

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, Wendy Ealey and Malcolm Turnbull (General Committee).

Greetings All

Happy times, fun times – and some sad times – over the past couple of months. I hope your Christmas and holiday period held lots of good things for you and your special people. This will be a year of transition for Folk Victoria, as we continue to look for a new home for the Melbourne Folk Club and toss around ideas of other events which we hope you will enjoy. Thanks to all our members and friends for their loyalty and continuing support for folk and acoustic music.

Vale Ivan & Elma

It was with great sadness that we learnt in December of the deaths of two very special people in our folk music world, Ivan Milligan and Elma Gardner. Both were beautiful human beings and both were past recipients of our Graham Squance Award for services to the folk community.

Ivan Milligan passed away peacefully, with his family around him, on December 12th after a long battle with Leukaemia. He was a great worker in the early days of the Geelong Folk Music Club, and was one of the original organisers of the Port Fairy Folk Festival. He was an influential worker in the Tasmanian folk scene for around ten years, then following his return to Victoria became involved as an organiser and committee member with Folk Victoria. He had a strong commitment to justice and social harmony; he loved the music, the song and the craic, and could sing with the best of them! Our love and best wishes go to his two beautiful children, Siobhan and Dairmid, and to the wider family.

Elma Gardner was also a great worker for folk music, song and dance during her long and fruitful life, and for many years was a familiar figure on the door at many of the Colonial Dances in Melbourne. Elma and her husband Alan were also strong supporters of performers of folk music and song. Our thoughts are with Alan and their close and wider family.

Folk Victoria Music Nights

◆ ◆ ◆ Friday January 27th ◆ ◆ ◆

Eat, drink, chat, session, listen, enjoy!

This evening will be a Folk Club dinner and social night – back at **the East Brunswick Hotel, 280 Lygon Street**. Yes, I know we said farewell to them back in October, but as their final permit for their renovations did not come through till the day before Christmas, their major work will not be commencing till next week. So – come along and relive some memories, enjoy a pleasant meal (new chef), chat to people you maybe have never had a chance to talk to, bring instruments and voices for a jam session, or just come along and listen. No door charge, but we will have a number of new and second-hand **CDs for sale** at very reasonable prices, so bring some cash! Any time from **7.00 pm**.

◆ ◆ ◆ Friday February 24th ◆ ◆ ◆

Keep this date free, as a Folk Club night WILL happen on this night, but at the time of writing, we don’t know who or where!! If you are on our email list, we will email you beforehand. If you received this by mail, we will send out a quick notice by mail.

Brunswick Music Festival

Sunday 4th March, 2pm – 5pm:

Music for the People - Coburg Town Hall.

Sunday 5th March, 12 noon – 7pm:

Sydney Road Street Party, from Union to Victoria Roads, Brunswick.

Thursday 9th March, 8pm:

Jez Lowe and the Bad Pennies (UK), plus Kate Burke and Ruth Hazelton. Brunswick Mechanics Institute, cnr Sydney & Glenlyon Roads, Brunswick. \$23/\$18. Presented by **Folk Victoria** – concession price for all Folk Vic members. Book through festival.

30th March – 9th April:

Main body of the **Festival**.

Friday 31st March, 8.30 pm:

Mundy-Turner (UK), plus Chloe Hall. Brunswick Mechanics Institute, cnr Sydney & Glenlyon Roads, Brunswick. \$18/\$13. Presented by **Folk Victoria** – concession price for all Folk Vic members. Book through festival.

For bookings and programs:

Online from 28th January – www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au

Box Office from 6th February – Phone: 03 9388 1460.

Fax: 9380 8234. Email: bookbmf@vicnet.net.au

For More Folk News and Views:

- **Join the Folk Alliance Australia**, Australia’s umbrella folk organisation. They have a terrific website and a regular magazine. Individuals: \$25. Partners: \$35. Small organisations: 450. Large organisations: \$100. Send all details and payment to FAA, 49 Lascelles Street, Braidwood, NSW, 2622, or go to www.folkalliance.org.au and use their secure on-line payment system.
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- **Log on to www.folktrax.com** to browse through a large selection of folk and acoustic CDs from Australia and around the world.
- **Community Music Victoria Inc.** A wonderful organisation with a wide variety of news and contacts. For information and membership: Phone: 03 9662 1162, Fax: 03 9662 1197. Email: cmv@netspace.net.au Website: <http://cmv.customer.netspace.net.au>

Newsletter

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 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 27th January: Folk Victoria Music Night: Dinner, Chat and Session. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon St, East Brunswick. From 7.00 pm. BYO instruments, voices, good cheer. CDs for sale. Enquiries: Jeanette Gillespie: 0414 732 667.

Sunday 29th January: Vocal Nosh. Rounds, chants and gospel songs, plus soup, bread and nibbles. Bardin Centre, Christ Church, 8 Glenlyon Rd, Brunswick. RSVP by 28/1 to 03 9380 1064.

Friday 3rd February: 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.*) www.home.aone.net.au/selbyfolkclub

Sunday 5th February: 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

Friday 10th February: "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 14th February Ringwood Folk Club: East Ringwood Community Hall (enter from Knaith Road). 8.00 pm. \$7/\$6. Guest artist plus floor spots. Enq: Maree: 03 9733 0802. Website: <http://users.bigpond.net.au/VFMC/> (*2nd Tuesday of every month*)

Saturday 18th February: NO Pickin' at the Piggery: See Fiddler's Convention in Festivals listings.

