



Folk Alliance Australia Supporting the Folk Arts

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June/July 2010 Newsletter

From the President's Desk

Dear members, I am proud to announce that the program for Ausfolk 2010, the FAA conference, will shortly be in your letterboxes.

This newsletter provides a sneak preview of the program, what you can expect to see, and I think you will find many reasons to make the trip to Woodford for the conference.

It's great to see a high rate of membership renewal and an excellent takeup of the insurance offer; to our new members the committee sends a warm welcome.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at Ausfolk 2010.

John Thompson, President.

Ausfolk 2010

The exciting Folk Alliance Conference is on at Woodford, QLD from 2 – 4 September 2010.

Woodford venues – The Town Hall, The Duck, The Joinery, The Foundry, The Lakes, The Town Hall Bar, The Arm in Arms and the Village Green – will host discussion, entertainment, specialised presentations and events such as whiskey tasting.

AUSfolk convenor Bill Hauritz and Traditional Custodian Uncle Noel Blair extend a warm welcome to Australia's longest serving Prime Minister, Bob Hawke, to officially open our convention and get the conversation started. What defines our shared national culture?

THUR Town Hall 8.15pm

The AUSfolk welcome is followed by a very special performance by John Schumann and the Vagabond Crew. John is one of the very few songwriters who has changed the way a nation thinks. Accordingly, he holds a distinguished place in the Australian music industry. Best known, perhaps, for his leadership of the legendary folk-rock band Redgum, and his Vietnam veterans' anthem, I Was Only 19, John has received almost every award the industry has to offer – some twice over.

A couple of session descriptions to whet your appetite:

CASE STUDY: Bluesfest

The East Coast Blues Festival began in 1990 at the Arts Factory in Byron Bay, New South Wales. It quickly became known as "Byron Bay Bluesfest" and "The Byron Bay Festival" and is now known as "Bluesfest". At a time when festivals such as Big Day Out and Womadelaide did not exist, Bluesfest pioneered the presentation of blues in Australia.

Speaker: Peter Noble

FRI The Foundry 3.45pm

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INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE

Indigenous Knowledge is a growing area of scholarship in Australia and internationally – discussing the particular nature of how the knowledge management systems of Indigenous peoples fits within the various levels of educational practice. This session will present an overview of this articulation of Indigenous Knowledge and how it presents challenge and opportunity for respectful and effective engagement with Indigenous people.

Speaker: Uncle Michael Williams

FRI The Lakes 3.45pm

Other session topics : Creating and Sustaining Community Festivals, The Money Tree – Funding, The Importance of Tradition, Social Entrepreneurship, I'm Board – Committees and Governance.

Watch out for more info in coming weeks and the program in your letterbox.

REGISTRATION	EARLY BIRD (before 20 th August)	FULL PRICE (after 20th August)
Individual	\$290.00	\$390.00
FAA Affilliate Member *delegate must be an existing registered member of the FAA before June 2010. Proof of registration required - bookings need to be made over the phone.	\$250.00	\$320.00
Corporate/Government *For employees of companies employing more than 20 people, and local, state and federal government employees.	\$320.00	\$480.00
Tertiary Student or Under 21's *Tertiary delegates are required to be enrolled full time and provide a copy of their student card upon arrival. Under 21s must provide proof of age upon arrival.	\$240.00	\$290.00
Group bookings of four or more will attract a 15% discount. Group student discounts may apply. Contact registrations manager for more details - info@ausfolk.com		
ACCOMMODATION Convention Camping per site	\$10.00	\$10.00
Tent City pre-erected tent including single bed and linen, in addition to convention ticket price	\$230.00	\$230.00
Tent City pre-erected tent including double bed and linen, in addition to convention ticket price	\$270.00	\$270.00

There is a \$5.50 booking fee for each transaction, which may include several ticket purchases and a 1.75% credit card fee on the transaction total. For ticket enquires and purchases please visit - www.ausfolk.com or phone 07 5496 1066.

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