

Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc

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• From the President

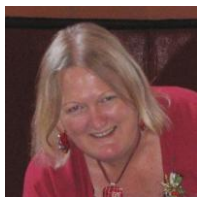
Annual General Meeting:

Many thanks to those of you who have given us some feed-back concerning the Folk Club, the newsletter and the society in general.

We hope as many as possible can come along to our **Annual General Meeting on Thursday November 18th at 8pm** in the meeting room of the **Lomond Hotel**, cnr Nicholson and Blythe Sts, Brunswick. (Ask the bar staff to direct you.) Please consider if there is something you can offer to keep Folk Victoria viable and vibrant – or just come along to show your support.

Meals are available at reasonable prices. If you wish to come along for a meal **before the AGM, from 6.30pm**, you will be most welcome to join those of us on the committee who are also gathering early in the back room. Food and drinks can be ordered from the bar. The bar has some great music on a Thursday night, so stay on for a good night out.

As **outgoing President**, I want to **thank** all those who have served on the various **committees** during my time at the helm. The **mission** of Folk Victoria has been to promote, present, support, develop, collect and preserve folk and acoustic music, song and dance within our community, and I believe that the society has continued to be successful on a number of levels in achieving outcomes in line with that mission.



Annual Graham Squence Memorial Award:

Part of the ongoing tradition of the FSDSV involves honouring those who have made longstanding and valuable contributions to the folklife of our country. The

Society’s presentation of the annual Graham Squence Award aims to do just that.

The award was initiated by the Port Phillip Folk Festival Committee (the precursor of the FSDSV) in 1971 in memory of Graham Squence, a blues musician who was killed in a road accident while travelling to Canberra in 1970 to take part in a Folk Festival. Awards have been given every year but two since 1971. The “Roll of Honour” book which records these awards has become a wonderful historical document and makes great reading.



Graham himself was a very fine performer who also involved himself in many aspects of presenting folk music and folklore to the general public. He was actively involved in the organisation of the earliest Folk Festivals held in Melbourne.

The earlier awards were made “to a deserving person” to enable that person to attend the National Festival for that year. The awards were monetary and were the equivalent of a second class rail fare to wherever the festival was being held. (Performers received little or no payment then.)

Over time the award changed to a scroll, then to the current beautifully framed certificate. The range of areas of service for which the award has been made is enormous – from performance of music, song and the spoken word to involvement in dance, folk radio, recording, folk festival organisation and general society involvement and ‘leg work’.

*We are pleased to announce that this year’s recipient is to be **Andrew Pattison**. Andrew has been involved for many years in organising venues and events which have showcased and encouraged all manner of folk and acoustic performers. I will publish more of Andrew’s story in the next newsletter.*



We will be presenting the award at Andrew’s popular Wine Bar venue during the **Newstead Live! Folk Festival** which Andrew and his team will be running at Newstead in Central Victoria from the **21st to the 24th of January, 2011**. I will let you know in the next newsletter exactly when the presentation will be made.

Festival Calendar:

I have put together a fairly comprehensive list of most of the Folk Festivals which are coming up between now and April 2011. Make sure you peruse it well and keep it safe so that you can plan ahead for your festival-going!

Cheers,
Jeanette Gillespie (President and Editor)

The Melbourne Folk Club

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

Grandview Hotel 47 Pearson St, Brunswick West

**** Saturday November 13th:**

- **Marty Kelly & Aubrey Maher. Folk/blues/folk-rock duo.** Marty's strong voice, meaningful lyrics and fine musicianship combine with Aubrey's skillful guitar playing (plays also with Joe Geia).

- **Beth George.** Singer/songwriter with a pure voice and a passion for acoustic music.

**** Saturday November 20th:**

- **Invisible Pulse.** Great songs and harmonies from four fabulous women – folk, contemporary and a capella.

- **Jack Gramski.** Talented young folk/blues singer in the American style.

**** Saturday November 27th:**

- **Christmas Breakup with Open Mic and Carol singing.** A great chance to dust off the voices and herald in the Christmas season with some Carol singing led by Jeanette Gillespie and others. And your last chance for the year to "strut your stuff" in the Open Mic segment.

Folk Club members and email recipients receive \$5 discount off any CD on sale at the folk club.

Contact: Mel Robertson: 0413 587 490

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

<http://www.folkvictoria.org.au/melbournefolkclub/>
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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. They also have a huge CD catalogue.

