

PORT FAIRY JAZZ Festival

2nd Weekend in February
(based on 2nd Saturday)

AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

SAVE THE DATE

The 2027 Port Fairy
Jazz Festival is being
held on the weekend
of
12th – 14th February
2027





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Online tickets sales opened on 1st August 2026 (early-bird prices will be available until the 15th December 2026) – www.portfairyjazz.com.au

2027 TICKET PRICES

(no increase from the 2026 prices!!!)

Under 18 - FREE

Early Bird Weekend (\$20 discount to 15 th Dec)	\$130	Saturday all day	\$100
Weekend	\$150	Saturday after 6.00pm	\$60
Friday Night Only	\$60	Sunday	\$60

Band Nominations and Musician Registrations for the 2027 Festival

Band leaders please note the following:

Band Nominations for the 2027 festival close on 30th Sept

Band Nominations and Musician Registrations are once again to be completed via the online registration process. Please see the Musicians Tab at: www.portfairyjazz.com.au

For programming purposes, musicians are limited to nominating **THREE** bands only. During the festival musicians may play in as many bands as they wish, but programming will not factor in clashes for these unscheduled performances.

Band leaders should remind their musicians that it is imperative that they complete the online registration which allows them to be included in the musician disbursement process.

All registrations, if completed successfully, will result in an automated email confirmation. If this is not received you may need to repeat the process.

Timeline

2026

1st August - Musicians' Registrations Open on the Website. **All musicians are required to register.**

Partner Registrations open on the Website, Cost \$60

John Huf Award Registrations open on the Website.

1st August - Early Bird Ticket sales open on the Website.

30th September - Band Registrations Close. Band leaders to ensure that all musicians are registered.

15th December – Early Bird Ticket sales close. Full price tickets still available on the Website.

2027

6th January – John Huf Award Entries close.

11th February – Online ticket sales close. Tickets still available for purchase from the Jazz Office. Partner Registrations close.

11th February – Jazz Office opens for musicians and patrons including ticket sales.

12th to 14th February – JAZZ FESTIVAL

Account Name:

Please enter the name which appears on your Bank Statement. If it is not EXACTLY the same, our bank will NOT process your funds transfer.



The John Huf Award for young jazz performers is a feature of the Port Fairy Jazz Festival, created to encourage outstanding young jazz musicians and named in honour of John Huf, the festival's founding coordinator. Following his retirement, the award was established in recognition of his pivotal role in creating and developing the festival.

The John Huf Award will again be part of the 2027 festival. This is open to players of any instrument and vocalists. Entrants should be under 26 on the Saturday of the festival. To enter, a performer should record or video themselves playing the head and an improvised solo on two tunes and send them to the secretary of the festival. Details of the award are available under the Musicians tab on the website and prospective entrants are encouraged to read the conditions explained there.

The John Huf Award has quickly become one of the festival's highlights, showcasing emerging Australian jazz talent and helping launch the careers of young musicians while honouring John Huf's lasting contribution to the Port Fairy Jazz Festival.

Closing Date for submission of audition recordings is 6 January 2027

These should be directed to either: PO 325 Port Fairy 3284 or email: portfairyjazzfestival@gmail.com

Alan Greenspan, 1926–2026: The Reedman Who Conducted the Economy



He kept the clarinet. Sixty years after he last played for money, the central banker still had the instrument from his dance-band days; when a television crew trooped in, he turned it over in his hands but would not play it, remembering too well how it was supposed to sound. Alan Greenspan, who died on 22 June 2026 aged 100, chaired the Federal Reserve for nearly nineteen years and was canonised as "the Maestro," a pun before it was a tribute. Long before he conducted the world's largest economy, he was a clarinetist and tenor saxophonist, and walked away because, on the best nights beside Stan Getz, he could hear how far short of greatness he fell. (courtesy of the All About Jazz Weekly News, Jul 2, 2026)



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Many thanks to all the businesses that
support our Festival



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Also many thanks to the CWA, Rotary, Lions and
the Port Fairy Band for their most valued support.

Be part of something *special!*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

— FOR THE 2027 —
**PORT FAIRY
Jazz
FESTIVAL**

Help make another wonderful weekend
of jazz happen in our beautiful seaside town.

Run by volunteers and supported by a passionate community,
the Port Fairy Jazz Festival brings together jazz lovers,
musicians and visitors from across Australia for a vibrant
weekend of live music, friendship and celebration.

Whether you can help
for a few hours or across
the whole weekend,
**YOUR SUPPORT WILL
MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE.**

WE ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN A RANGE OF AREAS:

VENUE SUPPORT	TICKETING & FESTIVAL OFFICE ASSISTANCE	FESTIVAL SET-UP & PACK-DOWN	STAGE & AUDIO SUPPORT	GENERAL FESTIVAL ASSISTANCE & HOSPITALITY

Why Volunteer?

