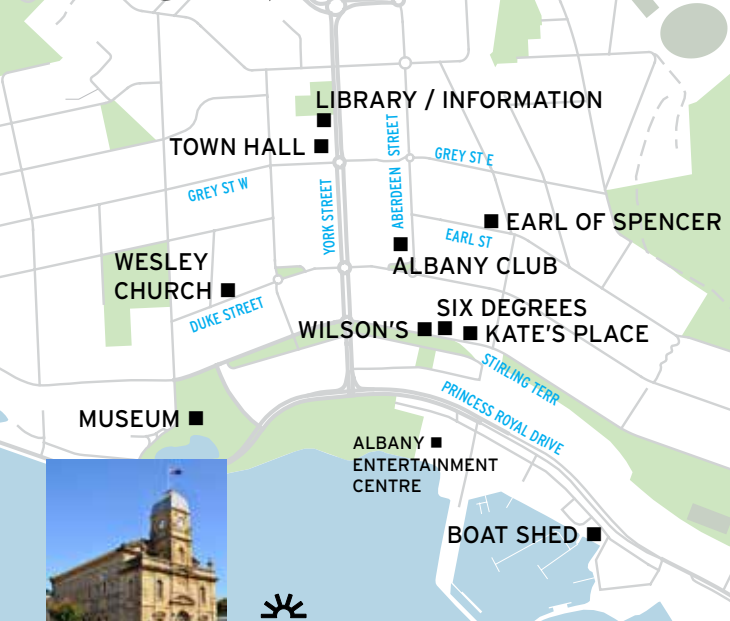


VENUE MAP

↑ DUNE BEER CO (6km)



TOWN HALL
ALBANY

ALBANY TOWN HALL
217 York Street (08) 6820 3850



ALBANY CLUB JRC

ALBANY CLUB
23 Aberdeen Street (08) 6820 3850



WESLEY CHURCH
12 Duke Street (08) 9841 1145



EARL OF SPENCER
60 Earl Street (08) 9847 4262



WILSON'S BREWING COMPANY
72 Stirling Terrace (08) 9841 1733



SIX DEGREES
70 Stirling Terrace (08) 6156 9282



KATE'S PLACE
42 Stirling Terrace (08) 9842 9696



ALBANY BOAT SHED
256 Princess Royal Dr 0458 433 248



MUSEUM OF THE GREAT SOUTHERN
Residency Rd, (08) 9841 4844

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TOWN HALL	WESLEY CHURCH	ALBANY CLUB	SIX DEGREES	WILSON BREW CO	EARL OF SPENCER
FRIDAY					
5:00		JD and The Lot			
5:30	Dinkum Oil		Mobile Zebra		Mandurah Mariners
6:00		Fortriu			
6:30	Sea Swallow		Savanah Solomon		Salt Lake Shantymen
7:00		Dave Robertson		Albany Shantymen	
7:30	Ashlea Reale	+ Kiss List	Bryan Dalton		Salty Yaks
8:00		South Sea Shantymen		She Shants	
8:30	Eddy & Josephine Jay		Peter Bugden		Brew Brothers
9:00		Lost Followers		Dunn Bay Wailers	
9:30			The Valdoonicians		Anchormen
10:00		Amarach		Southern Right Blues	
10:30		Irish Session	The Dudes of Grace		Rumskull
SATURDAY					
11:30					
12:00	Poets at Sea				
12:30					Albany Mutineers
1:00					
1:30	Irish Singing Workshop with Ciaran O'Sullivan				Amity Rogues
2:00			Freo Trio		
2:30					Mobile Zebra
3:00	Savanah Solomon	Singability			
3:30			Vintage Roadshow		
4:00	Fortriu				Gael Force (Irish Session)
4:30		Pete Usher		Roaring Wenches	
5:00	Bryan Dalton		Bilya Beats		
5:30		Sea Swallow		Castaway Shantymen	
6:00	Dave Robertson + Kiss List		Ciaran O'Sullivan Band		Sunset Coast SC
6:30		Ashlea Reale		The Jig is Up	
7:00	Bugden and Carney		Amarach		Last Five Coins
7:30		The Valdoonicians			
8:00			Lost Followers	South Sea Shantymen	
8:30		Fred Smith			Dunn Bay Wailers
9:00				Anchormen	
9:30		Irish Session	The Dudes of Grace		Albany Shantymen
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**TICKETED EVENT
SHAMROCKS
& SHANTIES
THE LOST QUAYS
& THE ROGUES**