- **Join Community Music Victoria.** Another wonderful source of information about all manner of community music and arts events. Their newsletters are packed with information. **Especially good for those wishing to join in some singing.** I could not possibly transmit all those workshops, choirs, concerts, etc, in this newsletter – so join up! For information and membership:

Phone: 03 9662 1162. Fax: 03 9662 1197.

Email: cmv@netspace.net.au

Website: www.cmv.org.au



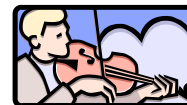
Other Metro Diary Events

- **Darebin Songwriter's Guild:**

Second Sunday of the month. "Bar 303", 303 High Street, Northcote. 3.30 till 7-ish. Call Moira on 9480 4590 or Wendy on 9489 0504 or email macnificent@efel.com.au, to register your interest in sharing your songs or just roll up for a look and a listen.

- **Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann:**

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

- **Melbourne Slow Sessions:**

Every Tuesday Night. Mark McDonnell's Traditional Irish Music Slow Sessions are held at Father Flanagans Hotel, 484 Smith St in Collingwood, from 7.30pm. Ideal for musicians wanting to ease themselves into the session scene. The **first and third** Tuesdays of the month cater to beginners, while the **second and fourth** Tuesdays are pitched to more intermediate players. Contact Mark on markjmcd@gmail.com or 03 9459 2295

- **More Irish/Celtic Music Sessions**

** For more info and great links to Irish music events and other sessions, go to: <http://irishsession.net> The site includes many common tune sets played at sessions around Melbourne. The info on these sessions came from the site, so if the details are wrong, let them and me know!

** **Quiet Man, Sundays: 5- 9 pm.** 271 Racecourse Rd, Flemington. Led by Joe Fitzgerald (Button Accordion)
Contact: 9376 6232 www.thequietman.com.au

** **Lomond Hotel, Mondays: 9 pm - midnight.** 225 Nicholson St. Brunswick. Led by Dan Burke (Fiddle) Contact: 9380 1752.

** **The Corkman, Thursdays: 7:00 pm - 11: 00 pm.** 160 Leicester Place, Carlton. Led by Paddy Fitzgerald (Button Accordion) Contact: 9347 1772

** **The Celtic Club, Fridays: 5:30 - 9:00 pm.** 316 Queen St, Melbourne. Led by Paddy Fitzgerald (Button Accordion) Contact: 9670 6472

** **Dan O'Connell Hotel, Saturdays: 5 - 8 pm.** 225 Canning St, Carlton. Led by Dan Burke (Fiddle) Contact: 9347 1502

- **The Boite World Music Café:**

World Music Cafe - 1 Mark Street, Fitzroy.
8.00 pm. \$18/\$12. Other events at the **Box Hill Community Arts Centre**, 470 Station St, Box Hill, the **BMW Edge Auditorium** at Federation Square, and more.
Phone: 03 9417 1983.

Email: boite@boite.com.au

Website at: www.boite.com.au

** In addition to their regular membership, the Boite also has an **artist directory** and a **free fortnightly enews**.

Some up and coming Boite events:

**** Friday, November 12th - 8.00pm: Box Hill Community Arts Centre.**

"On The Air" - Stan Gottschalk & The New Holland Honeyeaters (Tas). An "old-time string band with a difference", The New Holland Honey Eaters will wind your radio dial back to the 1930's with their acclaimed On The Air: The Story of Early Country Radio..

**** Saturday November 13th - 8.00pm: World Music Cafe.**

Alwan (Arabic: colours) is Yuval Ashkar (Israeli oud player/singer/percussionist), Phil Carroll (accordion, ney flute, duduk, vocals) and Matt Stonehouse (percussion) playing sublime Turkish, Arabic and Israeli music..

**** Saturday, November 20th - 8:00 pm: World Music Cafe. The Iyer Brothers and Sridar Chary:** Highly regarded south Indian musicians.

**** Saturday, November 27th - 8.00pm: World Music Cafe. Yirribar.** Directed by Stephen Taberner, Yirriba is a funky choir based in outer Melbourne.

**** Saturday, December 4th - 3.00pm: Northcote Uniting Church, 251 High St: Boite End-of-Year Celebrations.** Featuring live music from the World Music Cafe artists and launching the Todo Cambia CD and DVD. Including performances from the Melbourne Millennium Chorus and Boite Schools Chorus. Free entry for Melbourne Millennium Chorus and Boite School Chorus members and those who have pre-purchased a Todo Cambia CD or DVD.

