

# Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc

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## Newsletter July 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.** I did promise to make up for the dearth of newsletters in the first part of the year, so here's another! I hope you are able to get out there and support live music in Melbourne and enjoy yourselves in winter.

Unfortunately there was very little feed-back from members to my plea for some communication, but at our **committee meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>**, Mel and John were keen to keep the **Folk Club** going till at least the end of the year. The committee agreed to this and we threw around a few ideas on changes which could be made. There is still lots of great music happening there and it's great for musicians to have such an outlet for their music.

We have pre-set an **AGM date** for Thursday **November 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please consider if there is something you can offer to keep Folk Victoria viable and vibrant. More on the AGM later.

Cheers,  
**Jeanette Gillespie**

### • National Folk Festival 2011

**Applications:** As I mentioned in the last issue, 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 now! **Applications close on July 31<sup>st</sup> 2010.** Forms can be downloaded from the website at [www.folkfestival.asn.au](http://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 July 24<sup>th</sup>:**

- **Tonchi McIntosh.** With his soulful, touching and down-to-earth songwriting and singing, Tonchi is a thoroughly endearing and engaging stage performer. He has toured extensively in his own right and played with many international artists.

- **Sooty Hawk.** Claire Tonti (vocals and flute) and Leigh Hewitt (vocals and guitar) make up Sooty Hawk's laid back acoustic sound. The duo combine their talents to create honest, warm and quirky original music.

**Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup>:**

- **Luke Watt.** Luke Watt's music speaks honestly and unpretentiously to lovers of contemporary blues/folk. His song writing is personal and emotive, whilst still focussed on a solid groove, strong melody and accomplished guitar playing.

- **Open Stage.** These monthly afternoons have been unearthing a mine of talent!! Anyone interested in performing should email Mel Robertson on [melbournefolkclub@gmail.com](mailto:melbournefolkclub@gmail.com)

- **Still To Come in August:**

Ricketty Bridge, Kate Eve, John Flanagan and the Begin Agains, ilk, The Stillsons.



**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>

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## FOR MORE FOLK NEWS AND VIEWS

- Join the **Folk Alliance Australia.** Go to [www.folkalliance.org.au](http://www.folkalliance.org.au) for further details and heaps of information about folk music around Australia.

- **Subscribe to Trad&Now Magazine.** Log onto: [www.tradandnow.com](http://www.tradandnow.com) for all the news on how you can subscribe. 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](mailto:macca@blarneybulletin.com) Website is: [www.blarneybulletin.com](http://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](mailto:cmv@netspace.net.au) Website: [www.cmv.org.au](http://www.cmv.org.au)

## Other Metro Diary Events

- **Old Time Tea Dance**

**Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup>: 4.30 – 7.30pm.** Music by the “**Gay Charmers**” old-time dance band. St Ambrose Church Hall, 2– 4 Dawson St, Brunswick. Tickets: Single \$24 at door, \$20 pre-paid. Contact: Ken Gellatly on 9885-5756. Please bring "tea-time goodies" to share. Run jointly by **Folk Victoria** and the Traditional and Social Dance Association of Victoria.

- **Darebin Songwriter’s Guild:**

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

- **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](mailto:comhaltasmelbourne@iinet.net.au) Website: [www.members.iinet.net.au/~goreilly](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:boite@boite.com.au)

Website at: [www.boite.com.au](http://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:**

\*\* **Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> - 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**.

\*\* **Friday July 30<sup>th</sup> – 8.00pm: The Surrey Music Cafe:** Box Hill Community Arts Centre (see above). \$16. Bookings: 9262 6555.

**Jeremy Woolhouse, Ben Robertson and Lucas Michailidis** draw audiences into a world of rich harmony and soaring melody combined with fine playing on piano, double bass and guitar.

**South of the River Choir:** A 40-voiced Melbourne based community choir celebrating diversity and harmony through a shared passion for singing.

\*\* **Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> - 8:00 pm: World Music Cafe** **Bec Matthews** playing a stunning collection of African koras. She plays and sings a mix of traditional African and her own material with a powerfully melodic voice.

\*\* **Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> - 8.00pm: World Music Cafe, Box Hill.** Community Arts Centre (see above).

**Cosmo Cosmolino.** Luscious strings and romantic piano accordion, create exquisite sounds which cross between tango and gypsy music, song and dynamic chamber pieces.

