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From the President

Greetings all. Welcome to the New Year. I hope you had a grand Christmas, some jolly New Year's Eve celebrations - and perhaps made it to one of the many summer folk **festivals**, music camps or Summer Schools. I unfortunately didn't make it to Nariel Creek this year due to a rather nasty tummy bug, but thoroughly enjoyed Turramurra Music Camp and Newstead Live folk festival. Congratulations to all those amazing people who work so hard to make these things happen!

Sad news of the passing of a few folk greats during the past couple of months (see later). What a legacy they have left!

Congratulations to members of the Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club for "invading" Tamworth Country Music Festival and scooping some prestigious awards! They deserve them.

The Melbourne Folk Club is swinging back into action this Saturday, February 6th. Go along, say hi, relax for the afternoon, and support the musicians.

The Brunswick Music Festival is coming up quickly - see later for a run-down of events.

Important News About the National Folk Festival in Canberra at Easter:

If you are intending to camp at the National Festival, you must pre-book a season pass and camping ticket by March 5th. You can no longer just rock up and expect to pitch your tent. You must also book a vehicle pass for \$11. Please pass this **on** to anyone who you think might be going.

Ticket prices have gone up - \$300 per adult, \$245 concession, \$205 youth, \$95 child over 5, for a

season-plus-camping ticket. Pro rata for other tickets.

After you book you will receive a wrist band in the mail and you MUST remember to take it with you to present at the gate. If you do not, you will have to pay again and you will NOT be able to camp there. BE WARNED!!

Newsletter

The next newsletter will be out towards the end of March. I'd love to print news, reviews, article, etc from you - please either email or send by mail - I don't mind which.

Jeanette Gillespie (President and Editor)

The Melbourne Folk Club

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

Grandview Hotel 47 Pearson St, Brunswick West

Saturday February 6th:

- Enda Kenny. Dublin born songwriter. Enda Kenny has lived in Melbourne, Australia since 1987. His songs describe stories of life, humour, nature and injustice. Enda's gift as a performer is his ability to bring alive the individual experience in a way his audience intuitively relates to.
- Pete Wild. Fresh, contemporary small-town Australian indi-folk-pop incorporating broadway comedy, rock, polka, romantic bluegrass, and folk ballads.

Saturday February 13th:

- Matthew Fagan. A gifted fiery guitarist with a wealth of experience in performance, recording and composition. Matthew has toured with international artists Shirley Bassey, The Buena Vista Social Club, Michael Crawford and Billy Connolly.
- John Ross. Now based in Central Victoria, John is a fine singer, guitarist and ukulele player, with a wide repertoire of songs and an engaging wry humour. He is an integral member of the Guildford ukulele group S.E.G.U.E.

Saturday February 20th:

- SNEZ. Sydney based, SNEZ is an artist who writes and performs with raw passion and spirit. Sharing her stories and songs about life, love lost and found and capturing the romance of life with an honesty and vulnerability. She has performed at various concerts and festivals around Australia.
- Rohan Kay. Rohan Kay writes and performs acoustic guitar songs that feature complex fingerpicking and riffs in altered tunings, with lush arrangements and lyrics that explore human needs and wants.

Saturday February 27th:

- Janette Geri. A gifted singer of rare warmth and beauty, Janette is a powerful performer with a truly beautiful voice, great acoustic guitar style, and a genius for interpretation. She can mesmerize her audiences with soaring and assured vocals, rich guitar work and wicked sense of humour.
- Open Mic anyone interested in performing in our once a month open mike please email Mel Robertson on melbournefolkclub@gmail.com

Sunday March 14th (Special Concert at 3pm):

The String Contingent. The String Contingent (Australia and Scotland) play new acoustic music for violin, double bass and guitar. Their compositions and performance combine the clarity and precision of baroque chamber music with the raw excitement and intensity of Scottish fiddle and Bluegrass. The String Contingent redefine the possibilities of a string trio in their own articulate and fluent style.

Other Concerts in March:

The Folk Club will continue throughout March with more great concerts each Saturday afternoon from 3pm till 6pm. Check out the website or sign up with your email address to receive weekly updates.

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/ melbournefolkclub@gmail.com

Brunswick Music Festival

This festival is a fabulous feast of music right here in our own city. For programs and all bookings:

Phone: 03 9388 1460.

Online: www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au

Email: johnbmf@vicnet.net.au. Below is a quick view of what's on.

Folk Victoria is sponsoring the Ted Egan/ Yan **Wositzky** concert on Sunday evening March 21st at 7.30pm at Penny Black in Sydney Road. If you are a member of Folk Vic you can book for this concert at the concession price.

