

# Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc

## “Folk Victoria”

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### Newsletter January 2004

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### Greetings All!

Welcome to another fabulous year of music, song and dance. Some of us have already had quite a feast, what with the Nariel Creek, Woodford and Chewton Folk Festivals, the Daylesford Singers Festival, Turrumurra Music Camp, the Koroit Celtic ‘Lake School’ and the Tasmanian folk festivals!

A particular **welcome** to **new members**. The folk “community” is composed of people with tremendously diverse backgrounds, occupations, interests, philosophies, values and ideals, yet there is also a great connectedness and family spirit. To quote Brian Vernon from the VFMC, ‘perhaps it has something to do with our need to connect with our roots ... our desire to add value to the lives of others. Perhaps we just want to identify with others by “telling our story” and to be encouraged by listening to the tales of others’ (both past and present). I know that the owner of the camp where the Turrumurra Music Camp is held expressed his amazement at how well 250 people of all ages could get along so well for a whole weekend, with such harmony and joyfulness!

**February, March and April** promise to be jam-packed with events – I’ve tried to include as many as possible in the attached Diary Dates and Festival listings, but don’t forget to also check the Age Friday “EG” acoustic and folk listings.

### Brunswick Music Festival

The Brunswick Music Festival from the **10<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of March** promises to be super again this year. Folk Victoria is again involved in the running of a number of the events – don’t forget to claim your **Folk Victoria concession** rate when you are booking for any of the **four Folk Victoria-run concerts**. John McAuslan reports that only about half a dozen of you did this last year! Just write or quote “**Folk Victoria member**” when you are asked for your concession type or number. **Bookings** for all festival events open on February 2<sup>nd</sup> on 03 9388 1460 or website: [www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au)

### Festival Ball and Workshops

The Brunswick Festival Ball will take place on **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> March** at St Brigid’s Hall in North Fitzroy (*see enclosed flier*). Phone Ken Gellatly on 03 9885 5756 for pre-bookings. The band “**Harvest Moon**” will play for a program of favourite Australian, English, Irish and Scottish dances. A series of **workshop practice sessions** in each of the styles will take place prior to the ball – so if you feel like polishing up your two left feet a bit, check the enclosed flier for times, dates and venues and come along.

### Newsletter

The next newsletter will be mailed on **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Any inclusions should reach me by **March 16<sup>th</sup>** 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)

**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. Rebecca, our email manager, has asked too that you **please let us know if your email address has changed** as she currently has six or seven which are “bouncing”!

### Folk Victoria Music Nights

#### What’s Been?

We’ve continued with the great music you’ve come to expect – Irish last October, Scottish in November and a Christmas flavour in December with the wonderful sounds of “New Dogs, Old Tricks” to round off the year.

#### What’s Coming?

This month, **FRIDAY JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>**, from 8.30 at the East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street, we’ll be showcasing a smorgasbord of local musicians and singers – all of them direct from their performances at the Turrumurra Folk Music Camp – a taste of Turrumurra you might say! You’ll hear heart warming and personal songs from **John Anderson**, some new material from songwriter **Bruce Watson**, Eastern European music from “**Piece of Cake**” and Klezmer and gypsy music from “**Gypsy Nights**”.

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>** will feature local band “**The Pheasant Pluckers**”. Playing American, Australian and original music, they have built up a large and loyal following around the Melbourne music scene. This will be a good night for dancing!

**FRIDAY MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>**: Special concert for the Brunswick Music Festival, with brilliant local group “**Conundrum**” playing exciting and intricate Celtic music. Singer songwriter **Jim Graham** will open the concert. Slightly increased door price of \$12/\$8. No bookings necessary, but if you would like to come early for a meal, phone the pub on 9388 2777.

