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# PRESS RELEASE

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## The Galway Rovers release their Debut Album 'Losing Ground'

*A reflection on what it means to live between cultures*

**Album Launch: Saturday April 18th matinee show**  
**CD & Digital Release: Saturday April 18th, 2026**

Originally from Galway on Ireland's west coast, Ciaran has been performing solo in Australia since 2013. His journey began in the pubs of St Kilda and evolved into a rich collaboration with fellow musician Declan Simpson, an Australian with a deep love for traditional Irish music. Together, they form the core of The Galway Rovers, a duo that brings Irish folk to life with fiddle, mandolin, and soulful storytelling.

'Losing Ground' officially started in 2020 with songs about treading the line between cultures & relinquishing your ingrained rules. The duo have injected every bit of their energy & musicality into crafting this upbeat Irish-Australian indie folk album. Please come to join them & their full band show for the start of something special.

The debut album is comprised of 6 Original songs, 1 well known Irish cover & 1 song by local Irish Australian legend Pat McKernan. "Pat was a big inspiration as I hadn't heard anyone else play original songs about the Irish Australian experience", Ciaran says. With that inspiration he channeled his own 13 years experience into these thoughtful songs. Declan brought the perfect injection of musicianship into the existing sentiment & away they went.

The album artwork displays the move from the green of Ireland to the red/orange outback of Australia to form a kind of tricolour image, with a few wildlife cameos.



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# USEFUL INFO



**Launch Date:** Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Location:** John Curtin Hotel (Carlton)  
Doors 1pm  
Admission Fee applies

<https://johncurtinhotel.oztix.com.au/outlet/event/5c936653-06a0-4087-a785-d0605bd1350d>

**Album available via Bandcamp**

<https://galwayrovers.bandcamp.com/album/losing-ground>

*(Available April 18th)*



## Streaming

Album will also be available via all major streaming platforms on Friday April 24th

## Highlights

**Leaving Galway** (Single) - Available on Friday April 10th

**Far Away** - which includes a one of a kind litling section to sing along to

**Losing Ground** - the title track is the lyrical heart of the album

## Album Details

Recorded on the lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung & Kulin peoples  
in Castlemaine by Joe Ferguson  
& Rolling Stock Studio, Collingwood by Myles Mumford



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