

# Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc



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## From the President

Greetings All

How heavy our hearts have all become since my last communication. I think most of us would know someone who has been directly affected by these terrible fires - and some of you may have been directly affected yourselves. I hope you are all now safe.

## Folk Club Benefit

**Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 6pm**

Some of the people in our close folk community have been directly affected by the fires, and Folk Victoria’s Melbourne Folk Club is running for an hour longer on Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> as a benefit concert, in particular for Frank (Proinnsias) Murphy, Mary Souness and Lynne Stone, who have all lost most of their possessions in the Marysville fires. Fortunately, Dave Alleway and Di Gaylard have retained their house and Frank’s and Dave and Di’s families are also OK. They have all been through a horrible ordeal of survival and have lost many friends and a whole beautiful community.

Irish-born Frank sings and plays banjo, fiddle and guitar - a man generous of spirit who has had more than his share of life’s curved balls. His partner Mary is a vibrant soul who organises tours for performers. Lynne is a gentle soul who sings and recites all sorts of stuff and has always made us laugh and put a smile in our hearts. The folk scene has known them for over 30 years at festivals and clubs.

The concert, from **2pm till 6pm at the Grandview Hotel, 47 Pearson Street, Brunswick West**, will include a great variety of performers and entrance will be by donation at the door. Come for an hour or the whole afternoon and give what you feel you are able. Please spread the word.

**OTHER FOLK CLUB DATES AS FOLLOWS:**

## 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 February 21st:

Singer/songwriter Jim Green

Saturday March 7th:

Somerville and Gadsby plus Simon Bruce

Saturday March 14th:

Danny Spooner

Saturday March 21st:

Mick Ahearn

Saturday March 28th:

Mike Jackson

Check out the new **Folk Club website** too.

Contact Mel Robertson: 0413 587 490

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

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

## Fiddlers Convention This Weekend CHANGE OF VENUE

Hopefully most of you who are Fiddlers Convention goers will have already heard, but just in case, the Convention, on THIS WEEKEND, was deemed too much of a risk at Yarra Junction with fire still active in the area, so it has moved to the BLACKWOOD Mineral Springs camping park at Blackwood, directions as follows: From Melbourne, take Western Hwy (towards Ballarat) then turn off at the Pikes Creek-Greendale-Blackwood-Trentham turn off sign (next one after the Myrniong turn off). Follow sign to Blackwood. The caravan park is on the left at the bottom of the hill. Further enquiries to Ken McMaster: 9481.7662 or mob: 0419 580 642. Apparently the caravan park is already booked out but there are alternatives at nearby Trentham.

Love and peace,  
Jeanette Gillespie (President)

## For More Folk News and Views:

- Join the **Folk Alliance Australia**. Go to [www.folkalliance.org.au](http://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](http://www.tradandnow.com) for all the news on how you can subscribe.
- **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](mailto:macca@blarneybulletin.com)
- **Join Community Music Victoria**. CMV is a wonderful source of information about all manner of community music and arts events. For information and membership: Phone: 03 9662 1162. Fax: 03 9662 1197. Email: [cmv@netspace.net.au](mailto:cmv@netspace.net.au) Website: <http://cmv.customer.netspace.net.au>

# Diary Dates

## Regular Events

- **Wax Lyrical:**

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

Wax Lyrical Melbourne in recess – looking for another venue. Wax Lyrical @ Old Hepburn, 236 Main Road, Hepburn - first Sunday of every month. 4 - 7pm.

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](mailto:waxlyrical@westnet.com.au) [www.asai.org.au](http://www.asai.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](mailto:macnificent@eftel.com.au), to register your interest in sharing your songs or just roll up for a look and a listen.

- **Selby Folk Club (30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.home.aone.net.au/~selbyfolkclub/index.htm)

\* **Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>:** Kate Rowe.

**Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>: Selby's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday!** Concert and CD launch. Great Line-up of performers. 8pm. Upstairs at Burrinja, 351 Glenfern Road, Upwey. Tickets: \$15 at the door incl supper.