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**Cheers for now** – study the diary and festival dates - and enjoy the music! **Jeanette Gillespie.**

# Diary Dates

**Friday 30th January: Folk Victoria Music Night:** “Gypsy Nights”; “Piece of Cake”; Bruce Watson; John Anderson. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. 8.30 pm. \$8 / \$6. Enquiries: 9481 6051. Meal bookings: 9388 2777.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club:** At the Big House, 420 Sydney Road, Brunswick, 8.00 pm. Blackboard spots, plus James Griffin, Baran (Kurdish), Tully Sumner. Free entry. *Every first and third Tuesday of the month.*  
Contact: Peter Pentland: 03 9386 1483.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February: 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)

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February: 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)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February: Ringwood Folk Club:** East Ringwood Community Hall (enter from Knaith Road). 8.00 pm. \$7/\$6. Guest artists plus floor spots. Enq: Maree: 03 9733 0802. *(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month)*

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February: “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 14<sup>th</sup> February: Ross Ryan in Concert.** Albert Park Yacht Club, Albert Park, Melbourne. 7.30 pm. \$20, including finger food. Email: [taxman@bigpond.net.au](mailto:taxman@bigpond.net.au) or phone: 03 9221 6327.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February: Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club:** Big House, 420 Sydney Road, Brunswick, 8.00 pm. Blackboard spots, plus guest artists. Free entry. *(Details as above)*

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February: Berwick and District Folk Club:** The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick. 7.30 – 11.15 pm. \$8/\$5. Guest artists 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 21<sup>st</sup> February: Rhythm and Views In-Store Music:** 273 High Street, Northcote. “Hey Gringo” present their new album “Funky Cat”. 1.30 pm. Free. Phone: 03 9486 8877

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February: Folk Victoria Music Night:** East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. With “The Pheasant Pluckers”. *(Details as above).*

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February: Boite World Music Café:** 1 Mark St, Nth Fitzroy. Dya Singh. 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)*

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February: Mike Jackson & the Wise Family Band.** Late afternoon concert for the young and young at heart. Albert Park Yacht Club, Albert Park, Melbourne. Email: [taxman@bigpond.net.au](mailto:taxman@bigpond.net.au) or phone: 03 9221 6327.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club:** The Big House, 420 Sydney Road, Brunswick. *(details as above)*

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Selby Folk Club:** Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby. *(Details as above)*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March: Peninsula Folk Club:** Shakespeare’s Bar and Restaurant. *(Details as above)*

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March: Ringwood Folk Club:** *(Details as above)*

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March: VIN GARBUTT,** performing for the Brunswick Music Festival. Supported by Steve Simmonds. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick. 8.30 pm. \$24/\$16. (No Folk Victoria concession) Bookings from Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>: 03 9388 1460 or website: [www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au)

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March: “Fathers in the Chapel”:** *(Details as above)*

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Folk Victoria concert for the Brunswick Music Festival.** East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick. “Us, Not Them” and “The Idle Diddlies”. 8.30 pm. \$14/\$10. (Folk Victoria concession) Bookings from Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>: 03 9388 1460 or website: [www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au)

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Brunswick Festival Ball.** Music provided by “Harvest Moon”. St Brigid’s Hall, 378 Nicholson St, North Fitzroy. 8.00 pm till 12.30 am. Tea and coffee provide. Bring supper goodies to share. Tickets: \$18 pre-paid, \$22 at the door. Bookings: Ken Gellatly: 03 9885 5756. Presented by Folk Victoria and the TSDAV.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March: Folk Victoria concert for the Brunswick Music Festival.** East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick. Scottish music with the “Emily Smith Band” and Alex Legg. 3.30 pm. \$18/\$14. (Folk Victoria concession) Bookings from Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>: 03 9388 1460 or website: [www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au)

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club:** The Big House, 420 Sydney Road, Brunswick. *(details as above)*

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March: Berwick and District Folk Club:** *(Details as above)*

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Folk Victoria concert for the Brunswick Music Festival.** East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick. “The Fagans” – this legendary family from NSW really know how to sing harmonies!! 8.30 pm. \$18/\$14. (Folk Victoria concession) Bookings from Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>: 03 9388 1460 or website: [www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au)

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March: 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 except Feb and Nov.)*

