

YORK FESTIVAL 2026



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We are delighted to welcome you to York for a weekend of music, creativity, community and discovery.

Months of planning, dreaming and hard work have gone into bringing this year’s festival to life, and now comes the very best part — sharing it with you. We hope this is our best festival yet, and that you make the most of every moment. Discover a new favourite artist, try something different, join in, explore our beautiful town and leave a little room for those unexpected festival moments along the way.

Make the weekend your own!

Use this program to plot your favourites and find your way around. We’ve colour coded the sessions:

TWANG! Live performances celebrating extraordinary guitar talent.
Other Fun Stuff! Adult workshops, walks, talks and exhibitions
Kids & Family Activities Free workshops and things to do with kids

Look out for the ticket codes too: **W = Weekend Pass** and **D = Day Pass**. Some workshops are ticketed separately; the price includes all materials. Some events are **FREE**, but please note that a number of our free workshops and activities still require registration because places are limited — so book ahead if there’s something you really don’t want to miss.

This program is your quick guide. For full artist profiles, session descriptions, booking information and all the festival details, visit yorkfestival.com.au.

And don’t forget to turn over — you’ll find a map of York on the back showing all our festival locations.

Most of all, have a wonderful weekend. Explore, discover, join in — and enjoy York!

Happy Festival!

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

Festival Opening Welcome to Country & Mooritj Koolalingas Children’s Choir	5.00 - 5.40pm	York Town Hall	W/D
Nathan Ward Honest music, heartfelt sound - solo artist	6.00 - 6.30pm	York Town Hall	W/D
Workshop - cheeseboard decorating Decorate a beautiful vintage-style cheeseboard	6.30 - 9.30pm	Bardo	\$79
Scarlet’s Way Americana, with elements of Southern Soul, Country, Blues and Rock	6.45 - 7.40pm	York Town Hall	W/D
Lucky Oceans’ New Darling Rangers Two-Time Grammy Award winner, blending country, blues, folk, jazz and world music into his unique style	8.00 - 9.00pm	York Town Hall	W/D



Kerry B Ryan Mississippi Swamp Blues Meets Texas Grit - solo artist	9.00 - 9.30pm	Castle Hotel	W/D
Lindsay Wells Soaring guitar, superb musicianship and West Coast flair	9.50 - 10.30pm	Castle Hotel	W/D
Empire Blues Raw blues power, soulful vocals and irresistible groove	10.50 - 11.30pm	Castle Hotel	W/D
In the Photo Pit Live music through the photographer’s lens	Daily	Bardo	FREE



SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

In the Photo Pit Live music through the photographer’s lens	Daily	Bardo	FREE
Kids Workshop Using colourful printed papers and canvas to craft a whimsical hot air balloon.	10.00 - 11.30am	Post Office Building	FREE
Voices from the Past Discover York’s history through stories of its pioneers	11.00am - 12.00pm	York Cemetery	W/D /\$25
Triple Engine Big, smart, riff-driven rock from York favourites	11.00am - 2.00pm	Castle Hotel	FREE
Music Markets	11.00am - 2.00pm	Castle Hotel	FREE
Kids Workshop Create imaginative bush sculptures using natural found materials	1.30 - 3.00pm	Post Office Building	FREE
Beyond Fear & Anxiety A talk of self-discovery and empowerment with Nathan Cavaleri	2.00 - 3.00pm	York Town Hall	FREE
Avon Walk Trail Discover York’s riverside industries on a relaxed heritage walk	3.00 - 4.00pm	York Swing Bridge	W/D/ \$25
Workshop Twilight Sip & Paint	6.00 - 9.00pm	Bardo	\$79



Refractory Road Gritty, full-blooded Australian rock and blues from the Wheatbelt	6.00 - 6.30pm	York Town Hall	W/D
Nathan Cavaleri Blistering guitar, raw energy and powerhouse blues-rock	6.45 - 7.45pm	York Town Hall	W/D
Dave Hole Incendiary slide guitar, searing blues and electrifying live energy	8.00 - 9.00pm	York Town Hall	W/D
Interflow High-energy rock ‘n’ roll with blues, grunge and grit	9.00 - 9.30pm	Castle Hotel	W/D
Ian Kenny’s Cold Steel Blues Hard-driving blues, scorching guitar and gritty old-school swagger	9.50 - 10.30pm	Castle Hotel	W/D
Electric State High-voltage rock, huge riffs and bold live energy	10.50 - 11.30pm	Castle Hotel	W/D

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER



In the Photo Pit Live music through the photographer’s lens	Daily	Bardo	FREE
Workshop - Shrine Create a beautifully decorated mixed media shrine	9.00am - 12.00pm	Bardo	\$79
Workshop - Slide Guitar Explore slide guitar, fingerpicking, rhythm and expression with Paul Davies	9.30 - 10.30am	Castle Hotel	\$59
ArtyBrellas Colourful and creative self designed umbrella-painting fun for all ages	10.00am - 4.00pm	McCartney St Parklet	FREE
TWANG! Sound Trail Discover live music amidst native WA flora at York’s Bushland Garden	10.00 - 11.00am	Bushland Garden Grey St	FREE
Bush Skills Adventure Kids hands-on bush skills, outdoor adventure and practical fun	10.30am - 12.30pm	Monger’s Reserve	FREE
TWANG! Sound Trail Discover live music in the beautiful RSL memorial garden	11.00am - 12.00pm	RSL	FREE
Paul Davies Soulful blues, folk and slide guitar steeped in tradition	11.00am - 2.00pm	Castle Hotel	FREE
TWANG! Sound Trail Discover live music at the fabulous Environmental Society next to the river	12.00 - 1.00pm	Bilya Cogular Environmental Centre	FREE
Junkadelic Kids Workshop Create junk percussion using recycled materials and join the parade after	12.00 - 12.45pm	Bardo 152 Avon Terrace	FREE
Junkadelic Parade High-energy brass and percussion parade — workshop participants join the band!	1.00 - 2.00pm	Avon Terrace	FREE
TWANG! Sound Trail Join the CWA team for live music and afternoon tea	1.00 - 2.00pm	CWA	FREE
Next Gen LIVE! Emerging WAAPA talent takes the stage in a vibrant showcase finale	2.00 - 4.00pm	Settlers House Tavern	W/D /\$29
Workshop - Art Journal Intro to Art Journaling - Explore mixed media techniques and create your own art journal	2.00 - 5.00pm	Post Office Building	\$79
Photo Pit Conversation Behind the lens: stories, insights and live music photography	3.00 - 3.45pm	Bardo	FREE