

Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc



“Folk Victoria”

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Greetings All

I’m writing this on the first day of Spring. Remember all those “as I roved out one May morning” northern hemisphere Spring folk songs? It must be an inspiration to songwriters so get those pens ready! The Darebin Music Feast is happening this month – with a songwriting contest - and Maldon Folk Festival is on at the start of November – with another songwriting contest!

Hopefully the spring sun will inspire you all to venture out and sample much of the great music and warm company happening in music venues around town and further afield. Support live music in Victoria!!

Subscription Renewals

Yes, it’s coming up to that time of the year again. All that goes on under the banner of Folk Victoria needs **your** financial support to keep the cogs turning, and you in turn receive our newsletters and generous discounts at Folk Victoria events. It’s only \$20 per person per year, so please fill in the accompanying form and send it back to us in the addressed envelope as soon as you can (and before it gets buried under the papers!). If you are an email recipient – sorry – you miss out on the free envelope!

Folk Victoria Events

Monthly music nights at the Emerald Lounge have continued to be a great success, with people coming from near and far to experience a variety of great entertainment.

On Friday July 6th the audience loved both artists – Canadian visitor Tracy McNeil and perennial favourite Martin Pearson, who just keeps on getting better and better.

On Friday August 3rd singer/songwriters Annie Kennedy and Bruce Watson and friends shared the night, along with a colourful group of Pan Pipe enthusiasts, the Zamponistas, led by Tony Bannister.

Folk Victoria Coming Events

Folk Victoria’s monthly music nights (The Melbourne Folk Club) will be presenting a great line-up of talent for you in the next few months at the [Emerald Lounge](#) of the Clifton Hill Hotel, 89 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7th:

Singer, writer and folk song collector **Phil Garland** joins us, on tour from New Zealand. Phil Garland is one of New Zealand’s true musical treasures, a respected folklorist and a musical balladeer who has recorded 17 albums. His mission for over 30 years has been to gather and preserve for posterity, the songs and stories of New Zealand. Based in rural North Canterbury, Phil has been kept busy performing both solo and with his two bands in concerts and festivals around New Zealand. He promises superb entertainment rich with songs, tunes and tales.

Also joining us will be **Shirley Power and Colin**



Mockett, from Geelong. **Shirley Power** is a singer of traditional songs with a pure, clear voice who accompanies herself on a variety of instruments including guitar, autoharp, Appalachian dulcimer, piano and keyboard. She has a phenomenal repertoire of traditional and acoustic songs drawn from her Celtic Australian background and gained through her work as a musical therapist. **Colin Mockett** is a journalist, writer and actor, a noted performer, experienced MC and an accomplished, if reluctant, comedian. He’s also a theatre producer, critic, director and event manager. With Shirley, Colin has researched and written a series of live-on-stage ‘musical documentaries’ which tell the life stories of Robert Burns and Thomas Moore and the ‘musical history’ of Australia’s pioneer women. Together Shirley and Colin will present a set they entitle “Humour and Fine Music”. It’s sure to have lots of singalong choruses, and plenty of opportunity to enjoy Shirley’s superb vocals and Colin’s comedic talents.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 5th:

This will be our annual Graham Squence Memorial Folk Award presentation night, with the fabulous group **“Blackwood”** providing the music, along with singer **Gary Rose** from Gippsland.



“Blackwood” is a major Australian folk group playing acoustic folk and world music, with Andy and James Rigby, and Jane Thompson, from Maldon in Central Victoria and Bruce Rigby from Melbourne. They play a diverse range of music, on harp, guitar, flute, whistles, cuatro, maracas, fiddle and accordion – from ancient Irish harp melodies to Kwela township whistle jive from South Africa, Venezuelan joropos to original compositions. They sing songs from equally diverse sources, but increasingly focussing on exceptional but little-heard Australian songwriters, and most recently, their own writing, for which Jane Thompson won a songwriting award this year at the Port Fairy Folk Festival.

Graham Squence Award

Part of the ongoing tradition of the FSDSV involves honouring those who have made longstanding and valuable contributions to the folklife of our country. The Society’s presentation of the annual Graham Squence Award aims to do just that.

The award was initiated by the Port Phillip Folk Festival Committee in 1971 in memory of Graham Squence, a blues musician who was killed in a road accident while travelling to Canberra in 1970 to take part in a Folk Festival. Awards have been given every year but two since 1971. The “Roll of Honour” book which records these awards has become a wonderful historical document and makes great reading.