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

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

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

***Tuesday 14th December: Coolgrass - fantastic rollicking bluegrass and good-time music.**

**** Third Tuesday: Singabout!**, a regular group singing session. Singabout runs from 8:00 til 9:30 pm.

**** Fourth Tuesday: Billabong Band** practice from 8:00 pm. The Billabong Band is the Club's band for Concert Party events. All musicians are welcome to join in for some relaxed playing of traditional Australian music.

**** Other Tuesdays** feature session playing, singalong, poetry and yarns.

**** All events** at the **East Ringwood Community Hall** ("Red Cross Hall", enter into driveway from Knaith Road).

- **Clifton Hill Hotel Music Nights**

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

Website: www.cliftonhillhotel.com

Booking agent: Rodney Claringbould: 0409 510 251

**** 17th November - Jodie Moran, Laura K. Webb, Andrew Denholme.**

**** 24th November - Ealey & Pyers, Marilla Homes, Simon Evans**

- **Clifton Hill Emerald Lounge Specials**

**** Friday 12th November: 8.30pm:**

Nick Charles CD Launch. With Nick Charles and friends. Sure to be crowded. **Tickets:** \$20. Book at the hotel bar or on 03 9489 8705 or 0414 650 985.

- **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

- **The Dan O'Connell Singers Sessions:**

Every Sunday night. Dan O'Connell Hotel, Princes St, Carlton. I don't know a lot about this session – I've heard it's great – rock along and check it out. For additional information call the Pub at 9347 1502.

- **Pickin' at the Piggery:**

Second Saturday of the month (March to December): Bluegrass, blues, old-timey jams, workshops and performances. From 7pm. Footscray Community Arts Centre, 45 Moreland St, Footscray. \$10 / \$8. Enq: Janet Dear: 03 5368 6888, 53681213 (bh). www.bluegrass.org.au

- **Newport Fiddle and Folk Club:**

*** Folk Club Night: Last Friday of the month.**

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

*** Newport Bush Orchestra:** (Conducted by Greg O'Leary and Bruce Williams) Mondays, 7:30pm – 9:30pm. All levels welcome. \$90 per term. Outlets Community Cooperative, 43 Mason St Newport

*** Newport Community Choir:** (conducted by Alan Davies) Wednesdays, 7.30 – 9pm. \$88 per term or \$10 per session. Outlets Community Cooperative, 43 Mason St Newport. Enq: 03 9391 1103



- **Acoustic Night at Breizoz Creperie:**

Second Thursday of the Month, Breizoz Creperie, 139 Nelson Place, Williamstown. 7.15 – 10.30pm. \$10. Enq: Greg on 9397 5224 or greg.hammond23@hotmail.com www.myspace.com/breizozthursdays

**** Thursday 22nd November: Suzette Herft & friends plus The Sitting Ducks.**

**** Thurs 9th December: Locals Night** with a swag of great entertainment from local performers.

- **Wax Lyrical**

First Sunday in alternate months: No more in Melbourne for the year.

- **Albert Park Yacht Club Concerts**

Regular concerts at the **Albert Park Yacht Club Port Lounge**, 28 Aquatic Drive, Albert Park Lake Reserve. **7.30pm** for 8pm start. Price includes yummy refreshments. **Contact:** Cliff Ellery at taxman@bigpond.net.au or on 9690 1233 or 0418 179 411 to book or for directions. More details at: www.harmonyrow.com.au

**** Friday 19th November – Pugsley Buzzard:** Pugsley Buzzard, piano player and singer with a distinctive sound plays funky New Orleans grooves, barrelhouse blues Harlem stride and modern stylings that feature loads of tantalising improvisations.. \$20/\$15.

- **Clare Castle Singing & Music Session**

Second Tuesday of the month: Clare Castle Hotel, 421 Rathdowne St, Carlton. BYO instruments, voices, or just a listening ear. Excellent meals available.

Contact: Cliff Ellery at taxman@bigpond.net.au or on 9690 1233 or 0418 179 411.

- **Singorama! at Princes Hill**

Thursday evenings (fortnightly) 8:00 – 9:30pm. Princes Hill Community Centre, rear 270 McPherson St, Nth Carlton.

