

# *Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc*

“Folk Victoria”

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**Newsletter May 2006**

**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).

## **Melbourne Folk Club FRIDAY MAY 26TH - 8.00 PM.**

### **FIONA WHITE’S CD LAUNCH - “MYTHS OF TIME”**

We have secured the **EMERALD ROOM** at the **CLIFTON HILL HOTEL**, in Queen's Parade, Clifton Hill, for both our May and June Folk Club nights - and possibly on an ongoing basis. Meals are not served, but the room is a good performance room and you are welcome to bring in take-aways.

Entry will be **\$12 or \$8** concession and members.

Please note the **changed commencement time of 8.00 pm instead of 8.30.**

**8.00 pm:** The evening will commence with a performance from singer, guitarist and songwriter **MARNI SHEEHAN** from Maldon, accompanied by a group of her musical friends. **Marni** possesses a fine folk and blues pedigree and has recently come back into the limelight as a fine performer and an incisive songwriter. Her own CD, “Critters and Specimens”, has received rave reviews, and she has also recorded with “Flying Tongue Kiss” on their recent release.

**9.00 - 11.00 pm: FIONA WHITE's CD Launch.** Featuring the beautiful voice of **Fiona** with instrumental and vocal backing from **Kenny White** (guitar, mandolin, harmonica) and **Inge De Koster** (violin). Whether singing traditional Australian, Celtic or American songs or contemporary material, Fiona possesses a beautiful voice and an engaging stage presence. She has sung both solo, with husband Kenny, and with others such as Danny Spooner, Gordon MacIntyre and Martin Wyndham-Read since the early days of folk clubs in Melbourne.

### **VALE RANDALL PERCY.**

We have received the sad news of the death on Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> of long-time folk identity Randall Percy among friends and family in Northern Ireland. Randall lived in Melbourne for many years, then in Chewton, Central Victoria, from the early nineties until late last year when, due to the increasing effects of his cancer, he sold up and moved back to his native Ireland to be with family in what were to become the last few months of his life.

Randall was a stalwart of the former Dan O’Connell Folk Club in Melbourne. He took over its running in 1976 and continued the traditions for which it was famous well into the 1980’s. He was always willing to give his time and efforts for the benefit of the folk movement, particularly at festivals such as Chiltern and Maldon.

His encouragement of new musical talent was much appreciated by the performers he helped along the way. Randall was instrumental also in bringing many of the world’s best performers to Australia, and in the development of a national touring circuit which made such visits possible.

Randall was awarded Folk Victoria’s Graham Squance Memorial Award for services to the folk community in 1981.

**Please have a close look at** the diary and festival dates. The **Battlefield Band** gig at the newly re-vamped East Brunswick Club Hotel sounds exciting. If you are not on our email list, and you have email, make sure you email Rebecca at [rmarshall@vtown.com.au](mailto:rmarshall@vtown.com.au) More info on the **June Folk Club** on **Friday June 30<sup>th</sup>** at the Emerald Room soon. Enjoy the music! **Jeanette Gillespie.**

# Diary Dates

## **Friday 26th May: Folk Victoria Music Night:**

**Fiona White CD Launch**, with Fiona White, Marni Sheehan and friends. Emerald Room, Clifton Hill Hotel, Queen's Parade Clifton Hill. 8pm. \$12/\$8. Enq: Jeanette: 0414 732 667.

**Saturday 27th May: VFMC Woolshed Ball:** St Brigid's Hall, 378 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy Nth. Mel Ref: 2C A 4. Wit the Billabong Band. Hall open at 6pm for socialising and drinks. Dancing from 8pm – 12.30am. Tea and coffee provided. BYO supper, drinks and glasses. Pre-paid: \$20. At door: \$25. Bookings and enq: Donnie McLeod: email [mcleod@hotmail.com](mailto:mcleod@hotmail.com) or Coral Eden on 9885 6109.

**Friday 2nd June: Selby Folk Club:** Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby. Open stage plus guest artists: "Jugularity". 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)

**Friday 2nd June: The Wave:** A compelling evening of Japanese music presented by the Boite at the BMW Edge at Federation Square. 8.00 pm. \$25 / \$20. Book on 9417 1983.

**Friday 2nd June: "Umanee":** "Scandinavian/Asian fusion", "eclectic", "ethnic/classical blend" – all have been used to describe them. Hear for yourself at the Port Lounge, Albert Park Yacht Club. \$15. Directions, enquiries, bookings to Cliff Ellery, on [taxman@bigpond.net.au](mailto:taxman@bigpond.net.au) or 9690 1233.