Graham himself was a very fine performer who also involved himself in many aspects of presenting folk music and folklore

to the general public. He was actively involved in the organisation of the earliest Folk Festivals held in Melbourne.

The earlier awards were made "to a deserving person" to enable that person to attend the National Festival for that year. The awards were monetary and were the equivalent of a second class rail fare to wherever the festival was being held. (Performers received little or no payment then.)

Over time the award changed to a scroll, then to the current beautifully framed certificate. The range of areas of service for which the award has been made is enormous – from performance of music, song and the spoken word to involvement in dance, folk radio, folk festival organisation and general society involvement and 'leg work'.

For More Folk News and Views:

- **Join the Folk Alliance Australia**, Australia's umbrella folk organisation. Go to www.folkalliance.org.au for further details and heaps of information about folk music around Australia.

- **Subscribe to Trad&Now Magazine**. Log onto: www.tradandnow.com for all the news on how you can subscribe.

- **Join Community Music Victoria**. CMV is a wonderful source of information about all manner of community music and arts events. Their publication is full of news about opportunities for participation in all sorts of song, dance and music workshops in Melbourne and right across Victoria. For information and membership: Phone: 03 9662 1162. Fax: 03 9662 1197. Email: cmv@netspace.net.au Website: <http://cmv.customer.netspace.net.au>

- **Subscribe to the Blarney Bulletin**, a great source of news and views particularly concerning the Celtic connections in Victoria and around the country. Phone Kevin McCarthy on 0411 135 418 or email him at macca@blarneybulletin.com

- Two more interesting and informative Australian folk websites are: www.newsouthfolk.com.au/festivals.html and <http://folkaustralia.com>

Cheers all – Jeanette Gillespie

Festivals

8th – 23rd September: Darebin Music Feast, Darebin, Melbourne. Vic. A gourmet feast of music, song, dance and the spoken word in many styles and genres all over the City of Darebin. For a program ring 8470 8888 or visit <http://www.darbin.vic.gov.au/dmf>

14th – 16th September: Guildford Banjo Jamboree, Guildford. Vic. Traditional string band music at the Guildford Pub and surrounding venues. Enq: 03 5473 4544 Website: www.banjojamboree.org

28th September – 1st October: Uranquinty Folk Festival, near Wagga, NSW. An old favourite of many Victorians. Down-to-earth and participatory. Enq: Peter O'Dea: 02 6295 0571 or email: podea@home.com.au

2nd – 5th November: Maldon Folk Festival, Maldon, Vic. Victoria's largest folk festival after Port Fairy – but with a friendly country town atmosphere – a National Trust classified town in fact! Enq: 03 5475 1167 or 5476 2527. Email: mail@maldonfolkfestival.com Website: www.maldonfolkfestival.com

16th – 18th November: Harrietville Bluegrass & Traditional Country Music Convention, Vic. A great line-up of bluegrass and old time musicians from Australia and the US. Lots of sessions. Get in quick for bookings and accommodation. For enquiries phone: 03 5368 1213 (bh) or 03 5368 6888 (ah) or email: harrietville@bluegrass.org.au

Diary Dates

- **Wax Lyrical:**

Free showcase for **songwriters** of all ages and levels of experience. Two great venues.

Hardimans in Kensington (Hardiman's Hotel is located 521 Macaulay Rd, Kensington) on **Wednesday 5th September**, kicking off at 7.30pm. Featuring singer/guitarist **Cilla Jane**.

Old Hepburn Hotel in Hepburn (236 Main Road, Hepburn Springs near Daylesford) on **Wednesday 12th September** at 7.30pm.

If you're interested in **performing** on either night there are 15 minute slots available - call Trevor Shard on 0404 069 019. www.asai.org.au

- **Thursday September 6th:**

"Trouble In The Kitchen": 10th Anniversary gig. Limerick Castle Hotel, 161 Errol St, Nth Melbourne. Music every Thursday night.

- **Saturday September 8th:**

"New Dogs – Old Tricks": Full seven-piece band led by Neil Adam and Judy Turner. Kew Court House, 188 High St Kew (opposite Walpole St, enter via QPO Bar/Bistro, Court House is sharp left inside the door). The concert starts at 8pm and costs \$20 – booking details etc are at: <http://www.kewcourthouse.com/events.htm>

- **Sunday September 9th:**

Choirs in Concert: Phoenix, directed by Therese Virtue and Chocolate Lillies, directed by Nerida Kirov, collaborate each year to present the best of their work, with guests: Tardy Bazaar, directed by Angie MacMillan and the famous Melbourne Ukulele Kollele!!! Warringal Senior Citizens Hall, 80 Hawdon St, Heidelberg. 8pm. \$12/\$8. www.livingtraditions.org.au

