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From the President

Greetings all. My apologies for the long silence – especially to those who only receive a print version of this newsletter (we’ve managed to keep up the email stream reasonably well – thanks to Rebecca for her weekly folk club postings). Living in the country is wonderful – especially at this time of the year when everything is so green – but I do kind of whirl out of the loop every now and then! Our committee meeting in September was a telephone conference – me up here and the rest in Melbourne!

Still – I seem to be in the centre of a whole heap of music in central Victoria. We’ve just experienced a terrific weekend with the **Guildford Banjo Jamboree** – well done everyone – and there is no shortage of sessions, folk afternoons and evenings, choirs, ukuleles and bands. I’m sure the rest of country Victoria is just as active, but I never seem to hear about it – let me know folks what’s happening in your neck of the woods!

I’ve just been to the **Roses Gap Family Music Camp** in the Grampians. Freezing, wet and muddy, but the joint was jumping! Take a few hundred people of all ages and put them together in workshops, jam sessions, dances and concerts with a heap of talented dedicated musicians and volunteers and magic occurs. And judging by the masses of brilliant and musically passionate young people, we should have no fears about the future of folk and community music – believe me it’s in good hands!

The Melbourne Folk Club continues to power along each Saturday with many great artists having already performed there. If you haven’t made it down to the Grand View yet, do yourself a favour and spend a spring afternoon with friends and music.

The Final Folk Club for this year will be on **Saturday November 28th**. It will be followed by a traditional **Christmas Dinner** with all the trappings plus a glass of wine or pot of beer included for \$35 a

head. If you would like to come along and sing carols at the Folk Club then stay on to help us celebrate the year, you will need to **book for the dinner by November 14th**. You can either pay at a folk club afternoon or return the form enclosed with this newsletter with your payment.



Membership Renewal

You may have noticed that the new membership year began on October 1st – but that you haven’t received a renewal form yet! Well, it’s time to remedy that – and a renewal form (plus an addressed envelope for print recipients) is enclosed with this newsletter. It would be great if you could get these back to us as soon as possible. Your 2009 membership benefits will be **extended** to November 1st to allow you the extra time. Sorry we don’t have card facilities – a cheque or postal order will be fine or you can renew at the folk club.

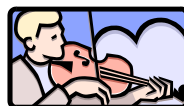
You will notice that, due to cost increases, the committee has decided that **we need to charge an additional \$10 per year for those who wish to receive their newsletters and other mailed information by post**. Please indicate your preference on the membership form.

Graham Squance Memorial Award Presentation – Sat October 24th

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 Squance Award aims to do just that.

The award was initiated by the Port Phillip Folk Festival Committee (the precursor of the FSDSV) in 1971 in memory of Graham Squance, 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,

recording, folk festival organisation and general society involvement and 'leg work'.

The award this year will be presented at the Melbourne Folk Club on **Saturday October 24th**, between 3pm and 6pm at the Grand View Hotel, 47 Pearson Street, West Brunswick. The awardee is **Hugh McDonald**, well-known guitarist, violinist, singer and songwriter with Redgum and many other bands, and a highly respected and generous recording engineer, who has enabled many a folk artist (including the Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club, Enda Kenny, Wendy Ealey and Suzette Herft) to achieve the best possible quality in the recording of their CDs.

Hugh will himself be performing on the day, as will the group "unSung", who have recorded with him. We'd love to see you there.

Folk Victoria's Annual General Meeting

Please make a note in your diary to come along and support the Society's AGM this year on **Thursday November 26th**, at 8pm at the Lomond Hotel, Nicholson St, Brunswick East. **A separate notice** with details is included **at the end** of this newsletter.

The Melbourne Folk Club

Every Saturday 3 till 6pm \$12 / \$8

Grandview Hotel 47 Pearson St, Brunswick West

Great meals afterwards and possibilities of some ripper sessions on into the night!

Saturday October 10th:

- **Phil Garland (NZ)** plus 'The Jayden'.

Saturday October 17th:

- **'John Flanagan and the Begin Agains'** plus **Luke Watt**.

Saturday October 24th:

- **Graham Squance Memorial Award presentation**, featuring **'Unsung'** and **Hugh McDonald**.

Saturday October 31st:

- **NO FOLK CLUB** due to **Maldon Folk Festival**.

Saturday November 7th:

- **Ken McMaster** plus **Leigh Sloggett**.

Saturday November 14th:

- **The Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club** and **Catherine Fraser and Duncan Smith**.

Saturday November 21st:

- **Alistair Hulett (UK)** plus **Jeanette Gillespie and Duncan Brown**.

Sat November 28th:

- Sing in the **Christmas** season on the **final Folk Club** for the year. **Carols** with **Danny Spooner, Duncan and Jeanette** and others, and great songs and music from **Alana and Alicia Egan** and band.

- Followed by a **full traditional Christmas dinner**, which must be **pre-booked and paid for (\$35 per head) by November 14th**. Price includes a glass of wine or pot of beer. Please either **send in the form at the end of this newsletter**, or prepay at the Folk Club.

Snack menu of hot chips, Nachos, spring rolls, samosas and locally made pies while the club is on and ANY CLUB MEMBER who **stays on for tea** will be offered a pasta, chef made pie or parma with a pot of beer or a house wine for \$15



Contact: Mel Robertson: 0413 587 490

<http://www.myspace.com/melbournefolkclub>

<http://www.folkvictoria.org.au/melbournefolkclub/>

MORE FOLK NEWS AND VIEWS

A letter from Jon von Goes appeared in this month's edition of the 'Blarney Bulletin' about an issue which had already come to my attention which, if not addressed quickly, **may well affect the future of the whole music scene in our state**. Please read, consider, and send off emails and letters

"Dear music fans,

In the past few weeks small pubs around town have had visits from unpleasant law enforcers from, I think it's called Consumer Affairs, in an attempt to curb alcohol related violence. These pubs have been told they must provide security guards if they are gonna have live music - any sort of live music, any size crowd. A security guard gets paid around \$250 for a shift. Bands in small pubs these days don't get much more. Do the maths. I know of one pub that has already stopped live music. The pubs I'm talking about don't attract violence, they don't need to be patrolled by thugs.

This is an ill-conceived solution to a non-existent problem, it's an act of throwing the baby out with the bath water, it's nanny state wowserism, it's a dumb blanket law to stop us folk from enjoying something that not only doesn't harm anyone but makes our city a better place, and it really shits me."

Strong words, **but the law is there** - licensed bouncers to be provided for any live music venue which serves alcohol after 9pm. Think about that in relation to folk clubs, the innocuous bar facilities at the Brunswick Music Festival - and indeed at any folk music festival - and any number of other venues which support the vibrant live music scene in Melbourne and in the country - places which rarely if ever have any trouble from their clientele. This is a "one-size-fits-all" knee-jerk reaction to the violence of the minority which has not been properly researched or investigated.

