

BANDS



All the way from Tassie, where deep forests meet wild seas, the Stranded Wailers gather in the winter dark. Around blazing logs, they sing songs of work, women and whiskey. Rollicking and laughing, passing the jug, they lift their voices to the night, until the dawn breaks on the slate grey sea. Lift your voices with the Stranded Wailers at the Bunbury Sea Shanty Festival.



Lovers of swell sea shanties and rollicking singalongs, The Salty Sirens are Kristy Capstanfield (vocals and accordion) and Elyse Fishpatrick (vocals and whale facts). Since 2021, they have been rocking boats the country wide with their flavour of sea shanties, SHE shanties and sea songs with a modern twist. Hoist the anchor and limber up those sealegs - these really aren't your grandpa's sea shanties!



Much loved Fremantle locals, the Lost Quays is an eight-piece shanty band who perform Shanties and Sea Songs from the past and the present with energy and humour. Their repertoire includes many of the standards of the shanty world, plus a number of originals focussing on stories of the shipwrecks and daring sailors around the coast of Western Australia and beyond. Unleash your inner "Shantyman" with the Lost Quays at the Bunbury Sea Shanty Festival.



Playing for nine years now, The Albany Shantymen have played a significant role in the boom in Shanty singing in SW Australia. With appearances on The Project, The Today Show and Bill Bailey's Wild West Australia, and with over a million streams they are known to international audiences. Come and see what the excitement is all about.



The name Rum Jungle conjures up visions of a tropical rain forest full of feisty pirates fighting over the latest treasure haul whilst a nearby rum still bubbles away. However, in Geraldton, Rum Jungle is a sometimes muddy, usually dusty wasteland where local bogans go to drink bundy and coke, do burnouts and set fire to stuff. This group of shanty folk lies somewhere in-between.....



The most terrible pirate punk band afloat, Rumskull. The scourge of folk festivals and punk rock pubs alike. Raiding the stage for over fifteen years with a baffling array of Celtic Punk instrumentation, all too loud, all the time. Come and see them at the Bunbury Sea Shanty Festival if ye be brave enough.

Alan S Ferguson • Albannach Lass • Boodji Creek • Cushla Macree • Duality • Gael Force • Green Herring • Lee Shore • Peter Bugden • Phil Beck • Royal Australian Navy Band • S'Katt • She Shants • Spirit of Alba • Stigwood • The Anchormen • The Dunn Bay Wailers • The Mandurah Mariners • The Morgans • The Salt Lake Shantymen • The Salty Sea Dogs • The Sunset Coast Shantymen • The White Wail • Tr3ble • Warralakin • The Last Five Coins • The Roaring Wenches

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EVENTS

WRITE YOUR OWN SEA SHANTY

Come along and see artists of all kinds performing their original work. If you'd like a chance to win one of the great prizes and have a crack at being a dinky di "Shantyman" send your expression of interest to bunburyschantyfestival@gmail.com

VR PIRATE TAVERN

Dive into the world of piracy and virtual reality with Bunbury game developers Intro studio! In this VR experience taken straight from one of their upcoming games, you will explore an 18th century Caribbean tavern, talk to the patrons and cheer to a pirate band performing live on a virtual stage!

START A SEA SHANTY GROUP

Ever felt the pull of the sea... and the harmony of voices raised in song? Join Gary "Grizz" Greenwald as he shares his journey into the world of sea shanties—sparked in 2010 by a single CD: Port Isaac's Fisherman's Friends. One song turned into an obsession, and before long, Grizz was founding his own crew and helping others set sail on their own singing adventures

HOW TO WRITE A SEA SHANTY

Steven Foy & Katrina Picozzi will guide participants through the process of making a Sea Shanty, crafting the lyrics, finding a tune, learning about harmonies and building a performance with the group and for those who wish to participate, performing the song at the "Write a Sea Shanty" competition on Sunday July 6th at the Koombana Bay Sailing Club. All participants who wish, will have their name credited on the song.

This workshop is for everyone, regardless of musical skill or training.

SEA SHANTY SINGING WORKSHOP WITH THE SALTY SIRENS

Have a chance to peek below the deck of the Salty Sirens' singing process and sing with The Sirens in an intimate shanty workshop. They'll walk you through a couple of shanties, with a focus on harmonies, group collaboration, and twisting history for the modern era.