SUNDAY 28th February:

Sydney Road Street Party. Noon – 7pm. Sydney Road, from Union to Victoria Sts, Brunswick. Multiple stages, stalls.

THURSDAY 11 March:

8.00 pm: John McCutcheon + Enda Kenny: Brunswick Town Hall, Sydney Road.

8.30 pm: Uncle Earl + Bluestone Junction: East Brunswick Club Hotel, Lygon Street.

FRIDAY 12 March:

8.00 pm: Dougie McLean + Kate Burke and Ruth Hazleton: Brunswick Town Hall.

8.30 pm: Eileen Jewell + Suzannah Espie and the Last Word: East Brunswick Club Hotel.

8.30 pm; Genticorum + String Theory; Penny Black, Sydney Road.

SATURDAY 13 March:

8.00 pm: Archie Roach 1988 + Djiva: Brunswick Town Hall. 8.00 pm: Vin Garbutt + Bruce Watson Trio: Mechanics Institute, corner Sydney Road and Glenlyon Road. 8.30 pm: Collard, Greens and Gravy + Hat Fitz and Cara Robinson: East Brunswick Club Hotel. 8.30 pm: Lou Bennett and The Sweet Cheeks + Liz Stringer:

Penny Black.

SUNDAY 14 March:

3.00 pm and 7.30pm: I Viaggiatori: Suitcase Serenata CD Launch: Mechanics Institute.

8.00 pm: Mary Gauthier + Tracy McNeil: Bruns Town Hall.

TUESDAY 16 March:

8.00 pm: Mairtin O'Connor Band + Tony O'Neill Trio: Brunswick Town Hall.

THURSDAY 18 March:

8.00 pm: Pigram Brothers + Tonchi McIntosh: Brunswick Town Hall.

8.30 pm: Whitetop Mountaineers Peckin' Order: Penny Black.

FRIDAY 19 March:

8.00 pm; Apodimi Compania; Brunswick Town Hall. 8.30 pm: Emily Smith and Jamie McClennan + Young Fiddlers of MSFC: Mechanics Institute.

8.30 pm: Broderick Smith + Uncle Bill: Penny Black.. 9.00 pm: Angie Hart + Kate Vigo and the Underground Orchestra: East Brunswick Club Hotel.

SATURDAY 20 March:

8.00 pm: Eddi Reader + Alanna and Alicia Egan: Brunswick Town Hall.

8.30 pm: George and Nikos Xylouris + Deirdre Hannan: Mechanics Institute.

8.30 pm: Paddy Keenan + Squeebz: Penny Black. 9.00 pm: Barons of Tang + Croque Monsieur: East Brunswick Club Hotel.

SUNDAY 21 March:

7.30 pm: Ted Egan + Yan Wositzky: Penny Black.

8.00 pm: Chris Smither + Bill Jackson: Brunswick Town Hall. 8.00 pm: Truckstop Moneymoon + Sarah Caroll and The

Blue Tinsel: East Brunswick Club Hotel.

8.30 pm: Mike Cooper: Que Viva Mexico by Sergei

Eisenstein: Mechanics Institute.

MORE FOLK NEWS AND VIEWS

Passing Of Four Folk Greats

Alistair Hulett

Alistair Hulett, Scottish singer/songwriter/quitarist (and Australian resident for many years before he returned to Scotland in the 90's) passed away on January 28th.

Alistair performed two beautiful sets of songs at the Melbourne Folk Club recently (on November 21st) after touring the country and was to fly home shortly afterwards. My partner Duncan Brown and myself were privileged to have performed the support

bracket on that afternoon. I will never forget Ali's final hug and flashing warm smile.

Not long after his return home he was admitted to Glasgow hospital with liver failure. He battled for three weeks while awaiting a transplant, but he was discovered to have agressive cancer in his liver, lungs and stomach and died on January 28th.

In his many years living in New Zealand and Australia, Alistair became well known in many circles and in many quises.

He loved his own Scottish folk music traditions, and breathed new life and beauty into the traditional songs he shared.

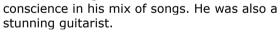
He was a passionate political activist on the far left, raging against injustice and championing the militant end of the Australian labour movement and leftwing causes generally.

He was on the ground floor of the Australian punk/folk/rock scene, playing in towns and cities throughout Australia with his "out-there" band, Roaring Jack. Though the band broke up decades ago its music still has a loyal following throughout the country.