\*\* **Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> - 8.00pm: World Music Cafe.** **Daughters of Baba Yaga - Expressive Women.** This show celebrates women’s creativity and destructive talents through the unique musical and storytelling style of the Expressive Women choir, led by Bronwyn Calcutt.

\*\* **“TODO CAMBIA” – Melbourne Millennium Chorus.** Discover the changing sounds, rhythms and voices of Latin America, Europe, Australia and beyond! An inspiring season of events featuring 300 community singers from across Victoria. Choir conducted by Carl Pannuzzo and Penny Larkins and performing with Alejandro Espino Aldana, Mark Grunden and many more.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm.**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2pm and 7pm.**

BMW Edge, Federation Square. Prices range from \$18 to \$45. Bookings through the Boite.

**“Todo Cambia” Schools events:**

Wednesday **18<sup>th</sup> August** (BMW Edge), Thursday **19<sup>th</sup> August** (Dallas Brookes Hall) and Friday **3<sup>rd</sup> September** (Frankston PAC).

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

Website for all VFMC activities mentioned below:  
[www.vfmc.org.au](http://www.vfmc.org.au) or Email: [vfmc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:vfmc@bigpond.net.au)

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

**\*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cliftonhillhotel.com)

**Booking agent:** Rodney Claringbould: 0409 510 251

**\*\* 28th July** - Alister Green, Rosie Haden, Djana Rajkovic.

- **Clifton Hill Emerald Lounge Specials**

**\*\* Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August: 8pm:**

**Acoustic Guitar Spectacular No 6.** Nick Charles, Michael Fix and Paul Wookey play up a storm. Sure to be crowded. **Tickets:** \$20. 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](mailto: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.

[waxlyrical@westnet.com.au](mailto:waxlyrical@westnet.com.au) [www.asai.org.au](http://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](http://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](http://www.nffc.org.au) Michael Stewart, 03 9399 4466. Email: [planchan@optusnet.com.au](mailto:planchan@optusnet.com.au)

**\* Newport Bush Orchestra:** (Conducted by Greg O'Leary 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](mailto:greg.hammond23@hotmail.com)  
[www.myspace.com/breizozthursdays](http://www.myspace.com/breizozthursdays)

**\*\* Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> August: Janette Geri:** fine singer and writer.

**\*\* Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> September: Newport Folk Club's own Bush Orchestra** play for the whole evening.

**\*\* Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> October: String Theory:** talented young band.

- **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](mailto:taxman@bigpond.net.au) or on 9690 1233 or 0418 179 411 to book or for directions. More details at: [www.harmonyrow.com.au](http://www.harmonyrow.com.au)

**\*\* Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August – "Lighthouse".** Three-piece Melbourne band. Think Colcannon, Indigo Girls, Fleetwood Mac ... Great songwriting, rich harmonies. \$20/\$15.

**\*\* Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August – Maria Forde.** Heartfelt songs, beautiful singing and an engaging stage presence. \$20/\$15

**\*\* Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: "Saoirse".** Vibrant Celtic-flavoured vocal and dance group. Traditional and original songs, lush harmonies and fine instrumentation. \$15/\$10

**\*\* Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September: Brent Parlane CD Launch.** He's a legend and a joy to hear and see in concert. \$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](http://www.thebutterflyclub.com) or simply turn up. More info: Go to our facebook page or email [glee.club@optusnet.com.au](mailto: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**. Roger's gig guide website is: [www.asprinworld.com](http://www.asprinworld.com) and he is contactable at: [r.holdsworth@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:r.holdsworth@unimelb.edu.au)

### SATURDAY 24 July:

11.30 am: **Gorani + Breathing Space + Living Out Loud:**  
Boite: Random Songs in Winter, Gertrude Street, Fitzroy: 9417 1983

6.30 pm: **Kavisha Mazzella and Andrew Lindsay: *The Mermaid's in the Well and the Devil's on My Shoulder!***  
La Mama Theatre, 205 Faraday Street, Carlton: 9347 6142  
8.00 pm: **Doug de Vries Trio:** Paris Cat Jazz Club, 6 Goldie Place, Melbourne