RESCUE VESSEL TOURS

Bunbury Marine Rescue will be providing tours of their rescue vessels at the Koombana Bay Sailing Club wharf, Saturday and Sunday from 12-4pm

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

Renowned dance teacher Palenque will lead you in a range of fun and easy to learn dances from across Europe and the Middle East. Join her and the Last Five Coins band Friday night at the Bunbury Geographe Seniors and Community Centre. Dinner available and yes it's FREE!

MAD TATTERS MORRIS DANCING

Be enthralled with the vibrant colours, sound and joyous dancing of the Mad Tatters Morris dancers. Performing traditional Morris dances from England and Wales these jingly blurry balls of colour are a sight to see.

Free Family Fun event

WATER CANNON DISPLAY

Stay tuned to the Bunbury Sea Shanty Festival Facebook page for the Svitzer tugs water cannon display on Saturday afternoon

SHANTY DANCE PARTY

Party the night away at Froth Bunburey with DJ HARRRRRRRRkin!! DJ Harkin will be scrubbing the decks with the saltiest of sea shanty remixes from the four corners of the world. Bring your crew, your dancing boots and your gunpowder.

BUNBURY HERITAGE MUSEUM

Bunbury Museum + Heritage Centre will be hosting various activities during the festival such as John Ralph's "Music of the Swan River Colony" and Shipwreck themed scavenger hunts. See the program for more details.

SOUTHERN PORTS PESKY PIRATE SHOW

Eyes to the skies with this original, high skill outdoor street show combining circus specialties Aerial Silks & Chinese Pole with a swashbuckling story of acrobatic adventures on the high seas.

BURGERS, BLEARY EYES AND BLOODY MARY'S

Come and join us for Sunday brunch at the beautiful The Old Lyric. Mingle with performers and attendees alike over good food, hot coffee and the odd Bloody Mary.

Head to Humanitix now to secure your seat today.

FOLK CLUB WITH GREEN HERRING

Join Green Herring for a relaxed afternoon of music, song and story in true folk club style. All are welcome — singers, musicians, poets and listeners alike. Pop your name on the blackboard if you'd like to perform, or just sit back and enjoy the tunes, tales and good company.

Folk for everyone. No frills, just heart.

ROPE MAT MAKING WORKSHOP

Learn the traditional sailor's craft of rope mat making in this hands-on workshop. Rope is supplied, and no experience is needed—just bring your enthusiasm! Take home a nautical keepsake and a bit of maritime know-how. Contact Jane today to register your interest 0897226612.janemorrow848@gmail.com

TORC CÉILÍ BAND

Join Caroline, Claran, Jerry, and Ross as they lead you on a high-spirited voyage from the wild Atlantic coast of Ireland to the warm West of Australia. With rousing sea shanties, foot-stomping tunes, and lively céilí and bush dances, this crew brings the songs and rhythms of two great islands to life. No experience needed — Caroline will call the dances so everyone can jump in. Expect laughter, leaping, and a whole lot of toe-tapping fun for the whole family!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



4-6th July 2025

Ahoy friends old and new!

We're thrilled to welcome you back to the Bunbury Sea Shanty Festival — now in its second glorious year! What began as a wild idea to fill the air with harmony, history, and a bit of salty silliness has grown into a full-blown celebration of maritime music, community spirit, and good old-fashioned fun.

Bunbury once again becomes the port of call for shanty singers, folk musicians, poets, dancers, storytellers, and seafaring souls of all kinds. From rollicking tunes sung shoulder to shoulder in cosy pubs to stirring performances echoing across the bay, we invite you to sing along, stomp your boots, raise a glass, and be part of the crew.

Whether it's your first voyage or your triumphant return, there's something for everyone — from intimate workshops and family-friendly events to late-night singalongs and hearty seaside feasts.

So hoist the sails, warm up those vocal cords, and get ready to make waves at the Second Bunbury Sea Shanty Festival.