Leader: Bronwyn Calcutt. Come along to our Thursday night singing group and you will be singing in harmony in minutes. Everyone welcome, relaxing & fun.

Phone: 9387 7740.

- **The Butterfly Glee Club**

Glee Club is the only sing-a-long choir in town. You just turn up, grab a drink at the bar and have a group sing.

- Showtune Tuesdays 6:15-7:15
- Classic Wednesdays 6:15-7:15

The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank Street, Sth Melbourne (just near the Sth Melb Town Hall). Melways ref 2K C2.

Tickets: \$10 at door. www.thebutterflyclub.com

Email: glee.club@optusnet.com.au

OTHER:

I have lifted these listings from a great website maintained by **Roger Holdsworth** who has broadcast the radio show “**Global Village**” on PBS-FM 106.7 for many years. The show is currently heard on **Sundays** from **5 – 7pm**. Roger’s gig guide website is: www.asprinworld.com and he is contactable at: r.holdsworth@unimelb.edu.au

FRIDAY 12 November:

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

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

Kavisha Mazzella: Burrinja Gallery, Upwey

SATURDAY 13 November:

11.00 am: **Manningham Multicultural Festival**: Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster - free: 9840 9259

4.00 pm: **Kavisha Mazzella**: Banyule Art Space, 14 Ivanhoe Parade, Ivanhoe: 9456 9271

8.00 pm: **Diana Clark Trio**: Paris Cat, 6 Goldie Place, Melbourne: 9642 4711

8.00 pm: **Babaganoush**: Upper Yarra Arts Centre, 3409 Warburton Highway, Warburton

8.00 pm: **Melbourne Singers of Gospel**: *Walkin' Down That Glory Road*: James Tatoulis Auditorium, Methodist Ladies College, 207 Barkers Road, Kew

Claymore: Spenserslive, 419 Spencer Street, West Melbourne: 9329 8821

SUNDAY 14 November:

2.00 pm: **Stiletto Sisters**: Samson Hill Estate Winery, 360 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road, Kangaroo Ground: 9712 0715

2.30 pm: **Matthew Fagan + others**: Voyages Flamenco Show: Monsalvat, 7 Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham: 9439 7712

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

8.00 pm: **Dandelion Wine + Brillig**: CD Launch: The Toff, Swanston Street, Melbourne

8.00 pm: **Opa**: Bar 303, 303 High Street, Northcote

TUESDAY 16 November:

7.30 pm: **The Woohoo Revue +: Music for Change**: Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street, Melbourne

WEDNESDAY 17 November:

6.30 pm: **Stiletto Sisters + The Bombay Royale and The Bollywood Foundation**: Queen Victoria Market, stages at Peel and Queen Streets, North Melbourne

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

THURSDAY 18 November:

8.30 pm: **Alwan**: Claypots Bar, St Kilda - free: 9534 1282

Kavisha Mazzella: Storey Hall, RMIT, Swanston Street, Melbourne

FRIDAY 19 November:

8.00 pm: **Matthew Fagan + Ajak Mabia and band + Simon Lewis and Amanaska**: *Black Voyages*: Spenserslive, 419 Spencer Street, West Melbourne: 1300 438 849

SATURDAY 20 November:

8.00 pm: **Hot Club Swing**: Victorian Jazz Club, Oakleigh/Carnegie RSL, 95 Drummond Street, Oakleigh: 9553 3850

SUNDAY 21 November:

1.00 pm: **Akoma Beat + Kundalila**: Visible: Smorgon Family Plaza, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne - free: 9417 6777

2.00 pm: **Blak Roots + Afro Habesha + Afro Mandinko**: Visible: Playhouse, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 9417 6777

MONDAY 22 November:

7.30 pm: **One Africa + Bec Matthews**: Musica at La Mama, Courthouse Theatre, 349 Drummond Street, Carlton: 9347 6142

WEDNESDAY 24 November:

6.30 pm: **Cookin' on 3 Burners + Tabura**: Queen Victoria Market, stages at Peel and Queen Streets, North Melbourne

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

THURSDAY 25 November:

8.30 pm: **Alwan**: Claypots Bar, St Kilda - free: 9534 1282

The Richard Bona Group (Cameroon): Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333

FRIDAY 26 November:

4.30 pm: **Bombay Royale + Sakura Lassi**: Curve Bar, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 182 183

