

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).

Greetings All

What a busy time it has been for “folk addicts” like myself – and like a number of you no doubt! With festivals such as **Port Fairy, Yackandandah, Brunswick, and The National** – not to mention the numerous **concerts** around town – providing so much music, song, dance, poetry, and good social times, we have been very “spoilt”! **Congratulations** to all the organisers and volunteers – and of course the performers - who give so much to make these festivals and events happen.

Folk Victoria

WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING?

Melbourne Folk Club

Thanks to the fabulous **performers** who graced the stage at the “East” during the first two folk club nights for the year – and to you and your friends for coming along to hear them! We heard from: Cloudstreet from Qld; local artists Robbie Grieg and Matthew Arnold; Jay Turner and Cath Mundy all the way from the UK and the angelic voice of central Victoria’s Michael Kennedy.

Brunswick Music Festival

John McAuslan and his team had a difficult job this year, with the Festival falling on both sides of the long weekend. The week before was fairly light on for audiences, but following Port Fairy most gigs were packed out. Well done to all for keeping this great urban festival happening.

The four concerts which **Folk Victoria** ran were well attended and presented a terrific variety of quality music - Alistair Hulett (Scotland), Amanda Connell (Melb), “New Dogs, Old Tricks” and the Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club, James Keelaghan and Oscar Lopez (Canada), Tonchi McIntosh (Melb), and local women “Akasa” and Lou Bennett and “The Sweet Cheeks”.

WHAT’S COMING?

Melbourne Folk Club

The Folk Club will remain at the **East Brunswick Club Hotel** at **280 Lygon Street** for this year, but we will need to absorb the venue charge by raising our door price slightly (**\$12/\$8**). We hope you will continue to support us, as the music will be fantastic – as ever! All start at **8.30 pm**. It remains a smoke-free club dedicated to supporting and respecting both the **artist and the listener**.

Friday April 29th

Paul Wookey

Paul Wookey has been a distinctive singer and songwriter since he first discovered the music of Woody Guthrie and Bob Dylan and was inspired to pick up a guitar and emulate his heroes. Over many years he has honed these skills and toured extensively throughout Australia, with occasional forays overseas.

He has been a regular performer at numerous folk, country and blues festivals. His music sits somewhere between the three styles – not easy to classify, but you really don’t need to try as the huge and resonant voice and superb guitar playing speak for themselves!

Sean Kenan and Graham Newell

Sean Kenan has been an integral part of both the teaching and playing of Irish fiddle music in Australia for several decades and is one of the country’s top players. This night he is joined by talented guitarist Graham Newell. Get set for a stirring and foot-tapping bracket of tunes and songs!

Friday May 27th

Nick Charles

Well-known and respected virtuoso of acoustic roots guitar.

The Luau Cowboys

Local trio with a swag of experience playing country, bluegrass, Cajun, Hawaiian, blues and originals.

Friday June 24th

“Shaking the Tree”

Bronwyn Calcutt’s vibrant mixed voice choir present a variety of songs from all over the world.

Annie Kennedy and friends

Annie wowed everyone at the club recently when she sang some of her original songs along with tuba player Robyn and singer Antigone. These two will be joining her again for a longer bracket.

Friday July 29th

Martin Pearson and Alex Legg

Two fantastic singers, guitarists and entertainers together on the one night – one certainly not to be missed!

Friday August 26th

Eris O’Brien

Tracey Roberts and Maria Forde

Three very different but equally talented singers and songwriters present their views on life in a night of superb songs and music.

Other Events

Enda Kenny CD Launch on Saturday May 7th: The Artery Bar and Gallery, Moor St, Fitzroy. 8 pm. \$10. With Lindsay Martin, Cameron MacDonald, Richard Pleasance, Sandy Brady and Tony Hargreaves.

Louis McManus Family Benefit Concert on Sunday, May 8th at 3pm. \$25. Corner Hotel, Swan St, Richmond. Huge variety of artists, inc. Paul Kelly, Bushwackers, Kavisha Mazzella, Kelly Auty, The Fitzgeralds, Whirling Furphies.

Newsletter

As always, **please** let us know if you find any **mistakes** in the events listings. Any inclusions or changes to snail or email addresses can be sent to me at 225 Rathmines Street Fairfield, or at my email address, gillespie.jeanette.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

Cheers for now - Jeanette Gillespie.

Diary Dates

Friday 29th April: Folk Victoria Music Night:

PAUL WOOKEY and Sean Kenan and Graeme Newell. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. 8.30 pm. \$12 / \$8. Enquiries: Jeanette: 0414 732 667. Meal bookings: 9388 2777.

Friday 6th May: 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.

(1st Friday of every month)

Friday 6th May: The Boite World Music Cafe: Guest artists: "My Fat Pocket" – Central Victorian group featuring Jewish, Gypsy, Latin, Turkish, Arabic music. 8.15 pm. 1 Mark Street, Fitzroy. \$15/\$10. Phone: 03 9417 1983

Email: boite@boite.asn.au or website at: www.boite.asn.au
(Café runs every Friday and Saturday night at 8.15 pm.)

