

Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc

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Newsletter June 2010

Committee: Jeanette Gillespie (President & Newsletter Editor), Rick Sidgwick (Secretary), Chris Bigby (Treasurer), Rebecca Marshall (Membership Secretary), Jamie Johnston (PA Manager), Wendy Ealey (Webmistress), John O’Leary (Public Officer), Denise Hibbs (Dance Coordinator), Ray Hare (General Committee).



• From the President

Greetings all. No, folks, your postman or email system hasn’t lost a newsletter somewhere along the way. There hasn’t been one since February but I’ll be attempting to make it up to you by publishing a few more for the year. My “tree-change” life in Guildford has taken me into many new areas of involvement, including volunteer roles in music, health and aged care, and Melbourne activities have taken rather a back seat. So I apologise if you have missed on going to a wonderful event because you didn’t know about it!

However, it is becoming increasingly apparent to me that I can no longer take part in any organisational capacity in Folk Victoria. I only kept on with the President’s role for this year because no-one else offered. I may be able to continue with the newsletter, but this is also doubtful. Are you, the members, really concerned??

Over the past couple of years **interest in general in Folk Victoria** seems to have waned. No-one has inquired about the lack of a newsletter. The wonderful work done by Mel, John and others in presenting great entertainment and a terrific web presence has often only gleaned minimal audiences. **Is there any value in continuing to struggle to maintain our society?**

We will be having a **committee meeting** in the next couple of weeks. We would love to have some **feedback** from you, the members, **before** that meeting, with regard to:

- * how you see Folk Victoria
- * whether you value it
- * whether you are prepared to come on board in some organisational or support role
- * whether you would come more often to the Folk Club if it was on a Sunday afternoon
- * any possible future directions

Victoria is the featured state at next year’s **National Folk Festival**. It would be a pity for Folk Victoria not to be involved in the planning and organisation, but that needs **interested people** to put their hand up to work with other folk and community music bodies to bring about a great showcase.

If you have anything to offer in any of these areas, please **email or phone** me as soon as possible – contacts in the heading box.

Cheers,
Jeanette Gillespie

• National Folk Festival 2011

Applications:

As I mentioned above, Victoria is the featured state for next year’s festival. If you have a concert act, workshop idea, dance presentation, etc that you think is worthy, get in early! **Applications close on July 31st 2010**. Forms can be downloaded from the website at www.folkfestival.asn.au or can be obtained by phoning: 02 6262 4792.

“Rolling the Ball”:

Donations are being called for the installation of a **new large dance floor** at the National. This move has been instigated by the dancers of Australia who were disappointed at the unavailability of the Coorong this year. So far over \$5000 has been raised. Go to the contacts above to find out more.

The Melbourne Folk Club

Every Saturday

3 till 6pm \$12 / \$8

**Grandview Hotel 47 Pearson St,
Brunswick West**

Saturday June 5th:

- **Saoirse.** Saoirse (freedom) are a vibrant vocal and dance group from Melbourne. Saoirse delight their audiences with their beautiful renditions of traditional Irish ballads and original works, as well as some spirited jigs and reels to get your feet tapping. Bernadette O’Neill (Belfast) on bodhran and vocals, Kerry McManus (Melbourne) on Accordion, whistle and vocals, Sile Coleman (Kildare) on guitar and vocals, and the wonderful Anthony O’Neill (Melbourne) on guitar, mandolin and fiddle. Saoirse currently have two released albums, "Singin' in the Scullery", 2007, and "Candlelight Sessions", 2009.
- **Suzette Herft.** Suzette Herft is a contemporary troubadour and songwriter whose roots are in the American Folk tradition. She has often been described as the “Australian Joan Baez”, with her dark features and her rich, honeyed, soulful voice. This troubadour will impress you with her blend of country and folk soul with contemporary, original and traditional ballads.



Saturday June 12th:

- **Rusty Pickers.** An acoustic trio playing country, bluegrass and roots music. Chris on the double Bass, Scott on guitar, mandolin and vocals and Maurice on guitar, mandolin and vocals
- **Peter Anderson.** This renowned and long-standing Melbourne performer has many talents – as singer, guitarist, master of the accordion and Appalachian dulcimer, performer, humorist and accordion repairer!
- **Simon Kerr.** Hailing originally from New Zealand, Simon performs self-penned songs with his 12-stringed guitar in a mix of styles from folk, roots, alt. pop, reggae, and world music.