8.00 pm: **Barry Wratten's Crescent City Serenaders + Invention in Time**: Surrey Music Cafe, Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill: 9262 6555

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

Takadimi: Open Studio, 204 High Street, Northcote

SATURDAY 27 November:

4.30 pm: **Unified Gecko + Opa!**: Curve Bar, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 182 183

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

SUNDAY 28 November:

9.00 am: **Jugularity**: Spring Harvest Festival, Werribee Park, Werribee

12.00 noon: **Stiletto Sisters**: No 35 at Sofitel, Level 35, Sofitel, Melbourne: 9653 7744

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

WEDNESDAY 1 December:

6.30 pm: **Red Ink + Roysten Vasie + Raag Thaal:** Queen Victoria Market, stages at Peel and Queen Streets, North Melbourne
8.00 pm: **Stiletto Sisters duo:** Borsch, Vodka and Tears, 173 Chapel Street, Prahran: 9530 2694

THURSDAY 2 December:

8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots Bar, St Kilda - free: 9534 1282

FRIDAY 3 December:

4.30 pm: **Lotek + Rebel HiFi + Massive Choir:** Curve Bar, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 182 183

SATURDAY 4 December:

4.00 pm: **Rene Sephton and Etienne Dinanga + Anbessa + Doug de Vries and Diana Clark:** Tapestry: Salon, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333
4.30 pm: **Madre Monte + Son Corners:** Curve Bar, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 182 183
5.00 pm: **Tabura:** Tapestry: Foyer, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank - free: 9699 3333
5.30 pm: **Cosmo Cosmolino + Valanga and Andrea Khoza:** Tapestry: Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333

SUNDAY 5 December:

5.00 pm: **Bruce Watson:** Northcote Uniting Church, 251 High Street, Northcote

TUESDAY 7 December:

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

Out-of-Town Diary Dates

• Selby Folk Club

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 3rd December: "Jugularity" plus Jenny Biddle.**

• 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

**** Friday 19th November: "Two Rose Black".** Gary and Georgia Rose and Alex Black present fine songs and hot fiddle playing. Also: **Christie Heart**, Playing a mix of contemporary acoustic, celtic, country/folk and jazz.

**** Friday 17th December: Christmas in the Chapel.** Laid back and stress-free!

• Fathers in the Chapel:

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

• Peninsula Folk Club

First Sunday of the month. Shakespeare's Bar and Restaurant, 101 Young St, Frankston. Session: 7–7.45 pm. Performances: 8.00. Enquiries: Evan Webb 03 9783 3483 0439 456 544 Email: evanjwebb@optusnet.com.au

• Gippsland Acoustic Music Club

First Sunday of the month. Tyers Hall. Vocal Nosh for singers: 5 – 6.30pm. Concert with main act and local support at 7.30pm. \$15/\$10. Occasional Cafe Concerts. Enquiries: Judy Woods: 03 5122 1634
www.musicclub.org.au

• Geelong Folk Music Club

Session at The Carlton Hotel, Malop St Geelong, every Thursday, 7.30pm onwards.

Session at Irish Murphys, 33 Aberdeen Street Geelong, every Sunday afternoon, 5.30pm onwards.

Open Mic concert night: 8.00pm on the second Tuesday of every month at Irish Murphys. Admission is free.

Last Sunday Folk Club at Irish Murphy's. Showcasing members' acts plus guest artists.

**** November 28th: Jan Bentley & friends: CD Launch** (sweet folk music) plus "Tarnation" (bluegrass).

Enquiries: www.geelongfolkmusicclub.com

• HarvesterMoon Music Events

Dominic McAlinden and Jenny Moroney have transformed their **Bellarine valley** farm house into a delightful 'art house', restaurant and lavender farmlet. With their roots firmly in music, they are presenting world class acts. From November they will no longer be open for casual unbooked dining, but you can contact them to book functions. No more music shows for this year. 2320 Portarlington Rd, Bellarine. **Bookings & enquiries** 5259 3200.

www.harvestermoon.com.au

• 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.

