

Welcome back — will be in touch:

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I'm not quite sure, but I think my flaming "bug colony" has had the upper hand for a couple of weeks, and the B's are still putting up a good scrap, so you will have to forgive a certain lack of lustre in this issue. Besides that, Heaven (or the Postal Drivers) only knows when you will get it. Hand deliveries for some, I know, but that will not be the answer for the majority of you. Please accept that "the horses are doing their best" and that even the three of us (Lynne, Sue and myself) with a little outside assistance can't work miracles.

The above-mentioned bug colony has mucked up my social life no end. I have missed the Traditional Dance weekend at Bendigo. I have missed the Christmas dance (Y.H.A.) and I have put in very jaded appearances at the Exford. They have also messed up my usual methodic handling of memberships etc. so everyone will have to forgive me these lapses as well and I will try to make up for them.

Next newsletter you will all have some extra paper-work to do. Over a year ago now, the Society applied to the Corporate Affairs Dept., Commission or whatever, for registration as a Corporate Body. There were Extraordinary General Meetings of the Society and explanations given to all members, and a new Constitution adopted. The Constitution was drawn up along the lines directed by the Corporate Affairs Office, and it replaced the convoluted, unwieldy and financially grotesque (actually dangerously so to our members) arrangement that the Society had been saddled with. The snag now is that, where we (the Committee) had hoped that the incorporation (or the acceptance thereof) would be just a matter of notifying our members and if there were any dissenters they could dissent in writing and thereby cancel their membership. It AIN'T QUITE THAT SIMPLE. Corporate Affairs Office rules say that each member must accept in writing the new conditions of membership. Hence next month you will each get a new membership application to fill in - you will not have to pay again (at least not until 30th June next year), just re-affirm the membership. Please read the fine print on the back regarding privileges and responsibilities, particularly the last bit. You see we are getting very parsimonious and just adding the extra on to the existing forms. We can't have our members complaining that there is wastage in the organisation, now can we? Sorry about the bureaucracy folks, but it's got to be that way. Incidentally, I don't really think we are likely to go bankrupt owing enormous sums of money - we never get enormous sums of money to play with in the first place so we have learned to make what we do get go a long way. We depend much more on hard work than high finance. It might also interest you as members to know that Victoria is about the last State (Folk organisation) to take the incorporation step - the other States have taken the hurdle quite a while ago, with no ill effects.

It seems that my references to our membership as "all you spooks" have caused upset in at least one case. I am not at all keen on the term "folkie" as a generic name, possibly because when I look about me at the Clubs and listen to the conversations round me, I hear and see a very wide variety of people with widely differing interests. Also there is very much less conformance in appearance (taste in dress and hirsuteness) to the "folkie" image that was current when I first became involved in the scene. It seems to me that our membership is just a small somewhat closer-knit group within a larger group with a common interest in folk-music, and the reason I call you spooks is that I know you're there because I post a newsletter to each of you, I know a lot of you simply as faces at folk functions, but I can't put names to many of you. I get feed-back (and very occasionally contributions) from about ten per cent of you and "spook" seems an appropriate name. Any comments?

I have also been taken to task for not publicising the dates of the Society Committee meetings. I used to always mention them - it helped fill the spaces and we could always hope for response from the general membership. However it is a long time since I mentioned them regularly, and as was pointed out to me, they are after all a regular activity of the Society. Perhaps we can hope for better response now. The meetings are held on the third Tuesday every month in the upstairs committee room of the Carlton Community Centre at 8.00p.m. Everyone is welcome and we would be glad to hear any comments.

Some of the other ideas that have been put forward for the improvement of the newsletter are schemes that I cannot adopt unilaterally. I'm given a pretty free rein with the newsletter, but there are limits to what I can do without reference to the committee. Some of the ideas are ones that would have to be undertaken by someone else because I lack the expertise required to carry them out. In fact one or two of them may well hinge on the unpleasant necessity of asking the person suggesting the change taking the responsibility of making it work. Over the years I have been caught on that hook myself and never appreciated it either.

