

YORK FESTIVAL 2026



Wheatbelt Arts & Events Inc. Committee

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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. 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 plan your favourites and find your way around. We've colour coded the sessions to help you see what's happening across the weekend.

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

TWANG! Sound Trail
Free music at community venues - follow the trail!

W = Weekend Pass | D = Day Pass | E = Evening ticket

If you have a Weekend Pass or Day Pass, your wristband gives you access to the events included with your ticket, subject to venue capacity. Some workshops and activities are ticketed separately, while many events are FREE. Please note that some free activities still require advance registration because places are limited.

Town Hall Evening tickets and tickets for selected workshops and festival experiences may also be available separately, subject to capacity. Visit our Box Office in the Town Hall foyer for tickets and wristbands.

For full artist profiles, session descriptions, booking information and the latest 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!

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

Festival Opening Welcome to Country & Moorditj 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/E
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/E
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/E



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/E
Nathan Cavaleri Blistering guitar, raw energy and powerhouse blues-rock	6.45 - 7.45pm	York Town Hall	W/D/E
Dave Hole Incendiary slide guitar, searing blues and electrifying live energy	8.00 - 9.00pm	York Town Hall	W/D/E
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 Gogular 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



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2026 PROGRAM
16 - 18 OCTOBER

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Welcome

The Cook Labor Government is a proud sponsor of the York Festival through Tourism Western Australia's Regional Events Scheme, funded by Royalties for Regions.

The Regional Events Scheme (RES) was established to support event holders across the State with the development of events to drive tourism to regional Western Australia. The RES plays an important role in creating a timely reason for visitors to travel to the State's regions, activating pockets of Western Australia and creating vibrancy, while showcasing the host region's unique and diverse attractions.

A total of 64 regional events across Western Australia have been awarded funding through the 2026-27 funding round. This includes a \$150,000 funding pool for the Regional Aboriginal Events Scheme, which exclusively allocates funding to events delivering Aboriginal activities and experiences.

The Western Australian Government is proud to sponsor these regional events, which help bring vibrancy to local communities and drive visitor spend, injecting millions into regional economies.

Tourism is a key part of our plan to diversify the economy, create jobs and develop business opportunities, especially in regional Western Australia. Events play an important role in this plan and also contribute to the Government's vision for Perth and Western Australia to be the fastest growing events destination in the South East Asia region.

The Western Australian Government sponsors a range of sporting, cultural, arts and culinary events across the state, to attract visitors and encourage them to stay longer, disperse further and spend more while they are here.

We hope everyone enjoys York Festival and takes the time to explore the Wheatbelt region.



**HON ROGER COOK MLA, PREMIER
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TRADE AND INVESTMENT**



**HON STEPHEN DAWSON MLC
MINISTER FOR REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**



**HON SABINE WINTON MLA
MINISTER FOR WHEATBELT**



FESTIVAL VENUES

1. York Town Hall
2. The Castle Hotel
3. Settlers House Tavern
4. Bardo Cafe
5. Bushland Garden
6. RSL
7. Bilya Gogular Environmental Centre
8. CWA
9. Macartney St Parklet
10. Monger's Reserve
11. Avon Park, Swing Bridge
12. York Cemetery

Public Toilets

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TWANG! SOUND TRAIL

Supported by *Wheatbelt Songwriters Showcase*

The TWANG! Sound Trail pops up in local venues and community spaces, with live music and good vibes.

Supported by Wheatbelt Songwriters Showcase, this free trail celebrates established and emerging Wheatbelt musicians, with chances to discover new artists, hear brilliant original music, connect with local community groups and soak up the festival spirit beyond the main stage.

Follow the music!

10am - 11am	Bushland Garden 27 Ford St	York Wildflower Society	with Gabi Boekhout
11am - 12pm	York RSL Sub-branch 160 Avon Terrace	York Returned & Services League	with Nick Childs
12pm - 1pm	Bilya Gogular Environmental Centre 7 Glebe St	River Conservation Society	with Jamie Garlett
1pm - 2pm	CWA 154 Avon Terrace	York Country Women's Assoc.	with Brooklee Rose

