

National
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What is the National Folk Festival?

The National Folk Festival (the National) is a five-day celebration of Australia's national cultural identity – the music, songs, dances and spoken word that reflect the heritage of our diverse population.

The, first National was held in Melbourne in 1967 and in 1969 when the National moved to Queensland a thirteen year tradition of different host cities each year commenced.

By 1992 the Australian Folk Trust, concluded that a permanent site and permanent staff must be found to ensure the future of the event.

The National Folk Festival Ltd, was established and Exhibition Park in Canberra was chosen as the site for the event. From a single part time Director and a couple of thousand attendees in 1993 the Festival has grown to a full time staff of six and fifty thousand attendees for the 2009 event.

How is the National Folk Festival managed?

The National is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors, selected on the basis of their individual skills and expertise and a commitment to the Festival and folk culture in Australia.

Year round a team of 6 paid and 6 key volunteers manages NFF operations, while the festival is supported by an additional team of 1500 volunteers.

Further information on our management, governance arrangements and objectives can be found on our website (www.folkfestival.asn.au).

The National Folk Festival Public Fund

The National Folk Festival Public Fund was set-up to enable us to accept tax deductible monetary gifts. The fund is listed on the Register of Cultural Organisations (ROCO) under Sub-section 30B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1977.

In order to comply with the guidelines of ROCO the Festival has a Public Fund

Committee comprised of member of the Board of Directors. This Committee ensures that funds are used appropriately and gives approval for funds to be transferred out of the Public Fund account.

The Festival is also accredited as a deductible gift recipient through the Australian Tax Office.

Why donate to the National Folk Festival?

The National is a not for profit organisation that is primarily self-funded through ticket sales. We receive no ongoing financial support from either local or federal government.

The majority of this income goes towards essential costs such as Festival infrastructure, wages, performer fees and general administration costs. As a result there are limited funds that can be spent on special projects outside of the normal Festival operations.

In 2004 the Festival purchased the materials required to build a temporary 12m x 18m sprung dance floor each year in the Mallee Pavilion. The funds for this project came from donations received over the years. The Declan Affley Award, which recognizes young up-an-coming folk performers, was also funded by donations



The Festival has a number of projects that will be funded primarily through donations. These projects include the following;

A dance floor designed for outdoor use

The Festival is looking to design and build a dance floor to be used outdoors for dance displays and workshops during the event.

Developing an online resource for primary school teachers to encourage traditional music education

The Festival wants to fill the void left by the discontinuation of the ABC songbook by developing an online resource that will provide words, music and a multimedia aspect of traditional songs from all elements of Australian society.

Developing online training resources for Festival volunteers

The Festival is aiming to increase the level of training to volunteers to ensure that they all have knowledge of the ethos of the event and to give them basic

skills in the area they are working. Developing online training modules is part of this process.

Creating artwork and sculpture for display at the Festival

The creation of permanent and temporary sculpture and artworks designed by practicing artists and built by Festival attendees to provide another aspect of the cultural history of the event.

Any donation over \$2 made to the National Folk Festival Public Fund is tax deductible.

There are two ways to make a monetary donation to the National Folk Festival Public Fund.

1. You can complete the form included with this document and send it back to the Festival with a cheque or with your credit card details.
2. You can make a direct deposit into the National Folk Festival Public Fund

The account details for the Public Fund are listed below. If you do make a direct deposit then please drop us a line or give us a call to let us know as we would like to say thank you.

If you would like any further information or would like to talk to someone in the organisation please contact the person listed below.

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How donate to the National Folk Festival Public Fund

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