

# Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc "Folk Victoria"

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## Newsletter October 2003

### *From the President*

#### Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meetings – always a time both to reflect and to renew. A number of folk enthusiasts met at the East on October 9<sup>th</sup> to do just that and we ended the evening with an enlarged committee and renewed enthusiasm.

#### Your committee for the 2003/2004 year will be:

Jeanette Gillespie (President and Folk Club Convenor)  
John O'Leary (Secretary and National Festival Liaison)  
Chris Bigby (Treasurer)  
Jill Loorham (Memberships Secretary)  
Ivan Milligan (Special Events Convenor)  
Rebecca Marshall (Email Manager)  
Denise Hibbs (Folk Club door manager)  
Jamie Johnston (PA Manager and National Festival Liaison)  
Rick Sidgwick, Wendy Ealey and Malcolm Turnbull (General Committee)

Sincere **thanks** to the first eight listed for their work both on the committee and as office bearers during the past year and for agreeing to continue for the year ahead. We welcome Rick, Wendy and Malcolm to the team.

#### Folk Club

The Folk Club has continued on a monthly basis at the East Brunswick Club Hotel, presenting a wide variety of artists on both concert and open stage nights. Our audiences have averaged at around seventy per month, with some months drawing a packed house of over a hundred. We hope to see many more of our members coming along to enjoy the music over the coming months. Jamie Johnston has continued to do a magnificent job as sound engineer, ably assisted by Colleen Harte. Thanks too to those who have worked on the door and in any other capacity.

#### Special Events Group

The Special Events Group collaborated with the Brunswick Music Festival in March this year to run four successful concerts at the East as well as the Brunswick Festival Ball. Folk Victoria will be involved in the Festival again in 2004. Other dances have been run during the year in conjunction with the Traditional & Social Dance Association of Victoria. Great work team!

#### National Folk Festival

Plans are well underway for Victoria's involvement in the National Folk Festival next year. A broad cross section of folk-related organisations from around the state have been meeting together to plan an exciting showcase of Victoria's talent. We look forward to further developments.

#### Graham Squance Award

The committee has chosen the nominee for the annual Graham Squance Memorial Award for services to the folk movement, and this award is to be presented on our Scottish celebration evening at the Folk Club on Friday November 28<sup>th</sup> at the East. We hope we can have a big crowd on that evening to honour and congratulate the awardee.

#### Special Projects

Folk Victoria has assisted in the funding of two special projects during the past year. A sum was donated to sponsor Dave de Hugar's track on the "Songlines" CD which was put together by Martyn Wyndham-Read. We hope to have some copies of this fine CD to sell at the Folk Club very soon. We also assisted Jamie Johnston in the making of the CD "Nine Years On" which featured all nine winners of the Lis Johnston Memorial Award plus some lovely tracks to remember Lis' own fine voice. Copies of this CD are available at the Folk Club or through Jamie.

Thanks to the Committee for having faith enough in me to elect me as President once again. I hope I can rise to the challenge, and look forward to the support of all our members in the year ahead as we endeavour to enrich the life of the community with the treasures of the music, song and dance which we value so highly and the spirit of friendship and community which we enjoy.

**Jeanette Gillespie (President)**

### *Folk Victoria Music Nights*

#### What's Been?

Our Hot August Night on August 29<sup>th</sup> was just that – hot! Great music from eight different artists, great crowd! The Open Stage on September 26<sup>th</sup> was another night of terrific variety enjoyed by a slightly smaller but no less enthusiastic audience.

#### What's Coming?

#### Friday October 24<sup>th</sup>:

The Folk Club is on this week rather than on the last Friday of the month as the Maldon Folk Festival commences on the 31<sup>st</sup>, and all good folk audiences should be there!! See later for a description of Maldon Festival. On the 24<sup>th</sup> we'll be showcasing the velvet voice and dancing fingers of singer/guitarist of **CYRIL MORAN**, and a terrific young band called "**SHIVOO**". They have a definite Irish flavour, with David Moloney on guitar and vocals, Caitlin French on fiddle and vocals, Ben Mooney on bass and Rod Bradbury on percussion.

## Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> - 3.00 pm till late!

### Friends of Declan Affley CD Launch

A special afternoon and evening of music and song presented by Folk Victoria at the East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. \$5 entry, reimbursed if you buy a CD!

#### Artists include:

Bridie and Paddy Affley, Colleen Burke, The Brannigans, Christie & James Cooney, Mick Flanagan, the Fitzgerald Brothers, Brian Mooney, Maggie Murphy, and more.

BYO instruments for a session. Teatime meals available.

### Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>:

Scottish Night and Graham Sqaunce Award Presentation With the fabulous powerhouse band "CLAYMORE" along with Jamie McKinnon and Duncan Brown. Bring the kilts and dancing shoes!

### Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>:

Christmas Celebrations with "Come Alive" singers, Danny Spooner and Duncan Brown, and Neil Adam and Judy Turner's new band, "Old Dogs, New Tricks". End the year on a high note!

## Newsletter

Apologies for the lateness of this one! Life gets in the way sometimes. The next newsletter will be mailed in **January sometime!** No promises for a date but it will definitely be before the first Folk Club on January 30<sup>th</sup>, and any inclusions should reach me either at 225 Rathmines Street Fairfield, or at my email address, [gillespie.jeanette.f@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:gillespie.jeanette.f@edumail.vic.gov.au) by **Monday January 19th**.

Please let us know if you find any mistakes in the events listings, and please help us to build up the list. Reviews of festivals, events, performers or CDs would also be most welcome.

## The "Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club" (formerly the Carlton Folk Club)

The Carlton Folk Club has been running at the Corkman Irish Pub over the past few months but the venue unfortunately has become too noisy with other activities. Peter Pentland, the club's organiser, has been able to move it to a terrific new venue, the **Big House** in Sydney Road, which many of you will remember with fondness as the late-night club venue for the Brunswick Music Festival. The club, which Peter has renamed for the present the "**Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club**", runs on the **first and third Tuesday nights** of the month, starting at around 8 pm. There are spot acts and featured acts each night and it's free! Phone Peter on 9386 1483 for more information, or just come along!

## Maldon Folk Festival

The Maldon Folk Festival celebrates its **30th birthday** this year between **October 31 and November 3** - and it promises to be a celebration to remember.

Fondly referred to as the musicians festival, many of Maldon's favourite sons and daughters will be returning in 2003, led by Eric Bogle. There will also be a triple-CD

available to commemorate the special occasion. As usual, the headline acts will be well supported by a long list of quality performers. The festival continues to support aspiring musicians through friendly workshops, laid back sessions, small chalkboard venues and street busking - as well as the inevitable 'campfire' get-togethers.

Weekend adult **tickets** are \$75 (includes camping), youth ticket \$25, and children U14 free. Tickets are now on sale.

For **festival enquiries** contact Bill (03) 5475 2166, Lynda (03) 5475 1167, email <[folkfestival@maldon.vicmail.net](mailto:folkfestival@maldon.vicmail.net)> or log onto [www.maldonfolkfestival.com](http://www.maldonfolkfestival.com)

For **accommodation enquiries** call (03) 5475 2569, and for alternative affordable **family camping** call (03) 5475 2569.

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**Cheers for now** – study the diary dates – and please - send in your subscriptions if you haven't already done so! Enjoy the music! **Jeanette Gillespie**.

## Diary Dates

### FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER:

**Folk Victoria Music Night: "Shivoo" and Cyril Moran** East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. 8.30 pm. \$8 / \$6. Enquiries: 9481 6051. Meal bookings: 9388 2777.

### SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER:

**Friends of Declan Affley CD Launch:** 3.00 pm till late at the East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. \$5 entry which will be reimbursed if you buy a CD for \$25. **Huge array of performers:** see the newsletter and the flier. BYO instruments for session. Teatime meals available.

### SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER:

**Boite World Music Cafe**, 1 Mark St, Nth Fitzroy. **Danny Spooner and The Falls Road Band.** 8.15 pm. \$14/\$8. Phone: 03 9417 1983, or email: [boite@boite.asn.au](mailto:boite@boite.asn.au) or visit the website at: [www.boite.asn.au](http://www.boite.asn.au) (The Boite presents music every Friday and Saturday night)

### SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER:

**Kavisha Mazzella & the Italian Women's Choir:** Barbukka Middle Eastern Café, 279 Smith Street, Fitzroy. 7.00 pm. \$10. Music Tuesdays to Sundays. Phone: 9417 2877. Website: [www.barbukka.com](http://www.barbukka.com)

### SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER:

**"Skirl"** – Vocal group with Bronwyn Calcutt, Flip Case, Cathy Nixon, Jen Skate, Sam Worrall. With Kojo Sam and Paa Brown. 4.00 pm. Northcote Uniting Church, 251 High Street, Northcote. \$12. Phone: 9443 9777

### SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER:

**VFMC Family Bush Dance.** With the "**Brumbies Bush Band**". East Ringwood Elderly Citizen's Hall, Laurence Grove, East Ringwood. Mel. 50 B8. 8 pm – 11 pm. \$7/\$5. Children free. Supper included. Enquiries: 9885 5756 or 9762 1389.

### TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER:

**Whole Gamut Folk Club (formerly the Carlton Folk Club):** Now at the Big House, 420 Sydney Road, Brunswick, 8.00 pm. Blackboard spots, plus **John Dale**,

**Maureen Beggs, Kevin Parsell and Jean McConachie.**  
Free entry. *Every first and third Tuesday of the month.*  
Contact: Peter Pentland: 03 9386 1483.

**FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER:**

**Selby Folk Club**, Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby. Open stage plus guest artist. 8.00 pm. \$7/\$5.  
Phone: David Millar: 03 9751 1218.  
*(1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month.)*  
[www.home.aone.net.au/selbyfolkclub](http://www.home.aone.net.au/selbyfolkclub)

**FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER:**

**Boite World Music Cafe**, 1 Mark St, Nth Fitzroy. **Keith McHenry, Bruce Watson, Enda Kenny & Martin Pearson.** Book Launch – Keith’s book, “The Folklore of Terrorism”. Verse, song, and nonsense! *(Details as above)*

**FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER:**

**The Boite’s Annual Fundraiser Concert.** “Nongoma” CD Launch. Top **African bands.** Collingwood Town Hall, 140 Hoddle Street. 8.00 pm. \$14/\$8. Enq: 9417 1983.

**SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER:**

**Boite World Music Cafe**, 1 Mark St, Nth Fitzroy. **Reed Rage – George Bultrumlis, Kaz dalla Rosa and Simon Edwards.** *(Details as above)*

**SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER:**

**Peninsula Folk Club:** Shakespeare’s Bar and Restaurant, 101 Young St, Frankston. Session: 7–7.45 pm.  
Performances: 8.00 onwards. *(First Sunday of the month.)*  
Email: [admin@peninsulafolkclub.asn.au](mailto:admin@peninsulafolkclub.asn.au)  
Website: [www.folkclub.asn.au](http://www.folkclub.asn.au)

**7TH – 9TH NOVEMBER:**

**TSDAV Spring Dance Weekend:** Foreshore Community Hall, Portarlington. Workshops and dances all weekend.  
Contact: Marion Stabb: 9439 7100 or George Ansell: 9890 5650.

**TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER:**

**Ringwood Folk Club:** East Ringwood Community Hall (enter from Knaith Road). 8.00 pm. \$7/\$6. Guest artists: “**Bhan Tre**”, plus floor spots. Enq: Maree: 03 9733 0802.  
*(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month)*

**FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER:**

**Boite World Music Cafe**, 1 Mark St, Nth Fitzroy.  
**Bernard Carney (WA).** *(Details as above)*

**FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER:**

“**Fathers in the Chapel**”. Acoustic music and voices, sessions and performances, unplugged. St John’s Anglican Church, Childers St, Cranbourne. Enq: 03 5996 8461 or 5996 9544. *(2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month)*

**SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER:**

**Pickin’ at the Piggery.** Bluegrass, blues, old-timey jams and performances. Footscray Community House, Moreland St, Footscray. Enq: Margaret Dear: 03 5368 6888.  
*(3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month.)*

**TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER:**

**Whole Gamut Folk Club (formerly the Carlton Folk Club):** At the Big House, 420 Sydney Road, Brunswick, 8.00 pm. Blackboard spots, plus **Jeanette Gillespie and Kathryn Clements and the Peatfires.** Free entry.  
*Every first and third Tuesday of the month.*  
Contact: Peter Pentland: 03 9386 1483.

**FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER:**

**Berwick and District Folk Club:** The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick. 7.30 – 11.15 pm. \$8/\$5.  
Guest artists: “**Brightwater**”, plus open stage.

*(3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month)*

Contact: 03 9702 1223 or email: [badfolkc@hotmail.com](mailto:badfolkc@hotmail.com)

**21ST – 23RD NOVEMBER:**

**Tony Backhouse Vocal & Gospel Workshops:** Princes Hill Primary School, cnr. Pigdon & Wilson Sts, North Carlton. Enquiries & bookings: 9841 7906 (ah).

**FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER:**

**Folk Victoria Music Night: Scottish Night for St Andrew’s Day.** East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. With **Jamie McKinnon, Duncan Brown** and the powerhouse band, “**Claymore**”. *(Details as above).*

\* *This will also be the annual Graham Squance Memorial Award presentation night.*

**SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER:**

**Melbourne Colonial Dancers Summer Ball.** With “**The Brannigan Band**”. Preston Town Hall, cnr High & Gower Sts, Preston. \$22 or \$17 earlybird. Enquiries: Robin: 9723 2455 or 0413 209 334.

