

Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc



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From the President

Greetings all once again. We don’t usually publish a newsletter every month, but there is plenty of news to disseminate just now – so here we are again!

It’s been a mixed month, with both the horrors of the bushfires and news of illnesses, and the joys of friendship and of fabulous music at numerous festivals and events. For those affected by the down side, our love and thoughts go out to you.

I am passing on a number of avenues for people to either **donate musical instruments** and supplies, or apply to **receive** same if they have been lost in fires. Please read carefully (later in the newsletter).

Huge thanks to **Mel Robertson and John O’Leary**, others who assisted, and all the performers and audience who helped make the Melbourne Folk Club’s bushfire fundraising concert **on February 28th** such a success. I think the sum raised for Lynne, Frank and Mary was **over \$1660**.

Congratulations to **John McAuslan** and his team for another successful **Brunswick Music Festival** and to all the other festival and concert organisers. I’m looking forward to the **National Folk Festival** in Canberra at Easter.

Cheers, Jeanette Gillespie

NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL – FOLK VICTORIA PUBLICITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

An idea has been mooted that a table be set up at the National Folk Festival in Canberra this year as a publicity outlet for the various folk clubs and venues around Australia. It sounds like it will be going ahead, but if we are going to put our Melbourne Folk Club there we also need to furnish some **volunteer labour**. If you are going to the National and feel you could offer **an hour or two or even three**, could you please let Mel Robertson know as soon as possible. Even though he is not going, he will coordinate it with Christina Mimmocchi from here and I will coordinate up there.

Contact: Mel on: 0413 587 490

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

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

ON THE SICK LIST

News of three of our long-time folk friends who are ill. Dance enthusiast and long-time Folk Victoria worker **Lucy Stockdale** is seriously ill with pancreatic cancer,

music lover **Gail Nicholson** is dealing with lung cancer (hopefully fully operable), and our almost “resident” Folk Vic Cajun dancer **Margot Hitchcock** had a stroke while dancing to the Red Stick Ramblers at their Brunswick Music Festival concert. Margot is in the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre in Kew and her prognosis is good. She would love a call or a visit (but call the centre first). For contact information for Lucy and Gail please call me on 5473 4201. Our thoughts and love are with these three and any other of our folk friends out there who are ill at this time.

RE-STRINGING THE MOUNTAIN

Many people who have lost their homes in the recent Victorian bushfires have also lost cherished musical instruments. The Guitar Gallery will be collecting good, playable instruments (all sorts), accessories or music learning books to pass on to those who have lost these in the fires. They’re also inviting people who have lost instruments, etc, in the fires to register their details with them so that they can match an instrument to their needs.

Instruments can be brought to the shop during business hours at 30 Johnston St, Fitzroy Vic, and they will arrange distribution to bushfire victims. Ph 03 9417 2252. Info at: www.guitargallery.com.au

Registrations for assistance from the program can be forward via mail to the above address, email to Gerry@guitargallery.com.au or via phone (above).

REGIONAL ARTS VICTORIA

RAV seeks your help in contacting artists who have been adversely affected by the bush fires. You may know of an artist who has lost the tools of their trade, their collection, their next exhibition, their studio space or their business. They would very much like to be put in touch with them. If you are able to assist, please contact Joe Toohey on jtoohey@rav.net.au <<mailto:jtoohey@rav.net.au>> or by phone on 03 9644 1800 or toll free on 1800 819 803.

REBUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH MUSIC

Deborah Smith is co-coordinating an appeal to help schools, kindergartens, childcare centres, community centres and any other community organisations rebuild a vital aspect of community life – music. 100% of all funds donated will be allocated towards replacing lost and damaged music resources. Where possible links will be encouraged between donors and recipients to create an ongoing link between our music communities.

Contact Details: Deborah Smith, 0421 825 302
Email: deborahsmith@aapt.net.au Dept of Justice
Fundraiser number: 9778

RESOUND BUSHFIRE APPEAL

The Music Council of Australia "Resound" program, in partnership with the Dandenong Ranges Music Council, is organising donations of musical instruments to musicians of all ages and ability who have lost instruments in the recent Victorian bushfires. We have received many offers of instruments but want to make sure that need is met with good quality instruments, suited to the musicians who will be using them.