- **The Boite World Music Café:**

**Every Saturday and some Friday nights.**

1 Mark Street, Fitzroy. 8.00 pm. \$16/\$11.

Phone: 03 9417 1983. Email:

[boite@boite.com.au](mailto:boite@boite.com.au) or website at:

[www.boite.com.au](http://www.boite.com.au)



**The Boite World Music Cafe** will re commence on **March 14<sup>th</sup>** with Rose Turtle-Ertler at 1 Mark St North Fitzroy and at the **Box Hill Community Arts Centre** on **April 18<sup>th</sup>** with Judy Campbell's Mosaic and Kenyan master drummer Bandika Ngao.

- **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](mailto: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.

\* **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** The Kells

\* **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April:** Danny Spooner

\*\* **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)

- **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.

\* **March 7<sup>th</sup>:** Music by Delia

\* **April 4<sup>th</sup>:** Music by the Borderline Kaylee

- **Melbourne Colonial Dancers**

Numerous activities on various nights of the week and month. Very informative website at:

[www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au](http://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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.tsdav.asn.au)

- **Borderline Kaylee:**

If you're under 25, can dance a little, sing a little, play an instrument, then why join us in performing our own brand of high energy, high appeal 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". Cost: \$2.00. For info: Naomi Ph: (03) 9878 4296. Email [borderlinekaylee@hotmail.com](mailto:borderlinekaylee@hotmail.com)

Liz Stockdale Ph: (03) 9380 4291

Email [lizstockdale@iprimus.com.au](mailto:lizstockdale@iprimus.com.au)

Web: [www.borderlinekaylee.tripod.com](http://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/ecd/wellhall](http://www.dancingtheweb.com/ecd/wellhall) and the general website is: [www.EnglishCountryDancing.com](http://www.EnglishCountryDancing.com)

- **Irish Dancing:**

**Melbourne Claddagh Dancers. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 8-10pm.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:comhaltasmelbourne@iinet.net.au)  
Website: [www.members.iinet.net.au/~goreilly](http://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](http://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'.

- **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](http://www.cliftonhillhotel.com)

**Booking agent:** Rodney Claringbould: 0409 510 251

- **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](mailto:suzetteherft@gmail.com)

- **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](mailto:badfolk@optusnet.com.au) Website: [www.badfolk.org](http://www.badfolk.org) and/or [www.badfolk.websyte.com.au](http://www.badfolk.websyte.com.au)

**\*\*\* Fri February 20<sup>th</sup>: BiG FOLK** – Frank Jones and band.

**\*\*\* Fri March 20<sup>th</sup>: Nick Charles** –one of Oz's most mesmerising guitarists – and a good singer too!.

- **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:**

**\* Fourth 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.vicnet.net.au/~nffc](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~nffc) Michael Stewart, 03 9399 4466.

Email: [planchan@optusnet.com.au](mailto:planchan@optusnet.com.au)

**\* Newport Bush Orchestra:** (Conducted by Greg O'Leary) Mondays, 7:30pm – 9:30pm. Term One began Feb 2nd. All levels welcome. \$80 per term. Outlets Community Cooperative, 43 Mason St Newport

**\* Newport Community Choir:** (Conducted by Alan Davies) Wednesdays started Feb 4th, 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. 7pm. \$10 door charge.

**Contact:** Greg on 9397 5224 or [greg\\_hammond23@hotmail.com](mailto:greg_hammond23@hotmail.com)  
[www.myspace.com/greghammond](http://www.myspace.com/greghammond)

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

**\*\* Two great concert venues** – one at **Harmony Row Vineyard** in the country near Kyneton, the other the **Albert Park Yacht Club Port Lounge**, 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.

**\*\* For Albert Park concerts and Don't Tell Tom session** contact Cliff Ellery at [taxman@bigpond.net.au](mailto:taxman@bigpond.net.au) or 03 9690 1233

**\*\* For Harmony Row concerts** contact Dennis Cartwright on 03 5423 5286 or 0400804 855 or website [www.harmonyrow.com.au](http://www.harmonyrow.com.au)

**\*\* Harmony Row:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 12 noon for lunch (\$49) or 2.30pm for show only (\$25) – **James Blundell**.