Saturday 18th February: TSDAV Social Dance: Uniting Church Hall, Ashburton, Melways 60 D10. 8pm. Enquiries: Marion Stabb, Phone: 03 9439 7100. Website: www.tsdav.asn.au

Friday 24th February: Folk Victoria Music Night: Venue and artists to be announced.

Saturday 25th February: Grumpy Old Man Benefit Concert: Guildford Pub, Central Vic. Support and encouragement for Randall Percy. 12 noon onwards. Artists include Ken Maher, Rab Mitchell, Barbara Scott, Danny Spooner, Duncan Brown, Jeanette Gillespie, John McAuslan, Jamie Lawrence, Seamus Gill, John and Julia Ross, Richard Leitch. Phone the pub: 03 5473 4215.

Sunday 5th March: Eric Bogle and Colcannon: Harmony Row Vineyard, Pipers Creek, Vic (near Woodend/Kyneton). Lunch: 12 noon. Show: 2 pm. Contact Dennis Cartwright on: 03 5423 5286 or 0407 343 074. Email: adgc@bigpond.com More details on the Harmony Row and other acoustic concerts by emailing Cliff Ellery on taxman@bigpond.net.au and putting "subscribe" in the subject heading.

Thursday 9th March: Jez Lowe and the Bad Pennies (UK) and Kate Burke and Ruth Hazelton: Presented by Folk Victoria at the Brunswick Mechanics Institute, cnr Sydney and Glenlyon Roads, Brunswick. 8.00 pm. \$23/\$17. Bookings: 03 9388 1460

Sunday 19th March: Global Songs at the Melbourne Museum: 4 – 6.30 pm in the forecourt of the Museum. Presented by the Boite and featuring Melbourne Millenium Chorus members. Phone: 03 9417 3550, or email: boite@boite.asn.au or visit the website at: www.boite.asn.au

Sunday 26th March: Chris While and Julie Matthews: Harmony Row Vineyard, Pipers Creek, Vic (*see above for details*)

Friday 31st March: Folk Victoria Music Night: "Mundy-Turner" (UK) (Cath Mundy and Jay Turner) and Chloe Hall. Brunswick Mechanics Institute, cnr Sydney and Glenlyon Roads, Brunswick. 8.30 pm. \$18/\$13. Bookings: 03 9388 1460

Sunday 2nd April: Harry Manx: Harmony Row Vineyard, Pipers Creek, Vic (*see above for details*)

** **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

17th – 20th February: Fiddlers' Convention, Yarra Junction, Victoria. Old-Timey, bluegrass, Cajun, blues, folk, swing, hillbilly, Hawaiian, jug band, etc. Camp Eureka, Tarrango Road, Wesburn. Enquiries: Ken McMaster: 03 9481 7662

24th – 26th February: Cobargo Folk Festival, NSW. Music, song, dance, poetry, comedy, etc. Enquiries: 02 6493 6758 or email: cobargofolkfestival@bigpond.com

24th – 26th February: Frances Folk Gathering, SA. Just over the border from Victoria. Friendly, do-it-yourself folk festival, with sessions, blackboard concerts, competitions, prizes. Free, with small fee for camping. Phone: 08 8765 1093. Email: folk@francesfolkgathering.com.au Website: www.francesfolkgathering.com.au

3rd – 6th March: Nannup Music Festival, WA. Music from around the globe in picturesque Nannup, near Margaret River. Enq: 08 9756 1511. Website: www.nannupmusicfestival.org

10th – 13th March: Port Fairy Folk Festival, Victoria. Although all tickets are officially sold out, there is an independent web exchange service called "[The Ticket Exchange Board](#)" on which you can advertise spare tickets for sale or purchase other people's spare tickets. All tickets are exchanged at cost price. The site is: www.port-fairy.com The Festival's official website for all other information is: www.portfairyfolkfestival.com

10th – 13th March: Burke and Wills Folk Gathering, Victoria. A more intimate alternative to Port Fairy, at the Burke and Wills Winery, central Victoria. One stage running all weekend, plenty of sessions, food, on-site camping. www.wineandmusic.net

10th – 12th 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

17th – 19th March, 2006: Blue Mountains Folk Music Festival, NSW. Enquiries: 1800 651 322. Email: bmff@pnc.com.au Website: www.bmff.org.au

17th – 19th March: Mt Buller CRAIC Irish Music and Comedy Festival, Victoria. Intimate weekend getaway in Victoria's high country. Free entry to festival. Phone: 03 5777 6077 or log onto www.mtbuller.com.au/craic

30th March – 9th April, 2006: Brunswick Music Festival. Fabulous feast of music right here in our own city. For updates, log on to: www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au

31st March – 2nd April: Yackandandah Folk Festival, Victoria. Friendly music festival in a historic village, featuring international, national and local artists. Email: folkfestival@yackandandah.com Website: www.folkfestival.yackandandah.com

13th – 17th April, 2006: National Folk Festival, Exhibition Park, Canberra. Arguably the best folk festival in Australia! Hundreds of performers, great atmosphere. Pre-bookings now open. Phone: 02 6249 7755 or check out: www.folkfestival.asn.au

21st – 23rd April: Apollo Bay Music Festival, Victoria Tickets: Ticketmaster: 1300 308 999. For information phone: 03 5237 6761 or go to website: www.apollobaymusicfestival.com

21st – 23rd April: Mt Beauty Music Muster, Victoria Phone: 03 5754 4008. Website: www.musicmuster.org.au

