

# Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc

“Folk Victoria”

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## From the President

Greetings all once again. It took a while to recover from the fabulous **National Folk Festival** in Canberra over Easter. Many of the highlight bands and musicians I had already seen at Port Fairy or other festivals but I found them no less exciting and entertaining for that. Andrew Pattison's Troubadour Wine Bar venue was a hit, as always, and the almost-all-night session bar was jumping with sessions in every nook and cranny! It really is a festival that caters for all tastes, whether you are lover of dance, singing, music, poetry, history, catching up on friends, sessioning, or just veging out at the many venues! I felt, though, that it was, like many festivals, getting a bit too crowded and hope they can resolve some related issues before next year.

We were saddened to hear just prior to the festival that **Lucy Stockdale** succumbed to the pancreatic cancer which had laid her low and many of our folk friends were able to go to her funeral to mourn and to and celebrate her life along with her family. Those of you who receive our regular emails will have already read the words I have printed below, but there may be some of you who weren't even aware of her death. A **Tea Dance** is being organised in her honour on **Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>** at the Brunswick Town Hall – see later in the newsletter.

We have another, very tragic, death to pass on to those who are not email readers – that of Folk Vic member **Thomas Orange**, who became ill whilst on holiday in Sicily (also see below). Our love and thoughts go out to the families and friends of these two much loved people.

**Margot Hitchcock** is doing well following her stroke and should be out of Royal Talbot very soon. She is determined to be at Lucy's Memorial Tea Dance! **Gail Nicholson** was unfortunately informed that her lung cancer has spread, but she remains optimistic and managed to make it to the National Festival between chemo treatments - it was good to see her smiling face as usual at the Wine Bar!

**The Melbourne Folk Club** continues to power along each Saturday with many great artists having already performed there. Don't forget to check the **website** each week to catch up with the latest, and if you haven't made it down to the Grand View yet, do yourself a favour and spend a wintry afternoon in the warmth with friends and music.

## VALE LUCY STOCKDALE

Many of you knew Lucy, but for those who didn't know her so well, I have copied below some details of her folk involvement from the Folk Victoria "Graham Squance Memorial Award" book. She received the award in 2002.

"Lucy's involvement with the Folk Song and Dance Society dates from the late 1970's. For some years she was involved in the running of the FSDSV's Sunday afternoon dances at the Carlton Community Centre. Her own memory was hazy on the exact dates, but Lucy served as president of the FSDSV for several years in the late 1980's.

Lucy shared her considerable knowledge of and enthusiasm for social dance with a number of other organisations. She had been involved with the Colonial Dancers since the mid 70's and the Traditional and Social Dance Association of Victoria since the early 80's. She was instrumental in facilitating the Colonial Dancers Display Group's trip to the Edinburgh Festival in 1988, contributing her skills as a dance choreographer as well as organiser and leader.

More recently, Lucy and Shirley Andrews organised the Victorian Dance Assembly for the TSDAV. This has been a monthly teaching and learning session for dancers. Lucy and Shirley's aims were to research old dance books, decipher and interpret the dance instructions, try them out with a group of dancers, then video and record the steps. Following Shirley's death in 2001, Lucy continued these sessions.

Lucy also took on the task of sorting and cataloguing Shirley's extensive dance collection, for which purpose the FSDSV donated a sum of money. The aim is to present the collated collection to the National Library so that it will become accessible to future generations of dancers and researchers."

From what I can gather, Lucy had already made arrangements to pass on all her dance materials, and had made arrangements for her 19-year-old daughter Elizabeth to be cared for by relatives. Lucy will be greatly missed.

## VALE THOMAS ORANGE

We were shocked to hear of the recent unexpected death whilst on holiday of another of our Folk Victoria members, Thomas Orange. Thomas was a great friend to many people in the music circles, a music lover and active with the Colonial Dancers. He was travelling overseas with his girlfriend and both of them began feeling unwell with a cold whilst in Sicily. His girlfriend improved, so I gather, but with Thomas the bug rapidly progressed to pneumonia. He was unable to access sufficient medical treatment and by the time he was able to get to a hospital it was too late and he died

from the complications which had taken a firm hold. It was a huge shock as he was relatively young and fit. I do not know any further details at this stage, but from what I can gather his family have not yet been able to bring him back to Australia. Our hearts go out to his girlfriend, and to all his family and friends.