Please send your strong but well-reasoned protests to: Liquor Control Reform Regulations 2009 RIS, Responsible Alcohol Victoria, GPO

Box 4304, Melbourne VIC 3001 or email
liquorregulationsris@justice.vic.gov.au

Thanks and cheers all
Jeanette Gillespie (President)



- Join the **Folk Alliance Australia**. 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. They also have a huge CD catalogue.
- **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
Website is: www.blarneybulletin.com
- **Join Community Music Victoria**. Another wonderful source of information about all manner of community music and arts events. Their newsletters are packed with information. **Especially good for those wishing to join in some singing**. I could not possibly transmit all those workshops, choirs, concerts, etc, in this newsletter – so join up! For information and membership: Phone: 03 9662 1162. Fax: 03 9662 1197.
Email: cmv@netSPACE.net.au
Website: www.cmv.org.au

Other Metro Diary Events

- **Steeleye Span in Concert:**
Saturday 10th October, 7.30pm: This iconic British folk band has once again snuck into Melbourne almost un-announced! What a great concert it should be. Supported by Scotsman **Gibb Todd**. National Theatre, St Kilda. 9525 4611
- **Return of the Sacred Kingfisher:**
Saturday 28th November: CERES Community Environmental Park, in East Brunswick, holds this special celebration each year to welcome the spring return of the Sacred Kingfisher to the now revegetated banks of the Merri Creek. It brings together dance, music, puppetry and theatre, and involves hundreds of community performers young and old and from many backgrounds, supported by professionals. You can take part in the Kingfisher Festival in many ways. For more info, contact: reception@ceres.org.au or phone: 03 9387 2609. www.ceres.org.au
- **Darebin Songwriter's Guild:**
Second Sunday of the month. "Bar 303", 303 High Street, Northcote. 3.30 till 7-ish. Call Moira on 9480 4590 or Wendy on 9489 0504 or email macnificent@eftel.com.au, to register your interest in sharing your songs or just roll up for a look and a listen.
- **Melbourne Slow Sessions:**
Every Tuesday Night. Mark McDonnell's Traditional Irish Music Slow Sessions are held at Father Flanagans Hotel, 484 Smith St in Collingwood, from 7.30pm. These very popular sessions are ideal for musicians wanting to ease themselves into the session scene. The **first and third** Tuesdays of the month cater to beginners, while the **second**

and **fourth** Tuesdays are pitched to more intermediate players. For more info, go to:
<http://irishsession.googlepages.com> The site includes many common tune sets played by Paddy Fitzgerald at his three sessions around Melbourne. Alternatively you can contact Mark on markjmcd@gmail.com or 03 9459 2295

- **The Boite World Music Café:**

Every Saturday and some Friday nights.
World Music Cafe - 1 Mark Street, Fitzroy.
8.00 pm. \$16/\$11.
Other events at the **Box Hill Community Arts Centre**, 470 Station St, Box Hill and the **BMW Edge Auditorium** at Federation Square.
Phone: 03 9417 1983. **Email:**
boite@boite.com.au or **website** at:
www.boite.com.au



Some up and coming Boite events:

- * **Friday October 9th - 8:00 pm – World Music Cafe**
Antoin MacGabhann (fiddle) and Mick O'Connor (banjo)
Direct from Ireland, in one Melbourne concert, don't miss an acoustic evening with a twice all-Ireland champion fiddler and an all-Ireland banjo player who can spin a yarn as well as play the most beautiful versions of Irish traditional tunes
- * **Saturday, October 10th - 8:00 pm - World Music Cafe**
'Bohemian Nights' – Ernie Gruner and Phil Carroll. Wild, soulful songs and tunes on violin, mandolin, accordion and vocals; including Gypsy, Klezmer, Middle Eastern, French, Italian, Russian, Jazz and Tango music.
- * **Saturday, October 17th – 8.00pm – World Music Cafe.**
Miriam Lieberman. African and Contemporary Folk songs on Kora, with the intoxicating vocals of Miriam Lieberman. This beguiling, 5 language speaking performer, musician and puppeteer will leave you spellbound.
- * **Saturday, October 24th – 8.00pm - World Music Cafe.**
'Kellerman'. From funky rhythmic sounds to beautiful melodies, to the jazzy, upbeat and experimental, this stunning trio explodes in a rich and exciting fusion of world music
- * **Friday October 30th 8:00 pm – Box Hill Community Arts Centre.** **'Vardos'** – traditional Romanian gypsy music – and **'VoiceBox'** - male a cappella group.
- * **Saturday November 7th 8:00 pm - World Music Cafe**
Fiona Burnett (saxophone), **Michael Johnson** (harp) and **David Jones** (percussion).
- * **Saturday November 14th 8:00 pm - World Music Cafe**
Kavisha Mazzella. Singing in Italian and English, Kavisha brings traditional, contemporary and original songs to life with passion, humour and heart! Her hauntingly beautiful voice, powerful lyrics and vibrant storytelling come alive with guitar, mandolin and accordion.
- * **Saturday November 21st 8:00 pm - World Music Cafe**
'unSung'. Three singer/songwriters, three friends, three styles, three big voices. Come feast your ears, with Wendy Ealey, Neil Robertson and Moira Tyers.
- * **Saturday November 28th 8:00 pm - World Music Cafe**
Danny Spooner. Traditional singer who needs no introduction to most folk audiences.

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

Website for all VFMC activities mentioned below:
www.vfmc.org.au or Email: vfmc@bigpond.net.au

**** 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.

* **Tuesday 13th October: Phil Garland** – NZ singer, plus ‘Pigeonwing Strings’ - Pria Schwall-Kearney (voice, fiddle, banjo,feet) and Greg Fair (voice, mandolin, guitar, banjo, percussion)

***Tuesday 9th November: Adrian Kosky**

**** Third Tuesday: 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).

- **Clifton Hill Hotel Music Nights**

Every Wednesday night, 8:30 pm till 11.30pm. **Three great acts.** Clifton Hill Hotel, cnr Wellington St & Queens Pde, Clifton Hill. Phone: 03 9489 8705.

Website: www.cliftonhillhotel.com

Booking agent: Rodney Claringbould: 0409 510 251

**** Wed 14th October** - Emily Hayes & Sidesaddle Gals, Original Snakeskins, Simon Evans

**** Wed 21st October** - Coral Lea’s Red Pepper Tea, Stef Brett, Peter Ewing

**** Wed 28th October** - Fat Chance & The Bluegrass Cowboys, Kate Eve, Leigh Sloggett.

Every Sunday night from 7pm – **Hugh McDonald** sings in the front bar.