**TICKETED EVENT
THE CAPTAIN'S
CUT
FRED SMITH &
THE LOST QUAYS**

**TICKETED EVENT
THE BIG
HOOLEY
AMAIDÍ &
BEESWING**

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SUNDAY					
12:30	Dinkum Oil				
1:00		Amity Rogues		Freo Trio	
1:30	Lyrebird				
2:00		Albany Mutineers		Lost Followers	
2:30	Minky Gardner				
3:00	International	Fortriu		Ashlea Reale	
3:30	Dance	Bernard Carney			
4:00		Ciaran O'Sullivan Band		Sunset Coast SC	
4:30	Bilya Beats		Salty Yaks		Castaway Shantymen
5:00		Eddy & Josephine Jay		The Jig is Up	Session Singalong
5:30	Vintage Roadshow		JD and The Lot		
6:00		Gael Force		Dave Robertson + Kiss List	
6:30			The Lost Quays		
7:00	Salt Lake Shantymen			Castaway Shantymen	
7:30			Albany Shantymen		
8:00	The Dudes of Grace			Southern Right Blues	
8:30					
9:00	Irish Session				

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FIONA REA
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Shanty!!!**

WHALE OF A TIME

See The She Shants at 1pm on Saturday and The Mandurah Mariners on Sunday at 1pm in the Historic Whaling Station. Log on to discoverbay.com.au/blog/category/events for ticket information.



MERCH FOR YOU

Festival beanies (original black and new Irish green) and our collectable festival pins are on sale at Wilson's.



TRAD SESSIONS

All folk musicians are welcome to play at the sessions at the Albany Club and the Earl of Spencer (see above for times).



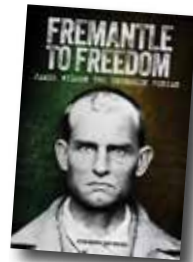
POETS' BREAKFASTS
At Kate's Place on Saturday and Sunday mornings, free entry with a great breakfast menu

AT THE MUSEUM

FREMANTLE TO FREEDOM

Fred Rea (singer/songwriter) and Peter Murphy (author/storyteller/poet/comic), natives of Co Cork and Dublin respectively, have just launched their book 'Fremantle to Freedom' to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Catalpa Rescue. Experience the songs, poetry and humour around the six Fenian prisoners' escape.

FREE EVENT Saturday 12noon at the Co-op building, Museum of the Great Southern.



SHANTY BREW

The Dune Beer Co has brewed a special Shantyfest Stout - available on tap at their brewery near Emu Point and at Wilson's and 6 Degrees in town.

AT THE LIBRARY

SING SING SING WITH MINKY!

Minky takes a journey around the band, finding all the high low, fun, silly and lovely sounds!

With a little singalong to find the stars in the audience.

FREE EVENT for children 2 years+ Friday 1-2pm, Saturday 10-11am

Book tickets at library.albany.wa.gov.au/events/



WANNA PLAY A STEINWAY?

Kinjurling Keys and the Albany Entertainment Centre are offering everyone a go on a Steinway! Log on to tinyurl.com/shantypiano to book a FREE 20-minute session on Friday and Saturday, from 10am to 4pm at the AEC down by the Marina.



SUPPORT THE FESTIVAL

Everyone who comes along to the Southern Hemisphere's ONLY shanty festival is helping it grow, thrive and stay (90%) FREE. And if you would like to help even more, you can!

Individuals can go to albanysfolkshantyfest.com/donate to chuck some money in our hat and there are attractive sponsorship packages for businesses at albanysfolkshantyfest.com/sponsorship



THE ARTISTS



AMAIDÍ

This Brisbane-based trio ignite the room with their explosive neo-trad sound - a fast-paced fusion of Irish, Scottish, and Australian traditions delivered with boy-band charisma and irresistible rhythm. Their modern twist on classic tunes, infectious energy, and boundary-breaking style leave a lasting impression with every audience they meet.

THE ALBANY MUTINEERS

From the pristine waters of Albany Western Australia, The Mutineers are a bunch of nautical but nice wenches singing bawdy and traditional songs of the sea.

THE ALBANY SHANTYMEN

Approximately 15 blokes who sing loud songs of the sea. They've appeared on radio, TV and film and have inspired a resurgence of interest in sea shanties throughout WA (as well as founding this Festival). Unmissable.

AMARACH

This Perth-based folk band aim to bring the beauty of traditional Celtic music into the WA music sphere. Featuring Rachel Doulton (voice), Elise Rosenberg (fiddle), Wilbur 'Stooky' Grantham (banjo/guitar), Tarmon Gibson (flute/whistle) and Jack Collinson (percussion/voice).

THE AMITY ROGUES

Evolving over a few years from the initially all-female shanty group, The Shantylillies, the Amity Rogues are a mixed voice group who have appeared at every Albany Folk'n'Shanty Festival.

THE ANCHORMEN

From Bunbury WA, The Anchormen first burst onto the stage in 2018 with their raucous shanties and sea ballads. Hold on to the taffrail as they take you on a high energy journey across the high seas.