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March: Folk Victoria concert for the Brunswick Music Festival.** East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick. **Martyn Wyndham-Read and Iris Bishop and Danny Spooner.** 3.30 pm. \$16/\$12. (Folk Victoria concession) Bookings from Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>: 03 9388 1460 or website: [www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au)

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Eric Bogle in concert** – fundraiser for Cancer Victoria. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick. 8.30 pm. \$27/\$22. (No Folk Victoria concession) Bookings from Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>: 03 9388 1460 or website: [www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au)

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Folk Victoria Music Night:** East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. Special for the Brunswick Music Festival, with “**Conundrum**” and **Jim Green.** 8.30 pm. \$12 / \$8. No bookings necessary. Meal bookings: 03 9388 2777.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April: Folk Victoria Music Night:** **OPEN STAGE.** Floor spots available – phone Jeanette on 9481 6051 for a spot. They book out quickly! East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick. 8.30 pm. \$8/\$6. Performers free.

\*\* **Most Saturdays:** In-store music at Wayne Reid’s **Rhythm and Views music and book store,** 273 High Street, Northcote. 1.30 pm. Free. Phone: 03 9486 8877. First gig for 2004 – February 21<sup>st</sup> – “**Hey Gringo**”. Wayne has been a great friend to folk and acoustic music, but will be leaving the store in May. Anyone interested in **buying** the business please phone him!

\*\* **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.

\*\* **Barbukka Music Café:** Middle Eastern food, with music every night, Tuesday to Sunday. Middle Eastern, African, Reggae, Gypsy, Brazilian, Cuban, Ska, Jazz. 279 Smith Street, Fitzroy. Phone: 03 9417 2877. [www.barbukka.com](http://www.barbukka.com)

### **Fairfield Amphitheatre Free Summer Concerts** **Sundays from 5 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Presented by the City of Yarra and The Boite at the Fairfield Amphitheatre, Heidelberg Road, Fairfield. (Mel Map 30, J12) Enquiries: [www.boite.asn.au](http://www.boite.asn.au)

**Feb 8<sup>th</sup>:** Kutcha Edwards and his band  
The Sweet Cheeks, with Lou Bennett

**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>:** Sally Ford & the Pachuco Playboys  
Steve Sedergreen Ensemble

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Unified Gecko (Turkish/Australian)  
Behar (Bosnian Choir)

**Feb 29<sup>th</sup>:** King Bell & Soukous Ba Congo  
The Irie Band

### **Melbourne Museum Global Sounds at Sunset Concerts** **Saturdays. 5.30 – 7.30 pm, Sydney Meyer Amphitheatre**

Presented by the Melbourne Museum and The Boite.

Bookings advisable: Phone: 13 11 02 or

[www.melbourne.museum.vic.gov.au](http://www.melbourne.museum.vic.gov.au)

**Jan 31<sup>st</sup>:** Estuary Three (tango and jazz music and dance)  
Dalriada (Celtic folk/rock)

**Feb 7<sup>th</sup>:** The Fig Tree – a celebration of the Arnold Zable book in music, song, poetry and story. Featuring Klezmania, Costas Tsicaderis, Kavisha Mazzella, David Krycer and Freydi Mrocki, Anthea Sidiropoulos and Arnold Zable.

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>:** Tenzin Choegyal (Tibetan songs and music)  
Khalil Gudaz & Bobby Singh (North Indian)

**Feb 21<sup>st</sup>:** “dva” – Linsey Pollack and Tunji Beier (fusion)  
Judy Jacques and band (jazz)

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup>:** Sunga (Samoan)  
Archie and Amos Roach (Australian)

## Festivals

### **20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Fiddlers Convention, Camp Eureka, Yarra Junction, Vic.**

Bluegrass, old-timey, Cajun, blues, string band, hillbilly, jugband, American folk. Friendly gathering in a beautiful setting. Mainly camping, though some basic bunkhouse accommodation available. Inexpensive weekend. Contact: Ken McMaster: 03 9481 7662

### **27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> February: Frances Folk Gathering, SA.**

Friendly, do-it-yourself folk festival, with sessions, blackboard concerts, competitions. Free, with small fee for camping. Phone: 08 8267 5420 or 08 8382 4195. Website: [www.francesfolkgathering.com.au](http://www.francesfolkgathering.com.au)

### **27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> February: Cobargo Folk Festival, NSW.**

Concerts, workshops, dances, sessions, etc. Tickets: 02 6493 6758. [www.cobargofolkfestival.com](http://www.cobargofolkfestival.com)

### **27<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> March: Nannup Folk Festival, WA.**

282 km SW of Perth. National and international artists. Contact: 08 9756 0242.

