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## Musicians to lure community together

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A host of local and national musicians are fine tuning their performances in preparation Wollongong City Council's Viva La Gong Festival on Saturday, 7 September.

The virtuosic Sydney-based ensemble, Baro Lové Gypsy Brass Orkestra, will kick start Viva's main stage musical fiesta in MacCabe Park at 11.30am. The group includes Sarah Bedák-Rockliffe as lead vocalist, accordionist and saxophonist Leonid Beshlej, Eddie Bronson on saxophone and clarinet and Sam Golding on tuba, trumpet, sousaphone, valve trombone and flutes.

From 12.40pm you'll be able to mellow out with Roger Loves Betty, Wollongong's local treasure. Comprising Jodi Phillips, former front woman of the band The Clouds, and musical talent Tim Oxley, we recommend you sit back and enjoy their stunning harmonies and heart felt lyrics.

At 1.50 pm Viva audiences will enjoy the vibrant performance of *Morganics and Wire MC*, joined by aspiring young local rappers.

*Lior*, renowned Australian singer song writer will headline this year's festival. Lior's laid back melodies will fill MacCabe Park from 3pm when he takes to the Main Stage to entertain crowds.

Manager of Community, Cultural and Library Services, Jenny Thompson, said Viva will introduce Wollongong to a great mix of local and national performances.

"Dust off your picnic rug this Saturday and head to MacCabe Park to enjoy the great range of entertainment for all age groups and musical tastes," Jenny Thompson said.

"Drew Fairly, actor and MC extraordinaire will be returning to the Gong to present this popular and diverse mix of local and national bands on the main stage at MacCabe Park."

To find out more about what's in store for this year's festival log onto the Viva la Gong website [www.vivalagongfestival.org](http://www.vivalagongfestival.org)



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