- **Tuesday September 11th:**

Gypsy Wedding Band from Macedonia: Playing gypsy favourites from Eastern Europe, & featuring stunning vocals in Romanian, Serbian, Macedonian & other languages. Originally from Macedonia, the band has now settled in Melbourne & plays a range of wedding tunes, big-band brass numbers & traditional gypsy ballads. Open Studio, 204 High St, Northcote. Tel: 0421 760 421

- **Saturday September 22nd:**

Dick Gaughan in Concert. One of Scotland's greatest singers and guitar players. His importance in Scottish contemporary traditional music is unparalleled - "He takes folk and shakes it until it rattles"...The Guardian The Artery, 87-89 Moor Street Fitzroy, Melbourne With singer/songwriter **Tonchi McIntosh**. Bookings - <http://www.acrosstheborders.com.au> (03) 9415 9200

- **Sunday October 7th - 10am to 4pm:**

"How do I work out a harmony part?"
With Lyndal Chambers and Jane Coker
In this practical one-day workshop for singing leaders Jane and Lyndal will be tackling this question from a number of

angles, giving each participant the opportunity to try creating harmonies using an approach that suits them. This is designed for singing leaders with little or no training in music theory. Bring a simple song you would like to try to make harmonies for. Lunch is bring a plate. Morning and afternoon tea is provided. Cost: \$33/\$22 An application form is available from: Community Music Victoria. Tel: (03) 9662 1162. Email: cmv@netspace.net.au <<mailto:cmv@netspace.net.au>>

Regular Events

- **Folk Victoria Music Night:**

First Friday of the month. Emerald Lounge, Clifton Hill Hotel, cnr Wellington St and Queen's Parade, Clifton Hill, Melbourne. 8pm. \$12/\$8. Enq: Jeanette: 0414 732 667. Website: www.folkvictoria.org.au
Next Concerts for 2007 will be on **September 7th** (Phil Garland, Shirley Power & Colin Mockett) and **October 5th** (Blackwood and Garry Rose).

- **Selby Folk Club:**

First Friday of the month. Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby (Dandenong Ranges, Vic). Open stage plus guest artists. 8.00 pm. \$10/\$8. Phone: David Miller: 03 9751 1218.
www.home.aone.net.au/~selbyfolkclub/index.htm

- **The Boite World Music Café:**

Every Saturday and some Friday nights. 1 Mark Street, Fitzroy. 8.00 pm. \$15/\$10. Phone: 03 9417 1983. Email: boite@boite.asn.au or website at: www.boite.asn.au

- **The Boite – Other Events:**

A variety of venues and times, including the Box Hill Community Arts Centre, the BMW Edge at Federation Square, and the Northcote Uniting Church. Contact details as above.

- **Peninsula Folk Club:**

First Sunday of the month. Shakespeare's Bar and Restaurant, 101 Young St, Frankston. Session: 7–7.45 pm. Performances: 8.00
Email: admin@peninsulafolkclub.asn.au

- **Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club:**

Second Sunday of the month. 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

- **Victorian Folk Music Club (VFMC):**

** **Website** for all VFMC activities mentioned below:
<http://users.bigpond.net.au/VFMC/>

** **Second Tuesday of the month: Ringwood Folk Club Guest Artist Night.** 8.00 pm. \$10/\$6. Guest artist plus floor spots. Enq: Maree: 03 9733 0802. **July:** "The Rainmakers". **August:** "Klezmania".

** **Third Tuesday of the month is Singabout!**, a regular group singing session. Singabout runs from 8:00 til 9:30 pm.
** **Fourth Tuesday: Billabong Band** practice from 8:00 pm. The Billabong Band is the Club's band for Concert Party events. All musicians are welcome to join in for some relaxed playing of traditional Australian music.

** **Other Tuesdays** feature session playing, singalong, poetry and yarns. **All events** at the **East Ringwood Community Hall** ("Red Cross Hall", enter into driveway from Knaith Road). Tea and coffee provided, small cover charge (\$4.00) on all nights except Guest Night.

- **Clifton Hill Hotel Acoustic Music Nights**

Every Wednesday night, 9:00 pm till 11.45pm. Clifton Hill Hotel, cnr Wellington St & Queens Pde, Clifton Hill. Phone: 03 9489 8705. Website: www.cliftonhillhotel.com

- **The Quiet Man Singers Sessions:**

First and Third Wednesdays of the month. (except November – due to the Melbourne Cup the only date in November will be the 14th.) Singers and musicians welcome. Very popular event, so arrive early! 8 pm at the Quiet Man Hotel, 271 Racecourse Road, Flemington. Enquiries: Kathryn Clements: 9497 3227.