**\*\* Harmony Row:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 12 noon for lunch (\$60) or 2.30pm for show only (\$35) – **Kieran Kane, Kevin Welch, Fats Kaplin and Lucas Kane**.

**\*\*\* Don't Tell Tom singing and music session:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 onwards.

**\*\*\* Albert Park:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm, \$25/\$20 incl finger food – **Kristina Olsen and Lloyd Spiegel**.

**\*\*\* Harmony Row:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 12 noon for lunch (\$59) or 2.30pm for show only (\$35) – **Chris While and Julie Matthews, and Bluehouse**.

**\*\*\* Harmony Row:** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 12 noon for lunch (\$39) or 2.30pm for show only (\$15) – **The Yearlings**

- **Wine and Music Events**

Run by Andrew Pattison of Troubadour and Newstead Live! fame. All events run at Burke and Wills Winery, 89 Coombes Lane, Mia Mia, 101 kms NW of Melbourne.

Bookings and info: Phone: 03 5425 5400.

Email: [wineandmusic@bigpond.com](mailto:wineandmusic@bigpond.com)

Web: [www.wineandmusic.net](http://www.wineandmusic.net)

**\*\* Sun February 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Mary Coughlan (Ireland) and Kristina Olsen (USA). Lunch and show: \$55, show only: \$30.

**\*\* Sat March 21<sup>st</sup>:** Burke and Wills Wine Dinner.

**\*\* Sun March 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Chile's Nano Stern and Australia's Shane Howard. Prices as above.

**\*\* Fri April 17<sup>th</sup>:** Rodney Crowell (USA). Dinner and show: \$70, show only: \$45.

- **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.

- **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](mailto:admin@geelongfolkmusicclub.com) or check out the club website: [www.geelongfolkmusicclub.com](http://www.geelongfolkmusicclub.com)

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

## **OTHER:**

### **SATURDAY 21 February:**

5.30 pm: **King Marong and Afro Mandinko:** Werribee Open Range Zoo, K Road, Werribee: 9731 9600

**Mary Coughlan (Ireland) + Kristina Olsen (USA):** Bennetts Lane, Melbourne: 9663 2856

**Spooky Men's Chorale:** Lithuanian Club, North Melbourne

### **SUNDAY 22 February:**

5.00 pm: **Vinod Prasanna and Glen Kniebeiss:** Fairfield Amphitheatre, Heidelberg Road, Fairfield - free

5.30 pm: **Asanti Dance Theatre:** Werribee Open Range Zoo, K Road, Werribee: 9731 9600

### **MONDAY 23 February:**

8.00 pm: **NicTsiavos + Deborah Kayser:** Musica at La Mama, La Mama, 205 Faraday Street, Carlton: 9347 6142

### **FRIDAY 27 February:**

8.00 pm: **Zolfonoon Ensemble: *Mystic Music of Poetry by Rumi***: Union Theatre, 1st floor, Union House, University of Melbourne, Parkville: 0411 447 473 or 9850 1185

### **SATURDAY 28 February:**

5.30 pm: **King Bell and Soukous Ba Congo:** Werribee Open Range Zoo, K Road, Werribee: 9731 9600

### **SUNDAY 1 March:**

3.00 pm: **Afro Mandinko: *Party in the Park***: Allnut Park, Bentleigh

5.30 pm: **Asanti Dance Theatre:** Werribee Open Range Zoo, K Road, Werribee: 9731 9600

### **THURSDAY 5 March:**

6.30 pm: **Soteria Bell:** Late Night Thursdays, NGV Australia, Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne

### **SATURDAY 7 March:**

5.30 pm: **African Royal Drummers:** Werribee Open Range Zoo, K Road, Werribee: 9731 9600

### **SUNDAY 8 March:**

5.30 pm: **Musiki Manjaro:** Werribee Open Range Zoo, K Road, Werribee: 9731 9600

**Rachel Unthank and the Winterset:** Toff in Town, Curtin House, Swanston Street, Melbourne: 1300 438 849

### **TUESDAY 10 March:**

**Natacha Atlas:** Hamer Hall, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 136 166

### **THURSDAY 12 March:**

6.30 pm: **Soteria Bell:** Late Night Thursdays, NGV Australia, Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne

**Tony Allen:** Corner Hotel, 57 Swan Street, Richmond: 9427 9198

# Festivals

**20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Fiddlers' Convention, Blackwood, Victoria.** Old-Timey, bluegrass, Cajun, blues, folk, swing, hillbilly, Hawaiian, jug band, etc. Concerts, workshops, sessions. See earlier in newsletter for [venue change](#) details.

