

Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc

“Folk Victoria”

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Newsletter November 2005

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, Wendy Ealey and Malcolm Turnbull (General Committee).

Greetings All

Congratulations to the Maldon Folk Festival organisers, volunteers and performers for yet another fantastic festival! And the “Festival Season” has only really just begun – look in the festival diary for more great events to come.

2005/6 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 18th** to do just that and we ended the evening with an intact committee and renewed enthusiasm.

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

Folk Victoria Music Nights

FAREWELL TO “THE EAST”

We are sorry to report that October 21st was our **last Folk Club** at the **East Brunswick Hotel**, after a thirteen year association.

The proprietors have made a business decision to refit the hotel to become a 400-person band venue with a booking manager, and the folk club no longer fits their mould, so we are **ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A NEW HOME!**

A number of suggestions have already been made, but we would **welcome any further ideas**. It has to be somewhere which can seat at least 100 people, has a stage, has reasonably adequate parking in the vicinity, is able to have silence or close to it for the concert sections of the night and preferably somewhere which serves food and drink. Oh, and not too expensive to hire, as we’d still like to be able to pay the artists! Sounds like a tall order but I’m sure there’s somewhere out there just right.

In the meantime, we have found two venues for our **November and December music nights**, which I’m sure you will enjoy.

◆ ◆ ◆ FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25TH ◆ ◆ ◆

The Grandview Hotel Restaurant Lounge, cnr Heidelberg Road and Station Street, Fairfield. Good meals available from 6.00 pm.

UKELELE Extravaganza! Ukelele tune-up, beginners workshop and play-along at 7.30. Concert of songs and tunes at 8.30 pm. **With Mike and Di Jackson, Hugh McDonald, Dave Rackham, Enda Kenny, Kavisha Mazzella and the Melbourne Ukelele Collective**, both as a **big band** and in **small bites!** Launch of new song and tutor book. Ukeleles for sale. Prepare to be amazed, educated, entertained and delighted!

Entry :\$12 / \$8 or only \$6 if you purchase a book/CD or a ukelele!

◆ ◆ ◆ FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH ◆ ◆ ◆

“**The Artery**” **bar and gallery**, Moor Street, Fitzroy. The Artery is just around the corner, westwards, from Brunswick Street. Parking is limited, though there are two small accessible carparks. Leave yourself time just in case. Meal-sized snacks are available, and it is a lovely relaxing venue for a Christmas Party! Entry is \$12/\$8

This night will be our **Christmas Celebration** with the wonderful English, French and Celtic accordion and fiddle music of “**Fine Fettle**” **band** (Pam Connell, Gillian Nicholson and friends), along with a variety of music from **Malcolm Turnbull, Wendy Ealey, Jeanette Gillespie, Danny Spooner, Duncan Brown and more!** Eat plum pudding, sing your heart out and party!!

2005 Graham Squance Award

On **Friday October 21st** 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 singer **DUNCAN BROWN**.

Duncan’s citation reads as follows: “*For excellence in the performance and promotion of traditional and unaccompanied singing, and for longstanding service to the Folk Music community in an organisational capacity.*”

Duncan has been involved in the Melbourne folk scene since the mid nineteen-sixties. He was involved in running a number of folk clubs in Melbourne and was treasurer of the forerunner of the FSDSV for four years from around 1969 – 1972. He performed in a number of iconic harmony groups, the best known perhaps being “**Canterbury Fair**”. He also sang for around eight years in a duo with his friend Alison – “**Duncan and Alison**” were much revered for their beautiful harmonies.

After moving with his family to Guildford, he became involved in the running of the Guildford Folk Club, and has stayed in that role for the past thirteen years. Duncan is perhaps best known for his rousing session singing and his more-than-thirty-year singing partnership with Danny Spooner. It was Danny who both nominated him for the award and presented it to him on the 21st.

Congratulations Duncan and long may we hear you sing.

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 25th November: Folk Victoria Music Night: Ukelele Spectacular. Book and CD launch and Concert.** Grandview Hotel, cnr Heidelberg Rd and Station St, Fairfield. From 7.30 pm. \$12 / \$8. Enquiries: Jeanette: 0414 732 667.

**Saturday 26th November: Boite World Music Café: The Hottentots.** 1 Mark St, Nth Fitzroy. 8.15 pm. \$15/\$10. 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) (Music every Friday and Saturday night)

**Saturday 26th November: CERES Kingfisher Festival,** Lee St, Brunswick. 3-10pm. Performances from 7.30pm \$15/\$10/chn under 10 free. Family: \$25/\$15. Phone 9388 1707

**Thursday 1st December: Girlstory Voice and Song Workshop:** Collins St Baptist Church, 174 Collins St, City. 5.30 – 7 pm. With Sam Burke. Enq: Tania: 03 8668 8151

**Friday 2nd December: Cosmo Cosmolino** at the Albert Park Yacht, Port Lounge. Aquatic Drive, Albert Park Lake Reserve. 7.30 pm. \$25 / \$20. Bar and finger food. Bookings to Cliff Ellery [taxman@bigpond.net.au](mailto:taxman@bigpond.net.au)

**Friday 2nd December: Selby Folk Club:** Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby. Open stage plus guest artist: **David Ross McDonald** from The Waifs.. 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 4th 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)