- **Clifton Hill Emerald Lounge Specials**

**** Friday 23rd October, 8pm: The Borderers.** Dance the night away to great Celtic music. \$20.

**** Friday 13th November, 8pm: Christy Moore Tribute Show** with Wexford native **Liam Byrne**

Tickets available at the door but bookings recommended – either at the hotel bar or on 03 9489 8705.

- **The Quiet Man Singers Sessions:**

Third Wednesday 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 or Suzette Herft: Email suzetteherft@gmail.com

- **Pickin’ at the Piggery:**

Third Saturday of the month except Feb, Sept 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:**

* **Folk Club Night: Last Friday of the month.** Newport Community Hall, 15 Mason St, Newport, 7.30 pm. All welcome to BYO instruments, voices, listening ears. \$5 / gold coin. www.nffc.org.au Michael Stewart, 03 9399 4466. Email: planchan@optusnet.com.au

* **Newport Bush Orchestra:** (Conducted by Greg O’Leary) Mondays, 7:30pm – 9:30pm. All levels welcome. \$80 per term. Outlets Community Cooperative, 43 Mason St Newport

* **Newport Community Choir:** (Conducted by Alan Davies) Wednesdays, 7.30 – 9pm. \$80 per term or \$10 per session. Newport Baptist rear church hall, 26 Mason St Newport. Enq: 03 9391 1103

* **Nosh Cafe – Newport Gypsy Djangos:** First Saturday of month. 2pm – 4pm, Nosh Cafe, 24 Hall St Newport.

* **Newport RSL - "BBQ and Bands"** Second Sunday of the month. 12pm – 5pm. Newport RSL, 28 Market St Newport. Music and barbecue all afternoon.

- **Acoustic Night at Breizoz Creperie:**

Second Thursday of the Month, Breizoz Creperie, 139 Nelson Place, Williamstown. 7.15 – 10.30pm. \$10.

Enq: Greg on 9397 5224 or

greg_hammond23@hotmail.com

www.myspace.com/greghammond

**** Thurs 12th November: Litchfield Hallstars** – energetic acoustic band from St Kilda, and support act **Harry Cook Trio** - jazz and alternative.

- **Albert Park Yacht Club Concerts and Tuesday Night “Penny Black” Sessions**

**** Regular concerts** at the **Albert Park Yacht Club Port Lounge**, 28 Aquatic Drive, Albert Park Lake Reserve. 7.30pm for 8pm start. \$20 includes yummy refreshments. **Bookings essential.**

**** Session venue** for both **singers** and **musicians** on the **second Tuesday** of the month at “**Penny Black**” bar and café, 420 Sydney Rd, Brunswick (formerly known as “Don’t Tell Tom”). Good food available to purchase. Music starts around 8pm.

Contact: Cliff Ellery at taxman@bigpond.net.au or on 9690 1233 or 0418 179 411 to book or for directions. More details at: www.harmonyrow.com.au

* **Friday Night 9th October** - Albert Park -**The**

Raga Dolls Quartet. David Osborne, violinist extraordinaire, George Butrumlis, accordion god, Kieren Ray, guitar and Nic Synot on bass – ‘salon music’ evoking red velvet, fringed lampshades and people with a past!



* **Tuesday Night 13th October** - “**Penny Black**” session.

* **Friday Night 23rd October** – Albert Park – **The Stiletto Sisters** - Luscious, exciting, gypsy melodies, seductive tango rhythms, popular, traditional, old continental favourites & love songs from Europe and Latin America. Note changed entry prices of \$25/\$15.

* **Friday Night 13th November** – Albert Park – **Janette Geri** – one of this editor’s all-time favourite local singers – beautiful singing, songwriting and guitar playing!

- **Songwriting Masterclasses**

4th Wednesday of every month, 7.30 – 9.30pm.

Groups of up to 8 participants. \$25 for two hours.

Contemporary songwriting. Beginner to advanced but must have written a song or two. Ages 16 to 90 years.

To book call 9346 7545 or email Helen Begley at helenbegley2@yahoo.com.au

- **Guitar/Harmony Singing Group For Women**

Tuesday evenings 7.30pm - 9pm. \$25.00 per class

Groups of up to 6 participants. Various acoustic styles.

Beginner to intermediate. Ages 16 to 90 years. A group for women to sing in harmony while accompanying themselves

on guitar. Led by Helen Begley. Bass players welcome. Call Helen on 9346 7545 or email helenbegley2@yahoo.com.au

- **The Butterfly Glee Club**

Glee Club is the only sing-a-long choir in town. There are no solos, no microphones and no commitment to come every week. You just turn up, grab a drink at the bar and settle back in the gorgeous surrounds of The Butterfly Club to have a big ol' group sing of some of the best music on the planet.

- Showtune Tuesdays 6:15-7:15 (commencing Tuesday 21 July)
- Classic Wednesdays 6:15-7:15

The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank Street, South Melbourne (just near the South Melbourne Town Hall). Melways ref 2K C2. Tickets: \$10. Bookings: www.thebutterflyclub.com or simply turn up. More info: Go to our facebook page or email glee.club@optusnet.com.au

- **3CR Radio Poetry Program**

This program has been a great success so far. If anyone is interested in performing on 3CR they should e-mail Peter Goodyear at pag@alphalink.com.au

- **Attention all women who love to sing.**

Come along and 'get vocal' with 'Vocal Vibes'. We sing a cappella, 4-part harmony and have loads of fun along the way. Currently we are recruiting for all parts but particularly voices in the lower range. Come and give it a try. You'll love it!

Rehearsals: Mondays 7:30pm. Holy Spirit Church Hall, 120 Oban Rd, Ringwood North. Melbourne Victoria. Enquiries: Lorraine on ph: 9435 5665

- **Mosswood Music Classes:**

Wednesday evenings, 7.00 – 8.00pm.

\$160 for the term. All Saints Church, Cnr. High and Walker Sts, Northcote (Melways 30 E12). **Term 4:** 12th October – 30th November. John Handley, B.A. Dip.Ed. is running music classes designed for people wishing to gain confidence in music making. The emphasis is on practical music, learning by doing, and individual success at all levels. The aim of these classes is to provide an entry into music skills and music literacy. The classes are non-threatening; learn at your own pace, using music that combines easy and challenging parts to make a satisfying whole, utilising simple instruments such as xylophones, drums, recorders. Ph: 9471 2705 or 0427 22 77 48, E-mail: info@mosswoodmusic.com Website: www.mosswoodmusic.com

Dancing Around

Woolshed Ball

Victorian Folk Music Club

Saturday October 10th, 8.00pm – 12.30am

With "Blackberry Jam"

St Brigid's Hall, 378 Nicholson St, Fitzroy Nth

\$25 at door.

BYO plate of supper and mugs, drinks and glasses.