## 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 May 23<sup>rd</sup>:

**Judy Small and The Hannafords**

Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>:

**Richard Perso and Coral**

Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>:

**Mick Flanagan (Tas) and others tba.**

Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>:

**Simon Llewellyn Evans**

Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>:

**Annie McGlade, Geoff Hollings, Oliver Dear.**

Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>:

**Fergusson Elliott**

**Contact:** Mel Robertson: 0413 587 490

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

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

## DANCING AROUND

### Woolshed Ball

**Victorian Folk Music Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 8pm – 12.30am**

with “The Billabong Band”

**St Brigid’s Hall, 378 Nicholson St, Fitzroy North**

(Melway 2C A4)

**Enquiries:** Steve and Jane: 9762 1389

Coral Eden: 9885 6109 [ceden@pacific.net.au](mailto:ceden@pacific.net.au)

Robin Simpson: 9723 2453 or 0413 209 334

**Email:** [vfmc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:vfmc@bigpond.net.au)

**Website:** [www.vfmc.org.au](http://www.vfmc.org.au)

### Lucy Stockdale Memorial Tea Dance

**Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 4 – 7.30pm**

**Brunswick Town Hall**

**Sydney Road, Brunswick**

**BYO light refreshments.**

Entry by donation (for the cost of the hall).

**Contact:** Denise Hibbs: 9878 6267

Robin Simpson: 9723 2453 or 0413 209 334

Ken Gellatly 9885 5756

### Raj, Rubies and Arabian Nights Ball

**Melbourne Colonial Dancers**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 8pm**

With “Blackberry Jam”

**Preston Town Hall**

**Cnr High and Gower Sts, Preston**

**\$20 pre-paid, \$25 at door.**

Themed dress admired but not required.

Bring a plate of supper to share and ready to serve.

Tea and coffee provided.

**Contact:** Robin Simpson: 9723 2453 or 0413 209 334

[www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au](http://www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au)

### Tea Dance

**TSDAV and Folk Victoria**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 4.30 – 9.30pm**

With the “Gay Charmers”

**St Ambrose Hall, Dawson St Brunswick**

**\$20 pre-paid, \$24 at door.**

BYO plate of tea-time goodies to share.

**Contact:** Robin Simpson 9723 2453 or 0413 209 334

Denise Hibbs: 9878 6267

## MUSICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE NEEDY

Last issue I described a number of ways in which folk could be assisted to replace lost instruments or equipment or help out by donating your surplus instruments or equipment. The following is a summary:

### Re-Stringing The Mountain

Donations to the Guitar Gallery, 30 Johnston St, Fitzroy Vic, Phone: 03 9417 2252. Registrations for assistance from the program can be forward via mail to above address, email to [Gerry@guitargallery.com.au](mailto:Gerry@guitargallery.com.au) or via phone (above). [www.guitargallery.com.au](http://www.guitargallery.com.au)

### Regional Arts Victoria

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

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

### Resound Bushfire Appeal

<http://www.mca.org.au/resoundbushfireappeal>

### Instruments And Workshop Presenters for The Asylum Seekers Resource Centre

Contact Dave McNamara on 0400 532 326 or email [duoswango@hotmail.com](mailto:duoswango@hotmail.com) if you are interested in contributing or becoming involved.

## MORE FOLK NEWS AND VIEWS

### Fundraiser for Earthquake Victims - L'Aquila, Italy - Sunday May 24, 5:00pm

Coburg Town Hall. The performers include award winning artists such as Joe Dolce, Bohemian Nights, La Voce Della Luna, Kavisha Mazzella, Kiki Wilmot, Gianni Marinucci, comedy with The Signoras, The Connies and Coro Casa D'Abruzzo with Roberto De Sanctis. The MC will be Laura Lattuada. Tickets will cost \$20, or \$10 for pensioners at the door. All money will go to the Abruzzo Earthquake Appeal.

