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From the President

Greetings all. This will be our last newsletter for the year so I’d like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a safe, enjoyable and refreshing holiday period. Thanks for staying with us and supporting and enjoying good live music. Long may it continue!



Membership Renewal

Thanks to those who have renewed already. I do not have a list of you at the time of going to print, so I am including another **membership renewal form** in this newsletter – please ignore if you have renewed! Don’t forget that there is an additional charge of \$10 for those wishing to receive a printed copy in the post. Please indicate your preference on the membership form.

Graham Squance Memorial Award Presentation – Sat October 24th

Our annual folk award this year was presented at the Melbourne Folk Club on **Saturday October 24th**, to **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’s citation reads: *"In recognition of his talents as a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, and for the compassion, generosity, musicality and professionalism he has shared in his role as a recording engineer and producer."*



Hugh himself performed on the day, as did the group **“unSung”**.

Folk Victoria’s Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting was unfortunately very poorly attended, but those who made it had a jolly time at the Lomond Hotel, and the same committee was duly re-elected, with the same office-bearers! Folk Victoria thanks those 10 people who have served and are willing to continue to serve the cause!

This Newsletter

I have omitted some of the usual listings as they are in recess over the holiday period. There are still some fabulous music events happening during December and January, however, so go through with a fine toothcomb and you’ll have plenty to entertain you!

Cheers,
Jeanette Gillespie (President and Editor)

The Melbourne Folk Club

The Melbourne Folk Club has celebrated its first birthday in the new venue and format, and has continued each Saturday to present a diverse array of talent. I had the privilege of performing there myself twice in November and can attest to its friendly atmosphere. Thanks again to Mel Robertson and John O’Leary in particular, and to others who have helped out through the year. After Saturday’s gig with Martin Pearson, the folk club will be in recess until February.

Saturday December 5th

3 till 6pm \$12 / \$8

Grandview Hotel 47 Pearson St, Brunswick West

Martin Pearson’s “The Unfinished Spelling Errors of Bolkien”

Martin Pearson’s one man performance of The Lord of the Rings, with music! He combines his considerable talents with his great affection for The Lord of the Rings, [books and films], to bring us his unique take on the trilogy.

“The Unfinished Spelling Errors Of Bolkien” has been described as “...the very best kind of parody, witty and erudite and based on a detailed knowledge of the original story.”

“Martin Pearson is at pains to point out that he is a great fan of The Lord of the Rings and ipso facto he has licence to abduct and mutilate it in a most hilarious fashion.” thegreenman.net.au
“...Hilarious show by a master comic, Martin’s humour is rapier wit at its sharpest.” The Boite

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

MORE FOLK NEWS AND VIEWS

• FAA Youth Awards

Just a reminder that nominations for the **Folk Alliance Australia and National Festival Youth Awards** are now open. If you would like to nominate a young performer or group please contact Felix Meagher on: development@folkalliance.org.au for details or go to the Folk Alliance website and download the form:

<http://www.folkalliance.org.au/page/CallforNominations/>

Passing of Folk Friends

The news of the deaths of three folk identities who may be known to some of you have saddened us in the past couple of months:

Paddy O'Neill

Paddy was well-known in Melbourne for generously sharing and passing on Irish music traditions and his involvements included the Melbourne branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and the Koroit Lake School of Celtic Music. He was diagnosed with advanced lung cancer then spent three weeks in the Austin, tossing up whether treatment was worthwhile. Andy Rigby reports that he visited him in palliative care, and though obviously very ill, he was in remarkably good spirits. In the end he had very little treatment, but some good quality time with family, saying the things that needed to be said. A requiem mass was held at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in North Werribee on November 18, followed by a family burial in Werribee.

Ken Ferguson

Western Australian singer, songwriter, geologist, journalist and historian Ken Ferguson lost his battle with a long and debilitating illness in October.

Ken's high, strong and expressive voice, driving rhythm guitar style and unflinching ear for a great song made him a compelling and intense performer, until he was forced to stop playing as his memory began to fail him in the early 2000's. He leaves us with great memories of a musical chronicler of Australian stories, of his witty and engaging company, his warm friendship and many a chorus sung and shared over the years.