Contact: Steve and Jane: 9762 1389

Robin Simpson 9723 2453 or 0413 209 334

Coral Eden: 9885 6109 ceden@pacific.net.au

www.vfmc.org.au

The Gay Charmers Dance Band

50th Anniversary Celebrations

Sunday October 18th,

12.00pm lunch; 1.00pm dancing till teatime.

BYO plate of lunch and afternoon tea.

Harcourt Leisure Centre

Bingham's Road, Harcourt, central Victoria.

Go to website for map or see Vicroads country directory.

www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au

Summer Colonial Ball

Melbourne Colonial Dancers

Saturday November 28th

Preston Town Hall

(more details to come)

www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au

- **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. Enquiries: Steve and Jane: 9762 1389, Coral

Eden: 9885 6109 ceden@pacific.net.au or Robin Simpson:

9723 2453 or 0413 209 334. Email: vfmc@bigpond.net.au

Website: www.vfmc.org.au

* **November 7th:** Music by the **Brumbies.**

* **December 5th:** Music by the **Billabong Band.**

- **Melbourne Colonial Dancers**

Numerous activities on various nights of the week and

month. Very informative website at:

www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au

* **Every Wednesday,** 8-10pm then supper:

Dance classes at St Michael's Church Hall, Cnr

MacPherson & Mcllwraith Sts, Carlton. (Melway Reference:

29J12 Tram Stop: 116)

Recorded music nights \$5 Members \$6 Non members. On

the **1st Wednesday** of the month the **Melbourne Colonial**

Dance Band plays the music. \$6 Memb \$7 Non memb

* **Third Thursday** of every month: Dancing at St Oswald's

Church Hall, 100 High St, Glen Iris. *Melway 60, B9.* Cost \$6.

Contact: Robin Simpson on 03 9723 2543 or Coral Eden on

03 9885 6109 or above website.

- **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

- **Borderline Kaylee:**

A playing group for the under-25's. Youth Celtic Fusion

music, dance and song based on many traditional

influences. Last Sunday of the month at the East Ringwood

Community Hall, Knaith St, (off Dublin Rd, Melway 50B8)

On the Melway it is marked "Red Cross". \$2.00. For info:

Naomi Ph: (03) 9878 4296. Email

borderlinekaylee@hotmail.com

Liz Stockdale Ph: (03) 9380 4291

Email lizstockdale@iprimus.com.au

Web: www.borderlinekaylee.tripod.com

- **English Country Dancing:**

Tuesdays 8-10pm. "The Well Hall Dancers". Venues vary weekly. Contact George or Lyn on 03 9890 5650. Their website is: www.dancingtheweb.com/ecc/wellhall and the general website is: www.EnglishCountryDancing.com

- **Irish Dancing:**

Melbourne Claddagh Dancers. 1st & 3rd Fridays 8-10pm. 2nd & 4th Sundays 2.5pm. St James Church small hall, Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe. Enq: Ina and Graeme Bertrand (03) 9439 9991
www.home.vicnet.net.au/~claddagh



- **Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann:**

Every Monday, 7.30pm: Set Dancing Classes at the Quiet Man Hotel, 271 Racecourse Rd, Flemington. No prior experience necessary. Phone: M. Brouder (03) 9471 0690

Every Wednesday, 7.30pm: Music and Dancing at St. Philip's Church Hall in Hoddle Street, next to the Collingwood Town Hall. All ages welcome, incl. children. Fiddle and tin whistle classes, set dancing and general music session.

Music enquiries: Noel McGrann (03) 9584 4908
Email: comhaltasmelbourne@iinet.net.au
Website: www.members.iinet.net.au/~goreilly

- **Scottish Country Dancing:**

Contacts: Heather: 9503 9538, Jo: 9726 7431, George: 9808 6805, Ian: 9574 8586.
Website: www.home.vicnet.net.au/~rscds

- **Welsh Dancing:**

Welsh Dance Classes. St Thomas' (used to be St Theodore's) Hall, 107 Broughton Rd, Surrey Hills. Mel. 60 K2. Teacher: Ian Kendall. \$5 entry. Enq: Ian: 9898 4891 or Julia: 9890 2546.

- **Central Victorian Dances**

Various Events. Colonial, Old-Time, New Vogue. Mostly couples dances. Phone: Jo White: 9390 1385 or go to the Melbourne Colonial Dancers website and click on 'Oncoming Events' and then 'Old Time Dances'.

- **Bush Dance & Music Club of Bendigo**

Dance on 3rd Saturday every month except September which is the "Dinki Di Ball". **East Bendigo Hall.**
Further Info: Secretary, Mary Smith 03 5442 1153.
Email: bushdance@impulse.net.au

OTHER:

I have lifted these listings from a great website maintained by **Roger Holdsworth** who has broadcast the radio show "Global Village" on PBS-FM 106.7 for many years. The show is currently heard on **Sundays from 8 - 10pm.** Have a listen and phone some support. Roger's gig guide website is: www.asprinworld.com/Guide/.html and he is contactable at: r.holdsworth@unimelb.edu.au

SATURDAY 10 October:

7.30 pm: **Steeleye Span + Gibb Todd:** National Theatre, St Kilda: 9525 4611

8.00 pm: **Rant + Geoff Jones + Andrew Cooper + Jamie McKinnon + Myra McRae Band + Pigeonwing Strings:**

Concert for the Clans: The Potato Shed, Bellarine Multi Arts Centre, 41 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale: 5251 1998

8.00 pm: **Oscar Herrero: Flamenco Puro:** Melba Hall, The University of Melbourne, Royal Parade, Parkville: 9639 0096

SUNDAY 11 October:

2.30 pm: **Melbourne Welsh Male Choir + Melbourne Singers of Gospel + Sudanese Refugee Choir:** St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne: 9287 5521

3.00 pm: **Kenny Lopez Havanna Connection:** Royal Hotel, Footscray - free: 9687 2040

5.00 pm: **Jugularity:** Panton Hills Festival, Panton Hill Memorial Park, corner Bishops and Main Roads, Panton Hills

5.00 pm: **Luau Cowboys:** Marquis of Lorne, Fitzroy - free: 9415 9904

7.30 pm: **World Reggae United:** Bar 303, 303 High Street, Northcote: 9482 4577

8.00 pm: **Wood Cutter:** Bar 303, 393 High Street, Northcote: 9482 4577

Los Cabrones: Night Cat, Fitzroy - free: 9417 0090 (?)

