

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

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

National Festival

Greetings all! Once again the **National Folk Festival in Canberra** at Easter was a wonderfully enjoyable occasion. Victoria was the featured state at this year's festival and many people in the folk music and dance scene in Melbourne worked long hours and lobbied hard to ensure our creative talent had a great showing.

Congratulations to all the Victorian organisations involved, and to our own Folk Victoria liaison representatives, John O'Leary and Jamie Johnston who worked closely with John McAuslan and the Canberra organisers.

The Trocadero, the Troubadour Wine Bar, the dance venues and a number of other venues showcased a sample of our state's singers, musicians, poets, dance callers and dancers. It was a pity that all of the hundreds of Victorians who applied couldn't get a guernsey, but it just goes to show what a talented bunch we are!!

The rest of the festival of course held many highlights at all times of day and night. It's great to be able to walk into the session bar there and see performers rubbing shoulders with "punters", all enjoying each other's music, singing and company.

The position of Festival Director is vacant and currently being advertised. Log onto the website to find out more:
www.folkfestival.asn.au

James Keelaghan Concert

If you didn't get to see James Keelaghan from Canada this time around you really missed a treat. Our Folk Victoria mid-week concert on **April 21st** attracted a good crowd who enjoyed a superb concert. Local singer **Tully Sumner** performed an enjoyable opening bracket, and James then gave us two power-packed brackets of songs which covered a broad cross-section of his song-writing career. Touring British singer **Jez Lowe** took the stage with James for the last three songs – an extra special treat! James may well be returning next year so keep an eye out!

Folk Victoria Music Nights

What's Been?

Many thanks to **Wendy Ealey** for taking over the running of the **Open Stage** night on **April 30th** when I became ill with the dreaded lurgie. Ten different acts provided a varied night of entertainment. We've asked Eddie Cole and his friend to come back this month and do a longer bracket. We had a great response to the call for acts - nine acts missed out this time, so I'll be asking them to come along to the September Open Stage or to do a spot act at other folk club nights.

What's Coming?

* * This month, **FRIDAY MAY 28TH**, from 8.30 at the East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street, we'll be showcasing three local songwriters. **WENDY EALEY** is on our Folk Victoria committee, is active in the organisation of the Darebin Music Feast which takes place in August, and is an entertaining and thought-provoking singer and writer. **AUSTIN BRADY** has been singing, playing guitar and writing songs for many years and gets better and

better! **EDDIE COLE** was a big favourite at the open stage and will be performing a whole bracket this time along with friend

* * **FRIDAY JUNE 25TH** has yet to be finalised. There will be an ad in the "Acoustic and Folk" section of The Age's Friday "EG" Gig Guide on June 18th and June 25th.

* * For the Folk Club night on **FRIDAY JULY 30TH** I have invited **Malcolm Turnbull** to do a repeat of a wonderful afternoon he organised recently at "Rhythm and Views" music store. It was a launch of Malcolm's CD, which is a beautiful compilation of songs written mainly by Tasmanian songwriters. Malcolm invited many of his friends to help him out with the CD. The concert consists of the CD's songs plus songs from each of the friends! So as well as Malcolm's rich voice, you will hear **John Lavery, David Lumsden, Lynne St John, Wendy Ealey, Jeanette Gillespie and Lenore Somerset**.

* * **FRIDAY AUGUST 27TH** sees a welcome – and all too rare - return of those three bearded harp-playing gentlemen, "**MOVING HARPS**", along with singer **Suzette Herft**.

* * **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH** will be another Open Stage.

* * A special Folk Victoria concert to put in your diaries is **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND** at The East. We are featuring a fabulous five-piece touring band from Denmark by the name of "**FAERD**". More about them next time.

Personal

* * One of our committee members, **Ivan Milligan**, has been taken ill and has been receiving care at the Box Hill hospital. At the time of writing, he is still there and may have quite a road to travel before recovery. We wish him all the very best and send our love and good wishes too to his family. If you wish to send him your good wishes personally, you may send a greeting to him at the Box Hill Hospital. He can also be contacted there by phone but please make enquiries first with the ward staff as to whether he is able to take calls at the time you ring.

* * We were saddened last week by the news of the sudden death in Castlemaine on **Monday May 17th** of dancer, musician and singer **Maree Murrell**. Maree spent about five years in Melbourne from 1987 till 1992 and was fully involved with the folk dance and music scene. Maree then moved to Bendigo, then later to Castlemaine, where she continued her involvement, as a singer, musician, music teacher and dance teacher. She was energetic, fun-loving, caring, supportive and a great friend to many, as evidenced by the hundreds who attended her funeral and wake last Saturday. Our thoughts and love go out to her sisters, children, grandchild and other members of her extended family.

* * I have just also had news of the recent death of **Laurie Gillespie**. Laurie would have been known more perhaps to those who have been in folk music circles for a number of years. He had been living in the Dandenong Ranges. I have no further details at this stage.

