

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

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Newsletter July 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 (Brunswick Festival liaison), Wendy Ealey and Malcolm Turnbull (General Committee).

Greetings All

Going out to hear some good music in warm company is a wonderful antidote for the cold weather that has finally hit Melbourne. There are plenty of venues still happening, though the festival season slows down over winter! Enjoy the music – and maybe go along and trip the light fantastic at the Tea Dance at the end of July.

Folk Victoria - Melbourne Folk Club

What's Been Happening?

What fantastic music we have heard over the past three months from: Sean Kenan, Graham Newell, Paul Wookey, Nick Charles, The Luau Cowboys, Tubalicious and Shaking the Tree Choir. Thanks to all our artists, to all who have come along to enjoy the music, and to our own **volunteers** who faithfully help out on the door and with chair and table moving, and especially Jamie Johnston, our gem of a PA operator!

What's To Come?

The Folk Club remains in the lounge of the **East Brunswick Hotel** at **280 Lygon Street** on the last Friday of the month at **8.30 pm**. Door entry is \$12 or \$8 concession and members. It remains a smoke-free club venue dedicated to supporting and respecting both the **artist and the listener**.

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! (See separate flier)

Friday August 26th: *Eris O'Brien, Tracey Roberts and Maria Forde*

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

Friday September 30th: *Graham Dodsworth*

Graham has been a stalwart of the folk scene for many years and has recently released a superb new CD of songs entitled "In Our Time". We look forward to this welcome return to the Melbourne Folk Club stage!

Old Time Tea Dance - Sat July 30th

Presented by Folk Victoria and the Traditional and Social Dance Association of Victoria.

Music from the popular old-time dance band
"The Gay Charmers"

Dancing from 4.30 till 9.30 pm.
St Ambrose Hall, 2-4 Dawson St, Brunswick.

Tea and coffee provided. Bring "tea-time" goodies to share.

Tickets: \$20 at the door, \$17 pre-paid.

Information: Denise Hibbs: 9878 6267 or Ken Gellatly: 9885 5756
Bendigo: Wayne Blandford: 5446 3100

Port Fairy Folk Festival Songwriting Awards

Festival 2006: 10th – 13th March.

Main Award, Lighthouse Award and Special Award (Best Song of Tolerance, Peace & Understanding).

Entry forms: Website: www.portfairyfolkfestival.com
Email: pfff@portfairyfolkfestival.com
Phone: 03 5225 1232

Entries close: 31st October or when 300 entries have been received.

Rhythm and Views

"Rhythm and Views" was a much loved music and bookshop and live music venue in Northcote until owner Wayne Reid and his wife Helen moved down south. Wayne and Helen now live in Winchelsea and the good news is that Wayne is running a mail-order business for new and second-hand CDs, DVDs, records and books and has opened an outlet in Geelong. "The Cupboard Under The Stairs" is at Shop 11, Belcher Arcade, 171 Moorabool St, Geelong. Open Fridays 10-6 and Saturdays 10-4. Phone: 03 5221 0627. Wayne's email address is: randv@alphalink.com.au

Singing Lessons

Emily Hayes, from the group "Milk", who have performed to acclaim at the Melbourne Folk Club, is taking singing lessons in her home. Her style is drawn from a wide variety of sources and includes yoga breathing, exercises to find your natural sound and build and strengthen the voice, solo and harmony singing. Lessons are one hour and cost \$40 or \$30 concession. Contact Emily on 0400 865 427 or 03 9343 7733.

Fiddle Lessons

Sean Kenan, who played at the Folk Club in April this year, takes fiddle students and also organises regular get-togethers for his own students and other fiddle players to play together in the Irish style. Contact Sean on 03 9443 0283 or 0419 210 043. Sean's website is at: www.seanken.com

Some Organisations & Websites

1. Trad&Now – the Australian National Folk Magazine: www.tradandnow.com
2. Folk Alliance Australia: – www.folkalliance.org.au
3. Australian Music Online: – www.musicaustralia.org
4. Music to purchase: - www.folktrax.com
- www.indie-cds.com
5. Folk Federation of NSW: – www.jam.org.au

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 15th July: Bendigo Folk Club: Goldmines Hotel, Marong Road, Bendigo, Vic. **James Rigby and Jane Thompson.**
Email: bendityourway@bendigofolkclub.com
Website: www.bendigofolkclub.com

Friday 15th July: Berwick and District Folk Club:
The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick. 7.30 – 11.15 pm. \$10/\$7. Guest artists: **Craig and Simone (NSW)**, plus floor spots. Enq: 03 9702 1223 or email: badfolkc@hotmail.com
(3rd Friday of each month)

Saturday 16th July: Picking at the Piggery:
Bluegrass, blues, old-timey jams and performances. Footscray Community Arts Centre, Moreland St, Footscray. Enquiries: Janet Dear: 03 5368 6888, 53681213 (bh).

