

Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc



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Committee: Jeanette Gillespie (President), Rick Sidgwick (Secretary), Chris Bigby (Treasurer), Rebecca Marshall (Membership Secretary), Denise Hibbs (Folk Club door manager), Jamie Johnston (PA Manager), Wendy Ealey (Webmistress), John O’Leary (Public Officer), Ray Hare and Rick Osborn (General Committee).

Greetings to All

Welcome to the not-so-new year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season and managed to catch a folk festival or two. Those I attended at Turramurra and Newstead were top class and loads of fun.

The picture for Folk Victoria for 2008 is still not entirely clear. There have been some expressions of interest from folk willing to get together and find a new **Folk Club** venue and get it back “on the road” and these folk will be meeting shortly to discuss plans. That’s encouraging! We’ll keep you posted.

We’re currently focusing our energies on the **three Brunswick Music Festival concerts** which are being sponsored and run by Folk Victoria and we’d love to see you at one or all of them!

Folk Victoria

at the Brunswick Music Festival

News Flash

**\$2 refund at the door at any of the three Folk Victoria concerts to card carrying members with ID!
Yes, members, \$2 further off your already discounted concession price!**

Show your card and ID at the door.

This is a little compensation for not having had a February or March Folk Club to attend!

This Friday February 29th

8pm \$18/\$14

Brunswick Mechanics Institute
Cnr Sydney & Glenlyon Rds, Brunswick

CELTACLYSMIC

The five members of “Celtaclysmic” are young, energetic and highly skilled multi-instrumentalists. Their line-up includes acoustic guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, whistle, cello, bodhran and vocals. They play and sing up a storm and are gaining a huge following.

JACK MANCOUR

Jack Mancour is a singer, writer, storyteller and contemporary folk musician with a natural ability to interpret life’s experiences through the eyes of the everyday. Drawing on established folk, roots, country and blues styles, Jack carries on the oral storytelling tradition by producing contemporary songs that are uniquely his own.



Wednesday March 5th

8pm \$22/18

Brunswick Mechanics Institute
Cnr Sydney & Glenlyon Rds, Brunswick



Bob Fox (UK)

“... astonishing guitar technique coupled with one of England’s finest voices ...”
(Ralph McTell)

Bob Fox is from County Durham in the North East of England and his songs and music are deeply influenced by the working class culture and industrial folk song from that area. He has been a professional folk singer since 1975 and during the course of his career has released several award winning recordings, from the original vinyl “Nowt So Good’ll Pass”, recorded with Stu Luckley, through to his latest CD, “The Blast”. He has performed around the world and has toured Australia a number of times, to great acclaim.

Bob is a wonderful story-teller and a superlative singer and guitarist. His performances are entertaining and spell-binding – not to be missed!

Saoirse



Saoirse (meaning freedom in movement) are a vibrant vocal and dance trio from Melbourne. They perform mainly traditional Irish songs and ballads (in Gaelic and in English) as well as some spirited jigs and reels to get your feet tapping. This engaging trio is **Bernadette O’Neill** - bodhran and vocals, **Kerry McManus**- whistle and vocals and **Sile Coleman**- guitar and vocals. Saoirse successfully launched their first album, **Singin’ In The Scullery** in September ‘07.

Thursday March 13th

8pm \$22/18

Brunswick Mechanics Institute
Cnr Sydney & Glenlyon Rds, Brunswick

Faerd

Faerd are a multicultural traditional band from Scandinavia, featuring- **Peter Uhrbrand** (Danish fiddle), **Eskill Romme** (Saxophone, accordion, vocals), **Jens Ulvsand** (Swedish guitar, bouzouki, vocals) - a trio whose music crosses borders between styles, nationalities and traditions. Faerd’s material is a mix of traditional and newly composed tunes and songs by a wide range of musicians and composers from all over the world. They have toured the world in entertaining audiences with their exquisite musicianship and the infectious delight they have in playing.

(ALSO on this night – “UNSUNG” – see next page)



Thursday March 13th (cont)



Unsung

Unsung have a great love of singing and playing! **Wendy Ealey, Leticia Maher, Moira Tyers and Neil Robertson** are four individual singer/songwriters who come together as Unsung performing

engaging contemporary music that makes you think, laugh, cry, and dance. Their four unique voices, four acoustic guitars, a bit of fiddle, mandolin, great songs and huge vocal harmonies will lift you up and carry you away with them.