ASHLEA REALE

Ashlea Reale digs deep into WA's blood-soaked past, unearthing stories of murder, mutiny, and the ghosts that still linger on our coast. Ashlea brings a raw and haunting energy to her dark folk storytelling.

BERNARD CARNEY

Bernard Carney OAM is celebrating 50 years in the Australian music industry. His songs tell of Australia, its people and history, all laced with humour, heart and a hefty dose of family pride. He comes with awards, honours and Irish ancestry.

BILYABEATS

This trio of Rachael Colmer, Anthony Probert and David Rastrick features vocal harmonies, violin, mandolin and guitar, with a repertoire of contemporary folk and country and original compositions.

BREW BROTHERS

United by a common love of great music and tasty fermentation, Barry Heydenrych and Pete Usher are a guitar and vocal duo who bring a South American and African flavour into a diverse range of musical styles.

BRYAN DALTON

This Irish folk singer has called Western Australia home for 15 years, playing the pubs and clubs of Perth, Adelaide and Melbourne. Dalton writes heartwarming songs woven through an unmistakably Irish sonic tapestry.

BUGDEN & CARNEY

After 40 years of carefully avoiding any chance of performing together until last year's Festival, Bernard & Buggie join forces once again to break boundaries with beautiful ballads, balderdash and bullshit.

CASTAWAY SHANTYMEN

Bringing the spirit of the high seas to pubs, festivals and gigs throughout the South West. Their powerful harmonies and foot-stomping rhythms will turn any crowd into a raucous singalong.

CIARAN O'SULLIVAN BAND

Originally from Donegal in the northwest of Ireland, Ciaran emigrated to Perth in 2011. Ciaran performs and sings throughout the traditional Irish music sessions in Perth.

DAVE ROBERTSON & THE KISS LIST

Dave Robertson crafts thoughtful, disarmingly literal songs that balance wit with deep sincerity. The Kiss List feature Rachel Armstrong (violin/mandolin), Rob Findlay (electric guitar), and Tore Pedersen (bass).

DINKUM OIL

An Australian acoustic trio, featuring the multi-talents of Margaret Crossen and Steve and Barb Roberts using accordion, bodhran, ukulele, guitar, mandolin and double bass.

THE DUNN BAY WAILERS

A rousing sea shanty crew from Dunsborough WA drawing on classic work songs of sailors, whalers, and coastal folk. They invite audiences to sing along, raise a glass, stomp their feet and get lost in songs of the sea.

THE DUDES OF GRACE

This sextet of multi-instrumentalists have been performing their gypsy-pirate-fairground tango far and wide, exploring human feelings and foibles in a way that is fun and inclusive with a smile and a keen sense of style.

EDDY & JOSEPHINE JAY

They weave music and stories from around the world, celebrating a life less ordinary with the rich interplay of fiddle and accordion, heartfelt singing, and captivating storytelling.

FORTRIU

This Perth trio came together at the Scottish Stramash sessions, they comprise of Phil Roeterdink (Blackboy Jam, Loaded Dog), Graeme Watt (Gallus Ceilidh Band, Perth Metro Pipe Band) and Ian Cooper (Metro Pipe Band).

FREO TRIO

Tales of escaped convicts from our port town, heroes of the past. Everyday moments of our place and time, sung to life.

GAEL FORCE

A WA-Irish Traditional Band based in Bunbury WA, performing well-known Irish and traditional favourites. Regularly involved at the Irish Trad sessions in and around Mandurah.

INTERNATIONAL DANCE ALBANY & LAST FIVE COINS

Experienced dance teacher Palenque will lead you in a range of easy dances from across Europe and the Middle East. Last Five Coins and friends have been providing music for folk dancing for many years in Perth.

JD AND THE LOT

They will take you in a musical journey with a great selection of tunes played on flute, whistle, accordion, fiddle, mandolin and guitar. Plus the odd song or two.

JIG IS UP

A lively trio bringing the spirit of Celtic music to life with jigs, reels, and folk songs. They've been playing together for the past three years, sharing their love of these genres through energetic toe-tapping performances.



THE DUDES OF GRACE



RUMSKULL

LAST FIVE COINS

Playing an eclectic mix of multicultural village music, the music has been collected during a lifetime of travel, collaborating, instrument making and playing across Australia and Europe.

THE LOST FOLLOWERS

A Fremantle-based bluegrass band known for their raw edge and high-energy live shows. This dynamic five-piece delivers straight-up, fire-in-the-belly bluegrass with grit and heart and bring a fresh spark to the genre while staying true to its roots.

LYREBIRD

Lyrebird are a Dad and daughter folk duo. Warm vocal harmonies, storied originals and some quirky covers!