Surely the Postal Drivers' strike will be settled in time for the next newsletter. You see, I have been promised publicity material for Festivals and of course I haven't received it. Provided I have it within the next three weeks or so I can get it to you people to let you know what is going on in January. Most of you will know about the very loosely organised (I mean no disrespect) Folk weekend at Hamilton's Crossing from Boxing Day till "whenever". A lot of you will know about the Nariel Creek Festival which is not quite so "laid-back" but still quite informal and very enjoyable. Read your activities sheets for the details. On Australia Day weekend which is the weekend AFTER Australia Day this time, there are as I mentioned last month no less than FOUR folk festivals. Because I am not wrapped in long hard drives to get to the festivals, I will probably end up at the Kyneton Festival. It is closer to home and possibly more suitable to my liking - also it is a new one which I feel deserves consideration. Numerella specifically wishes to keep a low profile because of the nature of the festival itself - their only advertising is through newsletters and word-of-mouth. Longford has become much more a business affair, and apparently feel that they get all the support they require. Kangaroo Island is not the easiest to get to for Victorians and the publicity is pretty scarce although that too could be strike-caused. There is also a projected festival at Port Fairy, although the date may well be changed from the original choice of 9th & 10th January. As of now I can give you nothing definite - if it is changed to the 2nd weekend in February you should have some information on it. Haven't got any information on Chiltern either, yet, but that's round that time too. Nobody can set up a wail now that all the festivals happen in the capital cities now. The country towns are way out in front. At least we know that "Folk ain't dead yet" - in fact it appears to be alive, kicking and disgustingly healthy. I say disgustingly healthy because I am jealous.

The Rainbow Folk Club will be closed all January, after what should be a fine Christmas Eve with Goshawk and Christmas Carols. The Melbourne Folk Club will re-open on 8th January. There are still vague mutterings about "The Commune" re-opening, also "One-C-One" but I have enquired specifically about both and they are closed as of now regardless of signs still around.

Have a terrific Christmas and enjoy your New Year - don't make too many resolutions (they are too hard to keep) and drive safely. Cheerio Spooks, Shadows, or whatever - see you later.

STOP PRESS: Still another Festival. Strahan (Tas.) - Wilderness Festival. 22nd, 23rd and 24th January, 1982. Run by the Wilderness Society (Enquiries 602 4877).

And yet another. Adelong (near Tumut, N.S.W.) - Gold Rush Carnival - Australia Day Weekend 29th Jan.-1st Feb., 1982. Pioneer Dance, Bush Dance, goldpanning etc.

INFORMATION (BIOGRAPHICAL plus) FROM PERFORMERS WHO WISH TO BE INCLUDED IN AUSTRALIAN FOLK TRUST'S PROJECTED "FOLK YEAR BOOK" - URGENT!!!



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Contact the above address if you would like to know more about the F.S.D.S.V., or obtain the newsletter.

PLEASE RING JESS DUNNADGE on 469 4078 IF YOU KNOW OF ANY CHANGE OR ADDITIONS TO FOLK CLUB/DANCE LISTINGS ON THIS SHEET. IF YOUR CLUB IS LISTED HERE PLEASE MAKE SURE THE ENTRIES ARE KEPT UP TO DATE.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES & COMING EVENTS

CITY

MELBOURNE FOLK CLUB at the EXFORD HOTEL, Cnr. Russell & Little Bourke St. (Downstairs, enter from Russell St.)
(John Shorter 380 2544 or Jess Dunnadge 469 4078) RE-OPENING 8th JANUARY

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15th January

19th January

22nd January

5th February

CONNECTION, 2 Stephenson Street, Richmond Every Saturday night, \$2 donation (Sue, 347 1685) Re-open Mid Jan

CUPIDS Coffee Shop, 50 Commercial Road, Prahran

DAN O'CONNELL FOLK CLUB, Cnr. Princes & Canning Sts., Carlton Thurs. (Randall Percy 64 0661, ext 847)

FOOTSCRAY ARTS CENTRE 45 Moreland Street Footscray (689 5677) All sorts of Interesting music things.
Acoustic concerts each month.