BUNBURY SEA SHANTY FESTIVAL

FRIDAY

	KOOMBANA BAY SAILING CLUB	FROTH	MISSION TO SEAFARERS	SNEAKEE MONKEE (AT FUNKEE MONKEE)
6PM	Opening Ceremony (6:45 pm)	Alan S Ferguson	She Shants	The White Wail
7PM	Royal Australian Navy Band	Spirit of Alba	Gael Force	Boodji Creek
8PM	The Salty Sirens	Rum Jungle	The Mandurah Mariners	Lee Shore Songs
9PM	Stranded Wailers	The Salt Lake Shantymen	The Salty Sea Dogs	Warralakin
10PM	The Lost Quays	Rum Skull	The Anchormen	Duality
11PM	Stigwood			

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FESTIVAL BUS LEAVING REGULARLY
FROM MISSION TO SEAFARERS BUNBURY



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MISSION TO SEAFARERS BUNBURY

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THE FESTIVAL BEER!

SATURDAY

	KOOMBANA BAY SAILING CLUB	FROTH	MISSION TO SEAFARERS	SNEAKEE MONKEE (AT FUNKEE MONKEE)	SENIOR CITIZENS
9AM	Bush Poets Breakfast/ Bunbury Community Radio				
10AM	Bunbury Community Radio Live Broadcast		How to start your own sea shanty group Gary "Griz" Greenwald		Rope Mat Workshop from 10am-12pm
11AM	Spirit of Alba/ Bunbury Community Radio Live Broadcast	Albannach Lass	How to write your own sea shanties S'Katt	The Morgans	VR Pirate Tavern Rope Mat Workshop from 10am-12pm
12PM	Duality	The Mandurah Mariners	Sea shanty singing workshop with the Salty Sirens	Alan S Ferguson	Mad Tatters 12:00-12:25
1PM	She Shants	Lee Shore Songs	Folk Club with Green Herring	Phil Beck	Shelley's Facepainting
2PM	S'Katt	The Sunset Coast Shanty Men	Folk Club with Green Herring	Peter Bugden	Mad Tatters (2:00-2:25pm)
3PM	Warralakin	Ex-Pat Performed by Tr3ble	Boodji Creek	The Anchormen	VR Pirate Tavern/Shelley's Facepainting
4PM	Rum Jungle	Gael Force	White Wail	The Dunn Bay Wailers	VR Pirate Tavern
5PM	The Salt Lake Shantymen	The Lost Quays	Green Herring	Shanty Circle	International Dance 5:00-7:30pm
6PM	The Anchormen	Duality	S'Katt	Shanty Circle	International Dance 5:00-7:30pm
7PM	The Albany Shantymen	She Shants	The Lost Quays	The Salty Sea Dogs	International Dance 5:00-7:30pm
8PM	Rum Skull	The Dunn Bay Wailers	Rum Jungle	Cushla Macree	
9PM	Stigwood	The Stranded Wailers	The Salt Lake Shantymen	The Salty Sirens Adults only show	
10PM		DJ Harrrrrrkin Dance Party			
11PM		DJ Harrrrrrkin Dance Party			

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SUNDAY

	KOOMBANA BAY SAILING CLUB	FROTH	MISSION TO SEAFARERS	SNEAKEE MONKEE (AT FUNKEE MONKEE)	SENIOR CITIZENS	BUNBURY MUSEUM	OLD LYRIC
10AM							Burgers, Bleary Eyes and Bloody Mary's"
11AM							
12PM	Write your own Sea Shanty Comp	The Anchormen	Duality	Bush Poets	Pesky Pirate Show/ Shelley's Facepainting		
1PM	Write your own Sea Shanty Comp	The Albany Shantymen	Alan S Ferguson	Bush Poets	Ceili Dancing/ Shelley's Facepainting		
2PM	The Roaring Wenches	The White Wail	The Morgans	The Mandurah Mariners	Ceili Dancing/ Shelley's Facepainting	Music of the Swan River Colony John Ralph	
3PM	She Shants	The Lost Quays	Peter Bugden	Rum Skull		Music of the Swan River Colony John Ralph	
4PM	Gael Force	Warralakin	Phil Beck	Green Herring			
5PM	The White Wail	S'Katt	The Stranded Wailers	Shanty Circle			
6PM	Rum Jungle	Cushla Macree	The Salt Lake Shantymen	Shanty Circle			
7PM	The Dunn Bay Wailers						
8PM	The Big Sing						
9PM	The Big Sing						
10PM	End of Festival at 10pm						

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