

Expression of Interest

Festival of Small Halls

Date: Between 13 – 23 October 2022

The Festival of Small Halls (organised by the producers of the Woodford Folk Festival) is on tour and will be returning to the Maranoa between the dates of **13 – 23 October 2022**.

What is the Festival of Small Halls?

The Festival is a series of tours that take the best folk and contemporary acoustic artists performing at two large festivals and sends them on the road to tiny halls in communities all over Australia. It's an opportunity for music lovers in local communities to invite artists from home and abroad into their towns, and a way of celebrating the spirit of our small towns. The touring artists of Small Halls will always include at least one Australian artist and one international touring artist, and where possible, a local act, who will play music of exceptional quality and heart.

Expression of Interest to Host Festival

Maranoa Regional Council is seeking expressions of interest from local communities to host this performance in their local hall. The Festival will visit the Maranoa for **ONE** performance only, which may be held at Muckadilla, Surat, Bymount, Injune, Wallumbilla - anywhere with a hall available!

What's Required?

The community will be required to work with the touring group (Woodfordia Inc) and Council to coordinate the event.

The community will be asked to supply the following:

- Confirmation their hall is available,
- Promotion of event (material to be supplied),
- Ticket sellers (both prior to and during the event),
- An MC on the night,
- Set up/decorate the hall,
- Catering/bar for the event, and
- Cleaning of hall after event and removal of rubbish.

Further information regarding the local involvement is included in the Festival of Small Halls brief (attached).

The community may benefit financially from Small Halls with the profit from ticket sales being split evenly with Woodfordia (touring company). Maranoa Regional Council have resolved to underwrite the performance, therefore if not enough tickets are sold, Council will cover the balance. There is also the opportunity to fund-raise through the sale of food and alcohol (beer and wine only).

Maranoa Regional Council will provide the following support for the event:

- Negotiations with touring company,
- Under-writing event,
- Marketing and promotion of the event e.g. media release, poster distribution, advertising, and
- Free hire of hall (where applicable).

If your community is interested in hosting this event, please complete the below selection criteria and forward to council@maranoa.qld.gov.au by **Friday 22 July 2022**.

Hall Location			
Crowd Capacity for Hall			
Is the Hall available between 13 October and 23 October 2022?	YES	NO	
Are there any other events planned for your town between 13 October and 23 October 2022? If yes, please advise details. Can the Festival be incorporated into an existing event?			
Climate Control	Air Conditioned?	YES	NO
	Evaporative Cooling?	YES	NO
Suggested Ticket Price	\$15	\$20	\$25
Expected Tickets Sold			
Public Liability Insurance			
Catering Provided Eg BBQ, chips, chocolate bars, light supper			
Bar Provided Beer and wine only	YES	NO	
If providing a bar, do your volunteers have Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)?	YES	NO	
Community Contact (Name, group name if applicable, position within group, email address, mobile number, postal address)			
Other groups/individuals involved (Please list)			
Number of volunteers involved			