

Guest Performers

This year we have another exceptional guest artist, Ami Williamson. Ami is a singer songwriter and brilliant entertainer who has two albums and a DVD to her credit. She is a fine musician with a degree in music and further overseas study. She has trained in and performed opera but is also an entertainer with great audience rapport and a fine talent for comedy.

Ami is the daughter of John Williamson, and has been in the entertainment industry all her life. You will love her. We are particularly thrilled to have Ami because long-term Frances attendees will know that she is our first ever female major guest!

The opening concert this year will also feature a good friend of the Gathering, South Australia's own Henk Groot. Henk recently produced an album called 'The Pearl' and will be performing his unique brand of bluegrass. Henk has graciously stepped aside from the Bandemonium competition this year to give other bands a chance having scooped the pool in recent years.

The third act on the concert will be Shelly Wigley's Ukulele ensemble. Shelly is also a long-term supporter of Frances and we thought it was about time we recognised the growing popularity of ukulele. Shelly is also a natural entertainer and this bracket will be a lot of fun.

Preferably no Dogs

Dogs **must** be under the owner's total control at all times. All droppings must be cleaned up. Dogs are not allowed in any venues or licensed areas including the streets around where events take place.

Naracoorte Cottages
The people friendly Bed & Breakfasts

Camping

Frances Folk Gathering offers good quality *basic* camping, but to make this work we need your cooperation with a few campsite rules:

The use of generators is strongly discouraged and they must not be used between 5.00pm and 9.00am

Please camp around the footy oval and the bowling club. **No camping in the streets or on the oval.**

Vans, trailers etc. – please let those sleeping on the ground in tents get the grassier spots.

There are good toilets, showers and waste disposal facilities. Fees are nominal and all proceeds go to the community.

Please don't use the campsite before the Wednesday before the Gathering.

There are 'larks' and 'owls' sections on the site for those who prefer early, or late, bedtime BUT, the basics still apply – be courteous and don't wake others with excessive noise – whether late at night or early morning.

No amplified music in the camping area. Remember to close your vehicle doors quietly. **No power** is to be accessed by campers. **No fires** - it's the middle of fire-ban season.

Competitions

Most entries are now made online, with restrictions on the number of entries in each class.

However, if there are still vacancies on the day, you can enter in person at the competition tent – or else, for categories that are already full, you can put yourself on a waiting list in case a registered competitor fails to show.

Competitor check-in and last-minute entries Saturday 9.00 – 10.00 in the Competition Marquee.

Performers, please help us by turning up early for your spot, and making sure you are there for the **prize giving at 6.30pm in the Main Marquee.**

Kids' Talent Competition

This competition is open to all primary school age children. You will be able to enter from 12 noon on Sunday at the Main Marquee. Great prizes.

Blackboard Concerts and Sessions

The Saturday Blackboard Concert is a great way for ANYONE to have their turn on stage. Sign up from 9.30am on Saturday morning at the main marquee. First come, first served. Spots are limited to 15 minutes. This year there will be no blackboard concert in the Competition tent

Sessions are informal and anyone is welcome to join in. If you are new to sessioning, you might want to note that sessions frequently have a theme and courtesy dictates that people joining in maintain the style (Celtic, bluegrass, instrumental, acapella etc.).

Catering

Welcome BBQ at the Bowling Club (beside the campsite) Friday at 6pm.

Breakfasts at the Footy Club Saturday & Sunday mornings 7.30 – 10am.

Meals, snacks & drinks from the wonderful Café le Folk, the local Store and the Frances Hotel Motel.

Farewell Barbecue Sunday 5pm.

Frances Finery

Back of the Main Marquee: 'till sold out!
This year's T-shirt design is a little bit of fun. Check them out. Remember every T-shirt you buy goes toward keeping Frances **FREE!**

Please help us by buying and proudly wearing your shirt!

Supporters and Volunteers

The Frances Folk Gathering is run entirely by volunteers. There are two main organising groups, one based in Adelaide and one in Frances. We have also enjoyed great support from Victorian volunteers and members of the Victorian Folk Music Club.

Please consider joining the Organising Committee in Adelaide or getting involved locally with the Friends of Frances. We could always use extra hands in most areas but particularly Fundraising, Infrastructure, Programming, Sponsorship & Publicity. Tasks range from long-term planning to specific one-off jobs.

Like to help? Then please either leave your details in the tub at the info desk, speak to a committee member or contact us via the website info@francesfolkathering.com.au if you would like to be involved.

A great big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have contributed to the success of the Frances Folk Gathering – now celebrating its 19th year!

Keep Frances FREE

Funding for this 2018 event relied once again on the fundraising efforts of a few hardworking volunteers and of course the assistance of our wonderful sponsors and donors. Please note those who support us, particularly Bulmers, CUB and the Naracoorte Lucindale Council. All sponsors are acknowledged in this leaflet. You can make an immediate contribution to the finances of the Gathering by buying “*The Gathering*” CD or entering the Raffle. There’s some great prizes on offer. Buy multiple tickets. That’s just \$2 (\$10, \$20?) to support the greatest little free festival in the country.



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Children

We have no crèche or child minding facilities. You remain responsible for children in your care at all times.

Donations

Following the success of last year we once again invite you to make a “Noteworthy” Contribution; asking for donations in the form of paper notes (any colour!) rather than coins. Please give what you can afford. Watch out for the bucket!

Our Valued Sponsors –

To all our sponsors – we simply could not do this without your continued support. It’s a struggle every year to get the funds we need, and you have our sincere thanks for every cent you contribute.

This year’s major sponsors are: Carlton and United Breweries; Bulmers Original Cider; Naracoorte/ Lucindale Council; Dale Cleves Music and Naracoorte Cottages.
This year’s local sponsors are: The Frances Hotel Motel; Circle H Farms; DiGiorgio Wines; Tender Cuts Butchers; The Veg Shed and Naracoorte Foodland.



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Feedback

We rely on your feedback to guide us in constantly improving the Gathering. Every year’s feedback has proved an invaluable resource and while we cannot always address everything at once, we hope that you will notice we are listening. Email your thoughts to info@francesfolkathering.com.au

Frances Folk Gathering 2018 General Information



Welcome!

Welcome back to Frances! This year we again have a wonderful guest artist, Ami Williamson, who will be appearing on Friday night, Saturday afternoon, and will be running a workshop on Sunday

Following on from its successful launch last year, there will once again be a Sunday market featuring the talents of local craftspeople. We will also have once again the involvement of local young people in the Friday Schools program and Kids’ Talent Competition.

Funding is still the biggest threat to the viability of the Gathering. This year we are excited to be launching ‘The Gathering’ our fundraiser CD with 19 tracks featuring almost all of our brilliant guest artists from the last 18 years. Please buy a CD (they also make great gifts!). We still have the raffle tickets and we ask that you give generously when approached. We need lots of support for “**the festival you’re IN, not just AT**”.

The event wouldn’t happen without the generosity and hard work of the people of Frances and district. This is a great chance to mix so if you are a local, say hello to a visitor and if you are visiting make sure you meet the locals! Sing, play and dance and enjoy this, the 19th Annual Frances Folk Gathering!!

*The Adelaide Coordinating Group
and Friends of Frances*