

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## The Black Sorrows Lead Final Artist Announcement



Savannah in the Round 2025 has unveiled its third and final artist announcement, rounding out an already blockbuster program expected to draw more than 10,000 fans to the Mareeba Rodeo Grounds from 9-12 October 2025.

Topping the latest announcement are Australian music icons The Black Sorrows, who will bring their unmistakable blend of soul, blues and rock to the iconic Cape Stage.

Led by Australian music legend Joe Camilleri, the band adds serious weight to an already jam-packed weekend of live music that features homegrown Australian talent and international star power.



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Also joining the 2025 program are Newcastle favourite Austin Mackay, who will play two sets across the weekend, Eddie Skiba, Karl S. Williams & Sally Wiggins, David Flower and Friends, Max Joy and the Honey Lovers, Raconteurs, Ella Hartwig, JC and the Tree, Whisky, Katie Richards Band, Mas Minimals and Dusty Haven.

James Dein, Festival Director of Savannah in the Round, said the event had grown year on year, with the 2025 program shaping up to be the strongest in the festival's five-year history.

"Any time you have got Joe Camilleri and The Black Sorrows rolling into town, you know you are in for something great.

"They have shaped the sound of Australian music and we can't wait to have them back on Savannah's main stage," he said.

The final artist announcement builds on an already stacked program featuring Zac Brown Band and Jackson Dean (USA), James Reyne, Kasey Chambers, Daryl Braithwaite, James Johnston, Casey Barnes, Amy Sheppard, Rose Tattoo, Beccy Cole, The Road Hammers (CAN), Jesse Daniel (USA) and a long list of rising and returning names.

"Having Zac Brown Band headlining this year, a Grammy-winning act that sells out stadiums around the world, really shows how much this outback music festival has grown.

"It's a world-class lineup in one of the most unique settings in the country and the momentum for this great event keeps building," Dein said.

Austin Mackay, who recently had to withdraw from CMA Fest in the US due to visa issues, has also been given a second set at Savannah 2025 as a show of support.

"I have ticked a lot of cool things off the bucket list this year, and Savannah feels like a really special way to top it all off," Mackay said.

"Setbacks are a given in this industry. I have spent years chipping away to get to where I am, and that kind of experience really builds resilience.

"We are already planning to come back bigger and better in 2026, and I am more motivated than ever," Mackay added.



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"But for now, I am honestly just so pumped to be part of the lineup. I have heard Savannah brings together a really passionate crowd, and there is nothing better than playing to die-hard country music fans.

"Festivals like this feel like such a full-circle moment after all the years I spent on the road playing smaller stages.

"Getting the chance to share the stage with some of these world-class artists is something I don't take for granted."

Tickets are on sale now at www.savannahintheround.com.au, with a range of options including single-day passes, three-day tickets and camping and glamping packages.

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#### Savannah in the Round 2025: 3rd Announcement Artists

The Black Sorrows
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