To fill the need satisfactorily, an application form has been set up for those needing their musical instrument/s replaced. The form is only accessible through the address below. If you have lost a musical instrument due to the fires, please go to <http://www.mca.org.au/resoundbushfireappeal> to fill out the form. If you know of someone who has been affected in this way, please forward this address to them so that they can access the form.

CALL FOR INSTRUMENTS AND WORKSHOP PRESENTERS FROM THE ASYLUM SEEKERS RESOURCE CENTRE

Do you have any musical instruments sitting around your school or home that aren't being used? If so, you could contribute them to a new creative expression project involving asylum seekers, starting April 2009! We are looking for donations of guitars, drums and percussion instruments, and potentially other instruments as well (should we find a willing teacher!), to be used in music workshops with asylum seekers at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in West Melbourne. The workshops will be focused around skill-sharing between artists from an asylum seeker and non-asylum seeker background, will incorporate singing and playing, and there will hopefully be a public performance towards the end of the year, to which you will be invited!

In addition, if you would like to help out and teach others to play an instrument or run a workshop on a specific style of music we would love you to become involved.

Please contact Dave McNamara on 0400 532 326 or email duoswango@hotmail.com if you are interested in contributing or becoming involved.

3CR RADIO POETRY PROGRAM

At 3CR Community Radio they are trying to start a program for spoken poetry, including early Australian poetry and bush ballads. If anyone is interested in performing they should e-mail Rhonda at 3CR at rhonda.jankovic@yahoo.com

2009 REBEL YELP SONGWRITERS

Award: entries are now open for the 2009 Award; in the finest Australian Celtic tradition, the 2009 Award again provides a platform for songwriters to stand up & speak out on issues dear to them; if you have an original unpublished rebel song that you want to share with the world, contact the Blarney Bulletin at email: macca@blarneybulletin.com

For More Folk News and Views:

- 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.
- **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
- **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 Website: <http://cmv.customer.netspace.net.au>

Diary Dates

GOSPEL IN RICHMOND – Sunday 29th March

The 90 voice Melbourne Mass Gospel Choir presents a rockin' "GOSPEL SHOW your love"
2-4pm at the Corner Hotel, 57 Swan St, Richmond. \$15/\$10 at the door.

Homebrew Veranda Music

Singing Sessions for Men with Brian Strating,
Next session: **Tuesday 31st March** 7.30pm-9.30pm
Carlton Nth Railway House, Solly Ave.
Instruments welcome.

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 March 28th:

Mike Jackson and Keith McKenry

Saturday April 4th:

Kate Eve

Saturday April 11th: No folk club (Easter)

Contact Mel Robertson: 0413 587 490

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- **Singorama!**

Leader: Bronwyn Calcutt. Come along to our Thursday night community singing group. Everyone welcome, relaxing & fun. You'll be singing in harmony together in minutes.
Thursday evenings 8:00 -9:30pm
Term 2: April 30, May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25
Cost: Term 2 \$50.00 (5 weeks) You can try out a session for only \$13.00.
Upstairs studio Princes Hill Community Centre. 93877740

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

Tuesday evenings 7.30pm - 9pm.

Groups of up to 6 participants. Various acoustic styles. Beginner to intermediate Suitability: Ages 16 to 90 years Pricing: \$25.00 per class

A group for women to sing in harmony while accompanying themselves on guitar. The group will be led by experienced harmony singer, guitarist and band member Helen Begley. Participants will learn harmony singing and guitar arrangements from simple lines for beginners to more advanced techniques for the more experienced player. Repertoire will be chosen from a wide selection of material with input and suggestions from students. Learn to hold a part and play a guitar line in a relaxed, fun environment. Bass players welcome.

Call Helen on 9346 7545 or email

helenbegley2@yahoo.com.au

- **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 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, to register your interest in sharing your songs or just roll up for a look and a listen.