GREEN MAN COFFEE LOUNGE, 1221 High Street, Malvern (20 5012)

LANTERN COFFEE LOUNGE, 9 Burwood Highway, Burwood. Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, & Sun.

LORD JIM'S FOLK CLUB, 36 St. Georges Rd Fitzroy, Wednesday - Alternating Traditional Folk & Contemporary Music

NEW COMMUNE, 183 St. Georges Road, North Fitzroy.

Wednesday & Saturday, General Folk/Blues/Country; Sunday, Jazz with Brian Brown.

NEW LINCOLN INN, Cnr Rathdowne & Faraday Streets, Carlton. Friday & Saturday (Wayne Robinson, 689 3348)
Groups - Some Dancing.

RAINBOW HOTEL, 27 St. David Street, Fitzroy (419 4193). Contemporary Music (Dave Hoskings and Guests) Tuesday
nights. Folk Club Thursday nights. Re-Opening 7th February

ROYAL PARK HOTEL, Queensberry Street, North Melbourne. Fri. night - Acoustic. (John Miovich 480 3695)

SHAKESPEARE COFFEE SHOPPE, 478 Chapel Street, South Yarra

SPAGHETTI THEATRE, 181 Collins Street, Melbourne (63 5787)

TROUBADOUR Coffee Lounge & Restaurant, 4 Bowen Crescent, Albert Park (26 4409)

TWILIGHT COFFEE HOUSE, 234 High Street, Kew. (Wednesday to Sunday)

VICTORIAN FOLK MUSIC CLUB, (Elma Gardner 497 1628)

* FOLK MUSIC, Curtain Square Annexe, Cnr. Canning & Newry Sts., Carlton. 4th Friday each month, 8:00 pm.
22nd January - Roger & Therese; Dincan Dunnadge.

* WORKSHOP Mon. nights Anglers Hall Cnr. Rathmines & Clarke Sts. Fairfield, Re-open February.

* SINGABOUT (Eastern Suburbs), 1st Saturday each month C.of E. Hall 49 Patterson St. E. Ringwood. Re-open Feb.

COUNTRY

BALLARAT, Students' Union Building, College of Advanced Education, 2nd Tuesday each month
(Maureen Jardine, 053 42 8632 AH)

BORDER DISTRICT FOLK CLUB, (Albury), Australia Hotel, Cnr. Wilson & David Streets, Every Thursday night
(Mary Anderson 060 25 6535)

BUNTERN FOLK CLUB, 4th Wednesday every month

BOROWA FOLK CLUB, Every 2nd Wednesday

GEE LONG FOLK CLUB, (Jamie McKew 052 65 6123 AH)

* Golden Age Hotel, Gheringhap Street, Geelong - Singalong/Come-All-Ye, Tuesday nights, 8:00 p.m.

* The Gallery, Geelong Performing Arts Centre, Friday nights 8:00 p.m.

KALLISTA FOLK CLUB, Community House, Kallista (750 1222), Informal Folk Music. 2nd Friday each month.

KYNETON FOLK CLUB, C.Y.S.S. Office, Old Methodist Church, Ebdon Street, Kyneton, Thursday nights
(Dave Sprigg 054 22 2576 or 054 22 2598)

OVERLANDER FOLK CLUB, Wednesday night, Noble Park Kindergarten. (Bill Graham 059 96 3215)

SELBY FOLK CLUB, Community House, Wombalana Rd., 1st Friday each month (Francois Rogean 754 6043 A.H.)

SHEPPARTON FOLK CLUB every second Thursday - shifting venues- ring Val Colyer (055) 20 1547 BH or 29 9465 AH

WANGARATTA FOLK CLUB, Vine Hotel. Last Friday each month (S. Bridges 057 21 2176)

See "Age Weekender" for details on regular band gigs - all your favorite bush, folk/colonial, folk/rock, bush/punk and permutations thereof listed under "Folk", "Dance" and/or "Music 81".