**20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Frances Folk Gathering, SA.** Phone: 08 8765 1093. Email: [folk@francesfolkgathering.com.au](mailto:folk@francesfolkgathering.com.au)  
Website: [www.francesfolkgathering.com.au](http://www.francesfolkgathering.com.au)

**27<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Nannup Music Festival, WA.** Music from around the globe near Margaret River. Enq: 08 9756 1511. Website: [www.nannupmusicfestival.org](http://www.nannupmusicfestival.org)

**6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March: Port Fairy Folk Festival, Port Fairy, Vic.**  
[www.portfairyfolkfestival.com](http://www.portfairyfolkfestival.com)  
Phone: 03 5225 1232 or 5568 2227

**6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March: Burke & Wills Folk Gathering, Burke & Wills Winery, Vic.** An intimate alternative to Port Fairy. One stage running all weekend, concerts, plenty of sessions, food, on-site camping. Phone: 03 5425 5400.  
[www.wineandmusic.net](http://www.wineandmusic.net)

**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.womadelaide.com.au)

**13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March: Blue Mountains Folk Music Festival, NSW.** Enquiries: 1800 651 322. Email: [info@bmf.org.au](mailto:info@bmf.org.au)  
Website: [www.bmf.org.au](http://www.bmf.org.au)

**12<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Brunswick Music Festival, Vic.**

#### **Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> - Sydney Road Street Party**

This is a almost month-long festival is a fabulous feast of music right here in our own city.

**Folk Victoria is running a youth concert for the festival, with Celtaclismic and Coral, on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Our members can book for this concert at concession price.**

Book online : [www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au)  
Festival office open Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Phone: 03 9388 1460.  
Email: [johnbmf@vicnet.net.au](mailto:johnbmf@vicnet.net.au).

**20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Yackandandah Folk Festival, Victoria.** Friendly music festival in a historic village, featuring international, national and local artists. Email: [folkfestival@yackandandah.com](mailto:folkfestival@yackandandah.com)  
Website: [www.folkfestival.yackandandah.com](http://www.folkfestival.yackandandah.com)

**20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March: The Basin Music Festival, Dandenong Ranges, Vic.** A grass roots folksy and community festival. Contact: John: 0402 138 834. Ray: 0408 314 778.  
[www.thebasinmusic.org.au](http://www.thebasinmusic.org.au)

**27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March: Apollo Bay Music Festival, Vic.**

Phone: 03 5237 6761.

Email: [info@apollobaymusicfestival.com](mailto:info@apollobaymusicfestival.com)

Website: [www.apollobaymusicfestival.com](http://www.apollobaymusicfestival.com)

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April: The Man From Snowy River Bush Festival, Corryong, Vic.** Entertainment, horsemanship, re-enactments, poetry and music. Phone: 02 6076 1992.  
Email: [info@bushfestival.com.au](mailto:info@bushfestival.com.au)  
Web: [www.bushfestival.com.au](http://www.bushfestival.com.au)

**9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April: 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 6262 4792, email: [info@folkfestival.asn.au](mailto:info@folkfestival.asn.au) or check out: [www.folkfestival.asn.au](http://www.folkfestival.asn.au)

**17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April: Fairbridge Festival, WA.** WA's major folk festival. Phone: 08 9246 3311  
Email: [admin@fairbridgefestival.com.au](mailto:admin@fairbridgefestival.com.au)  
Website: [www.fairbridgefestival.com.au](http://www.fairbridgefestival.com.au)