Brunswick Music Festival Bookings

Phone: 03 9388 1460 Fax: 03 9380 8234

www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au

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 (President)

Diary Dates

Regular Events

- **Wax Lyrical:**

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

First Wednesday of month: Hardimans in Kensington

(Hardiman's Hotel is located 521 Macaulay Rd, Kensington), kicking off at 7.30pm.

First Sunday of month: Old Hepburn Hotel in Hepburn (236 Main Road, Hepburn Springs near Daylesford) 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

- **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

- **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.

** **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)

- **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. 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.websyte.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/>

- **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** for both **singers and musicians** on the second Tuesday of the month at “**Don’t Tell Tom**” bar and café, 420 Sydney Rd, Brunswick.

- **The Ranges Burrinja Folk Club**

Last Friday of the month, featuring great acoustic music in the relaxed and friendly, intimate atmosphere of the Burrinja Café, Dandenong Ranges Community Cultural Centre, 351 Glenfern Rd Upwey - Melway map ref : 75 B12. \$10, \$7.

- **Woodend Celtic Music Session**

Third Sunday of the month, 3-5pm, led by the Black Forest Rogues. Keating’s Hotel (Holgate Brewhouse), 79 High Street, Woodend, Vic. Free entry.

- **Melbourne Session Calendar**

(Please let us know if there should be alterations to this list.)

SATURDAYS:

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

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

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.

Irish Session: Clifton Hill Hotel, 89 Queens Parade.

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.

7th – 10th March: Burke and Wills Folk Gathering, Victoria.

A more intimate alternative to Port Fairy, at the Burke and Wills Winery, near Lancefield in central Victoria. One stage running all weekend, concerts, plenty of sessions, food, on-site camping.

Phone: 03 5425 5400. www.wineandmusic.net

7th – 9th March: Womadelaide Festival, Botanic Park, Adelaide.

Fabulous festival of the sounds of the planet! Hundreds of artists, six stages. 1300 30 40 72. www.womadelaide.com.au

14th – 16th March: Blue Mountains Folk Music Festival, NSW.

Enquiries: 1800 651 322. Email: info@bmf.org.au

Website: www.bmf.org.au

14th – 16th March: 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

20th – 24th March: National Folk Festival, Exhibition Park, Canberra.

Arguably the best folk festival in Australia! Hundreds of performers, great atmosphere, on-site camping. Pre-bookings are now open. Phone: 02 6249 7755, email: info@folkfestival.asn.au

or check out: www.folkfestival.asn.au

12th – 13th April: The Basin Music Festival, Dandenong Ranges, Vic.

A grass roots folksy and community festival in a beautiful area. See their website for photos of last year’s festival.

Contact: PO Box 230, The Basin, Vic, 3154. President: John: 0402 138 834. Programmer: Ray: 0408 314 778.

Website: www.thebasinmusic.org.au

24th – 27th April: Fairbridge Festival, WA.

Phone: 08 9246 3311

Email: admin@fairbridgefestival.com.au

Website: www.fairbridgefestival.com.au

25th – 27th April: Apollo Bay Music Festival, Vic.

Phone: 03 5237 6761.

Email: info@apollobaymusicfestival.com

Website: www.apollobaymusicfestival.com

Festivals

24th February – 16th March: Brunswick Music Festival.

Fabulous feast of music right here in our own city.

Folk Victoria is running three concerts for the festival, for which our members receive concessions – book early.

Programs available soon.

For updates: Phone: 03 9387 3376

Log on to: www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au

Email: johnbmf@vicnet.net.au.

29th February – 3rd March: Nannup Music Festival, WA.

Music from around the globe in picturesque Nannup, near Margaret River.

Enq: 08 9756 1511. Website: www.nannupmusicfestival.org

Saturday 1st March: Boolarra Folk Festival, Vic. 10am till 9pm.

Railway Park and Centenary Park, Boolarra. Free entry. Music, markets, kids tent.

www.boolarra.gippsland.com/FolkFestival/Default.asp

7th – 10th March: Port Fairy Folk Festival, Port Fairy, Vic.

Tickets officially sold out in a couple of days but there are some floating around and there is a “sell and buy” section on the website

at www.portfairyyfolkfestival.com Phone: 03 5225 1232 or 5568

2227 for further info. If you miss out and wish to go there is still music galore happening in the streets and some other free venues.