MORRIS DANCING

- BALLAARAT MORRIS, Trades Hall, Camp Street, Ballarat, Thursday nights, 7:30 p.m.
- BRITANNIA MORRIS MEN, Curtain Square Annexe, Newry Street, Wednesday nights, 7:30 p.m.
(Simon Leverton 481 6379 A.H.).
- PLENTY MORRIS, Lower Plenty Primary School, Practice & Learning every Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
(Neil Murray 439 9120 AH)
- SHE-OAKS Ladies' Morris, Wednesday nights 7:00 p.m. Melb. Uni. Sports Centre, Trophy Room
(Chris Digby, 527 2993 A.H.)

LEARN COLONIAL DANCING

- COLONIAL DANCERS, Carlton Primary School, Palmerston Street, Carlton. Wednesday nights
Beginners Class: 7:30 - 8:30; Intermediate Class: 8:30 - 10:00 (Norm Ellis 62 7197 BH)
- BALLARAT CURRENCY DANCERS, Uniting Church Hall, Barkly Street, Ballarat, Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m.
(Christine Parkin, 053 34 7486)
- SANDHURST DANCE CLUB, Bendigo (Peter Ellis 054 43 2679)
- OVERLANDER FOLK CLUB, Noble Park Kindergarten, first Wednesday each month.

REGULAR DANCES - CITY:

- F.S.D.S.V./COLONIAL DANCERS Sunday Afternoon Dance, Carlton Community Centre, Princes Street, Carlton,
1st Sunday each month (Paul Borg 560 1584) - Doors open 2 pm, Dancing Starts 2.30 sharp
NEXT DANCE: SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY 1982
- GUMTREE DANCES - Latrobe Uni. Students Union Hall, 16th & 30th January - "Cobbers" (Brian Moran, 49 4759)
- PARRADDLE, Heidelberg Town Hall, 3rd Friday each month. (John Zigmantis, 844 2100)
- Y.H.A., Cnr Church Street & Highfield Road, Canterbury. 2nd Wednesday each month - Patterson's Curse.
- V.F.M.C. COLONIAL DANCE (with instruction) at Carlton Community Centre, 3rd Saturday each month.
(Non-licensed) 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm.

REGULAR DANCES - COUNTRY:

- BARANDUDAH BUSH DANCE (6 miles from Wodonga on Kiewa Highway) 2nd Saturday each month
(Mary Anderson 060 25 6535)
- BENDIGO, Spring Gully Hall, 3rd Friday every month. (Peter Ellis 054 43 2679)
- BETHANGA, Old Time, Bethanga Hall, 2nd Saturday each month with "Bush Rats"
- WIREENA CENTRE, Croydon. (059 96 3215)
- TALLANGATTA, Old Time, Church of England Hall, 3rd Saturday each month with Nariel Band

COMING EVENTS

- NARIEL CREEK near Corryong 30th Dec. - Dance in Corryong. Open-air Concerts & Dances 31st Dec. & 1st
Jan. Dance at Upper Nariel 2nd January. Camping on Festival site, small charge. Food available.
- HAMILTON'S CROSSING - On again! Start your "lost week" on 26th Dec. thru to Dance at Barrinhup Hall on
2nd January. Bring your own drinking water. 380 2544 or write to 240 Station Street, Nth Carlton

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND FESTIVALS - 29th January/1st February

- * NUMERALLA - 14 miles east of Cooma, N.S.W. Camping, relaxation.
 - * LONGFORD - Tasmania. Artists include The McCalmans (UK), Phyl Lobl, Denis Tracey, Sirocco and many
others (John Bushby 002 34 9250 AH or Stuart Heather 002 23 7255 AH)
 - * KANGAROO ISLAND - South Australia
 - * KYNETON - North of Melbourne, VICTORIA !! Concerts, Dances, Workshops. Camping with full amenities
(Dave Sprigg 054 22 2598)
- PORTLAND - Mid-February (further information to come)
- CHILTERN - 6th/8th February
- DEDERANG - February 19-20-21 Musos welcome!

