

Falls Festival

Marion Bay

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WINDING into the beautiful surrounds of Marion Bay, I understand what everyone has been raving about. **Busdriver** kick off the first official day of Falls in Tassie, performing to a growing crowd at the Field Stage and whipping his tongue around super-fast rhymes (that organ is firmly in cheek all the way). **Operator Please** hit the Main Stage with a huge reception and flawless set. Something in me wants them to be more shambolic – they're teenagers aren't they? But no, they're pros all the way. Also flawless is **José González'** set, making the sun-drenched punters swoon. An excursion across site to the Village provides unexpected joy with its artists, freaks and short films housed in a world all their own. Under a vintage canopy I lie on cushions and enjoy an intimate show by **Shemozzle**, a local gypsy klezmer band. Across the way, the Pimp Your Campsite tent is filled with plenty of folk enjoying a crafternoon. As the sun goes down, the punters booze on and **Girl Talk's** set, punctuated by his custom made ranting at the audience, sends everyone to the air mattresses with smiles on their faces.

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