TUESDAY 13 October:

7.00 pm: **Klub MUK:** Bar 303, 393 High Street, Northcote: 9482 4577

Afro Mandinko + Grace Barbé Band: Northcote Social Club, 301 High Street, Northcote: 0430 465 133 or 9486 1677

WEDNESDAY 14 October and every Wednesday:

8.00 pm: **Stiletto Sisters:** Borsch, Vodka and Tears, 173 Chapel Street, Prahran - free: 9530 2694

FRIDAY 16 October:

8.00 pm: **The Barons of Tang + Rapskallion + Woohoo Revue + Mei Lai Swan + many more: 5th Bohemian Masquerade Ball:** Thornbury Theatre, 859 High Street, Thornbury

Grace Barbé: Retreat Hotel, Sydney Road, Brunswick

SATURDAY 17 October:

8.30 pm: **Django's Gypsies:** Czech House, 497 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne: 0425 835 705 or 0403 947 836

10.00 pm: **Kenny Lopez Havana Connection with Aimeé Colás:** The Johnston, 62-70 Johnston Street, Fitzroy: 9415 7226

SUNDAY 18 October:

4.00 pm: **The Black Jesus Experience:** The Horn African Cafe, Johnston Street, Collingwood - free: 9417 4670 (?)

7.30 pm: **Nick Tsiavos + poets: PiO + Helena Spyrou, Angela Costi:** La Mama Theatre, Faraday Street, Carlton
Rumberos: Night Cat, Fitzroy - free: 9417 0090 (?)

MONDAY 19 October:

7.30 pm: **Nick Tsiavos + poets: PiO + Helena Spyrou, Angela Costi:** La Mama Theatre, Faraday Street, Carlton

TUESDAY 20 October:

7.30 pm: **Nick Tsiavos + poets: PiO + Helena Spyrou, Angela Costi:** La Mama Theatre, Faraday Street, Carlton
Afro Mandinko + Cayn Borwick Band: Northcote Social Club, 301 High Street, Northcote: 0430 465 133

THURSDAY 22 October:

8.30 pm: **Camoon:** Claypots Bar and Restaurant, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda: free (?)

Del Barrio: The Johnston, 62-70 Johnston Street, Fitzroy - free: 9415 7226 (?)

FRIDAY 23 October:

7.30 pm: **The Black Arm Band: Dirtsong: Melbourne International Arts Festival,** State Theatre, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 136 166 or 1300 182 183

SATURDAY 24 October:

8.00 pm: **Bohemian Nights:** St Ann's Restaurant, 401 Rathdowne Street, Carlton - dinner and music: 9347 8792
9.30 pm: **Tracey Candy and the Sidearms with Mick**

Ahearne: Lomond Hotel, 225 Nicholson Street, East Brunswick - free
10.00 pm: **Kenny Lopez Havana Connection with Aimeé Colás:** The Johnston, 62-70 Johnston Street, Fitzroy: 9415 7226

SUNDAY 25 October:

12.00 noon: **Stiletto Sisters:** No 35 at Sofitel Restaurant, 35th Floor, Hotel Sofitel, 25 Collins Street, Melbourne: 9653 7744

4.00 pm: **The Black Jesus Experience:** The Horn African Cafe, Johnston Street, Collingwood - free: 9417 4670 (?)

Rumberos: Night Cat, Fitzroy - free: 9417 0090 (?)

TUESDAY 27 October:

Afro Mandinko + Wouter Kellerman + One Africa + Bec Matthews: Northcote Social Club, 301 High Street, Northcote: 0430 465 133

THURSDAY 29 October:

8.30 pm: **Camoon:** Claypots Bar and Restaurant, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda: free (?)

Del Barrio: The Johnston, 62-70 Johnston Street, Fitzroy - free: 9415 7226 (?)

SATURDAY 31 October:

7.00 pm: **Passi Jo + Aimee Colas + Pam Kleeman + more:** **Congo Cuba Nkumba:** Fitzroy Town Hall, 201 Napier Street, Fitzroy: 9417 6777

7.30 pm: **Bohemian Nights:** Harvester Moon Restaurant, 2320 Portarlington Road, Bellarine - dinner and music: 5259 3200

8.00 pm: **La Mezcla: Salsa at the Edge:** BMW Edge, Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne (PBS-FM event): 8415 1067

SUNDAY 1 November:

5.00 pm: **Kavisha Mazzella:** Music for the Soul, Northcote Uniting Church, 251 High Street, Northcote

7.30 pm: **Stiletto Sisters:** After the Tears, 9 Gordon Street, Elsternwick: 9523 0969 (?)

TUESDAY 3 November:

7.30 pm: **Bohemian Nights:** Budapest Restaurant and Palinka Bar, 273 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick: 9530 0849

SATURDAY 7 November:

1.30 pm: **Bohemian Nights + La Voce Della Luna:** Darebin Homemade Wine Festival, Shire Hall, Gower Street, Preston

SATURDAY 14 November:

Bronwyn Calcutt: CD launch: Northcote Uniting Church, 251 High Street, Northcote

SUNDAY 15 November:

3.00 pm: **Our Home Our Land CD/DVD Launch:** Boite, Fitzroy Town Hall, 201 Napier Street, Fitzroy: 9417 1983

5.00 pm: **Blak Roots + Vox Congo New Generation + Kundalila: Congo Styles:** Black Box, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne - free

THURSDAY 19 November:

8.00 pm: **The Red Eyes + Mad Professor + Tumi + Public Opinion Afro Orchestra + Dubmarine: Australasian World Music Expo:** HiFi Bar, 125 Swanston Street, Melbourne: 1300 843 4434

FRIDAY 20 November:

7.30 pm: **Kavisha Mazzella: Mermaids in the Well and The Devil's On My Shoulder:** La Mama, Faraday Street, Carlton

SATURDAY 21 November:

7.30 pm: **Kavisha Mazzella: Mermaids in the Well and The Devil's On My Shoulder:** La Mama, Faraday Street, Carlton

8.30 pm: **Blue King Brown + Toguna + Emma Donovan + more: Australasian World Music Expo:** HiFi Bar, 125 Swanston Street, Melbourne: 1300 843 4434

SUNDAY 22 November:

3.00 pm: **Pigram Brothers + George Telek and Moab Stringband + Marasirato Pan Pipers + Shakura Stringband + David Bridie + Stiff Gins + Shellie Morris + Injanoo Dancers + more: Tradewinds:** Australasian World Music Expo: Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333
7.30 pm: **Kavisha Mazzella: Mermaids in the Well and The Devil's On My Shoulder:** La Mama, Faraday Street, Carlton

FRIDAY 27 November:

8.00 pm: **Allan Browne + Margie Lou Dyer and friends:** Surrey Music Café: Boite, Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill: 9262 6555

8.30 pm: **The Bamboos + San Lazaro + Grace Barbé: Australasian World Music Expo:** HiFi Bar, 125 Swanston Street, Melbourne: 1300 843 4434

TUESDAY 1 December:

7.30 pm: **Bohemian Nights:** Budapest Restaurant and Palinka Bar, 273 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick: 9530 0849

Out-of-Town Diary Dates

- **Irish Music In Trentham**

****Saturday October 10th, 7.30pm:** Concert in the Trentham Mechanics Hall, Trentham, central Victoria. Two traditional Irish musicians - fiddler **Antóin MacGabhann** and **Mick O'Connor** on banjo (old style master players), along with **Tony O'Rourke** (guitar/bouzouki), **Eileen McPhillips** (guitar/singer) and **Mossie Scanlon** (sean-nós singer). Tickets: \$15/\$10. Chn under 15 free. For bookings and info contact Patrick Walsh patjoes.walsh@gmail.com or 0400 963 511

****Sunday October 11th, 1pm:** Workshops in fiddle, banjo and mandolin with **Antóin** and **Mick** at the Trentham Hotel. \$30. Bookings as above.

