



Australian National Busking Competition Goolwa Heats

Buskers Info

Saturday 3 October 2026 at the Goolwa Wharf Precinct, Cutting Road, Goolwa
Entries Close 18 September

Busking from 10am – 3pm
Finals from 5pm – 8pm

Register - Collect your lanyards, programs & busking maps from Busking Central which will be located in the park facing Cutting Road **from 9am**. Wear your lanyards at all times. This will help judges ID you.

Parking – Our Busking Stations for the event are located on Jaralde Park and the Goolwa Wharf Precinct, Goolwa. Given that you will be there early you can find parking on Cutting Road and Dunbar Road. If you keep driving towards the water you may get a park near the wharf. You can park there for the day.

Amenities – Public toilets are located within the Wharf area.

Performing - Be prepared to transport your musical instruments/equipment to each location with a trolley or similar.

- You have three X thirty minutes time slots to perform between 10-3pm. You don't need to use the whole thirty minutes, but keep in mind the judges need to be able to see you to assess your performance. The use of backing tracks is acceptable.
- Put your hat/guitar case out for busker tips \$\$\$. A separate bucket will be provided for 'Busking Votes' which can be purchased by spectators for \$1 each. Our volunteers will be located throughout the area to encourage the public to buy the voting tokens. **YOU** need to return the tokens to **Busking Central after each set**. A running tally is kept throughout the day to determine the **Peoples Choice Award**.
- Arrive and finish on time at each of your venues. You can usually set up beside the performers playing before you to give you the full performance time.
- It's OK for you to sell your CD's and/or promote a charity or cause you may be raising funds for.



Goolwa Community Association

Helping support a connected community through community run events

- Three judges will be assessing performances throughout the day. Poor behaviour such as excessive volume impacting on neighbouring performers will result in you being marked down. Continued poor behaviour could result in disqualification.
- For the Finals at 5pm you need to make your way to the **Murray Delta Juke Joint**, 4 Dowdodd Crescent, Goolwa. The doors will open at 5 pm. The bar will be open and food vans located there. Finalists will be notified by phone beforehand so make sure we have your current phone number!
- You need your instrument/s with you. Mics & speakers will be set up and ready for you to plug into. Dave and Greg from the Juke Joint will help you get ready to perform.
- We encourage all buskers to come to the Juke Joint and support the performers in the room!

Prizes include the Open Section ranges from \$1,000 to \$500, Primary School Age \$300 to \$100, Secondary School Age \$400 to \$200 and Peoples Choice from \$600 to \$400.

BONUS

One Busker will be selected to perform at the Fleurieu Folk Festival which is held in the nearby town of Willunga over the following weekend of the 9th – 11th October 2026.

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