He was perhaps best known amongst the folk scene a a consummate songwriter in many styles - a true poet and beautiful tune-smith. Some of his songs

such as "He Fades Away",
"Destitution Road", "The Ballad
of '75" and "The Swaggies Have
All Waltzed Matilda Away" have
become true classics.

His folk performances were always a treat, as he shared the warmth of his personality and wit, told entertaining yarns, and skillfully blended his activism, his Scottish heritage and his social



On his last tour, so recently, he was meeting new friends and renewing old friendships every single day, so very full of life. Among the friendships he was renewing was that with his elderly parents, who came to his show in Brisbane, a couple hours from where they retired on the east coast of Australia.

Our thoughts are with his partner Fatima, his parents, family and loved ones, and the world-wide legion of mourning friends and fans.

 Music Deli (ABC Radio National) has a special on Alistair this Friday Feb 5th (8pm) and Sunday Feb 7th (4pm).

Kate McGarrigle

Canadian folk singer Kate McGarrigle, who enjoyed a long, successful musical partnership with her sister Anna, died on January 18th at the age of 63.

Kate and Anna broke into the limelight with their song *Heart Like a Wheel*, which U.S. singer Linda Ronstadt turned into a major hit in 1974. It featured

on their first album, *Kate And Anna McGarrigle*, which was released in 1975 and chosen as best album of the year by music magazine *Melody Maker*. The sisters - born near Montreal in French-speaking Quebec - recorded a total of 10 albums, some of them in French. They were known for their inventive style and beautiful and intricate vocal harmonies when they sang together.

McGarrigle was married for a time to U.S. singersongwriter Loudon Wainwright III, and was the mother of musicians Rufus and Martha Wainwright.

Liam Clancy

Liam Clancy, who died in December of last year, was the last surviving member of the Clancy Brothers folk band. The band's renditions of Irish rebel songs and ballads epitomized the Irish character and influenced the current Irish folk scene in Boston, USA. During the folk music revival of the 1960s, Clancy and his band performed in pubs all over New England. In an area filled with Irish immigrants and their descendants, Clancy's shows were not just opportunities to hear great music -- they were a way of reconnecting with Irish roots.

Tim Hart

Tim Hart, 61, a founding member of the British folkrock group Steeleye Span, died on December 24th 2009. He first partnered with Maddy Prior in 1966, recording 2 albums of "Folk Music of Olde England". In 1971 the pair teamed with Ashley Hutchings to form Steeleye Span, named for a character in a Lincolnshire folk song, "Horkstow Grange". Hart left the group in 1983, but appeared at a charity concert in 1995, and appeared with Prior at a BBC concert in 2008.



- Join the **Folk Alliance Australia**. Go to www.folkalliance.org.au for further details and heaps of information about folk music around Australia.
- **Subscribe to Trad&Now Magazine**. Log onto: www.tradandnow.com for all the news on how you can subscribe. They also have a huge CD catalogue.
- Subscribe to the Blarney Bulletin, a great source of news and views particularly concerning the Celtic connections in Victoria and around the country. Phone Kevin McCarthy on 0411 135 418 or email him at macca@blarneybulletin.com
 Website is: www.blarneybulletin.com
- Join Community Music Victoria. Another wonderful source of information about all manner of community music and arts events. Their newsletters are packed with information. Especially good for those wishing to join in some singing. I could not possibly transmit all those workshops, choirs, concerts, etc, in this newsletter so join up! For information and membership:

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

Email: cmv@netspace.net.au
Website: www.cmv.org.au

Other Metro Diary Events

Darebin Songwriter's Guild:

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

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. For more info, go to: http://irishsession.googlepages.com The site includes many common tune sets played by Paddy Fitzgerald at his three sessions around Melbourne. Alternatively you can contact Mark on markjmcd@gmail.com or 03 9459 2295

• The 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 and the **BMW Edge** Auditorium at Federation Square, and more.

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

website at: www.boite.com.au

Some up and coming Boite events:

** Saturday February 27th - 2:00 and 7.30pm "TARKA – Precious Music, Precious Water" Melbourne Town Hall.

Tarka, the world premier live performance, composed by Harry Williamson and Anthony Philips with the Whitehorse Orchestra conducted by Gerald Keuneman - AND - Our Common Good, a special event with the focus on water, featuring Ruby Hunter, Kavisha Mazzella, Frank Jones, Michael Johnson, Invention in Time and Northern Voice Choir.