- **Ringwood Colonial Dances (VFMC)**

First Saturday of every month (except January), 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm at East Ringwood Elderly Citizens Club Hall, Laurence Grove, Ringwood East (Melway 50 B8). Live bands, all dances explained and called. Members \$8.00, non-members \$10.00, children under 16 free. Light supper provided. Contact details as above.

- **Melbourne Colonial Dancers**

Numerous activities on various nights of the week and month. Very informative website at: www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au Contact Robin Simpson on 03 9723 2543 or Coral Eden on 03 9885 6109.

- **TSDSAV (dancing)**

The Traditional Social Dance Association of Victoria also presents a variety of dance-related activities throughout the year. Contact Marion Stabb on 03 9439 7100 or Heather Larsen on 03 9808 4869. Website: www.tsdav.asn.au

- **Fathers in the Chapel:**

Second Friday of the month. Mainly bluegrass, old-timey, etc, acoustic music and voices, sessions and performances, unplugged. St John's Anglican Church, Childers St, Cranbourne. Enq: 03 5996 8461 or 5996 9544.

- **Berwick and District Folk Club:**

Third Friday of the month. The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick. 7.30 – 11.15 pm. \$10/\$7. Guest artists plus floor spots. Enq: 03 9702 1223. Email: badfolk@optusnet.com.au Website: www.badfolk.org and/or www.badfolk.websyite.com.au

- **Pickin' at the Piggery:**

Third Saturday of the month except Feb and Nov. Bluegrass, blues, old-timey jams and performances. Footscray Community House, Moreland St, Footscray. Enq: Janet Dear: 03 5368 6888, 53681213 (bh).

- **Newport Fiddle and Folk Club:**

Fourth Friday of the month. Newport Community Hall, 15 Mason St, Newport, 7.30 pm. BYO instruments, voices, listening ears. \$5 / gold coin. <http://nffc.org.au/>

- **Music Night, Breizoz French Creperie:**

Fourth Thursday of the month. 139 Nelson Place, Williamstown, Vic. Entry \$10. Join us for a fantastic night of delicious food & drink, and great music. **Performer for September 27th:** Vince Brophy and Jamie McKinnon. Phone Greg on 9397 5224 or email greg_hammond23@hotmail.com
Supported by the Newport Fiddle and Folk Club

- **Harmony Row Vineyard, Albert Park Yacht Club Concerts and Tuesday Night "Don't Tell Tom" Sessions**

Various concert and session dates.

** **Two great concert venues** – one at Harmony Row Vineyard in the country near Kyneton, the other the Albert Park Yacht Club, close to Melbourne city.

** **Session venue** on the second Tuesday of the month at "Don't Tell Tom" bar and café, 420 Sydney Rd, Brunswick.

Saturday September 8th: Women in Docs at Albert Park Yacht Club. 7.30pm. \$20/\$15.

Saturday September 15th: Simon Astley & Michelle Meehan at Harmony Row. 12noon. Show \$15, Show & Lunch \$40.

Friday September 21st: Jeanette Wormald with Peter Titchener & Emma Luker (Colcannon) at Albert Park Yacht Club. 7.30pm. \$20/\$15.

Saturday October 13th: Pearl Kirk at Albert Park.

Friday November 9th: Stiletto Sisters at Albert Park.

For details on **Harmony Row**, phone 0407 343074 or 03 54235286. Email Cliff for **Albert Park** and **Don't Tell Tom**:

taxman@bigpond.net.au or Dennis at Harmony Row: harmonyrowvineyard@bigpond.com

Website for all details: www.harmonyrow.com.au

- **The Butterfly Glee Club**

Wednesdays at 6.30 pm

The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank Street, South Melbourne Forget yoga. Forget All-Bran. If you really want to do something that makes you feel good inside – just sing. And what better place to sing out than at the Butterfly Glee Club, the hippest sing-along choir in town. Come along and sing as loudly or softly as you like – there are no solos and no karaoke microphones – just a big ol' group sing. The Butterfly Glee Club is conducted by the gorgeous and talented Vicky Jacobs (Green Room Award Nominee for Musical Direction) who never tells anyone off and lets all singers drink as much wine during rehearsal as they like! \$10; Tel 9690 2000 Bookings: www.thebutterflyclub.com

- **Calling all wannabe singers**

Join our small community choir based in St. Kilda. We meet every Monday night for excellent fun and sing a range of gospel, standards and world music. No singing experience is necessary and better still, no audition is required. Pick up the phone and call Lisa 9534-3458 or Jenny 9534-9157

- **Melbourne Session Calendar**

(Please let us know if there should be amendments or additions to this list, as I gained the info from 'Trad and Now' magazine.)

