

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

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Committee: Jeanette Gillespie (President and Folk Club manager), Rick Sidgwick (Secretary), Chris Bigby (Treasurer), Rebecca Marshall (Membership Secretary), Denise Hibbs (Folk Club door manager), Jamie Johnston (PA Manager), John O'Leary (Brunswick Festival liaison), Wendy Ealey and Malcolm Turnbull (General Committee). Co-opted for preparations for the Brunswick Music Festival: Don Williams.

Greetings All

Apologies for the long newsletter drought! Work got the better of me I'm afraid! Even this one will be fairly brief. We'll make it up to you next year!!

2004/5 Membership

Thanks to all those who have supported Folk Victoria with their \$20 membership subscriptions. If you haven't paid yet, this will be your LAST NEWSLETTER! Send your details and money to the address above to save going into the black hole!

Annual General Meeting

AGM's – always a time both to reflect and to renew. A number of folk met at the East on **October 4th** to do just that and we ended the evening with an almost intact committee and renewed enthusiasm.

Sincere **thanks** to the eleven committee members from the past year for their work both on the committee and as office bearers and to **nine** of those (see above for names) for agreeing to continue for the year ahead.

Special thanks to retiring committee members **Jill Loorham** and **Ivan Milligan** and retiring secretary **John O'Leary** for their efforts during 2003/4. John will be continuing on the general committee and will also be involved in the liaison with the Brunswick Music Festival. Thanks to **Rick Sidgwick** for taking over the role of Secretary and to **Rebecca Marshall** for taking on the full Membership Secretary's role.

Folk Victoria Music Nights

WHAT'S BEEN?

Thanks to all those fabulous **performers** who have graced the stage at the "East" – and to you and your friends for coming along to hear them! We've heard "Moving Harps", Suzette Herft, the fabulous Danish band "Faerd", the Enda Kenny Band, Marni, David and Amos Sheehan, Ken and Fiona White, and of course, all our Open Stage performers.

2004 GRAHAM SQUANCE AWARD

On **Friday October 29th** we were delighted to be able to present the Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria's annual **Graham Squance Memorial Award** for services to the folk community to a most deserving **IVAN MILLIGAN**. We were doubly delighted that he was actually able to be there on the night – Ivan had been back and forth to and from the hospital and it took some persuading for them to "let him out" for a couple of hours!!

But he made it and we heard from John O'Leary and Jamie Johnston of the many spheres of activity in which Ivan has had a hand over thirty or more years – founding member of the Geelong Folk Club, one of the founders of the Port Fairy Folk Festival, committee member at various times from the very earliest days of Folk Victoria and its forerunners, and an influential worker for over ten years in the Tasmanian folk scene.

Congratulations Ivan and we trust that your health continues to improve.

WHAT'S COMING?

◆ ◆ ◆ FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26TH:

Folk Victoria's **Scottish fling** for St Andrew's Day. Come and enjoy the wall of sound – and all the quiet sensitive bits too – from the **MELBOURNE SCOTTISH FIDDLE CLUB**, and experience the magic of **JOHN McAUSLAN**'s fine voice.

◆ ◆ ◆ FRIDAY DECEMBER 17TH:

Christmas Celebration with Mike Jackson, Danny Spooner, Duncan Brown and friends, and "Wild Mountain' Time", led by the footstompin' accordion playin' Peter Anderson. Eat plum pudding, sing your heart out and party!!

◆ ◆ ◆ FRIDAY JANUARY 28TH:

"CLOUDSTREET" from Queensland and **ROBBIE GREIG** from Melbourne (writer of the song "Al Saunder's Garage"), hopefully with Matthew Arnold on fiddle.

◆ ◆ ◆ FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25TH:

MUNDY-TURNER – old friends Cath Mundy and Jay Turner return from eight months touring the world.

◆ ◆ ◆ FRIDAY MARCH 25TH:

NO FOLK CLUB due to an early Easter – see you at the National Folk Festival in Canberra, and at the Brunswick Music Festival in the preceding two weeks.

National Festival, Canberra

The position of **National Folk Festival Program Director** is becoming vacant and applications are now invited.

Festival website: www.folkfestival.asn.au

The **2005** festival will be held again at **Easter, March 24th to 28th**. Ticket application forms are available also from the website or from 02 6249 7755. Get in early for your ticket discounts.

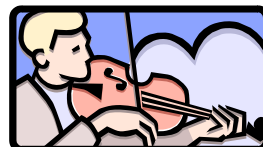
Newsletter

As always, **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. Any inclusions can be sent to me at 225 Rathmines Street Fairfield, or at my email address, gillespie.jeanette.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

Rebecca, our membership secretary, has asked too that you **please let us know if your email address has changed** as she often has to deal with "bouncing" emails!

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



# Diary Dates

**Friday 26th November: Folk Victoria Music Night:** Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club and John McAuslan. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. 8.30 pm. \$10 / \$7. Enquiries: Jeanette: 0414 732 667. Meal bookings: 9388 2777.