Tickets:\$20/\$15. Book through the Boite (as above) or: http://www.greentix.com.au/events/41501/TARKA--Precious-Music-Precious-Water--Evening

- ** Saturday, March 13th 8:00 pm Northcote Uniting Church, 251 High Street. \$18/\$12. Narasirato Panpipers of the Solomon Islands.
- * Saturday, March 20th 8.00pm World Music Cafe. Babaganoush. Wild Klezmer, saucy French Cafe music, Balkan rhythms & originals. \$18/\$12.

• 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 9th February: Saoirse gorgeous Celtic harmonies and original songs and music.
- *Tuesday 9th March: Alistair Brown and The String Contingent.
- ** 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

- ** **Wed 10**th **February -** Spectrum, The Mercurials, Mick Pealing
- ** **Wed 17th February -** Jordie Lane, Dan Hall, Leah Flannagan (Darwin)
- ** **Wed 24th February** Nick Charles, Instrumental Asylum, Jodie Moran

• Clifton Hill Emerald Lounge Special

** Wednesday 10th March, 8pm:

Eleanor McEvoy. One of Irelands leading female singer/songwriters and respected as a fine multi-instrumentalist in both traditional and contemporary music. Supported by Bill Jackson & The Acoustic Orchestra (trio)

Tickets \$25: available at the door but bookings recommended – 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

• 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.

Pickin' at the Piggery:

Second Saturday of the month (note the change from third Saturday). Bluegrass, blues, old-timey jams, workshops and performances. From 7pm. Footscray Community House, 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 starting Feb 26th. 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. Eng: 03 9391 1103
- * Sunday March 21st: Bush Dance 3-6pm. Newport Lakes Park, Margaret St Newport. BYO picnic.

• Acoustic Night at Breizoz Creperie:

Second Thursday of the Month, Breizoz Creperie, 139 Nelson Place, Williamstown. 7.15 – 10.30pm. \$10. Eng: Greg on 9397 5224 or

greg_hammond23@hotmail.com www.myspace.com/greghammond

- ** Thurs 11th February: Bruce Williams and friends Newport local blues and bluegrass musos with a great infectious blues groove.
- ** Thurs 11th March: Nick Charles guitar great.
- ** Thurs 8th April: Braemar fine Scottish music.

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 12th February Pot'n'Kettle. Carl Pannuzzo and Penny Larkins. Heartfelt songs and gorgeous harmonies. \$15
- * Friday 26th February Rose
 Bygrave and Marcia Howard. Two of
 the most charismatic, gentle, spiritual singers and musicians
 Australia has ever produced. \$20/\$15
- * Friday 16th April Les Barker Gentle English funny man well-loved in the folk scene. \$20/\$15.

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.

Term 1: 11 & 25 Feb. 11 & 25 March 4 sessions \$40 Term 2: 22 April, 6, 20 May, 3, 17 June 5 sessions \$50 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 settle back in the gorgeous surrounds of The Butterfly Club to have a group sing.

- Showtune Tuesdays 6:15-7:15 (commencing Tuesday 21 July)
- Classic Wednesdays 6:15-7:15

The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank Street, South Melbourne (just near the South Melbourne Town Hall). Melways ref 2K C2. Tickets: \$10. Bookings: www.thebutterflyclub.com or simply turn up. More info: Go to our facebook page or email glee.club@optusnet.com.au

OTHER:

I have lifted these listings from a great website maintained by Roger Holdsworth who has broadcast the radio show "Global Village" on PBS-FM 106.7 for many years. The show is currently heard on Sundays from 8 – 10pm. Have a listen and phone some support. Roger's gig guide website is: www.asprinworld.com/GV.html and he is contactable at: r.holdsworth@unimelb.edu.au

FRIDAY 5 February:

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

8.00 pm: Ego Lemos + Dili Allstars + The Sweet Monas:

CD Launch: Fairfax Studio, Victorian Arts Centre, 100 St

Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 182 183

8.00 pm: Heather Stewart + Biddy Connor + Pria Schwall Kearney + Jenny M Thomas: Fiddle Friday: A Night of Fiddle-Singers: Bar 303, High Street, Northcote: 9482 4577

SATURDAY 6 February:

5.30 pm: **Asanti Dance Theatre**: Werribee Open Range Zoo, Werribee

7.30 pm: **Sean Kenan + more**: Fancy Yourself Fiddling?: Brunswick Town Hall, 233 Sydney Road, Brunswick: www.seankenan.com

8.00 pm: **The Idea of North:** Fairfax Studio, The Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 182 183

SUNDAY 7 February:

10.30 am: **Ruth Roshan and Tango Noir Trio:** Soul Food Cafe, State Library of Victoria, Village Roadshow Theatrette, corner Swanston and LaTrobe Streets, Melbourne - free 2.00 pm: **One Africa: Mandinko Sound**: Footscray Performing Arts Centre, Moreland Street, Footscray 4.00 pm: **Bois et Charbon**: Builders Arms, 211 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy

5.30 pm: **Akoma Beat + Muhanamwe**: Werribee Open Range Zoo, Werribee

WEDNESDAY 10 February:

6.30 pm: Vox Congo + Wassawumba + Chris Saray and Tai Jordan + Nyssa Bradsworth: Suzuki Night Market, QueenVictoria Market, corner Queen and Thierry Streets, North Melbourne

Kora (NZ): Hi-Fi Bar, Melbourne

THURSDAY 11 February:

7.30 pm: **Vardos:** Open Studio, 204 High Street, Northcote 8.30 pm: **Camoon:** Claypots Bar and Restaurant, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda: 9534 1282

Del Barrio: The Johnston, 62-70 Johnston Street, Fitzroy free: 9415 7226 (?)

SATURDAY 13 February:

5.30 pm: **Musiki Manjaro:** Werribee Open Range Zoo, Werribee

5.45 pm: **Afro Mandinko**: St Kilda Festival, Alfred Square,

St Kilda - free

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

SUNDAY 14 February:

5.30 pm: **Afro Mandinko**: Werribee Open Range Zoo, Werribee

6.30 pm: **Philippe L'Accordioniste**: Philippe Mouchel's Le Brasserie, Crown Casino: 9292 7808

WEDNESDAY 17 February:

6.30 pm: Monique Brumby + Husky + Frank Lee Darling + Kanvas Grey: Suzuki Night Market, Queen Victoria Market, corner Queen and Thierry Streets, North Melbourne

THURSDAY 18 February:

8.30 pm: **Camoon:** Claypots Bar and Restaurant, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda: 9534 1282

Del Barrio: The Johnston, 62-70 Johnston Street, Fitzroy **SATURDAY 20 February:**

5.30 pm: **King Bell and Soukous Ba Congo**: Werribee Open Range Zoo, Werribee (?)

SUNDAY 21 February:

1.00 pm: **Hot Club Swing**: Oakdene Restaurant, Wallington 5.30 pm: **Afro Mandinko**: Werribee Open Range Zoo, Werribee

WEDNESDAY 24 February:

6.30 pm: Skazz + Swing Patrol + Acequia + Bianca Chen: Suzuki Night Market, Queen Victoria Market, corner Queen and Thierry Streets, North Melbourne

THURSDAY 25 February:

8.30 pm: Camoon: Claypots Bar and Restaurant, 213 Barkly

Street, St Kilda: 9534 1282

Del Barrio: The Johnston, 62-70 Johnston Street, Fitzroy

SATURDAY 27 February:

12.30 pm: Afro Mandinko: Pako Festival, Pakington Street, Geelong - free

5.30 pm: Musiki Manjaro: Werribee Open Range Zoo,

Werribee

6.00 pm: Besh o droM (Hungary) + Rapskallion + Unified Gecko + Vulgargrad + Vardos + Barons of Tang + The Woohoo Revue: Karavan Gypsy Festival: Corner Hotel, 57 Swan Street, Richmond: 9427 9198

6.00 pm: Afro Mandinko: CERES Reggae Festival, CERES,

8 Lee Street, East Brunswick

8.00 pm: Kazband: Burrinja Cafe, 351 Glenfern Road,

Lulo Reinhardt: The Palais, Hepburn Springs

SUNDAY 28 February:

9.30 am: Jugularity: Picnic at Hanging Rock Food and Wine

12.30 pm: Bohemian Nights: La Dolce Italia Festival, Lygon Street. Carlton - free

5.00 pm: Hot Club Swing: Geelong Botanical Gardens, East

5.30 pm: Public Opinion Afro Orchestra: Werribee Open

Range Zoo. Werribee

8.00 pm: Besh o droM (Hungary) + Unified Gecko: The

Palais, 111 Main Road, Hepburn Springs

TUESDAY 2 March:

7.30 pm: Bohemian Nights: Budapest Restaurant and Palinka Bar, 273 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick: 9530 0849 Lulo Reinhardt: Williamstown RSL, Williamstown

WEDNESDAY 3 March:

One Africa: Wesley Performing Arts Centre, Horsham

FRIDAY 5 March,:

Brian Kennedy (Ireland): Thornbury Theatre, 859 High

Street, Thornbury: 9484 9831

One Africa: Wodonga Civic Centre, Wodonga

SATURDAY 6 March:

9.00 am: One Africa: Wodonga Civic Centre, Wodonga then roaming at Carnivale Show. Wodonga