- Meet new people
- Be part of a much-loved community event
- Enjoy the atmosphere of the festival from the inside
- Support live jazz in regional Victoria
- All ages and backgrounds welcome!

Come and help keep the jazz playing in Port Fairy!

INTERESTED?
We'd love to hear from you!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST, PLEASE CONTACT THE FESTIVAL ORGANISERS.

Email:
portfairyjazzfestival@gmail.com
ATTENTION: Volunteering

Concert Calendar

SEP

14

Mon

[Julian Lage](#)

Melbourne Recital Centre
Melbourne, Australia

OCT

2

Fri

[Nouvelle Vague - Australia Tour](#)

170 Russell
Melbourne, Australia

OCT

4

Sun

[move my way](#)

Pica (port Melbourne Industrial Centre For The Arts)
Port Melbourne, Australia

OCT

5

Mon

[Olivia Dean - The Art of Loving Tour - Rod Laver Arena](#)

Rod Laver Statue
Melbourne, Australia

OCT

6

Tue

[Olivia Dean - The Art of Loving Tour - Rod Laver Arena](#)

Rod Laver Statue
Melbourne, Australia

OCT

11

Sun

[Bill Evans and The VansBand Allstars](#)

Northcote Theatre
Northcote, Australia

OCT

18

Sun

[Rebirth Brass Band](#)

170 Russell
Melbourne, Australia

JAN

16

Sat

[The Cat Empire](#)

Sidney Myer Music Bowl
Melbourne, Australia

JAN

19

Tue

[SIENNA SPIRO](#)

Festival Hall Melbourne
West Melbourne, Australia

SA Jazz Festivals Incorporated

South Coast Jazz Festival – Goolwa, SA

September 18 – 20, 2026



The Seventh South Coast Jazz Festival is being held once again in the delightful lakeside township of Goolwa, this year in September (Friday 18 to Sunday 20).

To be part of the weekend's jazz entertainment, go to our website:

sajazzfestivalsinc.com, and prepare to have a great time.



JOIN US FOR AN ARVO & EVENING OF JUMPING JAZZ!
ENTRY IS FREE! JUST GRAB FOOD OR A DRINK AND ENJOY

SAT, SEP 5

CATCH 19 ACTS ACROSS 19 VENUES INCLUDING:

PETER GAUDION'S BLUES EXPRESS * MONIQUE DI MATTINA TRIO
JAKE MASON TRIO * RALEIGH WILLIAMS TRIO * CONTINENTAL ROBERT SUSZ
ADRIAN 'ASTRO' PERGER * LISA MILLER * JULES BOLT & THE REDEEMERS
ULTRA FOX FRENCH GYPSY SWING * JUSTIN BRADY'S MASTER OF LUNACY
ESTHER HENDERSON & LOUIS KING * ALEX BURKOY * HEY GUISE
JULIAN JAMES * MICH MASH MUMMAS * HOODOO MAYHEM
JAMES SHORTLAND * LYNNE M * NIKKI NOUVEAU

PLUS! FREE SWING DANCING LESSON WITH SWING PATROL FROM 12PM!

FITZROY
STREET.

SEE MORE INFO AT:
WWW.FITZROYSTREETSTKILDA.COM.AU/EVENT/FUSION-ON-FITZROY

The Wangaratta Festival JAZZ & BLUES



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30 Oct - 01 Nov 2026
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Australian
jazz and blues.

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Upcoming Festivals around Australia

Festival	Dates	Location	Highlights
Inverloch Jazz Festival	31 July – 2 August 2026	Inverloch, VIC	More than 40 bands and 150 musicians performing traditional, swing, Latin, funk and modern jazz by the sea.
Noosa Jazz Festival	28 August – 6 September 2026	Noosa, QLD	Coastal venues, traditional jazz, community concerts, jazz parties and waterfront lunches.
Inner West Jazz Fest	27–29 August 2026	Sydney, NSW	Contemporary and adventurous Australian jazz featuring leading improvisers.
Newcastle Jazz Festival	28–30 August 2026	Newcastle, NSW	One of Australia's longest-running jazz festivals with multiple venues.
Goolwa Jazz Festival	18–20 September 2026	Goolwa, SA	The 7th South Coast Jazz Festival is being held once again in this delightful lakeside township.
Melbourne International Jazz Festival	16–25 October 2026	Melbourne, VIC	Australia's premier international jazz festival featuring leading Australian and overseas artists.
Perth International Jazz Festival	22 October – 1 November 2026	Perth & South West, WA	International and Australian performers across metropolitan and regional venues.
Wangaratta Festival of Jazz & Blues	31 October – 2 November 2026	Wangaratta, VIC	Australia's premier festival for contemporary jazz and blues.
Australian Jazz Convention	26–31 December 2026	Dubbo, NSW	The world's longest-running annual jazz convention, featuring hundreds of musicians and performances.