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# SIMPLY RED FAREWELL

THE FINAL TOUR



## **Simply Red Bring The Curtain Down After 25 Years** **Bimbadgen Estate Hunter Valley – October 2**

“Welcome to the final year of twenty-five mind-blowing years,” says Mick Hucknall of Simply Red’s final shows. “What an adventure it has been!”

Roundhouse Entertainment is pleased to announce Simply Red’s legions of Australian fans will have the opportunity to say a final goodbye when the band’s Farewell World Tour reaches Australia this October.

Simply Red will play their very last concerts here as a series of indoor shows and **a day on the green** winery events nationally, including Bimbadgen Estate, Hunter Valley on Saturday October 2 (the Labour Day long weekend). The tour’s very special guest will be Australia’s favourite Queen of Soul and disco diva Marcia Hines, with rock legend Ross Wilson kicking off the day.

Simply Red’s classic pop and elegant ballads have provided an uplifting and emotional soundtrack to our turbulent times. The band is saying their farewells all over the world this year after what has been a remarkable 25 years. Their final show will be at London’s O2 Arena on December 19.

**“I could never have imagined my career would bring me so far,” Mick Hucknall said. “We want to share this closing anniversary with all the people who have enjoyed our sound throughout the years. Celebrate it and gently move on to the second half of a musical story. We all hope to see you at a show somewhere soon.”**

Due to the tour being held slightly before the normal **a day on the green** season, the concert will run significantly earlier than usual. Gates will open at 2.00pm, with Simply Red on stage at approx 6.15pm, allowing the event to finish by 8.30pm.

Since their first tour in 1985, Simply Red have played over 1,100 shows to over 11 million people, notched up over 55 million global sales, over 31 Top 40 UK singles, 3 BRIT Awards, 2 Ivor Novellos, 2 US No.1 Singles and a MOBO Special Achievement.

Fronted by the charismatic Mick Hucknall, Simply Red grew out of Manchester and their first UK university/club tour in 1985 and quickly graduated to Europe and the USA in 1986. By 1987 they had conquered New Zealand and Australia and in 1989 they toured South America and Japan for the first time. By 1990 they had become a true global arena act and continued at that level until this day. Last year’s Greatest Hits tour notched up a further 1 million people across the world.

Simply Red has dominated Australian charts from early albums *Picture Book* (1985) and *Men And Women* (1987) to the juggernaut's *The New Flame* (1989) and *Stars* (1991). The Farewell Tour showcases all their amazing hits including *Money's Too Tight To Mention*, *Holding Back The Years*, *The Right Thing*, *Stars*, *Fairground*, *If You Don't Know Me By Now*, *Something Got Me Started*, *A New Flame* and *Sunrise*.

**MARCIA HINES**, Australia's favourite disco diva and celebrated singer, will be the tour's special guest. With seven top 10 hits between 1975-1981 and hits across four decades, Marcia was a hugely popular inductee into the ARIA Hall of Fame in 2007. She is currently working on a new album "Marcia Sings Tapestry and the Songs of Carole King", set for release later this year.

We know her as Australia's undisputed Queen of Soul, stage musical star, chart-topper, hit-maker, dance floor diva and most recently, the voice of reason on Australian Idol's judging panel, but live performance is what Marcia loves best and she is very much looking forward to the tour.

The July 16 release of his 15<sup>th</sup> studio album "I Come In Peace" is a testament to **ROSS WILSON'S** longevity and his ability to keep producing music that is as relevant in 2010 as it was 1964 when it all began. Produced by Mark Moffatt, and recorded in Nashville & Melbourne in late 2009, "I Come In Peace" is Ross' first new album in 8 years and features 11 new songs that have Wilson's sublime song-writing touch all over them.

In a career that spans 40 years, from Daddy Cool and hits 'Eagle rock', 'Hi Honey Ho' and 'Come Back Again' to the brilliant classic rock of Mondo Rock and tracks like 'Come Said The Boy' and 'Cool World', this two-time ARIA Hall Of Fame inductee, remains one of this country's most respected artists.

When Simply Red toured for **a day on the green** in early 2009, the sold-out concerts were amongst the fastest selling in the event's history. Don't miss the chance to say one final farewell to one of the most successful and acclaimed bands of the modern era.

### **EVENT INFORMATION:**

'a day on the green' is a fully licensed event. Strictly no BYO alcohol. Food will be available for purchase on site or BYO picnic. Picnic rugs & deck chairs are recommended. Gates open at 2.00pm. For full event information go to [www adayonthegreen.com.au](http://www adayonthegreen.com.au).

### **TICKET INFORMATION:**

General Admission: \$105 plus b/fee

Gold: (A reserved seat at front of the stage): \$175 plus b/fee

Silver: (B reserved seat at front of the stage): \$149 plus b/fee

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