• Bendigo Folk Club

**** Friday November 26th: Jan Wositzky and Skip Sail.** From 7.30pm.

**** Club nights** are usually on the first Wednesday of the month.

Under the Grandstand, Queen Elizabeth Oval, View Street, Bendigo. Contact: Geoff on 5448 3225 ah
Website: www.bendigofolkclub.com

• Harmony Row Vineyard

Harmony Row Vineyard is near Kyneton, central Victoria. Occasional luncheon concerts in the undercover venue. No further concerts for this year but some great ones coming up in 2011. Phone: 0400 804855 or 0354235286
Email: harmonyrowvineyard@bigpond.com or
Website: www.harmonyrow.com.au

• Kyneton Folk Music Session

Last Sunday of the month, 3-6pm, Albion Hotel, Mollison St, Kyneton. Good music and friendly publican. Free entry.

• Wax Lyrical Hepburn

Free showcase for songwriters of all ages and levels of experience.

**** Sunday November 28th: Last "Wax" for the year at Hepburn** @ The Old Hepburn Hotel, 236 Main Road, Hepburn. 5 - 8pm. Featured artist each month. Gold coin donation for local CFA.

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.
waxlyrical@westnet.com.au www.asai.org.au

- **Hepburn Palais Performance Nights**

1st Thursday of the month, 7.30pm. Meals from 5pm. Pre-book a 20-minute spot or turn up for open stage. Phone: 5348 7958.

* **Other regular music concerts** at The Palais: Go to www.thepalais.com.au

- **Daylesford Open Mic.**

3rd Friday of the month. Daylesford Inn, 158 Ballan Road, Daylesford. Original songs, poems, covers and instrumentals are all welcome. Time for three or more items each. Queries sms/ring Vanessa Craven on 0408994393.

The venue is warm and cosy, fully licensed and reasonable food available from \$10.

- **Music in Trentham, Vic.**

**** Last Friday of the month:** from around 7.30pm: **Irish Session** at the **Trentham Hotel**. 31-35 High Street. Enquiries: (03) 5424 1303.

**** 2nd Friday of the month:** The **Cosmopolitan Fiddle Sessions** from 6pm. Cnr High St and Cosmo Road, Trentham. Hosted by Steve and Stacey from Family Farm Band. All welcome (from beginners to advanced) to bring instruments including fiddles, mandolins, guitars, banjos, bass, dobros, and voice to join in a good ole group musical hoe-down. Free entry and special drinks prices for those who join in the jam. Enq: (03) 5424 1516

**** Every Sunday:** Live music at the **Cosmopolitan** from 1pm. Free entry. Variety of performers and styles.

**** Radio Springs Hotel, Lyonville** (between Daylesford and Trentham). Beautiful building, great food. **Music Wednesday to Sunday** with folk, acoustic, blues and jazz performers. Enq: 5348 5562. www.radiospringshotel.com.au

- **Castlemaine Theatre Royal**

Variety of great music as well as their regular theatre screenings. **Info:** 03 5472 1196 or www.theatreroyal.info

- **Guildford Folk Club**

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

- **Guildford Ukulele Lounge**

2nd Sunday of the month, 1.30 to 5.00pm. Guildford Hotel. Any ukulele-based acts can perform two or three songs. Audience welcome. Gold coin donation.

- **Carisbrook Folk Club**

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

- **Tikk Tokkk Klezmer Kollektiv**

Also known as the "Kastlemaine Klezmer Kollektiv" - play klezmer, baltik, eastern European and Skandinavian music. Anyone interested in playing is welcome to join in. Meeting places and times vary. **Contact** Neil Barr: [Email: neilbarr@fastmail.fm](mailto:neilbarr@fastmail.fm)

Dancing Around

- **Ringwood Colonial Dances (VFMC)**

First Saturday of every month 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: 9762 1389, 9885 6109 ceden@pacific.net.au or 9723 2453 or 0413 209 334. Email: vfmc@bigpond.net.au
Website: www.vfmc.org.au

**** 4th December 2010: The Billabong Band**

- **Melbourne Colonial Dancers**

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

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

Dance classes at St Michael's Church Hall, Cnr MacPherson & Mcllwraith Sts, Carlton. (Melway Reference: 29J12 Tram Stop: 116)

Recorded music nights \$5 Members \$6 Non members. On the **1st Wednesday** of the month the **Melbourne Colonial Dance Band** plays the music. \$6 Memb \$7 Non memb

* **Third Thursday** of every month: Dancing at St Oswald's Church Hall, 100 High St, Glen Iris. *Melway 60, B9.* Cost \$6.

