

# BioSPHERE Boodja

## Programming & Content Update



**BIOSPHERE  
BOODJA**  
**FREE ENTRY EVENT**  
SEPTEMBER 28 - SEPTEMBER 29  
GOOMALLING WA

**Arts & Wild Things Festival 2025**

<b>Workshops Experiences</b> CLAY ART DANCE STORYTELLING ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS HOT AIR BALLOON GLOW	<b>Stay &amp; Play</b> CAMPING GLAMPING STARGAZING CAMPFIRE VIBES 	<b>Music &amp; Magic</b> GIANT PUPPETS DAZZLING DOME PROJECTIONS Live music all day ODETTE MERCY & HER SOUL ATOMICS LUCY PEACH ROSE PARKER TRIO BIRDLAND many more
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# Programming Overview

## **Free Community Activities:**

- Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony
- Market, Music, Food Stalls
- Free Kids' Craft, Clay Play, and Family Areas
- Puppet Parade & Dome Projection Experience

## **Cultural Experiences:**

- Yarn & Damper with Ballardong Elder Betty Wally
- The Totem Story projection, led by Elder Tracy De Grussa
- Fire Tending Circle with Ballardong Rangers

## **Workshops & Ticketed Events:**

- Clay sculpting workshops with Fleur Schell and Danica Wichtermann
- Movement & Storytelling, Totem Art, Barefoot Bowls, Astro Gazing
- Sunrise Hot Air Ballooning across the Wheatbelt

## **Art & Installation Highlights:**

- Australia's first crop circle art gallery featuring 12 site-specific artworks
- Clay, metal, sound, and sculpture integrated with the landscape

## **Music Lineup:**

- Lucy Peach, Rose Parker Trio, Birdland, Donny Goodman, Warralgurniya, Lemon Myrtle
- Community Choir and local jamming sessions

## **Youth & Accessibility Features:**

- Free entry for all
- Fully accessible programming
- Inclusive family workshops, schools engagement, and intergenerational storytelling



# Festival Experiences (Free Program)

- **Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony** – A moving cultural opening.
- **Music All Day & Night** – Featuring WA artists across multiple genres.
- **Festival Market** – Art, handmade goods, bush foods, vintage finds.
- **Food Stalls** – From smoky BBQ to vegan and sweet delights.
- **Crop Circle Installation** – Immersive land artwork with 12 featured artists.
- **Roaming Fairy Characters** – Magic and joy for young dreamers.
- **Free Clay Play** – Collaborative making with Adil Writer & Nathan Blackwell.
- **Free Kids' Making** – Crown, wand, and totem crafting plus lantern building.
- **Community Choir** – All welcome to learn and perform the BioSPHERE Boodja Song.
- **Carnaby Crusaders** – Meet endangered cockatoos, learn about conservation.
- **Jam Session** – Open musical circle led by Rose Parker.
- **Fire Tending Circle** – Led by Ballardong Rangers & Elders of Goomalling.
- **Balloon Glow** – Hot air balloon illumination at sunset.
- **Puppet Parade & Dome Projection** – A visual finale of story and movement.
- **Morning Yoga** – Gentle practice to start Monday with peace and connection.

# Artist Lineup & Music Schedule

**Odette Mercy and Her Soul Atomics** - WA's powerhouse of funk and soul, delivering deep grooves, raw emotion, and unstoppable live energy.

**Lucy Peach** – Award-winning storyteller and musician with a powerful presence.

**Rose Parker Trio** – Folk, gospel, and blues from a celebrated WA artist.

**Birdland** – Indie-funk-pop energy from a band of brothers.

**Donny Goodman** – Honest songs from a Wheatbelt heart.

**Warralgurniya** – Cross-cultural collaboration in Thiinma language.

**Lemon Myrtle** – Gentle indie-folk for connection and presence.

**Nathan Ward** – Local artist blending lyrical depth and community spirit.

# Paid Workshops & Special Experiences

- **The March of the Echidna** – Clay sculpture with Fleur Schell.
- **Access Your Ancestry** – Movement and storytelling with Priya Leever.
- **Create & Connect** – Clay hand-building with Danica Wichtermann.
- **Yarn & Damper** – Cultural yarn and cooking with Elder Betty Wally.
- **Barefoot Bowls** – Laid-back fun at Goomalling Bowls Club.
- **Contemporary Dance** – Movement workshop with Fleur Alder.
- **Draw Your Totem** – Creative painting with Tamar Pachter.
- **Astro Gazing** – Stargazing tour with Star Tracks Astro Events.
- **Sunrise Ballooning** – Scenic morning flight with Liberty Balloon Flights.
- **TBC: Yarns with Pop** – Stories from Peter Salmon's life on Country.



# Crop Circle Art Installation & Overview

## **Australia's first-ever crop circle art gallery.**

A one-way journey through wonder—follow the spiral labyrinth and encounter 12 breathtaking site-specific artworks rising from the golden wheat of Goomalling. Ceramic, metal, sound, sculpture, and imagination—all crafted by visionary artists responding to place, spirit, and story. This is not just an installation. It's an invitation to walk slowly, look closely, and feel deeply.

## Featured Artists

**Fleur Schell** – Centrepiece installation, title TBC.

**Melissa** – Details to come.

**Digby & Chucky** – Welded metal beings emerging from wheat.

**Danica Wichtermann** – Black cockatoos on porcelain and charred wood.

**Sheryl Chant** – Sky Stones: ceramic stones floating in balance.

**Jackie Masters** – A bloom of 40 hand-thrown clay flowers.

**Monia Allegre** – Circles of black clay birds in spectral formation.

**Mahli** – Details to come.

**Peta Riley** – Sea Dreaming: a playful underwater fantasy.

**Miki Bonnardeaux** – Raw, poetic earth sculpture.

**Katie Chester** – Wheatbelt Grounded: embedded painting and gum leaves.

# Community Engagement Snapshot – July School Holiday Workshops

From Saturday 5 to Tuesday 8 July 2025, BioSPHERE Boodja hosted a free community workshop series at the Goomalling Town Hall. These school holiday workshops were led by seven WA-based artists and welcomed locals of all ages into a vibrant, hands-on creative space.

The Town Hall transformed into a hive of activity with clay, porcelain, textiles, drawing, and lantern-making sessions that will contribute directly to the festival's Crop Circle Art Installation, Puppet Procession, and merchandise range. These workshops reflected our core values of inclusion, accessibility, and community co-creation.



*Community members and artists working together inside Goomalling Town Hall.*



*Hands-on clay workshop with Fleur Schell and participants of all ages.*