Originally from Inverness in Scotland, Ken was responsible for some outstanding and ambitious songwriting, contributing widely-performed songs such as Alice on the Line, Franklin's River and The Singing Wire to the Australian song tradition. He will be best remembered for his "Folk Operas", such as "The Singing Wire" and "Franklin", a collaboration with co-writer Tony Phipps. "Working Man's Paradise", the tale of William Lane and the New Australia colony in Paraguay, was another Phipps collaboration which was performed at the Fairbridge Festival. Ken also produced an excellent CD of original songs, Basic Blue, in 1997, which included a memorable version of his masterpiece song, Alice on the Line.

Jonathan Mitchell

People in far flung parts of Australia will have fond memories of a young giant of an Englishman who had a huge font of great songs, a great sense of humour and boundless energy. Jonathan came to Australia in 1980 and spent more than 17 years here, on and off, much of it teaching west of Alice Springs. An unforgettable character, he popped up in many corners of the folk scene, and we were sad to learn that he died in his sleep of a heart attack on September 21st, just short of his 54th birthday.



- 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

- **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.
- **The Boite World Music Café:**
The Boite regular events are in recess, but will ramp up again next year with the Singer's Festival which is listed in the Festivals section. **General details are:**
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
- **Victorian Folk Music Club (VFMC):**
**** Ringwood Folk Club Guest Artist Night.** 8.00 pm.
\$10/\$6. **East Ringwood Community Hall** ("Red Cross Hall", enter into driveway from Knaith Road). Guest artist plus floor



spots. Enq: Maree: 03 9733 0802. www.vfmc.org.au or
Email: vfmc@bigpond.net.au

**** Tuesday 8th December: Martin Pearson, plus Mark Cryle.**

- **Clifton Hill Hotel Music Nights**

Every Wednesday night, 8:30 pm till 11.30pm. 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 9th December - Shannon Bourne, Mark Cryle, Ben Rogers and Romana Geerman**

**** Wed 16th December – Christmas Party with Geoff Achinson, Jimi Hocking, Nick Charles**

- **Newport Fiddle and Folk Club:**

www.nffc.org.au Michael Stewart, 03 9399 4466. Email: planchan@optusnet.com.au

**** Nosh Cafe – Newport Gypsy Djangos:**

Saturday December 5th, 2pm – 4pm,
Nosh Cafe, 24 Hall St Newport.

**** Substation Market: Saturday**

December 5th - music all day from 10 - 4

to enjoy while doing the Christmas shopping. Newport Substation, 1 Market St, Newport.

**** Christmas Celebration: Saturday December 12th**, 7.30-9pm. Newport Substation. Celebrate the spirit of Christmas by listening to, and singing with, local musicians playing Christmas Carols. The event is presented by Hobsons Bay City Council, the Newport Fiddle and Folk Club, The Substation and Outlets Cooperative, Newport.

- **Tuesday Night “Penny Black” Session:**

**** The venue** for this enjoyable and inclusive singing session **has changed** but at the time of going to print, I do not have details. It should still be happening on **Tuesday December 8th** at around 8pm so if you are interested, contact Cliff Ellery at taxman@bigpond.net.au or on 9690 1233 or 0418 179 411 for details.

- **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 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

Dancing Around

- **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

**** 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.

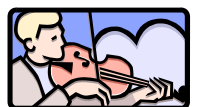
Contact: Robin Simpson on 03 9723 2543 or Coral Eden on 03 9885 6109 or above website.

- **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/eccd/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@inet.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/GV.html and he is contactable at: r.holdsworth@unimelb.edu.au

FRIDAY 4 December:

5.00 pm: **Donegal Express + Fitzgerald Family:** Celtic Club, Queen Street, Melbourne - free: 9670 6472 (?)

6.00 pm: **Dan Bourke and friends:** Drunken Poet, West Melbourne - free: 9348 9797 (?)