Sunday 17th July: Big House Big Night Out: The Big House, 420 Sydney Rd, Brunswick. Session players welcome from 6pm. Concert at 8pm \$10/\$7. Dinner bookings: 03 8309 9923. Enquiries: tellingtales@bigpond.com

Friday 22nd July: The Boite World Music Cafe: Guest artists: “**Conundrum**” – traditional and original tunes from their new CD “The Avant Gardener”. 8.15 pm. Pavilion in Edinburgh Gardens, Nth Fitzroy. (Melways: 2C/C1) \$15/\$10. Phone: 03 9417 1983
Email: boite@boite.asn.au or website a: www.boite.asn.au
(Café runs every Friday and Saturday night at 8.15 pm.)

Friday 29th July: Folk Victoria Music Night:
ALEX LEGG and MARTIN PEARSON. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. 8.30 pm. \$12 / \$8. Enquiries: Jeanette: 0414 732 667. Meal bookings: 9388 2777.

Saturday 30th July: Old Time Tea Dance: St Ambrose Hall, 2-4 Dawson St, Brunswick. “**The Gay Charmers**” dance band. 4.30 till 9.30 pm. \$20 or \$17 pre-paid. Enq: 9878 6267 or 9885 5756 or in Bendigo: 5446 3100. Presented by Folk Victoria and the TSDAV

Saturday 30th July: Festival of Voices, Geelong: Waurn Ponds Community Church, Belmont. Afternoon workshops and evening concert. With the **Sweet Mona’s Choir, The Illuminators, Charisma**, and others. For full details contact Marie Goldsworthy: 5221 1813, or email: goldie@pipeline.com.au

Friday 5th August: Selby Folk Club: Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby. **Annual A Capella Festival.** 8.00 pm. \$7/\$5. Phone: David Miller: 03 9751 1218.
(1st Friday of every month)

Sunday 7th August: The Boite’s Melbourne Millennium Chorus Concert – “Azardi” – Songs of Freedom: 350 voice choir, performing artists and groups, poets, storytellers. 2.30 pm. **Hamer Hall.** Phone: 03 9417 1983
Email: boite@boite.asn.au or website a: www.boite.asn.au

Sunday 7th August: 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

Tuesday 9th August: Ringwood Folk Club:
East Ringwood Community Hall (enter from Knaith Road). 8.00 pm. \$7/\$6. **Guest artist** plus Open Stage. Enq: Maree: 03 9733 0802. <http://users.bigpond.net.au/VFMC/>
(2nd Tuesday of every month)

Tuesday 9th August: Mango Café Sessions: 21 Bond Street, City. Around 7 – 7.30 pm. Bar and food available. Easy parking. General session. Bring instruments and voices. Enquiries: Cliff Ellery: Email: taxman@bigpond (Second Tuesday of each month)

Friday 12th August: “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)

Friday 19th August: Berwick and District Folk Club:
Michael Kerton and Anne Eastaugh (Details as above)

Friday 19th August: Bendigo Folk Club: Goldmines Hotel, Marong Road, Bendigo. **Bron Ault-Connell.** (Details as above.)

Saturday 20th August: Pickin’ at the Piggery: Not at regular venue in August – see listing in Festivals for the Beechworth Kelly Country Pick.

Friday 26th August: Folk Victoria Music Night: With singer/songwriters **ERIS O’BRIEN, TRACEY ROBERTS** and **MARIA FORDE.** (Details as above.)

Friday 2nd September: Selby Folk Club: Guest: **Neil Quinlan**, plus floor spots. (Details as above)

Sunday 4th September: Peninsula Folk Club: (Details as above)

Friday 9th September: “Fathers in the Chapel”: (Details as above)

Tuesday 13th September: Ringwood Folk Club: Guest artists: plus floor spots. (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

19th – 20th August: Beechworth Kelly Country Pick, The Priory, Beechworth. Enq: Janet Dear: 03 5368 6888 or 53681213 (bh)

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! Also incorporating the 20th Anniversary of the “Picking at the Piggery” sessions. Enq: 03 5473 4544.

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.
www.maldonfolkfestival.com
mail@maldonfolkfestival.com

11th – 13th November: Beechworth Celtic Festival, Vic.

11th – 13th November: Major’s Creek Folk Festival, NSW.