Saturday June 19th:

- **The Beenies.** The Beenies are an all female trio who combine 3-part vocal harmonies with traditional and original tunes to create an exciting and individual sound. Through their enthusiasm and passion they bring a fresh vitality and energy to old traditions. Catherine Moser: Vocals, Fiddle, Guitar. Nicola Strating: Vocals, Bouzouki, Fiddle, Guitar, Whistles. Corinn Strating: Vocals, Flutes, Whistles, Guitar, Fiddle.
- **Alex Hallahan.** Melbourne based artist Alex Hallahan released his acclaimed debut album 'The Turning Wheel' late last year, receiving much praise and support from both local and national music communities. *"A voice with both fragility and confidence, a songwriter with enormous depth and variety"... "great musical maturity and insight" ... "with influences in folk, alt-country and soul evident in his work it is apparent that Alex has been exposed to a wealth of musical forms, however he has successfully created ... a sound that is distinctly his own with a unique and honest perspective."*

Saturday June 26th:

- **Guest to be announced.**
- **Open Mic** - anyone interested in performing in our once a month open mike please email Mel Robertson on melbournefolkclub@gmail.com

Saturday July 3rd:

- **Indigie Femme.** The powerful energies of **Tash**, vocals, 12 string guitar, electric guitar, medicine drum, percussions and chanting, and **elena**, vocals, 6 string guitar, cajun box, percussions, Maori and Pacific Island dance and chanting unite to produce rich and melodic musical sounds. Drawing from their indigenous ancestral lineage, their harmonic voices resonate to leave their audiences spellbound. Their lyrics speak of life's passions, empowerment to women, indigenous people and connection with Mother Earth.
- **Louise Dempsey.** The impressive voice of this singer songwriter from Melbourne will charm you. Having performed in bands and line-ups too numerous to mention, she has been performing as a solo artist since 2003. Her songs emerge somewhere between the folk and pop category and possess a strong indie sensibility. The strength of her

song writing is in the simple but engaging melodies, layered upon unusual guitar parts, their resolute conviction and the unique musical texture she builds into each song.

Saturday July 10th:

- **Le Blanc Brothers Cajun Band.** Australia's finest tribute to the music and language of the Cajuns – "Le Blanc Bros Cajun Band" play the traditional music of southern Louisiana. The band was formed in 2009 through a mutual obsession with authentic Cajun music. Geoff and Andrew Le Blanc (who are descendants of the Acadians) are joined by Richard Klein, Nicola Strating and Lachlan Dear together performing Cajun songs and dance music with energy and style. They present a relaxed acoustic concert performance to delight audiences young and old.
- **Bill Dettmer.** Singer, songwriter, guitarist and poet, Bill's songs range in style from folk to blues to country to rock'n'roll! An entertaining performer.

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

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.
- **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

- **Colonial Dancers "Excalibur" Ball**

Saturday June 19th. 8pm till 12.30am. Preston Town Hall. With "**Blackberry Jam**" band. Medieval theme. Dress for the occasion! Tickets: \$20 pre-paid, \$25 at the door. Bring a plate of supper ready to share. Enquiries: Brave Sir Robin: 03 9723 2453 or 0413 209 334.

- **Old Time Tea Dance**

Saturday July 31st. 4.30pm. St Ambrose Church Hall, Dawson St, Brunswick. Run jointly by Folk Victoria and the Traditional and Social Dance Association of Victoria. More details next edition.

- **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@inet.net.au
Website: www.members.inet.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 and 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 June 4th - 8pm:**

Box Hill Community Arts Centre.

Music of the Wine Lands: Flamenco guitarist Kieran Ray and dancer, Tomas Arroquero; men's vocal ensemble, Gorani; chansons, jazz and folk from French singer, Saroula.

** **Saturday, June 5th - 8:00 pm: World Music Cafe**
Bronwyn Calcutt: "Songs of Six Realms".

** **Saturday, June 12th - 8.00pm: World Music Cafe.**

Bois et Charbon et La Mauvaise Reputaion. Hot Jazz, Chanson and Jazz Manouche.

** **Saturday, June 19th - 8.00pm: World Music Cafe.**
Invention in Time. Mesmerising marimba and vibraphone, with special guest flamenco guitarist, **Jesus Requena**.

** **Friday, June 25th - 8.00pm: The Surrey Music Cafe:**
Box Hill Community Arts Centre (see above).

Belle Musette: Parisian songs and music.