- **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 April 3rd: Selby's 30th 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.

Other events at the Box Hill Community Arts Centre and the BMW Edge at Federation Square.

Phone: 03 9417 1983. Email: boite@boite.com.au or website at: www.boite.com.au

- **Peninsula Folk Club:**

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

Email: admin@peninsulafolkclub.asn.au

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

** **Website** for all VFMC activities mentioned below:

<http://users.bigpond.net.au/VFMC/>

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

* **Tuesday 14th 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.

* **April 4th:** 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

* **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:**

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

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/ecd/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.inet.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'.

- **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

- **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

- **Fathers in the Chapel:**

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

- **Berwick and District Folk Club:**

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

***** Fri April 17th: Saoirse** – Frank Jones and band.

***** Fri May 15th: Bruce Mathiske and Guitar-La-Carte** – a stunning night – bookings essential. \$20

- **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 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. 7pm. \$10 door charge.

Contact: Greg on 9397 5224 or greg_hammond23@hotmail.com
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 or 03 9690 1233

**** For Harmony Row concerts** contact Dennis Cartwright on 03 5423 5286 or 0400804 855 or website www.harmonyrow.com.au

Sunday 29th March at Harmony Row: **The Yearlings.** Lovely laid back Australian Country flavoured duo. A relaxing and enjoyable afternoon is assured. With special guest Charles Jenkins. 12 noon for lunch (\$39) or 2.30pm for show only (\$15)

Friday Evening 17th April at Harmony Row: **Rodney Crowell (USA).** Yes it's an evening concert, but we have an all weather enclosed venue and the stars in the country are brilliant. Lots of B&Bs in the area to make a night of it. This evergreen US Country Giant returns to Australia. This will be popular - book well in advance. In conjunction with Burke and Wills Winery. Dinner and show: \$70, show only: \$45.

Saturday Night 18th April at Albert Park: **Martyn Wyndham Read** will be doing a solo gig which will be a completely different and intimate concert to Harmony Row's.

Sunday Afternoon 19th April at Harmony Row: **Martyn Wyndham Read (UK) with Eric Bogle**

Martyn is one of our favourite friends and a wealth of Australian traditional and contemporary Folk Music. With him one of the finest singer songwriters Australia has ever produced, Eric Bogle.

Friday Night 8th May at Albert Park: **The Pardoners (Sam See & Glyn Mason)** are back. These blokes can teach the young rock and rollers a thing or two still. Great entertainers.

Friday Night 22nd May at Albert Park: **The Ploughboys**. They did a gig at Harmony Row last year. Now the city folks can hear one of the best groups in live music today. Featuring one of the famous Howard Clan, Damian, this is a great band.

Friday Night 26th June at Albert Park: **Pearl Kirk**. One of the best jazz singers in Australia today. A near perfect voice with a near perfect backing ensemble, the Bennett's Lane Trio (Joe Ruberto).

Friday Night 28th August at Albert Park: **The Ugly Uncles** The ABC's one and only Derek Guille with his bunch of musical reprobates.

- **Burke and Wills Winery 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 Web: www.wineandmusic.net

Sunday May 3rd

Martyn Wyndham Read's 'Farewell Australia' barbecue and concert . The final concert of Martyn's final tour of Australia (he is retiring from touring). Join Martyn and many of his great musician and folk friends from a 50 year career for lunch and a concert in the garden at Burke & Wills Winery (in the event of bad weather we will move to the local hall) Lunch & Show \$35, Show Only \$15.

- **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 or check out the club website: www.geelongfolkmusicclub.com

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

- **Bendigo Folk Club**

Under the Grandstand, Queen Elizabeth Oval, View Street, Bendigo. Sessions at 7:30pm, concerts at 8.00pm. **Wednesday 1st April: Club Night** – sessions. All welcome. **Tuesday 7th April: April Verch Band** (Canada). \$20/\$15

Contact: Geoff on 5448 3225 ah
Website: www.bendigofolkclub.com

- **Tikk Tokk Klezmer Kollektiv**

The group "Tikk Tokks" (also known as the "Kastlemaine Klezmer Kollektiv") plays 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 Klezmer, Russian, Balkan and Skandinavian music is welcome to join in. They generally meet between 6.00 to 6.30 pm on Thursday nights at the Northern Hotel in Castlemaine and sometimes in Bendigo. The contact is Neil Barr but I do not have a number or email address so you may wish to just turn up.