**Saturday 3rd June: The Battlefield Band (Scotland):** East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick. Tickets: 9388 9794 or website: [www.eastbrunswickclub.com](http://www.eastbrunswickclub.com)

**Sunday 4th 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](mailto:admin@peninsulafolkclub.asn.au)

**Sunday 4th June: The Borderers:** Harmony Row Vineyard, near Kyneton/Woodend. \$45 lunch and show from noon, \$20 show only from 2.30pm. Directions, enquiries and bookings: Dennis: 0407 343 074 or 5423 5286. Email: [harmonyrowvineyard@bigpond.com](mailto:harmonyrowvineyard@bigpond.com)

**WEDNESDAY 7th June: Eddie Cole and other artists:** Clifton Hill Hotel, Queens Parade, Clifton Hill. 9pm till around midnight. Free entry. (Acoustic, blues, folk, bluegrass, etc every Wednesday night in the bar for free.)

**Friday 9th 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. (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month)

**Friday 9th June: David Jones** (percussion) and ensemble and **Christine Sullivan** at the Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill. 8.00 pm. \$15. Licenced, snacks available. Family friendly. Book: 9417 1983.

**Saturday 10th June: The Boite World Music Cafe:** Guest artists **The Counterfeit Gypsies**. These gypsies have a lot of fun with originals and the traditional music of Eastern Europe. 8.00 pm. 1 Mark Street, Fitzroy. \$15/\$10. Phone: 03 9417 1983. Email: [boite@boite.asn.au](mailto:boite@boite.asn.au) or website: [www.boite.asn.au](http://www.boite.asn.au) (Café runs every Saturday and some Friday nights at 8.00 pm.)

**Sunday 11th June: Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club:** 3 pm. Brunswick Hotel, 140 Sydney Road, Brunswick. Three featured acts plus poetry. \$5 / gold coin. Enq: Peter Pentland: 9392 4817. Email: [ppent@museum.vic.gov.au](mailto:ppent@museum.vic.gov.au) (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month.)

**Tuesday 13th June: 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/> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month)

**Wednesday 14th June: The Quiet Man Singers Session:** All welcome. 8 pm at the Quiet Man Hotel, 271 Racecourse Road, Flemington. Enquiries: Kathryn Clements: 9497 3227. (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month)

**Friday 16th June: Berwick and District Folk Club:** The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick. 7.30 – 11.15 pm. \$10/\$7. Guest artists plus floor spots. Enq: 03 9702 1223 or email: [badfolk@hotmail.com](mailto:badfolk@hotmail.com) (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month)

**Saturday 17th June: 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). (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of most months)

**Sunday 18th June: La Voce Della Luna and Kavisha Mazzella:** Harmony Row Vineyard (details as for 4<sup>th</sup> June)

**Friday 23rd June: Newport Fiddle and Folk Club.** Newport Community Hall, 15 Mason St, Newport, From 7.30 pm. BYO instruments, voices, listening ears. \$5 / gold coin.

**Sunday 25th June: The Davidson Brothers with Kristy Cox.** Harmony Row Vineyard (details as for 4<sup>th</sup> June)

**Friday 30th June: Folk Victoria Music Night:** Emerald Room, Clifton Hill Hotel, Queen's Parade Clifton Hill. 8pm. \$12/\$8. Enq: Jeanette: 0414 732 667.

# Festivals

**9th – 12th June: National Celtic Festival, Portarlington, Vic.** Over 300 artists. Music, song, dance, drama, poetry, displays, exhibitions, workshops, marketplace and more. Tickets @ GPAC: Phone: 03 5225 1200. Info: 03 5241 2499. Email: [mail@nationalcelticfestival.com](mailto:mail@nationalcelticfestival.com) Website: [www.nationalcelticfestival.com](http://www.nationalcelticfestival.com)

**10th – 11th 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.

**10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July: Festival of Voices, Hobart, Tasmania.** A gathering of celebratory song and performance in and around Hobart, with the opportunity of participating in a Tony Backhouse Gospel workshop in Launceston the weekend before the festival. Contact the festival office on 03 6234 5441 or email [festivalofvoices@netspace.net.au](mailto:festivalofvoices@netspace.net.au) or log on to [www.festivalofvoices.com.au](http://www.festivalofvoices.com.au)