**29TH & 30TH NOVEMBER:**

“**Earth Drum**” **Rhythm Weekend.** A fun and friendly live-in weekend for all levels of drummers. Percussion, singing and movement. Yarra Valley below Monbulk. Weekend or day registration. Enquiries: Babette Oshry: 9841 7906

**TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER:**

**Whole Gamut Folk Club:** The Big House, 420 Sydney Road, Brunswick. *(details as above)*

**FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER:**

**Selby Folk Club**, Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby. **Twenty-fifth birthday party.** Heaps of performers. *(Details as above)*

**SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER:**

**Boite World Music Cafe**, 1 Mark St, Nth Fitzroy. **End of Year Celebration.** 6.30 pm. Other details as above.

**SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER:**

**Peninsula Folk Club:** Shakespeare’s Bar and Restaurant, 101 Young St, Frankston. *(Details as above)*

**TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER:**

**Ringwood Folk Club:** Guest artist: **Andy Irvine** *(Details as above)*

**FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER:**

“**Fathers in the Chapel**”. *(Details as above)*

**TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER:**

**Whole Gamut Folk Club:** The Big House, 420 Sydney Road, Brunswick. *(details as above)*

**FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER:**

**Folk Victoria Music Night: Christmas Celebration** with “**Come Alive**”, **Danny Spooner and Duncan Brown**, and Neil Adam and Judy Turner’s band, “**Old Dogs, New Tricks**”. *(Details as above.)*

**FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER:**

**Berwick and District Folk Club:** Singalong in the Chapel. *(Details as above)*

**SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER:**

**Pickin’ at the Piggery.** Bluegrass, blues, old-timey jams and performances. *(Details as above)*

**\*\* Most Saturdays:** In-store music at **Rhythm and Views** music and book store, 273 High Street, Northcote. 2.00 pm. Free. Phone: 03 9486 8877

**\*\* Every Wednesday:** Traditional Bush Dancing with the **Colonial Dancers**. St Michael's Hall, cnr MacPherson & McIlwraith Sts, North Carlton. 8.00 – 10.00 pm. \$4 (includes supper). Musicians welcome. Enq: Robin: 03 9722 9171 or Coral: 03 9885 6109.

**\*\* Every Wednesday:** **Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann**. Irish music and dance session. St Phillips Hall, 156 Hoddle St, Abbotsford. 8.00 pm. Enq: Paddy O'Neill: 03 9312 6058.

## Festivals

**31<sup>st</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Maldon Folk Festival, Vic.** One of the country's best and friendliest festivals, in the heart of central Victoria. Music, song, dance, poetry; concerts, sessions, workshops.

Enq: 03 5475 1167, 5475 2166 or 5476 2527.

Email: [maldonff@telstra.easymail.com.au](mailto:maldonff@telstra.easymail.com.au)

or visit: [www.penscape.com.au/maldon](http://www.penscape.com.au/maldon)

**14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November: Troubadour Weekend, Campaspe Downs, near Kyneton, Victoria.**

A weekend of top musicians. Accommodation on site or visit for a day or a session. Contact: Andrew Pattison on: 03 5433 5292 or 0438 335 292.

**14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November: Harrietville Bluegrass & Traditional Country Music Festival, Victoria.**

A weekend of bluegrass, old-timey, country and Cajun music at Harrietville near Bright in the highlands. Enquiries: Janet Dear: 03 5368 6888(ah) or 5368 1213(bh).

**14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November: Beechworth Celtic Festival, Beechworth, Victoria.**

Concerts, dances, theatre, pub sessions, busking, pipe bands, children's program. Phone: 1300 321 366.

Email: [celtic@beechworth.com](mailto:celtic@beechworth.com)

Website: [www.beechworth.com/celtic](http://www.beechworth.com/celtic)

**14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November: Music at the Creek. Majors Creek, NSW.**

Folk music weekend with local, interstate and sometimes overseas artists in a beautiful setting between Canberra and the coast. Enq: Alison Smith: 02 4842 2889 or Sue Rendell: 02 4842 8142

**28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November: Queenscliff Music Festival, Victoria.**

Contemporary, folk, acoustic, blues, jazz by the sea. Enq: Hugo Armstrong: 03 5258 4816.

