

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

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## Newsletter August 2003

### *Greetings all!*

#### **Membership Renewal and AGM:**

**Subscriptions** for the 2003/2004 year are due on **October 1<sup>st</sup>**. Now that may seem a long way away, but it's actually only six weeks, so we are giving you a chance to renew nice and early and to recruit a few friends as well! You might even like to give someone a subscription as a present.

Our **Annual General Meeting** is also just around the corner – only seven weeks in fact – so please put the date in your diary and the enclosed flier on your fridge. We really do have fun at our AGM! It's a friendly gathering and we'd love to see you there – and perhaps put faces to some names we have only seen on our mailing list. Bring along a friend who may like to become involved.

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These past couple of months have been a little more restful in the Folk calendar, but enjoyable nonetheless with lots of concerts, folk clubs and pub gigs to keep the most intrepid gadabout happy.

#### **National Celtic Festival:**

From all accounts the decision to move the National Celtic Festival, held on the June long weekend, from Geelong to Portarlington was a wise one, with punters reporting a much friendlier, village-like atmosphere, with venues in close proximity, good facilities and a huge variety of music. May it continue to be a success.

#### **Guildford Folk Club:**

On the same weekend a number of Melbourne music lovers travelled in the opposite direction to experience the warm hospitality of the folk from the Guildford Folk Club at their annual gathering. The Folk Club meets at the Guildford Hotel on the third Wednesday evening of every month. A large number of singers and musicians live around the area, so the club nights tend to be a combination of all-in sessions and individuals sharing a song, tune or poem. Drop in sometime if you are in the area and you'll be guaranteed an enjoyable night out. The Guildford pub now also hosts sessions every Friday night.

### *Folk Victoria Music Nights*

#### **What's Been?**

A large crowd at our own Folk Club at the East Brunswick Club Hotel on **June 27<sup>th</sup>** experienced the magic of Brazil with **Diana Clark, Doug De Vries, the Borboleta Brazilian Choir** and some wonderful percussion playing.

**July 25<sup>th</sup>** was a delightful surprise package. Women's a cappella group Akasa were scheduled to play but

unfortunately had to cancel. Singer and songwriter **Joe Dolce** was recommended by Kavisha Mazzella as a replacement and delighted the audience with his blend of humour, satire and serious songs. **Julie Levy**, with fiddle player **Lachlan McLeod**, sang a beautiful first bracket of songs.

#### **What's Coming?**

This month, **FRIDAY AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>**, promises a foot-stomping night of American-flavoured music from four different acts – a **HOT AUGUST NIGHT**, in fact! Tony O'Rourke, Kevin Parsell and Bruce Packard will be joining forces, as will Rod Lewis and John Boothroyd, and Maureen Beggs and Jean McConachie. Singer, songwriter and guitarist **Paul Wookey** will add some more blues, country, bluegrass and originals to the mix.

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>** will be another **OPEN STAGE** night. These are always fantastic nights of entertainment, featuring both established and up-and-coming performers. Phone Jeanette on 9481 6051 for a spot.

**October's Folk Club will be on the FOURTH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, NOT THE LAST FRIDAY:** This is because 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 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.

### *Newsletter*

The next newsletter will be mailed on **Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup>** and any inclusions must 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 **Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup>**.

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.

### *National Folk Festival*

The **featured state** at the National Folk Festival in Canberra, Easter, 2004, is to be **Victoria**. A group has been set up to enable input from as many folk-related organisations as possible from Victoria. Folk Victoria has two representatives on that committee, and from all reports it sounds like numerous things are being done to maximise Victoria's performance opportunities at the Festival.

However, all artists who are thinking they would like to be considered as part of Victoria's special year MUST still **individually apply** to perform at the festival in the normal way. Applications close at the **end of August**, so we'd recommend that you obtain an application form soon, by phoning 02 6249 7755 or from their website at [www.folkfestival.asn.au](http://www.folkfestival.asn.au)

### Carlton Folk Club

The **Carlton Folk Club** has been running some very enjoyable nights of music at the Corkman Irish Pub for a couple of months now. It's well worth going along to support. It's run by Peter Pentland on the **first and third Tuesday nights** of the month, starting at around 8 pm. The pub is on the corner of Leicester and Pelham Streets in Carlton. There are 6 spot acts and two featured acts per 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.

Historic Maldon township enjoys an ambience dating from the Goldrush. There's a wood-fired bakery, five-star restaurants and everything in between. Besides good food, there are fine local wines, pubs, clubs, antiques, gardens and steam trains. Now is the time to mark Maldon down in your diary, get a group of friends together, and start arranging accommodation.

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.