5.30 pm: Asanti Dance Theatre: Werribee Open Range Zoo, Werribee

SUNDAY 7 March:

5.30 pm: Kinshasa Express: Werribee Open Range Zoo, Werribee

7.25 pm: Yalla! Trio: Moomba Cultural Quarter, Peppercorn Lawn, Alexandra Gardens - free

MONDAY 8 March. 2010:

Lulo Reinhardt: Eastbanks Centre, Shepparton

TUESDAY 9 March:

7.00 pm: Kerala Kalamandalam Dance Company: Kathakali Dance Drama: The Killing of Dushasana: Melb Town Hall, Swanston Street, Melbourne: 1300 136 166 8.00 pm: Ojos de Brujo: Hamer Hall, Arts Centre, 100 St

Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 182 183

Calexico: Thornbury Theatre, 859 High Street, Thornbury:

9484 9831

One Africa: Echuca

Lulo Reinhardt: Capital Theatre, Bendigo

WEDNESDAY 10 March, 2010:

Lulo Reinhardt: Blakiston Theatre, Geelong

FRIDAY 12 March:

Band of Brothers: Grigoryan and Tawadros families: Thornbury Theatre, 859 High Street, Thornbury: 9484 9831

SATURDAY 13 March:

12.00 noon: Ann Vriend (Canada) + Emma Wall: Harmony Row Winery, 12 km east of Kyneton

SUNDAY 14 March:

12.30 pm: Camoon: Viva Victoria - Multicultural Festival, Birrarung Marr, Federation Square, Melbourne - free 1.00 pm: Hot Club Swing: Weerama Festival Werribee

FRIDAY 19 March:

Damien Howard and The Ploughboys: Thornbury Theatre, 859 High Street, Thornbury: 9484 9831

SATURDAY 20 March:

8.00 pm: Ravi Shankar + Anoushka Shankar + Tanmoy Bose: Hamer Hall, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road,

Melbourne: 1300 182 183 or 136 100 Jugularity: Warrandyte Festival

SUNDAY 21 March:

Djan Djan: Thornbury Theatre, 859 High Street, Thornbury: 9484 9831

THURSDAY 25 March:

Al Di Meola World Sinfonia: Hamer Hall, Arts Centre, 100

St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 182 183

Lulo Reinhardt: BPAC, Benalla

FRIDAY 26 March:

start: Melbourne Djembe Drum and Dance Camp:

Cadlebark Farm, Healesville Lulo Reinhardt: TBA, Melbourne

SATURDAY 27 March:

Stiff Gins + others: Lake Bolac Eel Festival, Lake Bolac Lulo Reinhardt: Thornbury Theatre, 859 High Street, Thornbury: 9484 9831

SUNDAY 28 March:

12.00 noon: Lulo Reinhardt: Harmony Row Winery, 12 km

east of Kyneton

TUESDAY 30 March:

Orquesta Buena Vista Social Club: Hamer Hall, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 182 183

WEDNESDAY 31 March:

Gipsy Kings: Palais Theatre, Lower Esplanade, St Kilda Buddy Guy and band + Taj Mahal and band: Hamer Hall, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 182 183

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 5th February: "Sleeping Silver".

Harmony Row Vineyard

Harmony Row Vineyard is near Kyneton, central Victoria.

Phone: 0400 804855 or 0354235286

Email: harmonyrowvineyard@bigpond.com or

Website: www.harmonyrow.com.au

Saturday 13th March:

Anne Vriend (Canada) and Emma Wall. Noon for lunch, 2pm for show. Tickets: \$49 lunch & show; \$19 show only.

Saturday 20th March: Ted Egan and Yan Wositzky. Noon for lunch, 2.30pm for show. Tickets: \$55 lunch & show; \$25 show only.

Sunday 28th March:

Lulo Reinhardt - Nephew of the Legendary Diango Reinhardt, Lulo Reinhardt is also a gifted guitarist. He brings a top-level performance that enchants audiences. Noon for lunch, 2,30pm for show, Tickets: \$75 lunch & show: \$45 show only.

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 February 19th: Snez. An artist who writes and performs with raw passion and spirit, sharing her stories and songs about life, love lost and found and capturing the romance of life with an honesty and vulnerability.
- ** Fri March 19th: Ted Egan. Singer, beer carton player and varn-spinner extraordinaire. An Aussie icon! \$15/\$10

Wax Lyrical

Free showcase for songwriters of all ages and levels of experience. Two great out-of-town venues.

