

## 2026 Queenscliff Music Festival (QMF)

The 28<sup>th</sup> Queenscliff Music Festival will take place 27-29 November 2026, in the seaside heritage town of Queenscliff on Victoria's Bellarine Peninsula.

QMF is an award-winning, community-focused festival run by a small staff and a large volunteer team. The event is delivered with respect for the local community and the surrounding coastal environment.

## MUSIC & PROGRAMMING

QMF presents a broad range of original music.

- **Original acts only** (no cover or tribute bands)
- Most genres considered
- EDM and metal are generally not suitable
- Unique, quirky and left-of-centre acts are encouraged

## ARTIST APPLICATIONS

Applicants **must have an online presence** with streaming audio (preferably multiple tracks).

- Online presence required (website, socials, streaming audio, YouTube)
- Live performance video links are highly recommended
- No CDs or physical mail

We receive far more applications than available spots. Programming decisions are made based on what best fits the festival each year. An unsuccessful application does not reflect the quality of your work, and artists are encouraged to reapply in future years.

All applicants will be notified by email. Programming decisions are final and we cannot provide feedback or respond to follow-up enquiries.

## PERFORMING AT QMF

### Music Performances

- Typical set length: 45-60 minutes
- Most application-based artists perform 2-3 shows across the weekend
- Main stage acts usually perform once

### Comedy

- Typical set length: 15-30 minutes
- Limited comedy spots available
- Established and emerging acts welcome

### Kids & Family Entertainment

- Performances in the Kids Quarter
- All-ages programming including music, workshops, circus, storytelling, and roving acts

## OTHER PROGRAM AREAS

**FOOT-in-the-DOOR (FITD)** A youth-run, AMPLIFY funded program supporting **emerging** artists. Includes

genre-based competitions (rock & folk). Applications open **20 July**.

## Busking Program

A town-wide busking competition during the festival. Applications open **10 August**.

## PERFORMANCE FEES

When quoting a performance fee for the Festival in your application please consider the following:

- Base your quote on 1 performance
- Fees are delivered only (artist cover own travel)
- Some accommodation may be provided
- Certain stages and venues have very limited spots and budget and our offer may not meet your quote
- Many venues are smaller and often a solo or duo act is suited best, please make note if you can do a smaller configuration than full band

QMF is a not-for-profit, community festival that supports emerging artists and offers valuable exposure and career opportunities.

## ACCOMMODATION & TRAVEL

Accommodation is **limited and not guaranteed**, allocated by priority (distance travelled, stage level, number of performance days, late finishes).

- Artists only – we do not offer accommodation to friends/partners/guests/management/roadies.
- Shared accommodation (bed-per-person basis)

Queenscliff is approximately **90 minutes from Melbourne**. Artists are responsible for their own travel.

## INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS

QMF primarily showcases Australian contemporary music. International artists may be considered on occasion and should ideally have an Australian promoter.

## TECHNICAL, INSURANCE & CONDITIONS

QMF does not take responsibility for any equipment or belongings brought onto the Festival site by the Artist, even when that equipment is under the supervision of person/s associated with QMF.

Please be aware that the Festival's Public & Products Liability Insurance does not provide protection for Artists.

- Artists are responsible for their own equipment
- Public liability insurance is required from Artists, QMF will require a copy
- Some stages provide backline (not all)
- Artists must abide by noise restrictions - sound levels are actively monitored.
- Riders are negotiated for main stage acts only

## KEY DATES

**2026 QMF Artist Applications open: 16 February 2026**  
**Applications close: Thursday 30 April 2026**  
Late applications will not be accepted.

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