### Pete Seeger Singalong & Documentary

**Sunday June 14, 2pm.** Trades Hall, Lygon st, Carlton. With Fay White, Margret Roadknight, Lyndal Chambers, Jane Coker, Ernie Gruner. \$15/10 Info: 9662 3744 (Benefit for Community Music Victoria and New International Bookshop)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:macca@blarneybulletin.com)

- 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>

## Other Metro Diary Events

- **The Station 59 Open Mic.**  
**Weekly on Wednesdays** - sign up from 7.00pm. Station 59. 59 Church St, Richmond.  
Meals at Musicians Prices, \$10 for the specials. Station 59 is a hidden gem, tucked away between Bridge Rd and Victoria St. Offering plenty of cool, a pool table, one of the last remaining horse shoe bars in Melbourne, and of course, Live Music. Visit them at [www.station59.com.au](http://www.station59.com.au)
- **Kew Open Mic**  
An invitation-only regular event targeting singer/songwriters, poets and comedians. Find out more and subscribe to Jeremy's email list at [www.jeremypmartin.com](http://www.jeremypmartin.com) or email direct to: [mail@jeremypmartin.com](mailto:mail@jeremypmartin.com)
- **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. A monthly masterclass facilitated by experienced award winning songwriter, teacher and recording artist Helen Begley. Participants bring songs they wish to work on. Each

participant will be given constructive feedback to strengthen their songs, songwriting challenges, encouragement and information about recording, arranging, and performance. To book call 9346 7545 or email [helenbegley2@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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 Suitability: Ages 16 to 90 years  
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. 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](mailto:helenbegley2@yahoo.com.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.

- **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 and the BMW Edge at Federation Square.

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)



**Some up and coming Boite events:**

\* **Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 pm – World Music Cafe Shannon-Goodrich Ensemble**

Critically acclaimed, original world-jazz outfit fronted by Melbourne musicians Clare Shannon (piano/composer) and Elissa Goodrich (vibraphone/ composer). Inspired by Latin and Flamenco influences.

\* **Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm – World Music Cafe Nick Charles**

Australia's virtuoso of acoustic roots and blues returns. Guitarist magazine calls him "an awesome talent" and the latest album "Closer to Home" is receiving rave reviews worldwide.

\* **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 2:00 pm – National Gallery of Victoria The Boite's 30th Birthday Celebration**

Beneath the beautiful Leonard French ceiling in the Great Hall of the National Gallery of Victoria, the past, present and future of the Boite will be celebrated in a one hour performance created by Stephen Taberner, featuring a 100 voice choir and many of the Boite's finest musicians and dancers. BRING A CUSHION (Some chairs will be provided for those who need them)

\* **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm - World Music Cafe Tihai - Girish Makwana, Sabyasachi Batacharya and Nicholas Buff**

Indian classical music with a difference, with soprano sax, sarod and tablas.

\* **Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm - World Music Cafe Gypsy Crims**

Original flamenco music with Orlando on guitar and Michael Kontachristo on percussion.

\* **Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm - World Music Cafe**

## Kazband and The haBiBis

Fiery Eastern European dance music from Kazband, and evocative music of Greece and the islands from The haBiBis,

\* **Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm - World Music Cafe**

### Refugee Week Concert

Reflections on the plight of refugees in the 21st Century and in the past, featuring Karen Burmese musician Chitlu on traditional Karen harp, the nar dain, and internationally acclaimed Eritrean Muktar Said on Krar, the harp-lute from the Horn of Africa.

\* **Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm - World Music Cafe**

### Denis Close, Andy Baylor and Margret RoadKnight

Great songs and music in a variety of styles.

- **The Butterfly Glee Club**

**Wednesdays at 6.30 pm** - The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank Street, South Melbourne. The hippest sing-along choir in town. Come along and sing as loudly or softly as you like. Conducted by the gorgeous and talented Vicky Jacobs who never tells anyone off and lets singers drink as much wine during rehearsal as they like! \$10. Tel: 9690 2000.