### Trad&Now Magazine

I keep promoting Trad&Now magazine as I think everyone interested in folk/acoustic music should subscribe! It's big, glossy, colourful and loaded with information, news, reviews, songs, music, articles, updates, etc about all manner of folk related topics - chiefly within Australia, but also with news of tours and performers from the world over. A subscription costs only \$38.80 for four issues. Send your details and cheque to 230 Corrimal Street, Wollongong, NSW, 2500, or log on to their website at [www.tradandnow.com](http://www.tradandnow.com)

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**Cheers for now** - study the diary dates, send in your subscriptions, put the AGM date in your diary NOW - and enjoy the music! **Jeanette Gillespie.**

## Diary Dates

### FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST:

**Boite World Music Cafe**, 1 Mark St, Nth Fitzroy. **Jenny Thomas (violin) and Glen Sharp (Sitar)**. 8.15 pm. \$14/\$8. Phone: 03 9417 1983, or email: [boite@boite.asn.au](mailto:boite@boite.asn.au) or visit: [www.boite.asn.au](http://www.boite.asn.au)  
(The Boite presents music every Friday and Saturday night)

### SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST:

**Lake School Melbourne Launch at the Quiet Man Hotel** Join the legend himself, Billy Moran, at 6.00pm on Sunday evening for the Melbourne launch of the 2004 Lake School and another legendary session.

### FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST:

**Folk Victoria Music Night: "Hot August Night"** - a night of bluegrass, old-timey, blues and American folk music. Various artists - see flier. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon St, East Bruns. 8.30 pm. \$8/\$6. Enquiries: 9481 6051. Meal bookings: 9388 2777.

### TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER:

**Carlton Folk Club:** The Corkman Irish Pub, cnr Leicester St and Pelham St, Carlton. 8.00 pm. Blackboard spots for up to 6 acts, plus two featured artists. Free entry. *Every first and third Tuesday of the month.*  
Contact: Peter Pentland: 03 9386 1483.

### FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:

**Selby Folk Club**, Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby. Open stage plus guest artist **Riley Jordan**. 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)

### SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:

**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)

### SAT 6<sup>TH</sup> & SUN 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:

**Folk Dance Weekend Workshop:** Presented by Folk Dance Australia at the Northcote Uniting Church Hall, 251 High Street, Northcote. Enquiries: Debbie Tait: 03 9752 5431 or Dorothy Plummer: 03 9580 4117.

### TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:

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

### FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:

**"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)

### TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:

**Carlton Folk Club:** The Corkman Irish Pub, cnr Leicester St and Pelham St, Carlton. 8.00 pm. (Details as above).

# Festivals

## **FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:**

**Berwick and District Folk Club:** The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick. 7.30 – 11.15 pm. \$8/\$5. **First Birthday.** Guest artist: **Rick E Vengeance**, plus open stage. (*3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month*)

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

## **SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:**

**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.*)

## **FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:**

**Folk Victoria Music Night: Open Stage.** East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. 8.30 pm. \$8 / \$6. Enquiries and Open Stage bookings: 9481 6051.

## **FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER:**

**Selby Folk Club,** Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby. Open stage plus guest artist **Cyril Moran**. (Details as above)

## **SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER:**

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

## **TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER:**

**Carlton Folk Club:** The Corkman Irish Pub, cnr Leicester St and Pelham St, Carlton. (details as above)

## **THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER:**

**Folk Victoria Annual General Meeting.** East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon St. 8.00 pm. Enq: 03 9481 6051.

## **FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER:**

**"Fathers in the Chapel".** (Details as above)

## **TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER:**

**Ringwood Folk Club:** Guest artist: **Geoffrey Graham** (Details as above)

## **SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER:**

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

## **FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER:**

**Folk Victoria Music Night: "Shivoo".** East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. 8.30 pm. \$8 / \$6. Enquiries: 9481 6051.

\*\* **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.

## **22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August:** **Troubadour's 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday 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.

**10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September:** **Illawarra Folk Festival at Jamberoo, NSW.** Over 350 performers, 130 events! Phone 1300 887 034 or email: [desanti@illawarafolkclub.org.au](mailto:desanti@illawarafolkclub.org.au) or visit: [www.illawarafolkclub.org.au](http://www.illawarafolkclub.org.au)

**26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September:** **Rose's Gap Folk Music Camp, Vic.** A great weekend in the beautiful Grampians National Park – whether family or single, young or old. Workshops, concerts, sessions. Contact: Jill Findlay: 03 5475 1556 or Mandy Place: 03 9529 7893 for registration forms & info.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> October:** **Uranquinty Folk Festival, NSW.**

A low key festival in a country town, with loads of good music and sessions. Contact Peter O'Dea: 02 6295 0571

## **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)

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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.*

### **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.