SATURDAYS:

Irish: Dan O'Connell Hotel, Princes St, Carlton. 5pm.

Old-Timey: Homestead Inn, Queens Pde, Clifton Hill. 5-8.30 pm.

SUNDAYS:

Irish: Normanby Hotel, Queens Pde, Clifton Hill. 3pm.

Irish: Quiet Man Hotel, 271 Racecourse Rd, Flemington. 5pm.

MONDAYS:

Irish: Lomond Hotel, Nicholson St, Brunswick. 9pm.

TUESDAYS:

Irish Slow Sessions: Father Flanagan's Irish Pub, 484 Smith St, cnr Alexandra Pde, Collingwood. 7.30 till 11.00 pm. Singers and musicians welcome.

WEDNESDAYS:

Irish: The Comhaltas Session – music, song and dance – St Philips Church Hall, 150 Hoddle St, Collingwood. 03 9337 3639. 8pm.

Old-Timey: Railway Hotel, Nicholson St, Fitzroy. 9pm.

THURSDAYS:

Irish: The Corkman Hotel, Leicester Place, Carlton. 6.30pm.

FRIDAYS:

Irish: The Celtic Club, 316 Queen St, City. 5.30pm.

Old-Timey: "Headbelly Buzzard" gigs, Railway Hotel, Nicholson St, Fitzroy.

Darebin Music Feast Events:

I have provided contact details for the feast in the "Festivals" section, but I thought I would give you a little taste of some of the events, as follows:

Klezmer Workshops

Tuesdays, September 4,11,18,25, 7pm and 8.30pm

@ Northcote Uniting Church Hall. High Street. All

Welcome. Follow link for details & registration

www.erniegruner.com/KlezmerWorkshopsInfo.Registration.htm \$15/10 per session

Annie Kennedy and Friends, Skirl, Sal Kimber

Sunday September 9th, 5pm to 7pm

Northcote Uniting Church, 251 High St Northcote

A feast of original songs and smooth chocolatey and exciting vocals. Further details see program or call 0401282654

Gospel Singalong with Kerri Simpson

Sun 9 Sep; 2pm-3.30pm

Northcote Library

Experience the joy of singing popular Gospel standards when you join a choir that will come together for one afternoon only! Kerri Simpson is one of our most talented Gospel performers. No singing experience necessary or religious associations attached. Lyrics provided. Tel: 1300 655 355

Gospel Singing Workshops with Kerri Simpson

Sun 9 & 16 Sep; 12pm-2pm

Covering basic singing techniques & tips using Gospel standards across three Sundays. No singing experience necessary or religious associations attached.

Northcote Uniting Church. Entry \$30 Tel: 0400 441 025

Email: gospelsingingworkshops@hotmail.com

Greek Italian Festa "Una Faccia Una Razza, One Face One Race"

Monday September 10 & 17, 7.30pm

Northcote Uniting Church, 251 High Street, Northcote

What happens when the Greeks and Italians get together to play their fantastic traditional music? Come & celebrate the coming of Spring in two special Monday evening concerts of ecstatic Mediterranean songs, acoustic music and dance!

With the Kavisha Mazzella Trio, Anthea Sidiropoulos & Marcello D'Amico, Irini Vela and The HabBibis, La Voce Della Luna Italian Women's Choir. Adults \$10 ,Kids free.

Contact: 9482 2884 www.lavocedellaluna.com.au

www.kavisha.com

Sensational Soup Soiree

Wed 12 Sep @ 7pm

Community Choirs – Sing Sing, Lipstick & Spurs, Expressive Women, & the Pan African choir – offer a feast of musical delights from around the world. Add in hot soup & crusty bread rolls & you have a Music Feast favourite.

Northcote Uniting Church. Entry by donation

Ph: (03) 9482 2884. www.chalice.org.au

Unsung

Thu 13 Sep @ 7.30pm

Unsung are four local songwriters, Wendy Ealey, Leticia Maher, Neil Robertson and Moira Tyers, who will make you laugh, cry & dance with great songs, acoustic guitars, some violin & huge vocal harmonies. Northcote Town Hall Studio 2 Adults \$8, Concession \$10 Ph: 0412 299 850

The extensive program will tell you the rest!!