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

[www.thebutterflyclub.com](http://www.thebutterflyclub.com)

[www.myspace.com/butterflygleeclub](http://www.myspace.com/butterflygleeclub)

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

Website for all VFMC activities mentioned below:

[www.vfmc.org.au](http://www.vfmc.org.au) or Email: [vfmc@bigpond.net.au](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> June: Braemar with Colin MacLeod**

\* **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Vince Brophy**

\*\* **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). Tea and coffee provided, small cover charge (\$4.00)

- **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

\* **27th May - Brunswick Blues Shooters, Unsong, Tetskey Brothers**

- ♦♦ **Clifton Hill Hotel Emerald Lounge Specials**

\* **Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>: Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones.** Derek Warfield was one of the original legendary Irish group The Wolfe Tones. He is continuing the tradition and fostering a new generation – with banjo player and multi-instrumentalist Damaris Woods, and Luke Ward and Kevin O'Donnell joining on vocals and accompanying instruments. 9pm. \$35 pre-booked, \$40 on the night.

\* **Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>: Grada from Ireland.** Deeply rooted in the Irish tradition, but with fresh, jazzy tones, Gráda's unique and groovy sound is unrivalled. With their infectious, modern take on Irish music, their outstanding live performances and three internationally acclaimed studio

albums to date, it's no wonder Gráda has risen to the top of Irish music's ranks. \$25

Bookings essential for both – 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](mailto: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](http://www.nffc.org.au) 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. 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.

\*\*\* **Thurs May 28<sup>th</sup>: Comedy Writing Workshop.** Led by Gary Adams. 7.30 – 10pm. Outlets Community Cooperative, 43 Mason St Newport. **Bookings** required. Contact details: Michael Stewart as above.

- **Acoustic Night at Breizoz Creperie:**

**Second Thursday of the Month**, Breizoz Creperie, 139 Nelson Place, Williamstown. 7.30 – 10.30pm. \$10. Enq: Greg on 9397 5224 or [greg\\_hammond23@hotmail.com](mailto:greg_hammond23@hotmail.com) [www.myspace.com/greghammond](http://www.myspace.com/greghammond)

\*\*\* **Thurs June 11<sup>th</sup>: Sean Keenan** (fiddle) with guitarist.

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

\*\* **Regular concerts** at the **Albert Park Yacht Club Port Lounge**, close to Melbourne city. \$20 incl refreshments. \*\* **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.

**Contact:** Cliff Ellery at [taxman@bigpond.net.au](mailto:taxman@bigpond.net.au) or on 0418 179 411 to book or for directions.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 7.30pm: 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 26<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm: 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 28<sup>th</sup> August: The Ugly Uncles** The ABC's one and only Derek Guille with his bunch of musical reprobates.

- **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](mailto:ceden@pacific.net.au) or Robin Simpson: 9723 2453 or 0413 209 334. Email: [vfmc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:vfmc@bigpond.net.au) Website: [www.vfmc.org.au](http://www.vfmc.org.au)

\* **June 6<sup>th</sup>**: Music by the **Reeljiggers**

\* **July 4<sup>th</sup>**: Music by **Blackberry Jam**

- **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 & McIlwraith 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:**

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](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/eccd/wellhall](http://www.dancingtheweb.com/eccd/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.

## **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/](http://www.geocities.com/rogermhold/) and he is contactable at: [r.holdsworth@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:r.holdsworth@unimelb.edu.au)

### **FRIDAY 22 May:**

**Dan Bourke** and friends: Drunken Poet, West Melbourne.

### **SATURDAY 23 May:**

8.00 pm: **The Barons of Tang:** Bar Open, Fitzroy - free

**Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu + Ego Lemos:** Palais Theatre, Lower Esplanade, St Kilda: 136 100

### **SUNDAY 24 May:**

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

5.00 pm: **Eleftheria Arvanitaki + the haBiBis:** Hamer Hall, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 136 100

5.00 pm: **Kavisha Mazzella + La Voce Della Luna + Coro Casa D'Abruzzo + Bohemian Nights** + much more: *Songs and Comedy for L'Aquila:* Benefit: Coburg Town Hall, 90 Bell Street, Coburg

5.00 pm: **Melbourne Ukulele Collective:** Edinburgh Castle, Sydney Road, Brunswick - free: 9386 7580 (?)