**Saturday 27th November: Boite World Music Café:** Danny Spooner and friends. 1 Mark St, Nth Fitzroy. 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 27th November: Shortis and Simpson (NSW).** Albert Park Yacht Club, Acquatic Drive, Albert Park. \$20 show and supper. Bookings: 9489 1125  
Email: [endakenny@optusnet.com.au](mailto:endakenny@optusnet.com.au)

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Selby Folk Club:** Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby. Open stage plus guest artist. 8.00 pm. \$7/\$5. Phone: David Miller: 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 5<sup>th</sup> December: 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)

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December: "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)

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December: "New Dogs, Old Tricks" CD Launch:** The Big House, 420 Sydney Road, Brunswick. 7.30 pm. Entry \$10 incl supper. Judy Turner, Neil Adam, Bruce Packard, Gus and Rebecca Rigby, Pria Schwall-Kearney, Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club, Irish Dancers and more!  
[www.tellingtales.net](http://www.tellingtales.net)

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 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 17<sup>th</sup> December: Folk Victoria Music Night: CHRISTMAS NIGHT.** With Mike Jackson, Danny Spooner, Duncan Brown and friends, and "Wild Mountain Time". Details as above. 8.30 pm. \$10/\$7.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December: 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.)

**Friday 28th January: Folk Victoria Music Night: CLOUDSTREET** and Robbie Greig. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick. 8.30 pm. \$10/\$7.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Folk Victoria Music Night: MUNDY-TURNER.** \$16 / \$12  
(Other details as above)

\*\* **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. Clifton Hill Hotel, Queen's Parade, Clifton Hill. 8.00 pm. Enq: Paddy O'Neill: 03 9312 6058.

# Festivals

**26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> November: Queenscliff Music Festival, Vic.** Contemporary, folk, acoustic, blues, jazz by the sea. Enq: Hugo Armstrong: 03 5258 4816. Email: [info@qmf.net.au](mailto:info@qmf.net.au)  
Website: [www.queenscliffmusicfestival.com.au/](http://www.queenscliffmusicfestival.com.au/)

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> December: Echoes of Freedom World Music Festival, Ballarat, Vic.** Two huge stages non-stop all weekend, featuring some of the best of Australian and international performers. Part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Eureka celebrations. Enq: 1300 366 356 or [www.eureka150.vic.gov.au](http://www.eureka150.vic.gov.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) Email: [molloy@corryongcec.net.au](mailto:molloy@corryongcec.net.au)

**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 31 – Jan 3: Gulgong Folk Festival, NSW.** Lots of music and dancing. Contact: Charles Vassal on 02 6373 4623.  
Email: [worobil@winsoft.net.au](mailto:worobil@winsoft.net.au)

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2005: 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 Email: [bwz@alphalink.com.au](mailto:bwz@alphalink.com.au)  
or visit: [www.bushwahzee.alphalink.com.au](http://www.bushwahzee.alphalink.com.au)

**January 2005 - Tasmanian Folk Festivals:**

- **CYGNET** (Huon Valley): January 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<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.cygnnetfolkfestival.org/](http://www.cygnnetfolkfestival.org/)
- **CELTIC SUMMER SCHOOL** (near Sheffield):  
9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> January. Classes, electives, sessions.  
Contact: [www.celt.com.au/summer.html](http://www.celt.com.au/summer.html)
- **GEORGETOWN** (Tamar Valley): Jan 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>  
Contact: Gerard O'Doherty: 03 6382 1550

**7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2005: The Boite Singers' Festival, Daylesford, Victoria.** A fantastic weekend of singing and songwriting workshops and concerts in the heart of Central Victoria. Email: [sf05@boite.asn.au](mailto:sf05@boite.asn.au) or log onto: [www.boite.asn.au](http://www.boite.asn.au)

**21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2005: Chewton Folk Festival, Chewton, Vic.** Small in size but large on quality, this Central Victorian gathering is a delight. With Kristina Olsen, Draoiacht, The Ugly Uncles, Martin Pearson and many more. Phone: 5425 5400 or 5472 3990 or email [wineandmusic@bigpond.com](mailto:wineandmusic@bigpond.com)

**11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2005: Burke and Wills Festival, Central Victoria.** (The Port Fairy alternative!) Relaxed vineyard festival, with James Keelaghan, Pete Morton, and loads of local artists and sessions. Camping on site or nearby accommodation. Phone: 5425 5400 or 5472 3990 or email [wineandmusic@bigpond.com](mailto:wineandmusic@bigpond.com)

**24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2005: National Folk Festival, Exhibition Park, Canberra.** Arguably the best folk festival in Australia! Hundreds of performers, great atmosphere. Pre-bookings are now open for the festival and the workshop programs which run during the week leading up to the festival. Phone: 02 6249 7755 or check out: [www.folkfestival.asn.au](http://www.folkfestival.asn.au)

