

## Haystack Mountain Hermits - bio

Award-winning family band Haystack Mountain Hermits are all related (and have the embarrassing photos to prove it), all multi-instrumentalists and all go. The band was forged in the pressure cooker of a cramped vehicle travelling tens of thousands of kilometres around Australia and then steam-hammered into shape upon the busking anvil. The Hermits haven't stopped travelling or performing since then. They've been Tamworth Country Music Festival Busking Champions, Australian National Busking Champions and finalists in the Australian Folk Music Awards. They featured in the ABC series The Recording Studio which won an ARIA for best Soundtrack. Between them they play guitar, mandolin, double bass, accordion, washboard, ukulele, banjo, snare drum, harmonica, kazoo, xaphoon ... and more! They career without a care across the borders of hillbilly, folk, skiffle, gypsy and bluegrass with a dash of country and crazy.

Haystack Mountain Hermits are known for their stunning harmonies and fine musicianship as they interpret traditional favourites and original songs at festivals including Tamworth Country Music Festival, Gympie Music Muster, Woodford Folk Festival and the National Folk Festival. In 2022 they were invited to perform at the iconic Currumbin Anzac Dawn Service and supported Paul Kelly at Rockin' the Rainforest.

Joining them onstage at Kilkivan is the sensational Andy McClean, singer and harmonica player with the Melbourne Blues outfit The Bruhaas for many years. Andy has worked extensively with a variety of Melbourne artists and many other Australian and international acts, both live and in the studio.