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 website is: www.geocities.com/rogermhold/ and he is contactable at: r.holdsworth@unimelb.edu.au

WEDNESDAY 25 March:

7.30 pm: **David Francey + Craig Werth**: house concert, West Preston: 9478 0130
8.00 pm: **Stiletto Sisters**: Borsch, Vodka and Tears, 173 Chapel Street, Prahran: 9530 2694

THURSDAY 26 March:

6.30 pm: **Soteria Bell**: Late Night Thursdays, NGV Australia, Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne
Eric Bibb: Palais Theatre, Melbourne
David Krycer - Gypsy jazz band: Russia European Restaurant, 105 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield: 9523 5667

FRIDAY 27 March:

5.00 pm: **Making Music + Kutcha Edwards**: Castlemaine State Festival: various sites, Castlemaine: 5434 6100
8.30 pm: **Concertina Trio**: CD Launch: Czech House, 497 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne: 0425 835 705 or 0403 947 836
Eric Bibb: Hepburn Palais, Hepburn Springs

SATURDAY 28 March:

11.00 am and 1.00 pm: **Andy Rigby + Justin Marshall**: Liquid Gold: Castlemaine State Festival: Carman's Tunnel, Parkins Reef Road, Maldon: 5434 6100
11.00 am: **Neil Murray + Carus + Declan O'Rourke + Rose Bygrave + more**: Lake Bolac Eel Festival: Lake Bolac Foreshore, Lake Bolac: 5350 2204
1.00 pm: **Kavisha Mazzella + Irine Vella**: Mediterraneo: Castlemaine State Festival: Castlemaine Presbyterian Church, 11 Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine: 5434 6100
6.00 pm: **Trent McCarthy + Ajak Kwai + Akoch Manhiem and Members of the Lost Boys**: Castlemaine State Festival: Phee Broadway Theatre, Library Complex, Mechanics Lane, Castlemaine: 5434 6100
8.00 pm: **Yggdrasil**: Boite World Music Cafe, 1 Mark Street, North Fitzroy: 9417 1983
9.00 pm: **Banda do Forro Retado + MeISamba Show Bateria**: Czech House, 497 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne
Eric Bibb: Meeniyon Town Hall, Meeniyon

SUNDAY 29 March:

10.30 am: **Dinka Catholic Mass**: Castlemaine State Festival: St Mary's Catholic Church, corner Hargraves and Templeton Streets, Castlemaine: 5434 6100
3.00 pm: **Rory Ellis**: Bay Hotel, Mordialloc
7.30 pm: **Terra Che Brucia**: Castlemaine State Festival: Theatre Royal, 30 Hargraves Street, Castlemaine

8.00 pm: **Tzigas**: Bar 303, 303 High Street, Northcote
8.30 pm: **Bohemian Nights – Ernie Gruner and Phil Carroll**: Open Studio, 204 High Street, Northcote. Crepes and bar. \$10/\$6. 9386 7108.
<http://www.erniegruner.com/gypsynights.html>

TUESDAY 31 March:

7.00 pm: **Vardos**: Claypots Seafood Restaurant and Bar, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda
8.00 pm: **Sufi Music Meditation**: Camberwell Community Centre, 405 Camberwell Road, Camberwell: 0400 830 350
Luka Bloom: National Theatre, St Kilda: 136 100

WEDNESDAY 1 April:

6.00 pm: **Invention in Time**: Castlemaine State Festival: Castlemaine Presbyterian Church, 11 Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine: 5434 6100

THURSDAY 2 April:

