



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# Main Stage Lineup and Exciting Additions Await at Airlie Beach Festival of Music 2023

Anticipation is growing for the music festival that is unlike any other in Australia: the eleventh-annual <u>Airlie Beach Festival of Music</u> will take place from 9-12 November 2023 in the picturesque setting of The Whitsundays.

More than 50 bands will perform live across 15 venues this year, showcasing an enlivening blend of industry legends and emerging talents.

The 2023 Main Stage schedule has been released with Festival headliners Ian Moss and Frenzal Rhomb playing on Friday, winners of the National Indigenous Music Award for Best Song King Stingray and The Superjesus take to the stage on Saturday and taking the festival to the edge on Sunday is Ross Wilson and Dragon.

#### Inclusion and convenience with each Festival ticket

A four-day Festival pass at \$300 per pass, grants attendees' access to all live feature performance venues from Friday – Sunday 10-12 November, along with access to the Passport To Airlie Showcase Finals at the main stage on Thursday 9 November, and the Festival after-party at Northerlies Beach Bar and Grill on Monday 13 November 2023.

Single day passes are available for those who want to spend a day at the main stage and supporting venues. Day pass pricing is:

Friday: \$120 Saturday: \$130 Sunday: \$120

#### A treat for the senses with Insta-worthy views

Set on the edge of the water at the newly-renovated Whitsunday Sailing Club for a party like no other in a true tropical paradise. There will be incredible live music on one side of the club, stunning views out to the Whitsunday Islands on the other, and a myriad of culinary delights on offer, including Mexican and Asian cuisine, an Oyster Bay wine bar, pop-up craft beer bars, and a selection of Diablo cocktails to-boot.

### Diverse venues, memorable performances

A multitude of Festival venues will also offer unique experiences, including the live music institution and home of the 'World's Best Steak' KC's Bar and Grill, Fish D'Vine with its fresh local seafood and acclaimed mojitos, and Magnums, Airlie's popular party bar. Additional venues at Airlie Beach include Paradiso Restaurant and Sorrentos Restaurant & Bar with their beachfront and marina views, Lola's Bar, Beaches, and Boaty's Airlie Beach – all to be in party mode! This year's Festival will also include a youth performer stage at the Whitsunday Food Garden, showcasing the region's best emerging talents.







Unforgettable performances and new additions

Setting an impressive record for the Festival, this year's event programme boasts a collective 150 years of Australian rock music icons to perform under the Big Tent.

Ross Wilson and The Peaceniks will bring timeless talent to the stage, delivering a high-energy set filled with classic hits celebrating the 50-year legacy of "Eagle Rock."

Legendary band Dragon, known for their Antipodean anthems and Australian rock sound since 1973, will have the audience singing along to crowd-favourite hits like 'April Sun in Cuba', 'Are You Old Enough', 'Still In Love With You', and 'Rain'.

lan Moss is also sure to excite and evoke feelings of Cold Chisel coolness, performing huge hits from the 1980s as well as later-released hits of his wildly successful solo career.

#### 2023 MAIN STAGE ACTS:

Friday 10 November: Ian Moss, Frenzal Rhomb, Pierce Brothers, Skunkhour, Tanya George Saturday 11 November: King Stingray, The Superjesus, Chocolate Starfish, Bourbon Street, The Pigs

Sunday 12 November: Ross Wilson, Dragon, Billy Field, Wanita, James Bennett

Beyond the Main Stage, there will be live music in almost every venue throughout Airlie Beach every day of the Festival.

Accommodation options: rockstar luxury or adventurous camping

Airlie Beach offers an array of accommodation choices catering to every preference. Enjoy the Festival like a rockstar in the luxury of 5-star hotels and elegant apartments, embrace budget-friendly and communal vibes in backpacker lodgings, or immerse yourself in the liberating experience of setting up camp in the great outdoors with spacious and shaded campsites conveniently located nearby.

Experience the Ultimate Festival: Secure Your Spot

For more information and to purchase your festival pass, visit <a href="www.airliebeachfestivalofmusic.com.au">www.airliebeachfestivalofmusic.com.au</a>, and stay updated by following @airliebeachfestivalofmusic on Facebook and Instagram.

For a comprehensive view of The Whitsundays, including accommodations and experiences, explore <a href="https://www.tourismwhitsundays.com.au">www.tourismwhitsundays.com.au</a>.

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