



2026 QUEENSCLIFF MUSIC FESTIVAL BUSKING GUIDELINES

WE ARE SEEKING BUSKERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PERFORM IN QUEENSCLIFF OVER THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY OF THE FESTIVAL

HOW TO APPLY

To apply you **MUST** have:

- an internet site with streaming audio. This can be in the form of any Website, or even a YouTube clip.

Please fill out all requested information online as accurately as possible.

We are likely to receive more applications than we have spaces on the program for. All programming decisions are final and made in the spirit of what will work best for the festival and the overall vibe. We are happy to accept any performance style, but our preference is obviously music.

PERFORMANCES

All buskers will be scheduled in for 1-2 days of performances on either / or both Sat 28th or Sun 29th November 2026 between 9:30am – 2pm. No busking will be permitted outside of these times. All registration details, information & maps will be sent to you in advance if you are selected.

Buskers will be allocated a busking location and time period for the day, and they will be permitted to busk as much as they desire at this location during the allocated time period.

COMPETITION – How it works

1. QMF will host a poll where punters will be able to vote online for their favourite busker.
2. QMF will provide buskers with link to online poll to promote.
3. The busker who receives the most online votes will win!

THE PRIZE

THE WINNER WITH THE MOST VOTES MAY RECEIVE FOR THE 2027 QUEENSCLIFF MUSIC FESTIVAL

- 1 x 30-60min performance
- Free tent camping pass per performer
- Weekend Festival pass per performer

PERFORMANCE FEE

There isn't one. BUT we're happy for you to put your hat out when busking.

FESTIVAL PASSES/TICKETS

You will not have access to any of the main festival venues as a registered busker. For this, you will need to buy a ticket. If you wish to purchase tickets to the festival, please head to <http://www.qmf.net.au>

ACCOMMODATION



Tent only camping is available for \$30 per person for 3 nights if you buy a festival weekend ticket. If you are performing both Saturday and Sunday as part of the busking competition, camping will be provided for free. For this and other accommodation options check out <http://qmf.net.au/stay-travel>

GETTING HERE

Queenscliff is approximately 90 minutes from Melbourne on the Bellarine Peninsula. Check out <http://qmf.net.au/stay-travel> for all the travel options.

EQUIPMENT

QMF does not take responsibility for any equipment or belongings you bring or use.

PLUG-IN POWER IS NOT PERMITTED. You may use a SMALL battery powered amp, but if it is too loud you may be asked to leave. Please be mindful of other buskers, as well as the local traders around you.

APPLYING

Fill out the online application form. Applications close on 30th September 2026.

The online application form will be removed from our website on the 30th of September 2026. No applications will be considered after this time.

Please send all and any queries in regard to this process to artists@qmf.net.au

Please do not call the festival office as the busking is not being processed from there.

WHEN WILL YOU FIND OUT

QMF WILL INFORM YOU OF YOUR APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE OR NOT VIA YOUR GIVEN CONTACT DETAILS BY **mid-OCTOBER**. PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT US BEFORE THEN.

IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL, WE WILL SEND FURTHER DETAILS TO YOU REGARDING REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULING.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY QMF AUTHORISED BUSKERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM IN THE DESIGNATED PUBLIC SPACES ON THE FESTIVAL WEEKEND. ALL UNAUTHORISED BUSKERS AND BUSKING WILL BE SUBJECT TO LOCAL ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.