

## Multicultural Festival a feast for all the senses

FROM the Celtic sounds of Barleyshakes to the self-taught acoustic strums of Torres Strait star Chris Tamwoy, the Central Highlands Multicultural Festival offered a feast for all the senses on Saturday night.

Artists and performers from around Australia and the world filled both the main and jam

stages, with roving performers from the Ethno Roadshow weaving through the 6000 to 7000-strong crowd.

Festival co-ordinator Kimberlee Senior said she had positive feedback from festival goers about the record number of food stall vendors, offering a taste of their culture with

cuisines from across the globe.

"We work really hard - we want it to be a really amazing experience for people right from the outset," she said.

"We are really surprised at the volume of people that we get and the calibre of events we deliver."

» Kaye, Chelsy, Angelie, Nikki and Kate of the Emerald Philippines Australian Association performed at the Central Highlands Multicultural Festival.

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