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

- **TSDSAV (dancing)**

The Traditional Social Dance Association of Victoria also presents a variety of dance-related activities throughout the year. Contact Marion Stabb on 03 9439 7100 or Heather Larsen on 03 9808 4869. Website: www.tsdav.asn.au

- **Borderline Kaylee:**

A playing group for the under-25's. 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
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@iinet.net.au
Website: www.members.iinet.net.au/~goreilly

- **Scottish Country Dancing:**

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

- **Welsh Dancing:**

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

- **Central Victorian Dances**

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

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

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

Festivals

I've tried to include a fairly comprehensive list from now till April. **January** has a number of **clashes** in 2011 due to the configuration of the New Year period, so check carefully if you intend going to any festivals in January. I know many people, for instance, who are having to choose between Turramurra and Newstead. Anyway, happy festival-going!!

18th – 22nd November: Harrieville Bluegrass & Traditional Country Music Convention, Vic. A great line-up of bluegrass and old time musicians from Australia and the US. Lots of sessions. For enquiries phone: 03 5368 6888 (ah) or mob: 0418 394 915. Website: www.bluegrass.org.au
Email: harrieville@bluegrass.org.au

18th – 21st November: Australasian World Music Expo, Melbourne, Vic. Traditional and contemporary indigenous roots and world music from Australia, Melanesia and the Pacific. Fantastic concerts, forums, speakers. The Arts Centre, Fed Square, The HiFi and the Toff. Variety of prices, many free or quite cheap. Bookings: Ticketmaster: 1300 136 166. For info on programs etc: 03 9314 0272 or 0413 007 602 or info@www.awme.com.au or website: www.awme.com.au

26th – 28^h November: Queenscliff Music Festival, Vic. Looks like an interesting and eclectic variety of music this year including lots of folk, roots, blues and acoustic. You may need to pre-book if you intend to go. 1300 438 849.
www.qmf.net.au

Christmas to New Year and beyond: Black and White Folk Festival - Nariel Creek, near Corryong, Vic:

A laid-back gathering of people of all ages who flock to camp on the banks of Nariel Creek near Corryong in north-eastern Victoria to relax, socialise, sing, play and dance. Enquiries: Linton on 02 6077 4332, Ian on 02 6077 1273. Email: poetfarm@corryongcec.net.au
Website: www.narielcreekfestival.org.au

December 27 – Jan 1 - Woodford Festival, QLD.

The largest folk festival in Australia – music, song, dance, the spoken word, food, celebrations, folk culture, etc, etc. Phone: 07 5496 1066. Visit: www.woodfordfolkfestival.com

2nd – 7th January 2010: The Lake School of Celtic Music, Koroit, Victoria.

A summer holiday in an Aussie "Irish" village, with music, song and dance classes all day and sessions and ceilidhs all night! Top class tutors. Email: felix@bushwahzee.com. Phone: 03 98791654(w) or 0413 801 294 or visit: www.lakeschool.bushwahzee.com

7th – 10th January: Girgarre Moosic Muster, Girgarre, Victoria (btwn Shepparton & Echuca).

Workshops in guitar, fiddle, banjo, ukulele, harmonica, singing, etc., concerts, open mics, jam sessions, and Sunday farmer's market. \$45, camping included. For details phone: Jan: 03 5854 6293, Max: 0428 306 687, Di: 03 5484 1183. Website: www.girgarre.com.au

9th – 14th January: Celtic Southern Cross Music Under the Mountains. Campaspe Downs, Kyneton, Victoria.

Most workshops are already full, but it is worth enquiring if you are interested. Contact: 03 6397 3427, email: music@celt.com.au
Website: www.celt.com.au/summer.html

14th – 16th January: Cygnet Folk Festival, Huon Valley, Tasmania.

Fantastic folk festival in a beautiful setting. Earlybird prices available till Dec 19th. Tickets available through Centertainment by phoning (03) 6234 5998 or online at www.centertainment.com.au or www.cygnetfolkfestival.org

13th – 16th January: The Boite Singers' Festival, Daylesford, Victoria.

A fantastic weekend of singing and songwriting workshops and concerts in the heart of Central Victoria. Phone: 03 9417 1983. Email: singers@boite.com.au or log onto: www.boite.com.au

13th – 16th January: 24th Illawarra Folk Festival, Bulli, NSW.

500 performers, 12 venues. Phone: 1300 887 034. Email: info@illawarrafolkclub.org.au
Website: www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au

14th – 23rd January: Tamworth Country Music Festival, NSW.

