

Media Alert: Friday 24 December 2010

Illawarra Folk Festival to Secede and Create FOLK REPUBLIC OF BULLI

Embargo until 10:00 am on 7th January 2011



2011 Festival Program Now Available



On 7th January, 2011, the organisers of the 2011 Illawarra Folk Festival will officially secede from the Commonwealth of Australia and Wollongong City Council and declare Slacky Flat at Bulli Showground the 'Folk Republic of Bulli'.

The proclamation will take place at Wollongong Mall at 10am on 7 January 2011.

There will be a band, protesters and supporters. They will march down the Mall to the Wollongong Council Chambers, where Presidento Russell Hannah will officially declare Bulli the Republic of Folk and secede from Wollongong Council. It should be an exciting and colourful rally with lots of photo and interview opportunities.

The Chief Minister of the new Republic, Presidento Russell Hannah has set out a manifesto which includes a promise of dancing, fun and laughter.

"Between the 13th to 16th of January, I declare a united stand in support of good music, good verse, good singing and dancing" declared the Presidento. "All people who like music and having a good time will be welcome to become residents of the New Republic" he said.

"We just want to have fun!" Presidento Hannah exclaimed, "We decided that we needed to establish a country free from rival parties and back biting.

There is only one party in our republic and it goes from Thursday to Sunday night. And the only backbiting is people coming back to bite into the delicious food that is available, including the Republic's national dish, tripe.

The only opposition we will tolerate is opposition to boring music.”

“Our passports will be in the form of a ticket which will entitle all holders to become residents of the new republic.

Citizens of the republic will be easily recognised by the decorative wristbands that they will be wearing.” stated the leader.

“We will be issuing our own uniform (a fetching folk festival T-shirt and cap) and for a \$95 season pass, people can purchase citizenship of the Folk Republic of Bulli and can enjoy four days of music, dancing, spoken word and singing without worrying about income tax, GST or NBNs!”

“There will be no elections but lots of choice and I plan to release the names of the citizens who will be appointed as Ministers in the New Republic at the proclamation,” concluded Presidento Hannah.

There is a variety of material in the media kit ([click here](#)) and you can obtain additional media releases and a program. Complimentary media passes for the festival plus a media pack are available; please contact us to arrange collection.

For further information on covering this exciting event or to arrange an interview with the Presidento, please send an RSVP to

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Artist and Festival high resolution photographs available.

General festival photographs:

www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au/page/GeneralFestivalImages

2011 Festival Artists



International Acts:

Bettina Schelker (SWITZ), Chosani Afrique (SENEGAL), George Mann (USA), Jonathan Bob Lynn (CAN), Orkestra Del Sol (UK), Sleepy Lou (USA), Faye Blais (CAN)

National Acts:

Eric Bogle (SA), Ted Egan (NT), A.J. Leonard's Tropical Lounge (Vic), Ami Williamson, Andrew Vievers (Qld), Badja River Quartet, Black Joak Morris, Bob Campbell, Brian Bell, Brillig (SA), Buck & Deanne, Canberra Contra Club, Carol Heuchan, Cj Shaw, Cliona Molins, Dave De Hugard (Vic), Ecopella, Get Folked, Innes and Present Company (Qld), Graham Wilson (WA), Grimick, Humbug (ACT), Jack Flash (Qld), John Dengate, John Ralph (WA), Junior (SA), Kate Delaney and Denis Tracey, Martin Pearson (Vic), Mean Feet Brass Band, Merrywether, Neil Murray (NT), Orange Blossom (Vic), Paul Greene & The Other Colors, Pave Leclair, Pete Denahy, Peter Baxter (Ire), Peter Ellis, Peter Mace, Queen Juanita and the Zydeco Cowboys (ACT), RAPT, Replay, Richard Perso, Roger Montgomery & John Angliss (WA), Rough Red (Qld), Ruby for Lucy, Sabrina & the Red

Vans (Vic), Sacred Circus, Shanachie (Vic), Son Sabroso, Springtide, Sunas (Qld), TallaTango, The Barons of Tang (Vic), The Go Set (Vic), The Handsome Young Strangers, The Lucky Wonders, The Mutual Acquaintances, The Pigs, The Tea Ladies, The Tealeaves (Vic), Tracey Bunn (NT)

Locals Acts:

Alan Blackshaw, Alan Musgrove & His Watsname Band, Az-I Am, BeatMeisters, Bellydance Fusion, Big Erle, Chord-eaux, Cinnamon Twist Belly Dance, Circus WOW, Denis McKay, Denise Thomas, Elemental Groove, Emma Hannah and Silver River Band, Flamenco Fusion Dance and Drum, Funkier Than Alice, Gobsmacked 1!, Jane Aubourg, Janet Andrews, John Broomhall Trio, Kalalaya Dance Group, Ken Gates Harmonica, Kenny Bartley, King and Queen of Green, Lilli Pilli, Mitch Smith, Nick Rheinberger, No Such Thing, Once Upon a Song, Penny and the Mystics, Phyl Lobl, Riogh, Spirits of Serpentine Belly Dance, South of the Big Smoke, Southern Crane Kung Fu Chinese Lion Dancers, Stewart Holt, The Leisure Coasters, The Puddin' Eaters, The Scarlett O'Haras, Tia Wilson, Tribal Jewels Dance Company, Ukenasia, Victor Girdlestone, Vivienne Sawyer, Voices of Africa, Wild Water, Wongawilli, Wongawilli Colonial Dancers, Woolli La La's, Zondrae King, Zorba's Kefi

Youth Acts:

Bird Vs Cage, Cameron Mather, Claire Crighton, Felicity Yan & Friends, Hollow On The Lake, Joe Mungovan, Joshua, Mel and Ness, Olivia Heinlein, Paddy & Rosie Kelly, Paddy and the Wonderband, Rocking Horse, Shadow Folk, Sheena-na-gig, The Flat White Cats, Tilly Street, Tim Lukey, 24/8, Well Strung

Music Train Acts:

Adjusted JohnS Junk Band Association, CJ Shaw, Dani Karis Band, Darren Whitaker, Dave Perram, Kentucky Moon, King and Queen of Green, Merrywether, Shanachie, Sonia Bennett, Sutherland Singers, Tom Flint and Sam