**Rose Turtle Ertler:** Northcote Uniting Church, 251 High Street, Northcote

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

### **MONDAY 25 May:**

**Johnny Clegg** (South Africa): Palais Theatre, St Kilda: 136 100 or 1300 723 038

### **TUESDAY 26 May:**

7.00 pm: **Vardos:** Claypots Seafood Restaurant, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda: 9534 1282

### **FRIDAY 29 May:**

8.00 pm: **Crescent City Serenaders** (jazz) and **The Melbournaires** (choir): Surrey Music Cafe, Box Hill

Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street: 9262 6555

**The Woohoo Revue:** CD launch: Northcote Social Club, 301 High Street, Northcote: 9486 1677

### **SATURDAY 30 May:**

8.30 pm: **Zulya and the Children of the Underground:** CD Launch: Czech House, 497 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne: 0425 835 705 or 0403 947 836

### **TUESDAY 2 June:**

7.00 pm: **Vardos:** Claypots Seafood Restaurant, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda: 9534 1282

### **THURSDAY 4 June:**

8.00 pm: **Sunwrae Ensemble:** Thornbury Theatre, High Street, Thornbury

## Out-of-Town Diary Dates

### FRIDAY 5 June:

8.00 pm: **Iyer Brothers:** Eltham World Harmonies, St Margaret's Hall, Pitt Street, Eltham: 9437 2617  
8.30 pm: **LABJACD + Papa Chango:** East Brunswick Club Hotel, Lygon Street, East Brunswick: 9388 2777

### SATURDAY 6 June:

10.00 am: **Tamas Farkas + The Transylvaniacs:** *Folk Dance Seminar from the region of Magyarszentbenedek:* Hungarian Community Centre, 760 Boronia Road, Wantirna: 9762 0430 or 0411 486 242 or 9762 2380 or 0412 809 793 - weekend seminar

### SUNDAY 7 June:

5.00 pm: **Expressive Women + Shaking the Tree** + more: Northcote Uniting Church, 251 High Street, Northcote  
7.30 pm: **Stiletto Sisters:** After the Tears, 9 Gordon Street, Elsternwick: 9523 0969  
Evening: **Tamas Farkas + The Transylvaniacs:** *Dance House:* Hungarian Community Centre, 760 Boronia Road, Wantirna: 9762 0430 or 0411 486 242 or 9762 2380 or 0412 809 793

### TUESDAY 9 June:

8.00 pm: **Barbara Luna** (Argentina): Forum Theatre, corner Russell and Flinders Streets, Melbourne: 132 849

### WEDNESDAY 17 June:

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

### SUNDAY 21 June:

12.00 noon: **Mahanamwe + Kankelay + Burundian Drumming Group + Africa Collective + Angels Voices Band + Blak Roots + Dereb Desalegn and Lion of Judah** + much more: *Emerge Festival: Freedom From Fear:* Fitzroy Town Hall, Napier Street, Fitzroy: 9417 6777

### WEDNESDAY 24 June:

6.30 pm: **Dya Singh + Khalil Gudaz + Noriko Tadano and George Kamikawa + Huzzam:** *Emerge Festival: Under an Eastern Moon:* Iwaki Auditorium, ABC Southbank Centre, Southbank Boulevard, Southbank: 9417 6777

### FRIDAY 26 June:

8.00 pm: **Michelle Nicholle:** Surrey Music Cafe, Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill: 9262 6555

### SUNDAY 28 June:

5.00 pm: **The Black Jesus Experience + Culture Connect:** *Emerge Festival: Visible Sessions #1:* Black Box, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne - free: 9417 6777

### TUESDAY 30 June:

8.00 pm: **Ladysmith Black Mambazo:** Hamer Hall, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 136 166

### FRIDAY 3 July:

8.00 pm: **Noriko Tadano:** Eltham World Harmonies, St Margaret's Hall, Pitt Street, Eltham: 9437 2617

### SUNDAY 5 July:

7.00 pm: **Irini Vela + Anthea Sidiropoulos + San Mayemennes** (Athens): *<-A Tribute to the Women of Rebetika:* Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street, Melbourne



- **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](mailto:bushdance@impulse.net.au)

- **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'.

