



Entertainment

Irish songstress Lisa Hannigan to visit Anglesea as part of five-show Australian tour

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ANGLESEA has emerged as a surprise host of acclaimed Irish singer-songwriter Lisa Hannigan ahead of her appearances on some of the world's biggest stages.

Prior to performing at England's Glastonbury Music Festival, the in-demand songstress will visit the Anglesea Memorial Hall on May 26 as part of a five-show Australian tour, which includes gigs in Perth, Melbourne, Brisbane and the Sydney Opera House for the annual Vivid festival.

The booking coup is the brainchild of Surfcoast Medical Centre clinician David Corbet who, along with a number of other interested residents, founded grassroots movement The Sound Doctor as a way of boosting the region's live music offerings.

Irish singer-songwriter Lisa Hannigan performs Undertow.

Lisa Hannigan - Undertow (Official Video)

"It's unbelievable really," Dr Corbet said of the debut event.

"I know the hall quite well and thought it would be a great venue for high-quality acts, but very intimate."

Dr Corbet's passion for the performing arts draws on his own experience as a musician and dancer, having performed in bands and toured extensively prior to settling on the Surf Coast.

It was a previous industry connection that led to locking in Hannigan, with the hope that the concept will draw more artists "out of Melbourne and into more rural areas".

"The idea for us is that once we get it established, that we have (events) regularly throughout the year," Dr Corbet said.

Before venturing into the solo sphere, Hannigan regularly collaborated with fellow countryman Damien Rice and, in 2009, her debut album *Sea Sew* was nominated for a Mercury Prize for the United Kingdom and Ireland's best album.

Due to the size of the Anglesea venue, tickets are limited and punters are encouraged to get in early to avoid missing out.

For tickets and more information, visit thesounddoctor.info or search for The Sound Doctor on social media platforms.