- **Star Cinema, Bendigo**

****Saturday 24th October, from 6.00pm:**

The Star Cinema in conjunction with Phoenix FM Community Radio presents a very special fundraising evening of music, film and food. **Feast** on a delicious southern style **meal** and enjoy the following **films:**

'Bluegrass Roots: Music Makers of Blue Ridge' (1965) 62min. This 1965 doco presents a 'who's who' of the most extraordinary singers, players and dancers the Appalachian Mountains has to offer. A rare treat not to be missed.

'Songcatcher' (2001) 109min. Musicologist Dr Lily Penleric heads to Appalachia in 1907 with a recording device and writing materials. She discovers folk songs of Scotland and Ireland that have been preserved and passed down through generations of secluded people.

Also featuring a special live performance by renowned bluegrass band **Hardrive!**

Bookings essential. Tickets \$40 full, \$30 concession, includes dinner and films.

Reservations, screening & general information:

(03)5446-2025 **Mobile Phone:** 0427 362 067

Alternatively, leave a message with your details and we'll return your call at our earliest convenience.

Email: info@starcinema.org.au

- **Music at the Alpaca Farm, Harcourt**

**** Thursday 29th October, 7pm:**

House Concert with **Chloe and Jason Roweth**, from NSW. An evening of beautiful songs and music from two of Australia's finest singers, writers and researchers of Australian music. At Keith and Jenny McKenry's alpaca farm at 121 Fenton Drive Harcourt North, central Victoria. The cost including supper is just \$10. Limited spaces are available - book tickets and get directions on 5439 6525 or email: fangedwombat@activ8.net.au

- **Selby Folk Club (30th year!)**

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

**** Friday 6th November: Eddie Cole Band.**

**** Friday 4th December:** Selby's 30th Anniversary CD Launch featuring **The Yearlings**.

- **Harmony Row Vineyard**

Regular concerts at the lovely Harmony Row Vineyard near Kyneton, central Victoria. Often combined with lunches or dinners. Contact Dennis Cartwright on 0400 804855 or 03 54235286, harmonyrowvineyard@bigpond.com or website www.harmonyrow.com.au

- **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

**** Fri October 16th: Phil Garland** - Phil Garland is a highly respected folksinger-songwriter and entertainer from New Zealand. He has spent a lifetime researching, collecting, writing and performing, during which time he has often been described as A National Living Treasure and New Zealand's foremost and finest heritage balladeer.

**** Fri November 20th: Fat Chance and the Bluegrass Playboys.** From bluegrass to pop on a huge variety of instruments.

- **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.

- **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. Enquiries: 03 9789 9789
Email: admin@peninsulafolkclub.asn.au

- **Wax Lyrical**

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

Wax Lyrical in Hepburn (near Daylesford) @ The Old Hepburn Hotel, 236 Main Road, Hepburn. Generally the first Sunday of every month. 4 - 7pm. Featured artist each month. Gold coin donation for local CFA.

**** Sunday 1st November: Wendy Ealey**

**** Sunday 29th November: Wax Lyrical Showcase** – live recording

Wax Lyrical in Ballarat @ Portico Wine Bar, 203 Dana St, Ballarat. Last Thursday of each month, 7.30 pm.

If you're interested in performing, 15 minute slots are available, so either email Trevor Shard with a brief bio and requirements (see below) or call 0404 069 019. Whether you're going to play or not, simply go along to enjoy listening to the music and help make the events a success.

Trevor Shard - ASA Regional Co-ordinator Victoria
waxlyrical@westnet.com.au www.asai.org.au

- **Geelong Folk Music Club**

Second Tuesday of the month – Open Mic Night. 8pm. Irish Murphy's Pub, 30 Aberdeen St, Geelong. Phone (03)5221 4335.

Meals, drinks, coffee available. Enquiries to Adam at admin@geelongfolkmusicclub.com or check out the club website: www.geelongfolkmusicclub.com

Occasional "Live and Local" feature concerts, also at Irish Murphy's.

- **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.

- **Dandenong Ranges Music Session**

Second Sunday of the month, Upwey RSL, Mast Gully Road, Upwey, Vic. 3.00 pm till 6.00 pm. Come-all-ye musicians and singers. ** Not on in October.

- **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.

- **Burke and Wills Winery Music Events**

Occasional music events run by Andrew Pattison of Troubadour and Newstead Live! fame. 89 Coombes Lane, Mia Mia, 101 kms NW of Melbourne.

Bookings and info: Phone: 03 5425 5400.

Email: wineandmusic@bigpond.com

Web: www.wineandmusic.net

- **Bendigo Folk Club**

First Wednesday of the month: 7.30pm. Sharing of songs, music, tales and poems. All welcome. Under the Grandstand, Queen Elizabeth Oval, View Street, Bendigo. Gold coin donation. Contact: Geoff on 5448 3225 ah
Website: www.bendigofolkclub.com

**** Friday 16th October, 7.30pm:** "Gorgeous Voices Festival" concert with **Kavisha Mazzella** and **The Rainmakers**.

\$20/\$15. Bookings from the Capital (Bendigo's Performing Arts Centre), View Street, Bendigo. Phone: 03 5434 6100 or www.thecapital.com.au.

**** Saturday 17th October, 3pm:** "Open Folk'n" – open mic. Gold coin donation. To secure a performance spot phone: 5448 3225 ah

**** Saturday 17th October, 7.30pm:** "Gorgeous Voices Festival" concert with **Jo Jo Smith** and **Andy Rigby & Polly Christie**. \$20/\$15. Bookings as above.

- **Guildford Folk Club**

Third Wednesday of the month: The welcoming lounge of the historic Guildford Pub, 12kms from Castlemaine. Sharing of songs, music, tales and poems. All welcome, both participants and listeners. Great food. Free entry. Contact: Jeanette Gillespie: 03 5473 4201 or jfgfolk@gmail.com

- **Carisbrook Folk Club**

First Monday of the month: Near Maryborough in Central Victoria. Sharing of songs, music, tales and poems. Lions Hall, Green Street. 7.30 – 10.30 pm. Free. Bring a plate of supper to share. Enq: 03 5464 2693.