- **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 03 5423 5286 or 0400804 855 or website [www.harmonyrow.com.au](http://www.harmonyrow.com.au)

- **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 June 5<sup>th</sup>:** Liz Frencham and Leigh Sloggett.

\*\*\* **Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Dev'lish Mary.

- **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.websytle.com.au](http://www.badfolk.websytle.com.au)

\*\*\* **Fri June 19<sup>th</sup>:** Open Stage Night

\*\*\* **Fri July 17<sup>th</sup>:** "Little Miss Country and the Kiss Ass Kowboys" – Jan Dandridge, Don Gula, Brendan Shearson and Troy Dailey

- **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)

- **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 (exceptions are **June 14<sup>th</sup>** and **August 9<sup>th</sup>** 2009)

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](mailto:waxlyrical@westnet.com.au) [www.asai.org.au](http://www.asai.org.au)

- **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](mailto:wineandmusic@bigpond.com)  
Web: [www.wineandmusic.net](http://www.wineandmusic.net)

- **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.

- **Bendigo Folk Club**

**First Wednesday of the month**: Sharing of songs, music, tales and poems. All welcome. Under the Grandstand, Queen Elizabeth Oval, View Street, Bendigo. Gold coin donation. Also occasional special concerts.

Contact: Geoff on 5448 3225 ah

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

- **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. They generally meet between 6.00 to 6.30 pm on Thursday nights at the Northern Hotel in Castlemaine and sometimes in Bendigo. **Contact** Neil Barr: [Email: neil\\_barr@fastmail.fm](mailto:neil_barr@fastmail.fm)

# Festivals

**5th – 8th June: National Celtic Festival, Portarlington, 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 30<sup>th</sup>. General info: 0409 017 130.  
Email: [mail@nationalcelticfestival.com](mailto:mail@nationalcelticfestival.com)  
Website: [www.nationalcelticfestival.com](http://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.

**5th – 8th June: Woodend Winter Arts Festival, Vic.** Concerts, shows, exhibitions, etc over three days in beautiful Woodend in Central Victoria.  
Web: [www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au](http://www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au)  
Email: [info@woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au](mailto:info@woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au)  
Phone: 0447 570 327 (bh)

**24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.kilmore.info) or email [kilmorecelticfestival@yahoo.com](mailto:kilmorecelticfestival@yahoo.com) Kilmore Celtic Festival, PO Box 147, Kilmore, Victoria, 3764. Earlybird ticket savings till May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July: Newport Fiddle and Folk Festival, Newport, Vic.** In its second year. This one will be even bigger and better than last year's. Performances, workshops and sessions galore. Various venues close to the Newport Railway Station. [www.nffc.org.au](http://www.nffc.org.au)

**21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August: 11th Annual 'Kelly Country Pick' Beechworth, Victoria.** Bluegrass and Old Time Country Music Convention. A fabulous weekend of concerts, instrument and dance workshops, jam sessions, instrument displays, open stage and the Sunday gospel sing-a-long. \$40 Adult Weekend Pass. \$20 Single Day Children under 18 free.  
Enquiries: Peter Hisco 0433139081

**18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> September: 6<sup>th</sup> Guildford Banjo Jamboree, Vic.** Traditional String Band Music Festival, Guildford Town Centre, 10Km S<sup>th</sup> of Castlemaine, 20Km N<sup>th</sup> of Daylesford email: [banjojamboree@bigpond.com.au](mailto:banjojamboree@bigpond.com.au)  
Web: [www.banjojamboree.org](http://www.banjojamboree.org)  
Ph: (03) 5473 4544. P.O. Box 145, Guildford, Vic. 3451