention and awe, whether on slowburning soul ballads or hard-charging rock numbers.

The Cashews

Summary of band specifications: Defining Characteristics – duo; harmonies; acoustic guitars; ukuleles; children's toys. Emerging Skills – synchronised choreography, costuming and dad jokes. Assessment – easily underestimated musically and emotionally. If you like Clare Bowditch; the Waifs; Darren Hanlon; My Friend the Chocolate Cake; Rick Astley, you may like Alison Procter and Pete Lyon.

The Deep River Dancers

The Deep River Dancers are based in the Eurobodalla Shire and use movement and rhythms that stem from African traditions. Their joy of dancing is infectious, reflecting their philosophy that dance is for everyone. They love to share the energy that dance can bring!

The Fuelers

The Fuelers take their name from nitrofuelled drag cars. Once these things get going, the only thing that'll stop them is a parachute. The Fuelers, while being called many things, are usually branded country by their city-folk audiences. That means songs about trucks, heartbreak and power tools...and a complete ban on playing without a hat.

The Good Girl Song Project

Penny Larkins and Helen Begley present a powerful account of the journeys that thousands of brave young women voluntarily took to Australia in the 1830's. Based on the research of historian, Liz Rushen, with songs by Helen and spoken word devised from eyewitness accounts, Penny shines as the voice of these ancestral female emigrants.

The Mae Trio



Melbourne-based award-winning contemporary folk band The Mae Trio have made a "meteoric mark on the national acoustic music scene" (Rhythms) and a vibrant splash on the international folk scene, from the UK to Canada. Their highly anticipated second album, 'Take Care Take Cover' was recorded in Nashville and released in April 2017, following their 2014 debut, 'Housewarming'.

The3Sisters

A spinoff of the Moruya-based ukulele group the Morukers, Islay (11) and her twin sisters Simone and Lilly (9) started playing at the beginning of 2017 when

their grandmother bought them each a uke. They have performed and busked around the local area and have quickly mastered a lot of songs. They look forward to performing at Majors Creek Festival, with maybe a little trepidation!

Voices from the Vacant Lot

With a diverse and powerful repertoire, Voices from the Vacant Lot engage in cultural activism through their dynamic performances, taking you on a global journey of harmony and rhythm. Their music owes much to the traditions of many nations, presented in a new form flavoured by their own influences.

Wake Up Dancing

A yearly favourite, slightly irreverent approach to dance, wake up and dance gets you starting your day off on the right foot. Or left foot if so inclined. We don't judge. Better than coffee. Pyjamas most welcome. Come and shake out the camping kinks and activate your day!

William Crighton



William Crighton has quickly drawn a big buzz in Australia; Rolling Stone featured him as one of Australia's hottest rising stars, He's played WOMADelaide, opened for The Beach Boys and The Temptations, and gathered great reviews for his album and live shows alike. The mesmerising singer-songwriter documents Australian life with nuanced storytelling and perceptive philosophy.

ii - V - Fun

Join Michael O'Donnell (violin) and Luke Chapman (double bass) for a special introduction to jazz for kids. Featuring popular tunes from movies such as Toy Story and Monsters Inc., children can participate with percussion and 'scatting' (vocal improvisation) and, most importantly, have fun too! Also look out for them jamming around the Festival site.

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