



9th - 12th June 2023
Breeze Holiday Parks - Mary River

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Less than 2 weeks to go until the Festival starts!! Get in quick to buy your tickets for a fantastic weekend of music, song, dance and workshops.

The festival program is jam packed and starts with a welcome concert on the deck, Friday night from 7.30pm.

The official opening is on Saturday morning after the Poets' Breakfast, followed by The Splinter Sisters and The Shavings choirs, who will have us all singing songs from around the world.

Throughout the weekend there will be workshops for everyone. Bring your instruments and voices along and join in. There's also a fantastic program for the kids, including stories, music and crafts - although listed as being for the kids, it is not exclusive, so if you think you are a big kid and want to get involved - that's OK!

We are very lucky that people from all over Australia love coming to the Top Half Folk Festival to perform in our concerts. We have an exceptional line up this year with performers from Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia along with all the NT mob.

And our special guests AUSTRAL will get us up and dancing at the end of every evening concert!

As always, the **informal sessions** will be happening around the camp fire and on the decks into the wee hours where you don't have to get on a stage to perform.

Concerts

Featuring a strong line up of local and interstate artists, including our valued festival patron Ted Egan AO, Scotty Balfour and Bob Barford, Crocodile Country, Michael Roseth & The Boats Ashore, Alison Mapleson, Mandy Connell, Crystal Robins, Bob Sharp, Phil Beck, Warralakin and South of the Berrimah Line.

The Buffettes - Gleny Rae, Katie Harder, Jessie May & Sally Balfour, The Shavings, Emma Trenorden and The Splinter Sisters, Apocalyptic Breakdown, Shaun Roche, Dave Bowers, Adam Scriven, Campbell, Dave Garnham, June Mills and Alice Cotton.

AND there's a Speed Concert on Saturday afternoon that gives everyone who hasn't already been listed on the program the opportunity to perform.

Workshops

Bluegrass banjo with Jenny Shimmin, Stewie's Songs, Seriously Good Songwriters, Old Darwin Tunes and Ditties (a tribute to Aunty Kathy Mills OAM), 6-string alternative guitar tunings with Adam Scriven, Scottish and bush dancing with Mara Dobrini, fiddle and chord changes with Austral, ukulele with Richard Grace, Q&A on songcraft with Mandy Connell - these are not to be missed!



Last chance to order Festival t-shirts - and commemorative tea towels

T-shirts and the commemorative tea towel are available to buy NOW!

Jump online to get yours before they sell out. \$30 each for both t-shirts and tea towels.

T-shirts: <https://www.trybooking.com/CIPGP>

Tea towels: <https://www.trybooking.com/CIMBW>

Pre purchased items can be collected at the Festival desk from Friday afternoon.

You can take your chances that some may be left for sale at the festival or bring your own blank t-shirt or singlet and print it yourself. These are a one colour print. \$10 for adults, kids free.

How are you getting to the Festival?

Contact the secretary and let him know if you need transport - secretary@topendfolkclub.org

Merchandise

If you are performing or presenting and have merchandise for sale, bring it with you to the Registration Desk from 5.00 pm on Friday 9 June. The Desk will handle and record sales and return unsold items from 8.30 am on Monday 12 June.

We are going 'high tech' this festival and will have a square reader for EFTPOS sales - cash is welcome too.

If you intend to bring items for sale, please let us know **NOW** by emailing Jayne at nank.dek@rbe.net.au and include the name/s of each item and associated price/s.

Check the website for new FAQs and an almost final Program!!

- FAQs - <https://topendfolkclub.org/festival-faq/>
- Program - <https://topendfolkclub.org/festival-program/>

Food and Drink

Breeze Holiday Parks - Mary River will cater breakfasts, lunches and dinners. A continental buffet breakfast will be provided. A BBQ located on the lawn will be available for lunch and dinner. The restaurant will also be serving a buffet style evening meal. Please ensure you pre-book to assist with catering needs.

A camp kitchen is also available for anyone wishing to self-cater.

Vegetarian, gluten and lactose-free options will be available - these and any other **dietary requirements need to be advised when pre-booking.**

The bar opens from midday until 2.00am. BYO is not permitted in the restaurant, bar, decks and pool areas.

Festival sunset catch-ups

The Top End Folk Club will be hosting pre and post Festival catch-up evenings from 5:30pm on:

- Thursday (8/06) - on the deck area at the Foreshore Café, just near the Nightcliff pool.
- Monday (12/06) - at the Darwin Sailing Club, Fannie Bay, an area has been reserved.

Be there no later than 6pm to enjoy the beautiful Top End sunset.

Book your tickets today!

Available at: <https://topendfolkclub.org/book-tickets/>

<https://www.trybooking.com/CGFCL>

- Weekend - Day - Concert - Youth tickets available.
- Kids 12 and under are FREE!

Keep up to date with the Festival through our Facebook page or the web site:

<https://facebook.com/tophalffolkfestival/> or <https://topendfolkclub.org/top-half-folk-festival/>

We look forward to seeing you there!