The Melbournaires Harmony Chorus: 40-strong male harmony chorus.

\$16. Bookings: 03 9262 6555

** **Saturday, June 26th - 8.00pm: World Music Cafe.**
Refugee Week: Songs and stories of journeys from Africa and Burma.

** **Saturday, July 3rd - 8.00pm: World Music Cafe.**
String Theory CD Launch. Pria Schwall-Kearney, Lucy Wise, Evan Davies and Claire Alleyway play a mix of traditional Appalachian songs and tunes with a rhythmic twist, sweet vocal harmonies and funky cello and banjo grooves. Special guests: "**Tigerlabe**" from Brittany.

** **Friday, July 9th - 8.00pm: World Music Cafe.**
Kazband and Djellem. Kazband's new line-up plays original instrumental music, influenced by dance music of Eastern Europe, plus traditional tunes, from Klezmer to Gypsy. New band Djellem brings Balkan rhythm and melodies played village wedding style to have you dancing.

** **Saturday, July 10th - 8.00pm:**

Box Hill Community Arts Centre.

Klezmania. Their music is steeped in its Eastern European Jewish roots, yet always looks ahead, evoking conversations about passion and life.

** **Saturday, July 17th - 8.00pm: World Music Cafe.**

Nick Charles and Sayon Souare. Fabulous guitarist Nick Charles is joined by Guinean bolon player Sayon Souare.

** **Saturday, July 24th - 8.00pm: World Music Cafe.**

Bhan Tre. Sue Foley, Geraldine Davis and Rebecca Humphreys have performed their sublime harmonies and unique style of Celtic music round Australia and on a memorable trip to Ireland. With Irish Guest Artist, **Sharon Hussey**, and harp player **Michelle Doyle**.

- **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 8th June: Keith McKenry** – poet, reciter and yarn-spinner.

* **Tuesday 13th July: Suzette Herft** - delightful singer, guitarist and songwriter.

* **Tuesday 10th August: The Borderers** - fantastic rollicking Celtic 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

**** 9th June** - Rosie Burgess, Ryan Murphy, Charles Baby

**** 16th June** - Jenny M Thomas, Red Ruby Blue, Daryl Roberts

**** 23rd June** - Unsung, Marilla Homes, Happy Baby

**** 30th June** - Michelle Hines, Kenny Lopez, G.T. Project

- **Clifton Hill Emerald Lounge Specials**

**** Saturday 12th June, 8pm for 8.45pm start:**

Gary Og and Band. Popular high-energy **Scottish** singer and guitarist, touring with his band.

Tickets: \$25 when pre-booked or \$30 on the night if any left. Book at the hotel bar or on 03 9489 8705.

**** Saturday 26th June, 8.30pm for 9.00pm start:**

John Spillane. Irish singer, musician, songwriter, performer, recording artist, storyteller, poet and dreamer.

Tickets: \$25 when pre-booked or \$30 on the night if any left. Book at the hotel bar or on 03 9489 8705.

**** Saturday 3rd July: 8pm:**

Tiffany Eckhardt CD Launch. Lyrical, heartwarming and often very funny singer and songwriter. Possibly joined by the equally brilliant Dave Steele.

Tickets: \$15. Book 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. For additional information call the Pub at 9347 1502.

- **Wax Lyrical**

First Sunday in July, September and November: 4pm to 7pm. The Clare Castle Hotel, 421 Rathdowne Str, Carlton.

Free showcase for songwriters of all ages and levels of experience. If you're interested in performing, 15 minute slots are available, so either email Trevor Shard with a brief bio and requirements or call 0404 069 019. Whether you're going to play or not, simply go along to enjoy listening to the music and help make the events a success.

Trevor Shard - ASA Regional Co-ordinator Victoria.

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

- **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.**

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

- * **JUNE WORKSHOPS:**

Newport Scout Hall, 20-24 Market St, Newport.

Cost: \$30, \$25 memb, \$16 conc.

**** Sunday June 6th:** 1pm – 5pm: **Yodelling**, with Terry Cole.

Contact: Christine 9399 3424. crm8@optusnet.com.au

**** Saturday June 12th:** 1pm – 5pm: **Beginners Ukelele** Workshop with Alison Dew.

Contact: Alan 0401 357 454. alandavies10@gmail.com

**** Saturday June 19th:** **Stagecraft** Workshop with Jackie Kerin. Contact: Alison 9399 1635.

planchan@optusnet.com.au



- **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

**** Thurs 10th June: Dave Isom** and friends

**** Thurs 8th July: Cat Stevens Theme Night.**

**** Thurs 12th August: Janette Geri:** fine singer and writer.

- **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 27th August – Maria Forde.** Heartfelt songs and a great stage presence. \$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.

