

Bird's Eye View of the 2019 Festival

Friday 18 October	Saturday 19 October	Sunday 20 October
	UP WITH THE BIRDS Get out and about for a spot of self directed early birding OR 7am: Attend a Shorebird Identification Workshop (Community Centre), followed by a walk with experienced birders (free, bookings required) OR 7.30am Enjoy a yoga session on the beach (tickets from website)	
	7.30am-9am BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS Enjoy a BBQ breakfast at 'Shoalhaven Heads International Airport', at the end of River Rd. A fundraiser for the local Lions Club.	9-3pm IT'S FESTIVAL DAY! Curtis Park, Celia Parade (opposite the Shoalhaven Heads Botanic Garden) Birds are fabulous and we are throwing them a party. So bring your family, bring your friends and join in the free celebrations, including:
6-9.30pm AN EVENING WITH SEAN DOOLEY Shoalhaven Heads Bowling Club A chance to get to know other Festival-goers in an informal atmosphere, under the excellent care of everyone's favourite birder, Sean Dooley, the Editor of Australian BirdLife Magazine. \$35 includes light dinner and twittering entertainment.	9.30-4pm ALL ABOUT BIRDS Shoalhaven Heads Bowling Club A packed program of talks by experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Low (<i>Where Song Began</i>) • Jacqueline Nguyen, avian paleontologist • Peggy McDonald, raptor rehabilitator • Fiona Blandford, Act for Birds campaigner • Prof Richard Fuller, shorebird expert • Nicholas Carlile, seabird researcher • Rob Dunn, BirdLife Shoalhaven \$65 (adults) includes lunch and morning tea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini-talks on specialist topics to get you hooked on birding • National launch of the Birds in Backyard bird count by Sean Dooley • Shorebird ID talks followed by guided observations at viewing area • A specially curated market featuring bird themed products • Local food stalls, local musicians and the occasional life-sized bower bird! • Opportunities to be taken under the wing by experienced birders at viewing areas • Workshops with local artists organised by South Coast Experiences (tickets available on website) • Children's creative learning activities • The Australian Museum's 'Museum in a Box' avian display.
	6pm SUNSET SQUARK Informal gathering at the western end of Shoalhaven Heads (Hay Ave) to watch the birds settle in the mangroves for the night. Bring a picnic or order a South Coast Experiences hamper from the website. 7pm FEATHERED FEAST DINNER Far Meadow Table, Coolangatta Rd \$75 for three courses and a welcome drink (tickets from our website)	3pm MUSICAL PERFORMANCE: WHERE SONG BEGAN Great Hall, Coolangatta Winery Acclaimed musical celebration of the origin of bird song by the Bower Bird Collective. \$35 (tickets from our website)