



**The Humbucketin' Pickups** are a festival-hardened, crowd-winning act delivering a rich blend of folk, country, and roots with heart, humour, and razor-sharp storytelling. At the heart of the band are **Ewan Cloonan** (songwriter, vocals, guitar, banjo, harmonica) and **Mahney Cain** (vocals, double bass, bones), whose seamless vocal harmonies, driving rhythms, and magnetic stage presence have made them favourites on stages from Woodford to Tamworth. While most often seen as a dynamic duo, they also expand to perform as a trio or full band for select shows, bringing an even bigger sound to their already powerful live performances.

Formed in 2013 as an outlet for Ewan's original songwriting, The Humbucketin' Pickups have grown into one of Australia's standout roots acts. Their music—often described as “folk-drenched roots”—draws deeply on lived experience, painting vivid portraits of rural and regional life while balancing heartfelt emotion with sharp-witted charm. Their latest single, *“How the Other Half Live,”* produced by Shane Nicholson, showcases this approach, tackling contemporary social issues through powerful narrative songwriting and earning national airplay along with a debut in the AMRAP Regional Top 10.

Both members bring a wealth of experience to the stage. Ewan's musical journey began at folk festivals like Port Fairy, shaping his passion for storytelling and leading to award-winning songwriting recognition at Maldon Folk Festival. Mahney, a seasoned performer and former frontwoman of The Hillbilly Goats, spent two decades at the forefront of Australia's folk and country scene, earning multiple accolades including Golden Guitar nominations and Australian Folk Band of the Year (2022). Together, their combined histories create a dynamic synergy that is both polished and deeply authentic.

Despite their name—a playful nod to the “humbucking pickup” of electric guitar lore—the band remain proudly all-acoustic, embracing the irony while delivering a sound that is anything but small: warm, full, and unmistakably powerful.

Renowned for their engaging live shows, The Humbucketin' Pickups offer performances that are as entertaining as they are moving. Whether on major festival stages or in intimate venues, their shows are built on connection—drawing audiences in with laughter, stories, and songs that linger long after the final note.

With a fourth studio album on the horizon, international touring plans across New Zealand, the United States, and Japan, and a growing reputation as one of Australia's most compelling live acts, The Humbucketin' Pickups are hitting their stride—and taking their stories with them around the world.