**Wednesday 7th December: Bendigo Folk Club Session Night** Park View Hotel, Bendigo, 8pm. Enquiries: 5442 6267

**Friday 9th 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)

**Friday 9th December: Maria Forde and Tracey Roberts.** The Conservatory at Wyreana, 13-23 Hull Rd, Croydon. 7.30–9.30. \$20 \$9 child. Inc. supper. Lic'd or BYO wine. Phone 9294 5590

**Friday 9th December: Boite World Music Café: Melbourne Singers of Gospel and Timothy Slater.** (Details as above)

**Saturday 10th December: Boite World Music Café End of Year Celebration.** 1 Mark St, Nth Fitzroy. (Details as above)

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> & Sat 10<sup>th</sup> December: Canto Coro present "Ablaze",** Two moving choral works celebrating the right to live in peace. Featuring the music of Victor Jara set for choir. Northcote Uniting Church, 251 High St. 8pm \$15/\$10. Bookings: 9439 9570.

**Saturday 10th December: Melanie Shanahan Memorial Concert:** Coburg Town Hall, 8pm. With Living Out Loud, Yirriaba, Akasa, Sneaker Trio, Valung Khoza, The Conch and more. \$20/\$10. Contact: 96398622.

**Tuesday 13th December Ringwood Folk Club:** East Ringwood Community Hall (enter from Knaith Road). 8.00 pm. \$7/\$6. Guest artist: **Mike Jackson**, plus floor spots. Enq: Maree: 03 9733 0802. <http://users.bigpond.net.au/VFMC/> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month)

**Friday 16th December: Folk Victoria Music Night: CHRISTMAS NIGHT.** With Malcolm Turnbull, Wendy Ealey, Jeanette Gillespie, Danny Spooner, Duncan Brown and friends, and "Fine Fettle". "The Artery", Moor Street, Fitzroy. From 7.30 pm. Music at 8.30. Meal-sized snacks available \$12/\$8.

**Saturday 17th December: Pickin' at the Piggery:** Bluegrass, blues, old-timey jams and performances. Footscray Community House, Moreland St, Footscray. Enq: Janet Dear: 03 5368 6888, 53681213 (bh).

\*\* **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 Church Hall, 156 Hoddle St, Abbotsford. 8.00 pm. Enq: Paddy O'Neill: 03 9312 6058.

## Festivals

**25<sup>th</sup> – 27<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/)

**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. Enquiries: Jamie Molloy: 02 6076 2432. Email: [molloy@corryongceec.net.au](mailto:molloy@corryongceec.net.au)

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

The largest folk festival in Australia –music, song, dance, the spoken word, food, celebrations, folk culture, 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: Ray Laughlin on 02 6374 1700. Email: [taste@castleraghwines.com.au](mailto:taste@castleraghwines.com.au) or log onto: [www.home.winsoft.net.au/warabil](http://www.home.winsoft.net.au/warabil)

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<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. Email: [bwz@alphalink.com.au](mailto:bwz@alphalink.com.au) . Phone: 03 9873 1700 or visit: [www.bushwahzee.alphalink.com.au](http://www.bushwahzee.alphalink.com.au)

**January 2006 - Tasmanian Folk Festivals:**

\* \* **CYGNET** (Huon Valley): January 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

Phone: 03 6295 0202 Website: [www.cygnetfolkfestival.org/](http://www.cygnetfolkfestival.org/)

\* \* **CELTIC SUMMER SCHOOL** (near Sheffield):

23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> January. Contact: [music@celt.com.au](mailto:music@celt.com.au) or phone: 03 6397 3427 Website: [www.celt.com.au/summer.html](http://www.celt.com.au/summer.html)

\* \* **GEORGETOWN** (Tamar Valley): If anyone knows when or if this is on next year, please let me know!

**13th – 15th January, 2006: The Boite Singers' Festival, Daylesford, Victoria.** A fantastic weekend of singing and songwriting workshops and concerts in the heart of Central Victoria. Phone: 03 9417 1983. Email: [singers@boite.asn.au](mailto:singers@boite.asn.au) or log onto: [www.boite.asn.au](http://www.boite.asn.au)

**20th – 23rd January, 2006: Chewton Folk Festival, Chewton, Central Victoria.** With Peggy Seeger, Andy Irvine, Seamus Begley and Jim Murray, Michael Kennedy and many more. Phone: 5425 5400 or 5472 3990 or log on to [www.wineandmusic.net](http://www.wineandmusic.net)

**10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2006: Womadelaide Festival, Botanic Park, Adelaide.** Fabulous festival of the sounds of the planet! 300 artists, six stages. 1300 30 40 72. [www.womadelaide.com.au](http://www.womadelaide.com.au)

**17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2006: Blue Mountains Folk Music Festival, NSW.** Enquiries: 1800 651 322. Email: [bmff@pnc.com.au](mailto:bmff@pnc.com.au) Website: [www.bmff.org.au](http://www.bmff.org.au)

**30<sup>th</sup> March – 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2006: Brunswick Music Festival.** Fabulous feast of music right here in our own city. For updates, log on to: [www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au)

**13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2006: National Folk Festival, Exhibition Park, Canberra.** Arguably the best folk festival in Australia! Hundreds of performers, great atmosphere. Pre-bookings open on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. Phone: 02 6249 7755 or check out: [www.folkfestival.asn.au](http://www.folkfestival.asn.au)