- **Music in Trentham, Vic.**

Second Friday of the month: Open Mic at the Pig and Whistle Hotel. They also run other concerts. Enquiries: (03) 5424 1213

Last Friday of the month: Session at the Trentham Hotel. Enquiries: (03) 5424 1303

- **Tikk Tokkk Klezmer Kollektive**

Also known as the "Kastlemaine Klezmer Kollektive" - play a kollektion (sic) of klezmer, baltik, eastern European and Skandinavian musik and features an eklektic and eksentric group of musicians from central Victoria.

Anyone interested in playing is welcome to join in. Meeting places and times vary. **Contact** Neil Barr: Email:

neil_barr@fastmail.fm

Festivals

Enrolments to the 2010 Lake School of Celtic Music Song & Dance are now open.

Now in it's 11th year, the Lake School has developed into Australia's premier Celtic school attracting students and tutors from across the land. It's simply the best way to begin the new year - submerged in the music, dance and the spoken word of our Celtic heritage. You will emerge uplifted and inspired.

The 2010 tutors include session master Paddy Fitzgerald (an internationally respected button accordionist from Clare), Ewen Baker (returns to lead fiddle and mandolin), Vince Brophy (guitar - fingerpicking and song accompaniment), Maria Forde (singing), Tommy Carty (DADGAD guitar - Irish tune accompaniment), Dennis O'Keeffe (songwriting), Ade Kelly (bodhran & Paddy O'Neill Award), Margie Brophy, Christine Meagher & Gary Egan (Children's Program), Mark McDonnell (Anglo concertina), Jack Brennan (uilleann pipes), Marie Brouder (Irish set dance), Lynelle Moran (flute), Mossie Scanlon (Irish language), and Dennis Taberner (banjo sessions).

And don't forget to get your entries in to the Spud Poet's Award, or to apply for the Paddy O'Neill Award.

The 11th Lake School of Celtic Music Song & Dance is in Koroit on January 3-8, 2010. Contact details below.

From Friday 9th October for ten days:

The Hepburn Springs Swiss Italian Festa – Bendigo.

Food & wine, music & performance, open gardens, convivio, art, open studios, sports & walks and heritage further details available www.swissitalianfesta.com
www.visitdaylesford.com.au

16th – 18th October:

The 'Gorgeous Gathering of Voices' – Bendigo. Tickets for the Gorgeous Voices Festival will be on sale at the end of July: available from The Capital: 03

- 54346100. For more information about the festival —

www.gorgeousvoices.org.au

Sunday afternoon, October 18 – massed choir finale in Bendigo's Sacred Heart Cathedral. No experience necessary but you need to obtain the copies of the music and lyrics from Sue on 03 5439 6233. info@gorgeousvoices.org.au

23rd – 25th October: Dorrigo Folk and Bluegrass

Festival, NSW. Some of Australia's best Folk, Bluegrass and Old-time country musicians. Phone: 02 6657 1224 or email: info@dorrigofolkbluegrass.com.au or log onto: www.dorrigofolkbluegrass.com.au

23rd – 25th October: Fleurieu Folk Festival, Willunga,

SA. A weekend of music concerts and sessions, dance, workshops, bush poets, children's entertainment, stalls, etc on the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula.

Contact Peter Thornton: pete1@fleurieufolkfestival.com.au

Website: www.fleurieufolkfestival.com.au

30th October – 2nd November:

Maldon Folk Festival, Maldon, Central Vic. Victoria's largest folk festival after Port Fairy – but with a friendly country town atmosphere – a National Trust classified town in fact! Enq: Lynda: 03 5475 1167. Email:

mail@maldonfolkfestival.com

Website: www.maldonfolkfestival.com

30th October – 2nd November:

Burke and Wills Winery Folk Gathering, Mia Mia near Kyneton, Vic. Laid-back weekend of music. Songs and conviviality. Various concerts at various prices (inc Martin Pearson and Kristina Olsen) plus sessions.

Tuesday Cup Day luncheon and other activities. 11am to 5pm. \$15. Bookings and info for all above: Andrew Pattison: 03 5425 5400 or wineandmusic@bigpond.com Web:

www.wineandmusic.net

Friday 6th – Sunday 8th November:

"Tune Up 2009". Residential Statewide Community Music-Makers' Gathering at 'Amberley', Lower Plenty, Vic.

A weekend of singing, music making, networking, song swapping & skills sharing for Victorian community music making activists, singing leaders, group leadership teams and community music-making facilitators.

All expressions of interest to cmv@netspace.net.au

Phone: 9662 1162

6th – 8th November: Beechworth Celtic Festival, Vic.

A feast of all things Celtic, with concerts, sessions, market, dinners, dancing, piping, etc. Info: 1300 366 321.

info@beechworthcelticfestival.com.au

www.beechworthcelticfestival.com.au

6th – 8th November: TSDAV Spring Dance Weekend,

Portarlinton, Vic. A weekend of workshops, dances, etc. Foreshore Community Hall. For information on bookings and accommodation, call Marion Stabb: (03) 9439 7100, Ken Gellatly: (03) 9885 5756

13th – 15th November: Music at the Creek, Major's

Creek, NSW. A beautiful friendly folk festival between Canberra and the coast. Enq: Alison Smith: 02 4842 2097.

Email: info@musicatthecreek.com

Web: www.musicatthecreek.com

19th – 22nd November: Harrierville 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. Earlybird registration closes October 21st.

For enquiries phone: 03 5368 6888 (ah) or mob: 0418 394

915. Website: www.bluegrass.org.au

Email: harrierville@bluegrass.org.au

19th – 22nd November: Australasian World Music

Expo, Melbourne, Vic. Traditional and contemporary indigenous roots and world music from Australia, Melanesia and the Pacific. Fantastic concerts, forums, speakers. Arts

Centre Hamer Hall, The Spiegeltent and the Transit Bar.
Variety of prices from Free to \$49. Bookings: Ticketmaster:
1300 136 166. For info on programs etc: 03 9314 0272 or
0413 007 602 or info@www.awme.com.au or website:
www.awme.com.au

27th – 29th November: Queenscliff Music Festival, Vic.
Not too much “folk” any more but certainly an eclectic variety
of music. You really need to pre-book if you intend to go.
1300 438 849. www.qmf.net.au

**Christmas to New Year and beyond: Black and White
Folk Festival - Nariel Creek, near Corryong, Vic:**
A laid-back gathering of people of all ages who flock to camp
on the banks of Nariel Creek near Corryong in north-eastern
Victoria to relax, socialise, sing, play and dance. Enquiries:
Linton on 02 6077 4332, Ian on 02 6077 1273 or Jamie on
02 6076 2432. Email: poetfarm@corryongcec.net.au
Website: www.narielcreekfestival.org.au