Contact: Tourism Tamworth Ltd, PO Box 552, Tamworth, NSW, 2340. Web: www.tcmf.com.au
Ph: 02 6767 5300, Fax: 02 6767 5312.
Email: tourism@tamworth.nsw.gov.au

21st – 23rd January: Tamar Valley Folk Festival, George Town, Tas.

Another gorgeous Tassie folk festival, this one in the north of the state. Phone: Chris: 0407 313 103. Email: info@tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com
Website: www.tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com

21st – 24th January: Newstead Live! Folk Festival, Newstead, Central Victoria.

Many fabulous local, national and international performers. Phone: Andrew Pattison: 03 5425 5400 or the Newstead RTC on: 03 5476 2360, email: wineandmusic@bigpond.com or log on to www.newsteadlive.com

21st – 24th January: Turramurra Folk Music Family Camp, near Dean's Marsh, Victoria. This may well be booked out by the time you read this, but if so you may like to get on the mailing list for 2012. Always a wonderful weekend of music.

Enquiries and application forms: Jen and Barrie Warren, 03 5255-4799 or warjenn51@gmail.com

Antigone Komodromos: 0403 017 659 or antigone@cumming.cc

19th – 21st February: 3rd Blackwood Fiddlers Convention, Blackwood, Vic. Recreation Reserve. Camping, Food & Bar on site and lots of acoustic bluegrass, old timey, Cajun, Aust Hillbilly etc.

Enq: Ken Mc Master at kennithmcmaster@hotmail.com

25th – 27th February: Cobargo Folk Festival, NSW. Historic and picturesque village on the south coast of NSW.

Enquiries: 02 6493 6758 or email:

cobargofolkfestival@bigpond.com

Website: www.cobargofolkfestival.com

25th – 27th February: Frances Folk Gathering, SA.

Discover how the tiny village of Frances in South Australia's South East opens its hearts to visiting folkies from all parts of SA, Vic and beyond, for a fun-filled weekend of music, merriment, dance, competitions, concerts, workshops and much, much more. Phone: 08 8765 1093.

Email: folk@francesfolkgathering.com.au

Website: www.francesfolkgathering.com.au

4th – 7th March: Nannup Music Festival, WA.

In the heart of the south-west's jarrah forests. Enq: 08 9756 1511. Website: www.nannupmusicfestival.org

11th – 14th March: Port Fairy Folk Festival, Port Fairy, Vic. Tickets (earlybird concession before November 30th) are now available online: www.portfairyfolkfestival.com

Info: 03 5225 1232 or 5568 2227

11th – 14th March: Burke & Wills Folk Gathering, Burke & Wills Winery, Vic. A delightful alternative to Port Fairy - relaxing and entertaining. Camping space available. Info:

Andrew Pattison: 03 5425 5400. www.wineandmusic.net

11th – 14th 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

16th – 27th March: Brunswick Music Festival, Vic.

A fabulous feast of music right here in inner suburban Melbourne. Phone: 03 9387 3376. Email:

johnbmf@vicnet.net.au.

Log on to: www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au

18th – 20th March: Echuca Moama Celtic Festival, Murray River. Celtic bands, concerts, pipe bands, dancers, Gathering of the Clans dinner, heritage workshops, fine food & wines, Celtic religious service, and a spiritual pilgrimage along the Murray. Phone: 0400 563 399

Email: info@celticfestival.com.au

Web: www.celticfestival.com.au

18th – 20th 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

18th – 20th March: Blue Mountains Folk Music Festival, NSW. Enquiries: 1800 651 322. Email: info@bmf.org.au

Website: www.bmff.org.au

25th – 27th March: Yackandandah Folk Festival, Victoria.

Friendly music festival in a historic village, featuring international, national and local artists. Email:

folkfestival@yackandandah.com

Website: www.folkfestival.yackandandah.com

31st March – 3rd 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

8th – 10th April: Apollo Bay Music Festival, Vic.

Phone: 03 5237 6761.

Email: info@apollobaymusicfestival.com

Website: www.apollobaymusicfestival.com

21st – 25th 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

29th April – 1st May: Fairbridge Festival, WA.

WA's major folk festival. Phone: 08 9246 3311

Email: admin@fairbridgefestival.com.au

Website: www.fairbridgefestival.com.au