

Media Release

## Entertainment for 2018 Alice Springs Masters Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies

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- A fantastic line up of entertainment has been engaged for the 2018 ASMG. This includes Headline Acts and support acts for both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
- The Opening Ceremony will be held on the 13 October 2018 and the Closing Ceremony on the 20 October 2018.
- The Ceremonies will be held at Anzac Oval Alice Springs.
- The line-up of entertainment for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies:

### **Opening Ceremony:**

Headline Act: Jon Stevens  
Support Act 1: The Swell Sisters (Tribute Show)  
Support Act 2: Local Band Wolfpack Amadeus

### **Closing Ceremony:**

Headline Act: Thirsty Merc  
Support Act 1: Dr Elephant (Cover Band)  
Support Act 2: Melbourne Bee Gees Tribute Show  
Support Act 3: Local Band Wolfpack Amadeus

### **Band profiles -**

#### *Opening Ceremony*

#### **Jon Stevens:**

Reputation as one of the great vocalists of Australian popular music. Coming to prominence as the front man of rock/power pop outfit Noiseworks in the late 80's, Jon has enjoyed multiple weeks at the top of Australian charts with Noiseworks debut self-titled album and the number one follow up Touch.

In 2000, Jon began his association with INXS. He became INXS's guest vocalist, and joined them for countless tours of the US, South America, Europe, Australia and unique Night of the Proms tour in Europe.

Having also starred in stage musicals as Jesus Christ Superstar, Jon has cemented his place in Australian Music as an exceptional singer with raw emotion.

### **The Swell Sisters, The Sweethearts of the 60's, 70's and 80's.**

The Swell Sisters re-create the soundtrack to your favourite musical era with all songs, sass and style that made the Sixties so Swinging.

The Swell Sisters have worked alongside the music greats of Australia and beyond.

They will showcase their sizzling voices and cheeky personalities at the Opening Ceremony of the 2018 ASMG brimming with hit songs as they channel the Sweethearts of the 1960's, 70's, 80's and 90's.

Three magical voices and colourful, vibrant performances will have you grabbing your GoGo Boots and shimmying in your Beehives.

*Closing Ceremony:*

### **Thirsty Merc:**

Unquestionably one of Australia's finest live acts, having released 4 critically acclaimed albums with over 250,000 album sales. The band's big break came in 2004 with the release of their debut, self-titled, album which included the hits, Someday Someday and In the Summertime.

In 2015, **Thirsty Merc** released **Shifting Gears**, their first independent album and toured 18 months crossing the country on 3 extensive tours to sell-out crowds.

The first single The Good Life on **Shifting Gears**, was nominated for Rock Work Of The Year at the 2017 APRA awards.

### **Dr. Elephant:**

Long-time Darwin cover band

Fronted by Damien Wicks known for his powerful and versatile voice

A three piece Rock Party Band who play everything from Pub Gigs to Major Events such as Darwin V8 supercars and countless supports to all the major acts that tour through the Northern Territory

### **"Night Fever" Bee Gees Revival Tribute Band**

Melbourne Bee Gees Tribute Show will guarantee a full dance floor with hits including Night Fever, Grease (is the word), More than a Woman, You win Again, Should be Dancing, Jive Talkin, Stayin Alive, Tragedy and many more.

An Internationally toured tribute show, which has hit and amazed stages all over the world.

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