December 27 – Jan 1 - Woodford Festival, QLD.
The largest folk festival in Australia – music, song, dance,
the spoken word, food, celebrations, folk culture, etc. etc.
Phone: 07 5496 1066. Visit: www.woodfordfolkfestival.com

**3rd – 8th January 2010: The Lake School of Celtic Music,
Koroit, Victoria.** A summer holiday in an “Irish” village, with
music, song and dance classes all day and sessions and
ceilidhs all night! Top class tutors. Email:
felix@bushwahzee.com. Phone: 03 98791654(w) or 0413
801 294 or visit: www.lakeschool.bushwahzee.com

**8th – 10th January: Cygnet Folk Festival, Huon Valley,
Tasmania.** Fantastic folk festival in a beautiful setting.
Tickets available through Cygnet Telecottage by phoning
(03) 6295 1708 or through Centertainment by phoning (03)
6234 5998 or online at www.centertainment.com.au

**7th – 10th January: The Boite Singers' Festival,
Daylesford, Victoria.** A fantastic weekend of singing and
songwriting workshops and concerts in the heart of Central
Victoria. Phone: 03 9417 1983. Email:
singers@boite.com.au or log onto: www.boite.com.au

**17th – 22nd January: Celtic Southern Cross Music Under
the Mountains. Campaspe Downs, Kyneton, Victoria.**
This fabulous week of music workshops was formerly held in
Tasmania. Most workshops are already full, but it is worth
enquiring if you are interested. Contact: 03 6397 3427,
email: music@celt.com.au
Website: www.celt.com.au/summer.html

**14th – 17th January: 24th Illawarra Folk Festival, Bulli,
NSW.** 500 performers, 12 venues. Phone: 1300 887 034.
Email: info@illawarrafolkclub.org.au
Website: www.illawarrafolkfestival.org.au

**15th – 17th January: Tamar Valley Folk Festival, George
Town, Tas.** Another gorgeous Tassie folk festival, this one in
the north of the state. Phone: Chris: 0407 313 103.
Email: info@tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com
Website: www.tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com

**15th – 24th January: Tamworth Country Music Festival,
NSW.** Contact: Tourism Tamworth Ltd, PO Box 552,
Tamworth, NSW, 2340. Web: www.tcmf.com.au
Ph: 02 6767 5300, Fax: 02 6767 5312.
Email: tourism@tamworth.nsw.gov.au

**22nd – 25th January: Newstead Live! Folk Festival,
Newstead, Central Victoria.** Many fabulous local, national
and international performers. Phone: 03 5425 5400 or 03
9801 2114, email: wineandmusic@bigpond.com or log on to
www.wineandmusic.net

26th – 28th February: Cobargo Folk Festival, NSW.
Enquiries: 02 6493 6758 or email:
cobargofolkfestival@bigpond.com
Website: www.cobargofolkfestival.com

26th – 28th February: Frances Folk Gathering, SA. Phone:
08 8765 1093. Email: folk@francesfolkfestival.com.au
Website: www.francesfolkfestival.com.au

26th February – 1st March: Nannup Music Festival, WA.
Enq: 08 9756 1511. Website: www.nannupmusicfestival.org

5th – 8th March: Port Fairy Folk Festival, Port Fairy, Vic.
www.portfairyfolkfestival.com
Phone: 03 5225 1232 or 5568 2227

**5th – 8th March: Burke & Wills Folk Gathering, Burke &
Wills Winery, Vic.** 03 5425 5400. www.wineandmusic.net

11th – 21st March: Brunswick Music Festival, Vic.
Phone: 03 9387 3376. Email: johnbmf@vicnet.net.au.
Log on to: www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au

**7th – 14th March: Echuca Moama Celtic Festival, Murray
River.** Celtic bands, concerts, pipe bands, dancers,
Gathering of the Clans dinner, heritage workshops, fine food
& wines, Celtic religious service, and a spiritual pilgrimage
along the Murray. Phone: 0400 563 399
Email: info@celticfestival.com.au
Web: www.celticfestival.com.au

Melbourne Folk Club Christmas Dinner

Saturday November 28th 2009 6pm onwards.

I would like to book for _____ people at a cost of \$35 per head.

Total Enclosed (cash / cheque / money order): _____

Name:

Address:

Phone: Email:

[Please return to Melbourne Folk Club or: Folk Victoria, PO Box 1096, Carlton, Vic, 3053.]

Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc (Folk Victoria)

**Thursday November
26th, 2009, 8.00 pm**

**in the back room of the Lomond Hotel, cnr
Nicholson & Blythe Sts, Brunswick East.
(ask the bar staff to guide you when you arrive)**

Well, what a year – the FSDSV has kept its engines running and our new Folk Club has presented great music every Saturday due principally to the efforts of Mel Robertson and John O’Leary, with assistance from Graham Dodsworth and others. We have found new audiences and renewed enthusiasm and would love to keep this going into the coming year.

OK you may think AGMs are boring, but ours is a friendly gathering with not much pomp and ceremony – and the Lomond has some great music on Thursday nights, so you can wander in and listen after the meeting.

Folk Victoria has had a great team of committee and volunteers, but to survive some new faces and extra hands will be needed to present further concerts, folk club nights, dances and other activities in the coming year.

Please come and join us on November 26th – even if you can’t offer your services as a committee member you can keep our spirits up and maybe offer some time and ideas.

** If you are a current financial member you are entitled to vote on all matters at the AGM, and to nominate for a 2009/2010 committee position. (If you have not joined or renewed prior to the meeting, may attend and pay for your membership subscription on the night.) However, non-members are also welcome to attend as observers and to join in the discussions.

** Members may put any matter of business before the general meeting for consideration or discussion. Such items of General Business which members wish to have included on the AGM agenda should be sent in writing to The FSDSV Secretary, 25 Cerberus Crescent, Williamstown, 3016, or emailed to Rick Sidgwick at rickstar@alphalink.com.au by Thursday, 12th November.

(Should you wish that notification of the nature of this business be circulated to members of the Society prior to the meeting, could you please notify Rick by November 5th)

** Nominations are called for all Committee positions. Completed nomination forms must be in the hands of the Executive prior to the commencement of the AGM.

**Members are entitled to appoint another member as proxy at the AGM, by notice given to the Executive in the form set out prior to the commencement of the meeting.

** Forms for committee nominations and proxy nomination can be obtained by contacting the Secretary, Rick Sidgwick (see above for details) and will also be available at the meeting (must be filled in prior to the commencement of the meeting).

**Looking forward to seeing you
there!**

Jeanette Gillespie (President)