SUPPORT FOLK MUSIC - JOIN THE F. S. D. S. V.

You are welcome at our Committee Meetings held at 8 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
in the Committee Room, upstairs at the Carlton Community Centre.

MEMBERSHIP RATES

Single	\$ 8.00	Concession (Country, Pensioner, Student	\$5.00
Family	\$12.50	Group (Clubs & Societies)	\$20.00

Life memberships - Ten times the current applicable membership - not applicable to concession memberships
except for certain pensioners.

Membership of the Folk Song & Dance Society gives LOWER ADMISSION PRICES to all functions run by the
F.S.D.S.V. (including Melbourne Folk Club); Lower admission prices to most functions run by affiliated
clubs (such as the V.F.M.C., Dan O'Connell, Geelong Folk Club, Border District Folk Club, Wangaratta Folk
Club, Shepparton Folk Club and others at the discretion of the organisers); discounts on records at
Fretted Instruments, 333 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. There may be other concessions available later
(negotiations under way), but membership can pay for itself well and truly in less than a year.

HAMILTON'S CROSSING

REMEMBER last year? If you don't or didn't, HAMILTON'S is a beautiful, peaceful, natural possie on the Loddon River, about ten miles north-west of MALDON.....

THERE'S a large camping area under gums off the beaten track with no hassling about over-crowding and organisation and programming

LOCAL FEATURES: A pioneering town, the main remains(?) of MALDON are well preserved. Some of the old buildings in the main street now house museums, antiques, art and craft shops and there are three pubs left over from the days of the goldfields..... Enjoy vegetarian food at McArthur's, indulge in delish Devonshire Teas at The Cumquat Tree, the bread at the local bakery is amazing - the Chippie isn't bad either..... Magic views from the top of Mount Tarrengower too - especially at sunset.....

In CASTLEMAINE there are several hosteleries, especially the Criterion and if you're coming up on Saturday morning, you might like to stop off at the Wesley Hill Market (and pub) in CHEWTON - just before Castlemaine.....

BENDIGO is only about 25 miles away too.....

Fifth Annual Fumble Mucking

WHAT TO BRING: The essentials include YOU, this map (if you need it), Camping gear, lilos, rubber tyres and canoes, songs and tunes, instruments and voices, dancing feet, and a bent for having a good (bent?) time.....

Drinking Water is about the only hassle - bring lots of it.....

Food and Grog (or vice versa) are available in Maldon - bring your eskies and/or garbage bins to keep the stuff cool. There's also a small store just up the road at Eddington (service station) and down the road at Barrinhup (carvan park).....

Except for total fire ban days, There'll be a communal campfire and hopefully the Hacienda will be up.....

WHAT TO DO: Get there from Boxing Day (Saturday) onwards and have a pleasant, quiet(?), relaxed, laid out (probably literally and in more ways than three!) stay for as long as you want to - singing and dancing, swimming and sunning, jamming and raging and fumble mucking in general both in out of the water, over or under the weather.....

IF you can't make it for the whole week come up for New Year's Eve and stay for the only organised (if you can call it that) part of the proceedings:

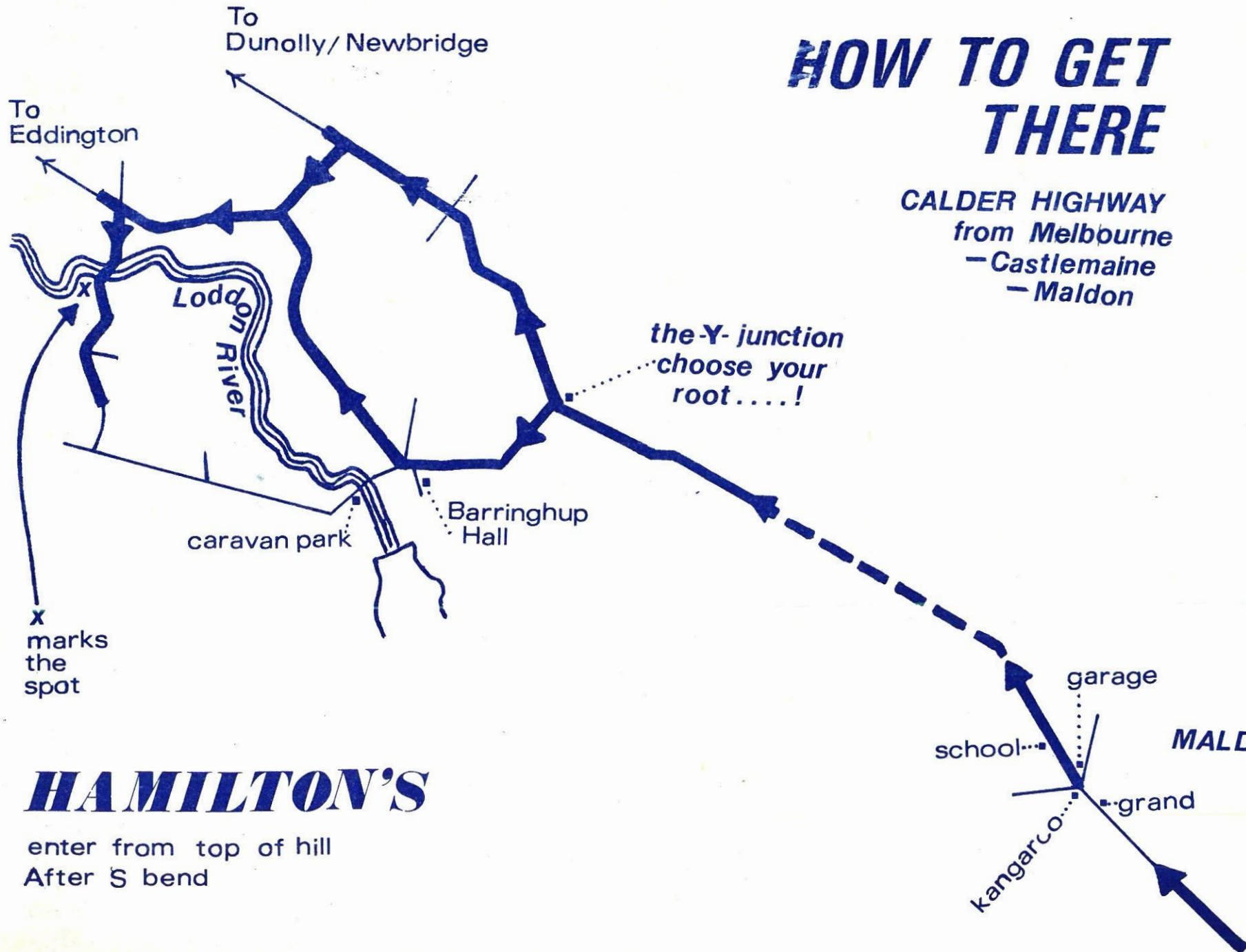
The BARRINGHUP HALL NEW YEAR'S BUSH DANCE on SATURDAY NIGHT (2nd January)
(Adelaide take note - it's on your way home)

For further information ring (03) 380 2544 or write to 540, Station St. North Carlton.