Paprika Balkanicus: East Brunswick Club, 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick: 9388 9794
David Krycer - Gypsy jazz band: Russia European Restaurant, 105 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield: 9523 5667

FRIDAY 3 April:

8.00 pm: **Unified Gecko + Woohoo Revue + Chalga Party**: Gershwin Room, The Esplanade Hotel, 11 The Esplanade, St Kilda

SATURDAY 4 April:

11.00 am and 1.00 pm: **Andy Rigby + Justin Marshall**: Liquid Gold: Castlemaine State Festival: Carman's Tunnel, Parkins Reef Road, Maldon: 5434 6100
1.00 pm and 5.00 pm: **Anthony Schultz Trio**: Castlemaine State Festival: Baptist Church, 20 Templeton Street, Castlemaine: 5434 6100
8.00 pm: **Rory Ellis**: Wild Thyme, Warburton
8.00 pm: **The haBiBis**: Boite World Music Cafe, 1 Mark Street, North Fitzroy: 9417 1983
Vulgargrad: Corner Hotel, 57 Swan Street, Richmond: 9427 9198

SUNDAY 5 April:

11.00 am: **Making Music + Kutcha Edwards**: Castlemaine State Festival: various sites, Castlemaine: 5434 6100
3.00 pm: **Slava Grigoryan and Al Slavik**: Boite World Music Cafe: BMW Edge, Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne: 9417 1983
5.00 pm: **Rory Ellis**: The Drunken Poet, West Melbourne
7.30 pm: **Stiletto Sisters**: After the Tears, 9 Gordon Street, Elsternwick - free: 9523 0969
8.00 pm: **Tzigas**: 303, 303 High Street, Northcote
Michael Franti: Prince Bandroom, 29 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda: 9536 1166

Festivals

27th – 29th March: Apollo Bay Music Festival, Vic.

Phone: 03 5237 6761.
Email: info@apollobaymusicfestival.com
Website: www.apollobaymusicfestival.com

2nd – 9th 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
Web: www.bushfestival.com.au

9th – 13th 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 or check out: www.folkfestival.asn.au

17th – 19th April: Fairbridge Festival, WA.

WA's major folk festival. Phone: 08 9246 3311
Email: admin@fairbridgefestival.com.au
Website: www.fairbridgefestival.com.au

24th – 26th April: Mt Beauty Music Festival, Vic.

Fantastic line-up of artists. Variety of accommodation options. Tickets: Earlybird till April 4th: \$60. After: \$80. Various other passes. 03 5754 1060.
Info: 03 5754 4008.
Email: info@musicmuster.org.au
www.musicmuster.org.au

24th – 26th April: St Albans Folk Festival, NSW.

Music, song, bush and colonial dance, poetry. Tickets: Earlybird till April 10th: \$50. After: \$70. Various other passes. 02 4958 4033. Email: stalbanstickets@gmail.com
Info: 0403 377 248 or 0404 278 142
www.snalbans.iwarp.com

5th – 8th June: National Celtic Festival, Portarlinton, Vic.

Over 300 artists. Music, song, dance, drama, poetry, displays, exhibitions, workshops, marketplace and more. Tickets @ GPAC: Phone: 03 5225 1200. Earlybird tickets till April 30th. General info: 0409 017 130.
Email: mail@nationalcelticfestival.com
Website: www.nationalcelticfestival.com

6th – 7th June: Guildford Folk Gathering, Guildford, Vic.

Saturday night Guildford Pub dinner and session; Sunday BBQ lunch and more sessioning. Camping or own accommodation. For more info phone Duncan Brown: 03 5473 4201 or 0425 811 579. For Guildford Pub Saturday dinner bookings phone: 03 5473 4215.

24th – 26th June: Kilmore Celtic Festival, Kilmore, Vic. A great line-up of top Australian Celtic artists and a grand Sunday Celtic Banquet. For bookings and information, phone 03 5781 1711, log onto www.kilmore.info or email kilmorecelticfestival@yahoo.com Kilmore Celtic Festival, PO Box 147, Kilmore, Victoria, 3764. Earlybird ticket savings till May 31st.