

# WATTLE DAY Saturday 4th September 2021

Wattle Day is a day to celebrate all things Australian. And to celebrate Wattle Day the Victorian Folk Music Club inc is planning\* a day of sessions and workshops to stimulate interest in music on Saturday 4th September.

Sessions will be presented **entirely on-line using the Zoom app**. Most sessions or workshops last an hour. You can attend as many as you like. So we can send you the Zoom address please register at: <https://events.humanitix.com/vfmc-wattle-day-2021>  
A small charge of \$6 for the daytime workshops will help cover printing and data costs. Admission of \$10 / \$8 applies to the evening Family Bush Dance with Blackberry Jam.

Two 'streams' will run simultaneously, **Stream 1** oriented to song and dance, **Stream 2** to workshops. There are prepared notes and song sheets available for most sessions on the website, they can be downloaded and printed off.

Here's the plan:

| Starting at | Stream 1 on Zoom  | Stream 2 on Zoom               |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 10.15       | Tootling With Tin Whistle                                       | Keyboard Accompaniment         |
| 11.30       | Sea Shanty Workshop   | Finding Chords For Tunes       |
| 12.30       | Break   |                                |
| 1.00        | Ukulele beach party singalong                                   | Performing Workshop            |
| 2.15        | Australian Songs singalong                                      | Tasmanian Tunes                |
| 3.30        | Dance Workshop  | Playing Melody For Guitarists  |
| 4.45        |   | Scots Gaelic Folksong Workshop |
|             |   |                                |
| 7.30 - 9.30 | Monthly Family Bush Dance on Zoom with Blackberry Jam Bush Band |                                |

\*The programme will be subject to any Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time

See the VFMC website [www.vfmc.org.au](http://www.vfmc.org.au) for info.

# Programme for Wattle Day 2021, Saturday 4th September

## Stream 1

The Zoom address will be provided when booking through Humanitix.

### 10.15 Tooting With Tin Whistle

with Maggie Somerville

The tin whistle is perhaps the cheapest musical instrument you will find, and it is pretty easy to play. This workshop will set you on the right track to get a tune out of the penny whistle. Requires a whistle in the key of D.

### 11.30 A Sea Shanty Workshop

with Tony O'Neil and friends

Enjoy a taste of shipboard life with Tony O'Neil and friends, singing and discussing sea songs, plus a discourse on The Catalpa. Words and music provided.

### 1.00 Ukulele Beach Party Singalong

with Don Fraser

Whatever ones age or musical experience the ukulele is a fabulous way to get into music. Easy to play and so light you can take it to the beach. This session will fit you out with some fine old beachy songs that will have you crooning under the moon.

### 2.15 Australian Songs Singalong

with Ray, Joan and friends

Enjoy a session of singing traditional and contemporary Australian songs.

### 3.30 Festive Frolics and Fancies Dance Workshop

with Norm Ellis

A fun selection of dances to welcome in the Spring, to delight the seasoned dancer and novice alike. Norm is one of Victoria's leading folk dance callers, and a long time organiser in the Traditional Social Dance Association of Victoria.

### 7.30 Family Bush Dance

with Blackberry Jam Bush Band

In the evening the Blackberry Jam Bush Band will host the monthly Family Bush Dance. It will all be on-line. A separate bush dance admission applies: \$8 members, \$10 general, kids free

## Stream 2

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### 10.15 Keyboard Accompanying

with Ellen Hundley

Keyboards come in all shapes and sizes, from those that fit in a school bag to the grand piano. They are the fundamental instrument for constructing chords and accompanying your songs. This workshop introduces basic accompanying to your music with the keyboard.

### 11.30 Putting Chords To Tunes

with Bill Buttler

Building on last year's introduction, this more advanced workshop will cover how to use all the chords to harmonise tunes and songs in major keys. For all chordal instruments, music reading not essential.

### 1.00 Imagine They Are All Naked: The Art of Performing!

Bruce Watson

Many of us have the urge to perform, but find the prospect scary. Bruce has been performing his songs across Australia and overseas for over 30 years. He will share his tips for dealing with nerves, playing to your strengths and addressing your weaknesses, stagecraft, building a set, dealing with sound guys, and more!

### 2.15 Tasmanian Tunes Workshop

with John and Trish

Trish and John (aka Fiddle & Squeeze) are from Hobart and play a wide range of genres at dances, festivals, busking etc. They love to share their Australian dance tunes plus the history and you will be able to play along.

### 3.30 Playing Melody For Guitarists

with Bill Buttler

Branch out beyond chords. Start learning how to pick out a tune on your guitar just like the fiddlers! For all levels, music reading not essential.

### 4.45 Gaelic Folk Songs Workshop

with Linn Phipps

On-line from the UK, Linn will host this workshop on her particular interest, Scots Gaelic folk songs. Linn will teach us the lovely Ceilidh song The Eriskay Love Lilt in Scots Gaelic and English. Explanatory materials supplied and no prior knowledge of Gaelic is required.

We request participants to register, so that we have contact details to keep you informed. If ready to register just click here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/vfmc-wattle-day-2021>

Get Tickets

then:

The day (and the evening Family Bush Dance) will be entirely on-line using the Zoom app. Just select the number of tickets required (one for each person) using the up/down arrows:



then:

Enter details

Enter a name, email and phone number. Should unforeseen changes occur we will be able to keep you informed at short notice.

A ticket with all details on it will be sent to your email address. (Check Spam if it is not there). Keep this email ticket handy in your mailbox. On the day just log in to your first workshop by clicking:

View access links

then:

Access online event

If you have to leave the Zoom session, change to the other stream, or if it drops out for some reason just go back to the email ticket and click:

Access online event

again.

*Enjoy the day!!*