NEW YEAR REVELS

HOW TO GET THERE

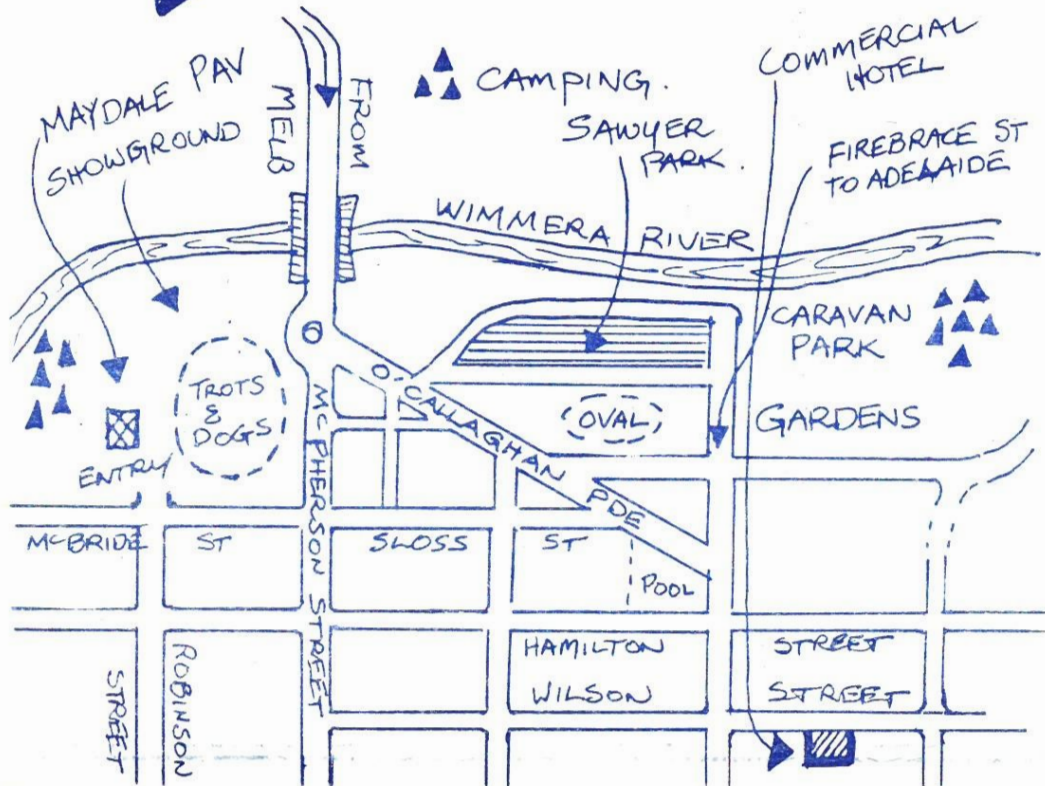
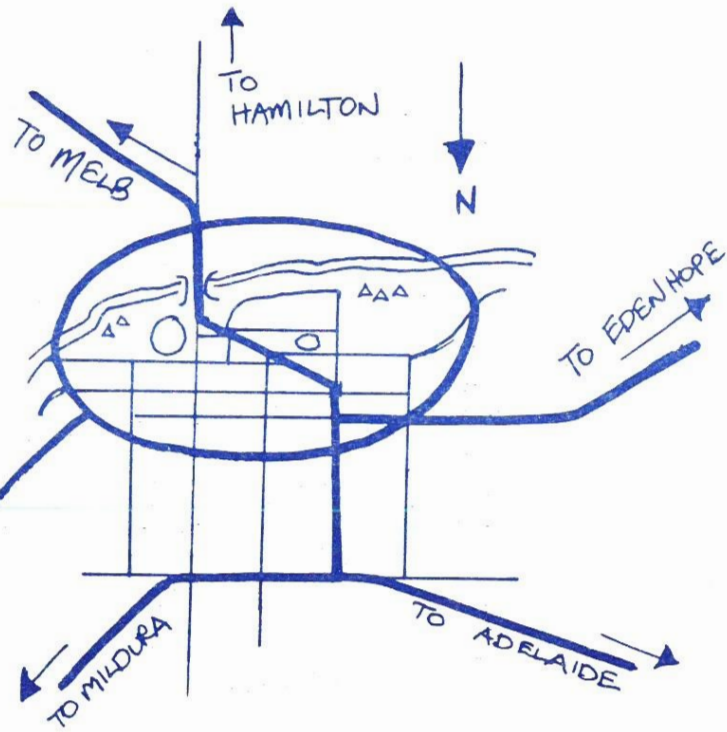
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- Castlemaine
- Maldon



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FRI NIGHT 26th SAT 27th SUN 28th NOV.

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SHEARER'S DANCE
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FEATURING - RIPPLESIDE..
TAM-O-SHANTER - SHENANIGANS..
SHADES OF TROOPERS CREEK..
QUICKSILVER..
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