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 and he is contactable at: r.holdsworth@unimelb.edu.au

FRIDAY 4 June:

8.00 pm: **Fine Blue Thread**: Eltham World Harmonies, St Margaret’s Hall, Pitt Street, Eltham: 9437 2617

Zulya: CD launch: Corner Hotel, 57 Swan Street, Richmond: 9427 9198

SUNDAY 6 June:

2.00 pm: **Stiletto Sisters**: Sandringham Yacht Club, Jetty Road, Sandringham: 9599 0999

THURSDAY 10 June:

8.30 pm: **Camoon**: Claypots, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda - free: 9534 1282

Harry Manx: Thornbury Theatre, 859 High St, Thornbury: 9484 9831

SATURDAY 12 June:

Harry Manx: Sandbelt Hotel, Moorabbin: 9555 6899

SUNDAY 13 June:

12.00 noon: **Stiletto Sisters**: No 35 at Sofitel, Level 35, 25 Collins Street, Melbourne: 9653 7744

THURSDAY 17 June:

Beoga (Ireland): Thornbury Theatre, 859 High Street, Thornbury: 9484 9831

SUNDAY 20 June:

12noon – 5pm: **Emerge Festival**: Fitzroy Town Hall, Napier St, Fitzroy. Free. Fantastic array of performers on three stages.

3.00 pm: **Melbourne Singers of Gospel + Valanga Khoza + Pan African Choir: Kukubaliana na Mungu - Divine Embrace**: Southport Uniting Church, 325 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne

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

MONDAY 21 June:

7.30 pm: **Emma Bathgate + Nick Tsiavos, Peter Neville,**

Tony Hicks: Musica at La Mama, Courthouse Theatre, 349 Drummond Street, Carlton: 9347 6142

FRIDAY 25 June:

8.00 pm: **Jenny M Thomas and The System**: Open Studio, 204 High Street, Northcote

SATURDAY 26 June:

7.30 pm: **Vinod Prasanna**: Augustine Centre, 2 Minona Street, Hawthorn

Rasa Duende + Arte Kanela + Underbelly Dance: Music Deli Flamenco: Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333

WEDNESDAY 30 June:

9.30 am: **Jenny M Thomas and The System**: CERES, 8 Lee Street, East Brunswick

FRIDAY 2 July:

8.00 pm: **Troveresse**: Eltham World Harmonies, St Margaret’s Hall, Pitt Street, Eltham: 9437 2617

SATURDAY 3 July:

2.00 pm: **Burundian Drums + Lil Fablice + Blak Roots + more: Emerge Festival: Burundian Independence Day Celebrations**: Eolian Hall, 836 Lygon Street, Carlton

TUESDAY 6 July:

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

WEDNESDAY 7 July:

5.30 am: **Flirting Mazurkas Quintet**: National Gallery of Victoria, St Kilda Road, Melbourne

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

FRIDAY 9 July:

Doc Jones and the Lechery Orchestra (Gypsy jazz): Open Studio, 204 High St, Northcote. Free.

SATURDAY 10 July:

My Friend the Chocolate Cake: Spenserslive, 419 Spencer Street, Melbourne: 9329 8821

WEDNESDAY 14 July:

5.30 am: **Flirting Mazurkas Quintet**: National Gallery of Victoria, St Kilda Road, Melbourne

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

THURSDAY 15 July:

6.00 pm: **Jenny M Thomas + Dan Witton**: Melbourne City Library

SATURDAY 17 July:

Emerge Festival: At the Drum: 12noon till 5pm. Free. Drum Theatre, Dandenong Town Hall, 226 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong. Fantastic array of artists.

Out-of-Town Diary Dates

- **Koroit Lake School Launch**

Saturday July 3rd - Midday till late!

Crossley Hall and Micky Bourke’s Hotel, Koroit.

** The day will begin with a free introduction to Irish language by Chris Mooney, followed by the Winter Workshop Program - singing, fiddle and Irish language with Maria Forde, Ewen Baker and Chris Mooney.