Hepburn (near Daylesford) @ The Old Hepburn Hotel. 236 Main Road, Hepburn, Generally the first Sunday of every month. 4 - 7pm. Featured artist each month. Gold coin donation for local CFA.

Ballarat @ Haida Bar, 12 Camp St, Ballarat. Fourth Thursday of each month, 7.30 pm. Hosted by Pete Sheen: 0400 186 418.

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 for Hepburn or the number above for Ballarat. 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

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. Eng: 03 5996 8461 or 5996 9544.

Peninsula Folk Club

First Sunday of the month. Shakespeare's Bar and Restaurant, 101 Young St, Frankston. Session: 7-7.45 pm. Performances: 8.00. Enquiries: 03 9789 9789 Email: admin@peninsulafolkclub.asn.au

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

Enquiries to Adam at admin@geelongfolkmusicclub.com or check out the club website: 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.

Friday 19th March: Josh White Jnr (USA). Dinner & Show \$52.

Friday 26th March: Emily Smith & Jamie McClennan (Scotland). Dinner & Show \$45.

Friday 2nd April: Neil Murray Dinner & Show \$45.

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.

Burke and Wills Winery, Mia Mia.

- ** Saturday 13th March: Peter Russell Clarke Wine Dinner 7pm. \$75.
- ** Sunday 14th March: Vin Garbutt. Lunch and show: 12.30pm, \$55. Show only: 2pm. \$25.
- ** Saturday 20th March: Chris Smither. Lunch and show: 2pm, \$75. Show only: 3.30pm. \$40.
- ** Sunday March 21st: Josh White Jr. Lunch and show: 12.30pm, \$65. Show only: 2pm, \$35.

89 Coombes Lane, Mia Mia, 101 kms NW of Melbourne, via. Bookings essential for all events: Ph 5425 5400,

Email: wineandmusic@bigpond.com Web: www.wineandmusic.net

- Bendigo Folk Club
 ** Wednesday 3rd March: Truckstop Honeymoon (USA). Details to be announced - see website.
- ** Thursday 11th March: Emily Smith and Jamie McClennan (Scotland). Details to be announced.
- ** Thursday 25th March: Whitetop Mountaineers (USA). Details to be announced.
- ** Wednesday 7th April: James Keelaghan with Hugh McMillan (Canada). Details to be announced.

Club nights are usually on the first Wednesday of the month Under the Grandstand, Queen Elizabeth Oval, View Street, Bendigo. \$15/\$10. Contact: Geoff on 5448 3225 ah Website: www.bendigofolkclub.com

Guildford Folk Club

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

Carisbrook Folk Club

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

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.

Music in Trentham. Vic.

Second Friday of the month: Open Mic at the Pig and Whistle Hotel. They also run other concerts. Enquiries: (03)

Last Friday of the month: Session at the Trentham Hotel. Enquiries: (03) 5424 1303

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. Come along and share your music and your talents and meet other like minded souls.

Tikkk Tokkk Klezmer Kollective

Also known as the "Kastlemaine Klezmer Kollektive" - play 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 is welcome to join in. Meeting places and times vary. Contact Neil Barr: Email: neil barr@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

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 & McIlwraith 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 vear. 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. Eng: 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, lan: 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. Eng: Ian: 9898 4891 or Julia: 9890 2546

Central Victorian Dances

Various Events. Colonial, Old-Time, New Voque. 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

19th – 21st February: Fiddlers Convention at Blackwood. Vic. Yes, two "Fiddlers" now – they're breeding! (Original one now in May.) Bluegrass, old-timey, Cajun, jug band, etc. Sessions, dances, concerts, workshops. Camping on site. Blackwood Recreation Reserve, \$40/\$30, Enquiries: Ken McMaster: 03 9481 7662 or 0419 580 642.

Sunday 28th February: Brunswick Music Festival -Sydney Road Street Party. Noon – 7pm. Sydney Road, from Union to Victoria Sts, Brunswick. Multiple stages, stalls, etc. Phone: 03 9387 3376. Email: johnbmf@vicnet.net.au. Program on website: www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au

<u>26th – 28th February:</u> Cobargo Folk Festival, NSW. Enquiries: 02 6493 6758 or email:

cobargofolkfestival@bigpond.com Website: www.cobargofolkfestival.com

<u>26th – 28th February:</u> Frances Folk Gathering, SA. A joyous folk gathering. Phone: 08 8765 1093. Email: folk@francesfolkgathering.com.au Website: www.francesfolkgathering.com.au

26th February – 1st March: Nannup Music Festival, WA. Enq: 08 9756 1511. Website: www.nannupmusicfestival.org

