

SALTY DOG BLUES

2026 BIO & MEDIA PROFILE

Raw blues. Big groove. No apologies.



David McDougall • Steve Plater • Marion Turner • Mat Sing

CHICAGO • SWAMP • BOOGIE • MISSISSIPPI HILL COUNTRY

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Short Bio

SALTY DOG is a multi award-winning, high-energy blues act featuring powerful male and female artists. With more than three decades of experience, Steve Plater and Marion Turner have appeared on the same bill as legendary performers including B.B. King, Bob Dylan, Ray Charles, Tony Joe White, and Lil Charlie and The Night Cats. Since the 1990s, SALTY DOG has performed extensively across Australia at venues and blues festivals, clocking up thousands of kilometres along the way and earning recognition for their CD recordings, including the Australian Blues Chain Awards.

Steve Plater is a celebrated multi-instrumentalist known for his exceptional slide guitar playing and is founder and director of the Great Southern Cigar Box Guitar Festival in Ballarat, Victoria. Marion Turner delivers powerhouse vocals and harmonica and is recognised as one of the country's vibrant female harp players. Together with drummer David McDougall and bassist Mat Sing, SALTY DOG delivers a raw, driving blues sound rooted in Chicago, swamp, boogie and Mississippi Hill Country traditions.

Band Members

Steve Plater	Vocals • Guitar • Slide Guitar
Marion Turner	Vocals • Harmonica
David McDougall	Drums • Backing Vocals
Mat Sing	Bass Guitar

Style & Highlights

- Multi award-winning Australian blues act
- More than three decades of live performance history
- Extensive Australian touring, festival appearances and overseas touring
- Chicago • Swamp • Boogie • Mississippi Hill Country blues

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The Salty Dog Story

A high-energy blues act with a mix of Chicago, swamp and boogie - Mississippi Hill Country blues.

With music careers spanning well over three decades, Steve and Marion have performed on the same bill as legendary acts including B.B. King, Tony Joe White, Bob Dylan, Ray Charles, Lil Charlie and The Night Cats, along with other international headliners.

SALTY DOG have clocked up thousands of kilometres around Australia during their blues journey since the 1990s, performing regular shows at numerous venues as well as blues festivals, touring overseas and earning awards from their many CD recordings, including the Australian Blues Chain Awards.

Steve Plater — Vocals • Guitar • Slide Guitar

Recognised as one of Australia's finest multi-instrumentalists, Steve is renowned for his wickedly deft slide guitar playing and expertise across a range of stringed instruments. He is also founder and director of the successful Great Southern Cigar Box Guitar Festival in Ballarat, Victoria.

Marion Turner — Vocals • Harmonica

Marion rocks it on powerhouse vocals and harmonica and stands out as one of the country's vibrant female harmonica players. Her energy and attack are central to SALTY DOG's live sound.

David McDougall — Drums • Backing Vocals

Having travelled down many different musical highways over the years, David has ended up in the same juke joint as Marion and Steve. With a great sense of groove and dynamics, David gets the house rockin'.

Mat Sing — Bass Guitar

Recently welcomed aboard, Mat has worked with various bands over the years. Together with David, he forms a powerful rhythm section that drives SALTY DOG's grooves.

Live & Festival Profile



Marion Turner centre stage at the Women in Blues showcase during the Ballarat Blues Festival.

“Myself and Marion have teamed up with powerhouse drummer David McDougall to create a blues so raw it’s like it’s straight off a Mississippi mud floor.”

— Steve Plater

Media Highlights

- Appeared on the same bill as B.B. King, Bob Dylan, Ray Charles, Tony Joe White and Lil Charlie and The Night Cats
- Australian Blues Chain Awards recognition for CD recordings
- Founder/director connection to the Great Southern Cigar Box Guitar Festival, Ballarat
- Extensive live performance history across venues, festivals and overseas touring

Official website: saltydogblues.com