

BALYANA: BLUEGRASS, SURF, acouStic rock

Gold Coast acoustic band Balyana began in 2005 as lounge room jam sessions. The sessions grew to parties and the parties became concerts. Balyana eventually established the popular Gold Coast Acoustic Music Club, *Coast Acoustics* in 2008. Balyana has continued playing in clubs and folk festivals ever since.

Balyana mixes bluegrass and country with originals and acoustic rock favourites. If you like catchy tunes with acoustic guitar, mandolin, fiddle, banjo and harmonica, you will love Balyana.

Balyana means *home*. The name originates from North Queensland where Rob and Jackie spent much of their younger years. The band draws inspiration from artists such as Paul Kelly, Neil Young, Slim Dusty and songs about the simple things in life, rural towns, the ocean and open spaces.

Balyana plays at parties, clubs and festivals around South East Queensland and is a regular at Coast Acoustics. Highlights include the Illawarra Folk Festival, Coast Acoustics Festival, the Redlands Folk Club, Brisbane Madass Club, the Broadwater Parklands, Redland Bluegrass Festival and the Gold Coast Country Music Festival.

Balyana has released their debut single *Surfin on my Waves*, a light hearted look at surfing on the Gold Coast.

Balyana is Rob Saunders (vocals, guitar, mandolin), Jackie Saunders (vocals, fiddle, cello), Bill Edwards (vocals, guitar) and Jim McLean (vocals, bass, guitar)

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