Folklife Grants Program

THE ROYAL HISTORICAL
SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.



The RHSV has established a public fund to financially support folklife projects and activities, which reflect the cultural diversity of the people of Victoria. Applications can be made by individuals, community groups, not-for-profit organizations, and cultural and educational institutions. Applications close 31 July each year.

- For further information contact:
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Newsletter

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

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

Diary Dates

Friday 28th May: Folk Victoria Music Night: Wendy Ealey, Austin Brady, Eddie Cole. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. 8.30 pm. \$8 / \$6. Enquiries: Jeanette: 0414 732 667. Meal bookings: 9388 2777.

Saturday 29th May: Lunasa in Concert: Corner Hotel, Richmond, Vic. Book at venue: 9427 9198 or www.cornerhotel.com

Saturday 29th May: Boite World Music Café: 1 Mark St, Nth Fitzroy. 8.15 pm. \$14/\$8. Phone: 03 9417 1983, or email: boite@boite.asn.au or visit the website at: www.boite.asn.au
(The Boite presents music every Friday and Saturday night)

Tuesday 1st June: Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club: At the Big House, 420 Sydney Road, Brunswick, 8.00 pm. Blackboard spots, plus guests. Free entry. *Every first and third Tuesday of the month.*
Contact: Peter Pentland: 03 9386 1483.

Friday 4th June: 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. (1st Friday of every month.)
www.home.aone.net.au/selbyfolkclub

Sunday 6th June: 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
Website: www.folkclub.asn.au

Tuesday 8th June: 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. (2nd Tuesday of every month)

Thursday 10th June: Arlo Guthrie in Concert with Abe Guthrie and Gordon Titcomb: National Theatre, St. Kilda, Vic. Bookings: 03 9525 4611

Friday 11th June: "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. (2nd Friday of every month)

Tuesday 15th June: Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club. (Details as above)

Friday 18th June: 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. (3rd Friday of each month)
Contact: 03 9702 1223 or email: badfolk@hotmail.com

Saturday 19th June: Pickin' at the Piggery: Bluegrass, blues, old-timey jams and performances. Footscray Community House, Moreland St, Footscray. Enq: Margaret Dear: 03 5368 6888. (3rd Saturday of every month except Feb and Nov.)

Friday 25th June: Folk Victoria Music Night: Artists to be announced. (Details as above).

Friday 2nd July: Selby Folk Club: Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby. (Details as above)

Sunday 4th July: Peninsula Folk Club: Shakespeare's Bar and Restaurant. (Details as above)

Tuesday 6th July: Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club: (Details as above)

Friday 10th July: "Fathers in the Chapel": (Details as above)

Tuesday 13th July: Ringwood Folk Club: (Details as above)

Friday 16th July: Berwick and District Folk Club: (Details as above)

Saturday 17th July: Pickin' at the Piggery: (Details as above)

Tuesday 20th July: Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club: (Details as above)

Friday 30th July: Folk Victoria Music Night: Malcolm Turnbull CD Launch. With Malcolm Turnbull, John Lavery, David Lumsden, Lynne St John, Wendy Ealey, Jeanette Gillespie, Lenore Somerset.
(Other details as above)

Friday 27th August: Folk Victoria Music Night: "Moving Harps" and Suzette Herft
(Details as above except entry price: \$10/\$7)

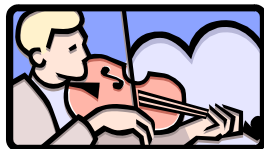
WEDNESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER: Folk Victoria Presents "FAERD" from Denmark. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. 8.00 pm. \$20/\$15.

Friday 24th September: Folk Victoria Music Night: OPEN STAGE. Floor spots available – phone Jeanette on 9481 6051 or 0414 732 667 for a spot. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick. 8.30 pm. \$8/\$6. Performers free.

**** 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



Festivals

28th – 30th May: **Ranges Folk Festival, Dandenong Ranges Community & Cultural Centre, Glenfern Road, Upwey, Vic.** Indoor venue, heaps of great artists. To receive email or mail notification, send a request to webmaster@drfolk.com.au or log on to: www.drfolk.com.au

10th – 28th March: **16th 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

*** 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.***

12th – 14th March: **Blue Mountains Music Festival, NSW.** Folk, acoustic, roots and blues. International and Australian artists. Tickets & info: 1800 651 322. www.bmff.org.au

18th – 21st March: **Frankston Guitar & Music Festival, Frankston, Vic.** Huge range of music. Tickets & info: 03 9784 1060; Email: guitar@frankston.vic.gov.au Website: <http://guitar.frankston.vic.gov.au>

26th – 28th 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! Accommodation enquiries: 5237 6529. www.apollobaymusicfestival.com

8th – 12th 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 12th and save! Phone: 02 6249 7722 or check out: www.folkfestival.asn.au

22nd – 25th 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 Email: info@musicmuster.org.au

1st – 2nd 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 or log on to: www.drfolk.com.au