Saturday 7th May: Enda Kenny CD Launch: The Artery Bar and Gallery, Moor St, Fitzroy. 8 pm. \$10. With Lindsay Martin, Cameron MacDonald, Richard Pleasance, Sandy Brady and Tony Hargreaves.

Sunday 8th May: 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

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Tuesday 10th May: Ringwood Folk Club:

East Ringwood Community Hall (enter from Knaith Road). 8.00 pm. \$7/\$6. **Young Performers Night.** Enq: Maree: 03 9733 0802. <http://users.bigpond.net.au/VFMC/> *(2nd Tuesday of every month)*

Tuesday 10th May: Mango Café Sessions: 21 Bond Street, City. Around 7 – 7.30 pm. Bar and food available. Bring instruments and voices. Enquiries: Cliff Ellery: Email: taxman@bigpond
(Second Tuesday of each month)

Friday 13th May: "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)*

Sunday 15th May: Big House Big Night Out: The Big House, 420 Sydney Rd, Brunswick. Session players welcome from 6pm. Concert at 8pm with **The Davidson Brothers, Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club and Depeche Trois.** \$10/\$7. Dinner bookings: 03 8309 9923. Enquiries: tellingtales@bigpond.com

Friday 20th May: Berwick and District Folk Club:

The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick. 7.30 – 11.15 pm. \$10/\$7. Guest artists: **Bron Ault-Connell, Cath Connolly and Riley Jordan**, plus floor spots. Contact: 03 9702 1223 or email: badfolkc@hotmail.com
(3rd Friday of each month)

Friday 20th May: The Boite World Music Cafe: Guest artists: **Kate Burke and Ruth Hazleton** – traditional and original songs with gorgeous harmonies. 8.15 pm. *(Details as above)*

Saturday 21st May: Picking 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 month.)*

Friday 27th May: Folk Victoria Music Night:

Nick Charles and The Luau Cowboys.
(Details as above.)

Friday 3th June: Selby Folk Club: *(Details as above)*

Sunday 5th June: Peninsula Folk Club: *(Details as above)*

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

Tuesday 14th June: Ringwood Folk Club: Guest artists: **Tracey Roberts and Maria Forde**, plus floor spots. *(Details as above)*

Friday 17th June: Berwick and District Folk Club:
Open Stage – arrive early for a spot! *(Details as above)*

Saturday 18th June: Picking at the Piggery: *(Details as above.)*

Friday 24th June: Folk Victoria Music Night:

"**Shakin' The Tree**" choir and **Annie Kennedy and friends.**
(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.

** Every Thursday evening: Irish session at the Corkman Hotel, corner Leicester & Pelham Streets, Carlton. Led by Joe Fitzgerald and Pat McKernan.

Festivals

10th – 13th June: National Celtic Festival, Portarlington, Vic
Over 300 artists. Music, song, dance, drama, poetry, displays, exhibitions, workshops, marketplace and more. Discounted tickets till May 1st. Tickets @ GPAC: Phone: 03 5225 1200.

Info: 03 5241 2499. Email: celtic@pipeline.com.au
Website: www.nationalcelticfestival.com

11th – 12th June: Guildford Folk Gathering, Guildford, Vic.
Saturday night pub dinner and session; Sunday BBQ lunch and more sessioning. Camping or own accommodation. For more info phone Duncan Brown: 03 5473 4201 or 0425 811 579. For Guildford Pub Saturday dinner bookings phone: 03 5473 4215.

Sat 25th June: Kilmore Celtic Festival, Kilmore, Victoria.

Concerts, workshops, dances. Phone: 03 5781 1711

Email: kilmorecelticfestival@yahoo.com

Website: www.kilmore.info/kilmorecelticfestival/

2nd – 4th September: 6th National Folk Convention, Canberra.

National Library of Australia. Presentations, forums, workshops, showcase concerts, skill-sharing, displays, social events, etc. An exciting gathering for everyone involved and interested in all aspects of the Australian folk scene. Phone: 0418 839 264.

Email: projects@folkalliance.org.au

Website: www.folkalliance.org.au

16th – 18th September: Second Guildford Banjo Jambouree, Guildford, Vic. Based on the success of the first festival, this one should be a ripper! Watch next newsletter for more details.

30th September – 3rd October: Uranquinty Folk Festival, NSW. A low key festival in a country town near Wagga, with loads of good music and sessions. Contact Peter O'Dea: 02 6295 0571 or Tracey Harris: 02 6920 2533.

5th – 8th October: Jamberoo Valley Folk Music School, NSW. Jamberoo Valley Lodge, 10 km inland from Kiama. Instrumental and vocal tutors, sessions, concerts, dances. Deadline for bookings is 1st Sept. Download form from Illawarra Folk Club website or contact: 1300 887 034.

Email: jane@illawarrafolkclub.org.au

Website: www.illawarrafolkclub.org.au

28th – 31st October: Maldon Folk Music Festival, Maldon, 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, or 5476 2527.