Website: [www.queenscliffmusicfestival.com.au/](http://www.queenscliffmusicfestival.com.au/)

**Christmas – New Year – Black and White Folk Festival - Nariel Creek, near Corryong, Vic.**

A laid-back gathering of people of all ages who flock to camp on the banks of Nariel Creek near Corryong in north-eastern Victoria to relax, socialise, sing, play and dance. Some organised events but mostly "bring-it-yourself" and "do-it-yourself"! Enquiries: Ian Simpson: 02 6077 1241(h) or Linton Vogel: 02 6077 4332.

**December 27 – Jan 1 - Woodford Festival, QLD.**

The largest folk festival in Australia – a huge extravaganza of music, song, dance, the spoken word, food, celebrations, folk culture, etc, etc.

Phone: 07 5496 1066

Visit: [www.woodfordfolkfestival.com](http://www.woodfordfolkfestival.com)

**December 28 – Jan 1: Gulgong Folk Festival, NSW.** Lots of music and dancing. Contact: Bob Campbell on 02 6373 4000 or Mike Byron on 02 6374 2005

**4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> January: The Lake School of Celtic Music, Koroit, Victoria.** A summer holiday in an "Irish" village, with music, song and dance classes all day and sessions and ceilidhs all night! Top class tutors. Phone: 03 9873 1700 or 03 5564 7637(ah) Email: [bwz@alphalink.com.au](mailto:bwz@alphalink.com.au) or visit: [www.bushwahzee.alphalink.com.au](http://www.bushwahzee.alphalink.com.au)

**January 2004 - Tasmanian Folk Festivals:**

- **CYGNET** (Huon Valley): January 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

Contact Peter Hicks – 03 6266 3010 or mobile: 0409 216 752 or email: [glazfolk@trump.net.au](mailto:glazfolk@trump.net.au)

Website: [www.cygnethfolkfestival.org/](http://www.cygnethfolkfestival.org/)

- **GEORGETOWN** (Tamar Valley): Jan 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

Contact: Gerard O'Doherty: 03 6382 1550

**9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2004: The Boite Singers' Festival, Daylesford, Victoria.**

A fantastic weekend of singing and songwriting workshops and concerts in the heart of Central Victoria. Phone Danielle on 03 9417 1983 for further information.

**17th – 21st April, 2004: National Folk Festival, Exhibition Park, Canberra.**

Arguably the best folk festival in Australia! Hundreds of performers, great atmosphere. Phone: 02 6249 7755 or check out: [www.folkfestival.asn.au](http://www.folkfestival.asn.au)

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Hey Jeanette, we were very sorry to hear the news about Coralie. She was a wonderful brave woman. I had thought that the last time I was on tour there in 2001 would be the last I saw her, as did she. She definitely won the battle for a couple more years of life. We were very grateful to have been at her 'wake' last year and spend a bit of time with her that week.

We had a great time together when either Rua or James and I were over. Always staying with her, sipping whisky and eating curries! I loved and respected her sense of justice and gracious hospitality. Many fine memories originated in Clyde St, The Brunswick and The Retreat. Our sympathies and best wishes to her children, fine people and Coralie's legacy.

Ah well, we're all on our way down the long road. Thankfully, it has been made shorter and brighter by people of Coralie's compassion. Go well, Dear Coralie!

Jimmy Young & Denny Stanway  
New Zealand

*When life grows tough, don't be forlorn  
Don't let its trials make you feel torn  
Accept the changes that must be  
And try to reach a peace, to see  
They're part of His big plan.*

*Life can be rough, can seem unfair,  
When the burden, it seems, is hard to bear  
So seek what you have in each special day  
And try to see the way we all play  
A part in His big plan.*

*Tears that come, in time will cease  
So let them flow and let them ease  
The pain of things you cannot change  
Accept all things can't be explained  
They're part of His big plan.*

Colleen

### **With thoughts of Coralie**

Coralie and I were friends through many years and shared our lives in big things and small: happiness and heartbreak, laughter and tears, achievements and disappointments, music and books, meals and shopping...and so much more...even on one week-end last year, her dancing shoes! The friendship between us, we realised, was a gift, and we treasured it. Yet now, as so many memories fill my mind, I find myself struggling to write about her...and I feel overwhelmed. How impossible it is, to try to encapsulate nearly two-and-a-half decades of friendship in only a few lines.

So I share with you something of what Coralie shared with me. I wrote it, for myself, in December 2002, after Coralie told me she felt lucky to have been diagnosed with cancer...lucky because the diagnosis had given her time – and given those whom she loved and who loved her time – to fulfil life-long dreams, to share special times, and for her to come to a sense of peace.