** The Lake School will be launching its program for 2011 the Hotel from 6.30pm. On the program will be the induction of Ewen Baker as a Legend of the Lake by Shane Howard, a performance by Paddy O'Neill Ward Band - *Shanachie*, the induction of Leamon Chambers as a life member of the Lake School, and a mighty session.

Launch \$25. Workshops \$10 (covers singing, fiddle and the follow up Irish Language class). Bookings essential: Contact Felix: felix@bushwahzee.com or 0413-81294.

- **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

- **Harmony Row Vineyard**

Harmony Row Vineyard is near Kyneton, central Victoria. Occasional concerts.

Phone: 0400 804855 or 0354235286

Email: harmonyrowvineyard@bigpond.com or

Website: www.harmonyrow.com.au

- **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.websyite.com.au

** **Fri June 18th: Vince Brophy.** Fine singer, songwriter and guitarist.

- **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 - 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. 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**

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. Dinner and show generally \$45.

** **Saturday 19th June: Spectrum Duo (Mike Rudd and Bill Putt).**

** **Friday 25th June: Damian Howard and Peter Denahy.**

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 25th June: Neil Murray** with support from **Geoff Arthur**. 8pm for 8.15pm start. \$18 / \$14

** **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

- **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 jfgfolk@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. Enq: 03 5464 2693.

- **Kyneton Folk Music Session**

Last Sunday of the month, 3-6pm, **Albion Hotel**, Mollison St, Kyneton. Good music and friendly publican. 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) 5424 1213

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.

- **Tikk Tokk 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. Meeting places and times vary. **Contact** Neil Barr: Email: neilbarr@fastmail.fm

- **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



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

** 5th June 2010: **Jolly Jumbucks**

** 3rd July 2010: **Delia's Friends**

** 7th August 2010: **Colonial 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

- **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

11th – 14th 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. General info: 0409 017 130. Email: mail@nationalcelticfestival.com Website: www.nationalcelticfestival.com

12th – 13th 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 Jeanette Gillespie: 03 5473 4201 or 0414 732 667. Email: jfgfolk@gmail.com For Saturday Pub dinner bookings phone: 03 5473 4215.

11th – 14th June: Woodend Winter Arts Festival, Vic.
Concerts, shows, exhibitions, etc over four days in beautiful Woodend in Central Victoria.
Web: www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au
Email: info@woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au
Phone: 0447 570 327 (bh)

25th – 27th June: Kilmore Celtic Festival, Kilmore, Vic.
A great line-up of top Australian Celtic artists and a grand Sunday Celtic Banquet. For bookings and information, phone 03 5781 1711, log onto www.kilmore.info or email kilmorecelticfestival@yahoo.com Kilmore Celtic Festival, PO Box 147, Kilmore, Victoria, 3764.

2nd – 4th July: Newport Fiddle and Folk Festival, Newport, Vic. Performances, workshops, sessions and dances galore. Various venues close to the Newport Railway Station. Most events free. Phone: (03) 9399 4466.
www.nffc.org.au

6th – 8th August: Songwriter's Residential Weekend, Daylesford, Vic. Tasma House, Daylesford. Part of the "Words in Winter" Festival. Places strictly limited. Organised by Wax Lyrical.
Contact: Trevor Shard - ASA Regional Co-ordinator Victoria, 0404 069 019. www.facebook.com/wax.lyrical

20th – 22nd August: Troubadour Weekend, Campaspe Downs via Kyneton, Vic. Residential music weekend. Day tickets are available also. Earlybird prices till June 30th. Booking essential. Fantastic array of performers and activities, including **Albert Lee, Doug Ashdown, Martin Pearson, Brent Parlane** and many more. Contact Andrew Pattison: (03) 54255400, or email wineandmusic@bigpond.com

20th – 22nd 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. Weekend and day passes. Children under 18 free.
Enquiries: Peter Hisco 0433139081

18th - 20th September: Guildford Banjo Jamboree, Vic
Traditional String Band Music Festival, Guildford Town Centre, 12Km Sth of Castlemaine, 20Km Nth of Daylesford
Email: info@banjojamboree.org
Web: www.banjojamboree.org
Ph: (03) 5473 4201. P.O. Box 917, Guildford, Vic. 3451

1st – 4th October:
Uranquinty Folk Festival, near Wagga, NSW. An old favourite of many Victorians. Down-to-earth and participatory. Concerts, workshops, dances, sessions.
Enq: Alan Hunter: 02 6029 2156
Email: ajhunter@hotmail.com
Web: www.uranquintyfolk.com