MANDURAH MARINERS

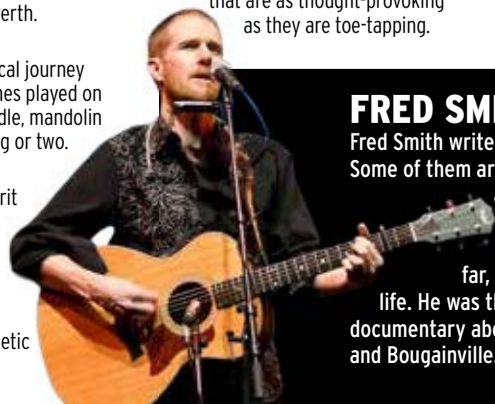
Here are some blokes from the coast And we're not the type to boast So, if you're looking for a band We're the best crew on land To entertain you, we'll do our utmost

MOBILE ZEBRA

Albany's own eco-folk storytellers, blending bluesy undertones, jazzy grooves, and honky-tonk charm into a fresh folk fusion all their own. They craft songs that are as thought-provoking as they are toe-tapping.

FRED SMITH

Fred Smith writes songs. Some of them are sad. Some of them are funny. Some of them are sad and funny. Some of them are quite serious. Fred's songs reflect the world he has seen in what, so far, has been a messy and interesting life. He was the subject of an Australian Story documentary about his experiences in Afghanistan and Bougainville.



THE ROGUES

A powerhouse Pogues tribute outfit, bringing the kind of full-tilt Celtic-punk energy that turns a wintery Albany evening into a riotous celebration. With driving rhythms, soaring whistles and a set packed with the Pogues' most beloved songs, a show built for dancing, singing along, and losing yourself in the moment. They're lively, loud, and irresistibly fun.



THE LOST QUAYS

Arriving fresh from sellout shows at Perth's Boola Bardip and the Adelaide Fringe, this Fremantle-based nautical vocal crew deliver booming a cappella shanties, reflective sea songs and original pieces. Performances blend history, humour, and heart with irresistible boot-stomping rhythm.

Céilí Performance



BEESWING

A hand-picked ensemble of exceptional musicians who bring colour, character, and pure Irish joy to every stage they touch. With standout performers like Fiona Rea, Brett Hardwick, Val Cutler, Riley Murphy and Marcus Perrozzi, Beeswing deliver a vibrant Irish-folk spectacle filled with masterful playing and upbeat spirit.

FIONA REA

An Irish-born singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist based in Perth, WA. With over 15 years of experience in the live music scene, she is known for her soulful storytelling, haunting vocals, and a repertoire that spans folk, jazz, and traditional Irish music. She won the WAM Song of the Year for her ballad "Take Me Home" and frequently performs solo or with various ensembles across WA.



RUMSKULL

Scourge of folk festivals and punk rock pubs alike with a baffling array of Celtic Punk instrumentation, all too loud, all the time. Raiding the stage for over 15 years, nobody knows where they will strike next, least of all themselves.

SALT LAKE SHANTYMEN

Hailing from Kalgoorlie Boulder, they are the most inland sea shanty specialist group in the world. Mixing the gold of the salty inland seas with historical maritime songs, you're bound to hear some things you've never heard before!

SALTY YAKS

A six-voice sea-shanty crew from the south coast of WA with big harmonies, humour, and plenty of audience participation. The Yaks bring old working songs of the sea roaring back to life, blurring the line between band and sing-along.

SAVANAH SOLOMON

An Australian folk artist whose songwriting is rooted in story, place and emotional truth. Raised in WA's Kimberley region, her music of gentle guitars and vivid lyricism invites audiences to slow down, listen closely, and stay a while.

SHE SHANTS

Original songs from the maritime women's point of view, and how they deal with waiting and loss. A fascination with mythological sea creatures can be heard in the mournful tales of mermaids, sirens and selkies.

SEA SWALLOW

A folk and country blues duo playing a mix of mostly pre-war country blues and original material that draws on

folk-blues and early jazz influences. Known for their on-stage chemistry, blending two very different voices, guitars, harp and snare drum.

SINGABILITY

An inclusive and welcoming environment where members enjoy the social connection that comes from singing together.

SOUTH SEA SHANTYMEN

Hailing from Esperance on the southern coast of Western Australia, this crew are a chipper bunch of scallywags dedicated to bringing the rich tradition of sea shanties to audiences near and far.

SOUTHERN RIGHT BLUES BAND

Since 2022, five mates with one common musical goal - to have fun playing the music they love, busking, performing around pubs and clubs and for the last three years at Blues at Bridgetown. Cool Blues. Done Right. In the Great Southern.

SUNSET COAST SHANTY CREW

The unstoppable force we now know and love as that weird bunch of shanty singers who consume copious amounts of lager at the Pirate Bar every Monday evening until the barmaid shouts at them to get out!

THE VALDOONICANS

The result of an unsuccessful attempt to clone a legendary Irish singer, these genetic rejects were brought up in Scotland, England and Australia and wound up down under. Not so much Irish murder ballads as murdering Irish ballads.