6.30 pm: **Mark Atkins and Ron Murray (didg) + Calvin Bowman (organ) + Kim Cunio, Heather Lee, Tunji Beier + Joy Murphy Wandin: Voices for Didgeridoo, Organ and Narrator (Philip Glass):** Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street, Melbourne: 9639 0096

SATURDAY 5 December:

4.00 pm: **Liz Cavanagh + Kutch Edwards + Jarrah Acoustic: Koorie Night Market:** Northcote Rown Hall, 189 High Street, Northcote: 0419 764 251

7.00 pm: **Alofa for Samoa Concert: Tsunami Appeal:** Williamstown Town Hall, Williamstown: 0466 117 777

7.30 pm: **Zulya and the Children of the Underground + Vulgargrad + DJ Russian Disco: Russian Unorthodox Christmas:** Toff in Town, Swanston Street, Melbourne: 1300 438 849

La Cantina: Thornbury Theatre, 859 High Street, Thornbury: 9484 9831

SUNDAY 6 December:

3.00 pm: **Gnarnayarrahe Waitairie + Jali Buba Kuyateh + Noriko Tadano:** Music Deli: Salon, Melbourne Recital Centre, Southbank Boulevard, Southbank: 9699 3333

3.00 pm: **Lachlan Davidson, Tony Hicks, Stuart Byrne (saxophones) + Andrew MacGregor (shakuhachi) + Eugene Ughetti (percussion):** Fitzroy Town Hall, Napier Street, Fitzroy

4.00 pm: **La Voce Della Luna with Kavisha Mazzella + Brothers in Christ Samoan Choir:** Music Deli: Foyer, Melbourne Recital Centre, Southbank Boulevard, Southbank - free: 9699 3333

5.00 pm: **Fine Blue Thread + Zulya and the Children of the Underground:** Music Deli: Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre, Southbank Boulevard, Southbank: 9699 3333

6.00 pm: **MelSamba Show Bateria:**

Som Brazuca: Brazilian Dance Party: Transit Lounge, Transport Bar, Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne

7.30 pm: **Zulya and the Children of the Underground + Vulgargrad + Gypsy Sound**

System (Switzerland): Russian Unorthodox Christmas:

Toff in Town, Swanston Street, Melbourne: 1300 438 849

Sacred Music Concert: Parliament of the World's Religions: MCEC Plenary Hall, Melbourne



WEDNESDAY 9 December:

6.30 pm: **Code One + Frank Lee Darling + Mr Black and Blues:** Suzuki Night Market, Queen Victoria Market, corner Queen and Thierry Streets, North Melbourne

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

THURSDAY 10 December:

My Friend the Chocolate Cake: Thornbury Theatre, 859 High Street, Thornbury: 9484 9831

FRIDAY 11 December:

7.00 pm: **Ruth Roshan and Tango Noir:** The Butterfly Club, South Melbourne

8.30 pm: **The Woohoo Revue + Mojo Juju and the Snake Oil Merchants + Mikangelo and the Tin Star:** East Brunswick Club Hotel, Lygon Street, East Brunswick

SATURDAY 12 December:

7.00 pm: **Ruth Roshan and Tango Noir:** The Butterfly Club, South Melbourne

SUNDAY 13 December:

11.00 am: **Melbourne Djembe Family Day:** Fairfield Boathouse, Heidelberg Road, Fairfield

7.00 pm: **Jenny M Thomas and The System + Bidy Connor:** Open Studio, 204 High Street, Northcote

TUESDAY 15 December:

Bohemian Nights: Ernie Gruner and Phil Carroll: Bar Lourinha, 37 Little Collins Street, Melbourne: 9663 7890

WEDNESDAY 16 December:

6.30 pm: **Blak Roots + Tumbarumba: Multicultural Arts Victoria Christmas Party + Diego Guerrero Trio + Wishing Well Trio:** Suzuki Night Market, Queen Victoria Market, corner Queen and Thierry Streets, North Melbourne

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

FRIDAY 18 December:

7.00 pm: **Vardos + Tomas Farkas:** Korona Csardas Hungarian Restaurant, 760 Boronia Road, Wantirna
8.00 pm: **Bohemian Nights: Ernie Gruner and Phil Carroll**
St Ann's Restaurant, 401 Rathdowne Street, Carlton: 9347 8792 - dinner and music: bookings essential

SATURDAY 19 December:

8.00 pm: **Kenny Lopez Havana Connection with Aimee Colas + Aloy Junco:** Czech House, 497 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne: 0419 539 790

SUNDAY 20 December:

Wendy Rule + The Orbweavers: *Midsummer's Night Fairy Ball*: Thornbury Theatre, 859 High Street, Thornbury: 9484 9831
Andy Baylor and friends – CD Launch. Northcote Social Club, High St, Northcote. 2-5pm \$12/&10