5th - 8th March: Port Fairy Folk Festival, Port Fairy, Vic.

www.portfairyfolkfestival.com Phone: 03 5225 1232 or 5568 2227

5th – 8th March: Womadelaide Festival, Botanic Park, Adelaide. Fabulous festival of the sounds of the planet! Hundreds of artists. 1300 30 40 72. www.womadelaide.com.au



5th - 8th March: Burke & Wills Folk Gathering, Burke & Wills Winery, Vic. A super alternative to the crowds of Port Fairy. One main stage running all weekend, concerts, plenty of sessions, food, free on-site camping. Weekend: \$75. Day: \$40. Free under 14yo. Half price14 to 18yo. Andrew Pattison: 03 5425 5400. www.wineandmusic.net

7th - 14th March: Echuca Moama Celtic Festival, Murray River. Celtic bands, concerts, pipe bands, dancers, Gathering of the Clans dinner, heritage workshops, fine food & wines, Celtic religious service, and a spiritual pilgrimage along the Murray. Phone: 0400 563 399 Email: info@celticfestival.com.au

11th - 21st March: Brunswick Music Festival, Vic.

Web: www.celticfestival.com.au

This festival is a fabulous feast of music right here in our own city. For street party details on Sunday Feb 28th see above. For programs and all bookings: Phone: 03 9388 1460. Book online : www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au Email: johnbmf@vicnet.net.au.

Folk Victoria is running a concert for the festival, a double-header with Ted Egan and Jan Wositzky, on Sunday 21st March at 7.30pm (Booking No 26). Our members can book for this concert at concession price.

12th - 14th March: Blue Mountains Folk Music Festival, NSW. Enquiries: 1800 651 322. Email: info@bmff.org.au Website: www.bmff.org.au

19th - 21st 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

19th – 21st March: The Basin Music Festival, Dandenong Ranges, Vic. A grass roots folksy and community music festival. Contact: John: 03 9761 3670 / 0402 138 834. www.thebasinmusic.org.au

26th - 28th March: Apollo Bay Music Festival, Vic.

Phone: 03 5237 6761.

Email: info@apollobaymusicfestival.com Website: www.apollobaymusicfestival.com

1st – 5th 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. Ticket hotline: 1300 235 849. Info: 02 6262 4792, email: info@folkfestival.asn.au or book online at: www.folkfestival.asn.au

** NB: ALL SEASON-WITH-CAMPING TICKETS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED BY MARCH 5th. See earlier in the newsletter for other conditions and prices.

8th – 11th April: The Man From Snowy River Bush Festival, Corryong, Vic. Entertainment, horsemanship, reenactments, poetry and music. Phone: 02 6076 1992.

Email: info@bushfestival.com.au Web: www.bushfestival.com.au

9th – 11th April: Fairbridge Festival, WA. WA's major folk festival. Phone: 08 9246 3311 Email: admin@fairbridgefestival.com.au Website: www.fairbridgefestival.com.au

23rd – 25th April: Tony Backhouse Gospel Weekend Workshop, Apollo Bay, Vic.

Organised by the Apollo Bay Community Choir. The workshop will start with a 2-hour session on Friday night, 23 April 7-9pm. Then Saturday 24 April,10am-3pm and Sunday 25 10am-3pm. Concert in the evening from 7-8pm. All welcome. Cost is \$80 per person. There is plenty of accommodation available in Apollo Bay to

suit all budgets. Participants will have to arrange their own accommodation. Bookings: magaerlennox@gmail.com

23rd – 25th 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 57541060.

Info: 03 5754 1750.

Email: info@musicmuster.org.au www.musicmuster.org.au

23rd - 26th April: St Albans Folk Festival, NSW.

Music, song, bush and colonial dance, poetry. **Tickets**: Earlybird till April 2nd: \$65. After: \$85. Various other

passes. Linda 02 4947 1689. Email: stalbanstickets@gmail.com

Info: 0403 377 248. www.snalbans.iwarp.com

30th April – 2nd May: Fiddlers Convention at Yarra Junction, Vic. Bluegrass, old-timey, Cajun, jug band, etc. Sessions, dances, concerts, workshops. Camp Eureka, Tarrango Rd. Weekend \$50/\$40. Day: \$30/\$25. Under 19 free. Camping and limited bunkhouses. Enquiries: Ken McMaster: 03 9481 7662 or 0419 580 642.

<u>11th – 14th June</u>: 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 30th. General info: 0409 017 130.

Email: mail@nationalcelticfestival.com Website: www.nationalcelticfestival.com