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

### **5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March: Port Fairy Folk Festival, Vic.**

Tickets were sold out long ago, but there are plenty of free venues and street performances.

### **5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March: Lancefield Folk Weekend, at Andrew**

Pattison’s vineyard, near Lancefield, Victoria. Camping on site. Heaps of music and sessions. Enquiries to Andrew on: 03 5433 5292.

### **5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March: Womadelaide, Adelaide, SA.**

Huge weekend musical celebration of multicultural diversity in Adelaide’s Botanical Park – “Sounds of the Planet”.

Information: [www.womadelaide.com.au](http://www.womadelaide.com.au)

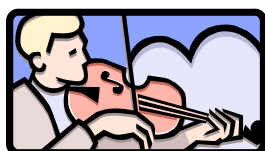
Phone bookings: 131 246. Online: [www.bass.net.au](http://www.bass.net.au)

### **12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March: Yackandandah Folk Festival, Vic.**

Friendly music festival in a historic village, featuring international, national and local artists.

Email: [folkfestival@yackandandah.com](mailto:folkfestival@yackandandah.com)

Website: [folkfestival.yackandandah.com](http://folkfestival.yackandandah.com)



**10<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March: 16<sup>th</sup> Brunswick Music Festival, Vic.**

Presented by "Across the Borders". Enormous variety of performers and artists in venues around the City of Moreland. Programs and bookings on: 03 9388 1460.

[www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au)

*\*\* The Folk Victoria component of the festival will comprise four concerts, the Ball, and the March Folk Club. Discounted tickets will be available at all those events – please quote "Folk Victoria member" as your concession.\*\**

**12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March: Blue Mountains Music Festival, NSW.**

Folk, acoustic, roots and blues. International and Australian artists. Tickets & info: 1800 651 322. [www.bmff.org.au](http://www.bmff.org.au)

**18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March: Frankston Guitar & Music Festival, Frankston, Vic.**

Huge range of music. Tickets & info: 03 9784 1060; Email: [guitar@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:guitar@frankston.vic.gov.au) Website:

<http://guitar.frankston.vic.gov.au>

**26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March: Apollo Bay Music Festival, Vic.**

Tickets & info: 03 5237 6761 or Ticketmaster: 136 100.

Tickets are limited and do sell out, so be quick! Accommod. enquiries: 5237 6529. [www.apollobaymusicfestival.com](http://www.apollobaymusicfestival.com)

**8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2004: National Folk Festival, Exhibition Park, Canberra.**

Arguably the best folk festival in Australia! Hundreds of performers, great atmosphere. Pre-purchase tickets before March 12<sup>th</sup> and save! Phone: 02 6249 7722 or check out:

[www.folkfestival.asn.au](http://www.folkfestival.asn.au)

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April: Mount Beauty Music Muster, Vic.**

Folk, acoustic, country and blues music in the beautiful Victorian Alps. Enq: 03 5754 4008. Accommodation enquiries: 03 5754 4133. Web: [www.musicmuster.org.au](http://www.musicmuster.org.au)

Email: [info@musicmuster.org.au](mailto:info@musicmuster.org.au)

**1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Ranges Folk Festival, Olinda, Vic.**

Beautiful setting, heaps of great artists. Camping available.

Tickets and info: 03 9754 1408. Email: [mail@drfolk.com.au](mailto:mail@drfolk.com.au)

or log on to: [www.drfolk.com.au](http://www.drfolk.com.au)