WEDNESDAY 23 December:

6.30 pm: **Camoon + Public Opinion Afro Orchestra + Stars of the Cook Islands + Sal Kimber and the Rollin Wheel:** Suzuki Night Market, Queen Victoria Market, corner Queen and Thierry Streets, North Melbourne

WEDNESDAY 30 December:

6.30 pm: **Son Corners + La Cumbiamba y Cumbiambita + Cisco Tavares + Tim Scanlan:** Suzuki Night Market, Queen Victoria Market, corner Queen and Thierry Streets, North Melbourne

TUESDAY 5 January, 2010:

7.30 pm: **Bohemian Nights:** Budapest Restaurant and Palinka Bar, 273 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick: 9530 0849
Rodrigo y Gabriela: Palais Theatre, St Kilda: 136 100

WEDNESDAY 6 January, 2010:

6.30 pm: **Mista Savona and Uber System + Sanfona + Meliki:** Suzuki Night Market, Queen Victoria Market, corner Queen and Thierry Streets, North Melbourne

WEDNESDAY 13 January, 2010:

6.30 pm: **Juan Martinez Ortega + Carino Son + Vardos + Nick Lovell:** Suzuki Night Market, Queen Victoria Market, corner Queen and Thierry Streets, North Melbourne
8.30 pm: **The Folkoholics: Nano Stern (Chile) + Matija Solce (Slovakia):** East Brunswick Club Hotel, 180 Lygon Street, East Brunswick

Out-of-Town Diary Dates

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

- **Harmony Row Vineyard**

** **Rock n Roll Jam Saturday December 12th.**
Will be in the grand tradition of Andrew Pattison's famous Rock 'n Roll concerts at his various musical festival events. Audience participation welcome. Won't be expensive, only

\$20 to cover the band and a meal. Bar open all day. Everyone is welcome and if anyone wants to do a song (or two depending on time) with or without the band let us know when you book and we'll put you on the running sheet. Give Dennis a ring 0400 804855 or 0354235286 or email harmonyrowvineyard@bigpond.com to book and ask questions. Have a look at the website to see how to get to vineyard and home without driving, so you can relax and have a few.

Harmony Row Vineyard is near Kyneton, central Victoria.
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 December 18th: Open Stage** in the Chapel.

- **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

- **Geelong Folk Music Club**

** **Sunday December 13th** at 8pm, Irish Murphy's, 30 Aberdeen St, Geelong. **Blackboard Concert**, fingerfood & drinks, hamper raffle, Rick Merrigan Award announcement. Enquiries to Adam at admin@geelongfolkmusicclub.com or check out the club website: www.geelongfolkmusicclub.com

- **Burke and Wills Winery Music Events**

** **Thursday December 31st, from 7.30pm**
New Year's Eve at Burke & Wills Winery
89 Coombes Lane, Mia Mia, 101 kms NW of Melbourne.
Dinner / Party / Dancing and Fun !
5 Course Dinner, Trivia Quiz, Music Trivia Competition and Dance, and then Rock 'n Roll in the New Year with Brent Parlane and The Glorious Bastards
Optional 'Tacky Formal' dress code ... prizes for Best Dressed!
\$85 per head, wines at cellar door prices.
Free camping and caravanning. Good toilets and showers.
AND ... New Year's Day Recovery Brunch and informal music gathering 11am to whenever ... \$20.
BOOKINGS: (only 40 NYE seats left!) PH 5425 5400,
Email: wineandmusic@bigpond.com
Web: www.wineandmusic.net

- **Bendigo Folk Club**

** **Friday 4th December, 8.00pm: The songs of Kev Carmody by "Blue Couch"**. . Under the Grandstand, Queen Elizabeth Oval, View Street, Bendigo. \$15/\$10.
Contact: Geoff on 5448 3225 ah
Website: www.bendigofolkclub.com
Club night on the first Wednesday of the month resumes Febraury.

- **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 eklektik 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

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. Enrolments are still open, but be quick!

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.

Earlybird tickets available till December 16th. \$65 earlybird or \$75 at the festival. Phone: 5476 2360 or email: info@newsteadrtc.org
Many fabulous local, national and international performers. Enquiries: 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@francesfolkathering.com.au
Website: www.francesfolkathering.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