### SUNDAY 25 July:

12.00 noon: **Alwan:** Maha Bar and Grill: Familija Tieghi Lunch, 21 Bond Street, Melbourne: 9629 5900  
4.30 pm: **Kavisha Mazzella and Andrew Lindsay:** See above.  
5.00 pm: **Matthew Fagan and Voyages World Music Group:** Spenserslive, 419 Spencer Street, Melbourne: 9329 8821 or 1300 438 849  
5.00 pm: **Black Jesus Experience:** Horn African Cafe, Johnston Street, Collingwood - free: 9417 4670 (?)  
6.00 pm: **Banda Forró Retado + MelSamba Show Bateria + Banda Pagodeando: *Som Brazuca: Brazilian Dance Party***: Transit Lounge, 2nd floor, Transport Bar, Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne  
9.00 pm: **Relax With Max:** Night Cat, 141 Johnston Street, Fitzroy - free: 9417 0090

### MONDAY 26 July:

7.30 pm: **Dur-e Dara with Ren Walters + Adam Simmons and Adrian Sherriff:** Musica at La Mama, La Mama Theatre, 205 Faraday Street, Carlton: 9347 6142

### WEDNESDAY 28 July:

5.30 pm: **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 29 July:

10.30 am: **Kazband:** Eastern Region PD, Ivanhoe  
8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda - free: 9534 1282  
**Del Barrio:** The Johnston, Fitzroy - free: 9415 7226

### FRIDAY 30 July:

6.30 pm: **Kavisha Mazzella and Andrew Lindsay:** See above.  
8.00 pm: **Gypsy Brown:** Night Cat, 141 Johnston Street, Fitzroy - free: 9417 0090  
9.00 pm: **The Conch:** Clare Castle Hotel, 421 Rathdowne Street, Carlton  
**Red Eyes:** The Loft, 58 Liebig Street, Warrnambool

### SATURDAY 31 July:

6.30 pm: **Kavisha Mazzella and Andrew Lindsay:** See above.  
8.00 pm: **Vinod Prasanna and Glen Kniebeiss:** CD launch: Samaya: Northcote Uniting Church, 250 High St, Northcote  
8.30 pm: **The Red Eyes + Direct Influence:** Northcote Social Club, 301 High Street, Northcote: 9486 1677

### SUNDAY 1 August:

4.30 pm: **Kavisha Mazzella and Andrew Lindsay:** See above.

6.00 pm: **Gangsadewa (Indonesia) + Jade Dewi Tyas Tunggal:** Fairfax Studio, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 182 183

### TUESDAY 3 August:

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

### THURSDAY 5 August:

8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda - free: 9534 1282  
**Del Barrio:** The Johnston, Fitzroy - free: 9415 7226

### FRIDAY 6 August:

7.00 pm: **Blue Grassy Knoll: *Labourer's Love***: Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 2228  
8.00 pm: **Blue Grassy Knoll: *The General***: Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 2228  
8.00 pm: **Kinja:** Eltham World Harmonies, St Margaret's Hall, Pitt Street, Eltham: 9437 2617  
8.30 pm: **Shane Howard:** Corner Hotel, 57 Swan Street, Richmond: 9427 9198  
**Nadya's 101 Candles Orchestra: *An Evening in Paris: Nadya Sings Piaf***: Czech House, 497 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne: 0425835705 or 0403947836

### SATURDAY 7 August:

8.30 pm: **Nadya's 101 Candles Orchestra:** Czech House, 497 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne: 0425835705 or 0403947836  
**Tinpan Orange:** Northcote Social Club, 301 High Street, Northcote: 9486 1677

### WEDNESDAY 11 August:

8.30 pm: **Los Van Van (Cuba):** State Theatre, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 182 183

### THURSDAY 12 August:

8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda - free: 9534 1282  
**Del Barrio:** The Johnston, Fitzroy - free: 9415 7226 (?)

### SATURDAY 14 August:

**Red Eyes:** Grace Darling Hotel, Smith Street, Collingwood

### SUNDAY 15 August:

2.30 pm: **Belle Musette:** Theatrette, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield: 9524 3333

### THURSDAY 19 August:

8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda - free: 9534 1282  
**Del Barrio:** The Johnston, Fitzroy - free: 9415 7226 (?)

### FRIDAY 20 August:

7.00 pm: **Simon Kerr (NZ) + more:** Daylesford Inn, 2891 Ballan Road, Daylesford

## 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](http://www.home.aone.net.au/~selbyfolkclub/index.htm)

**\*\* Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August: Sime Nugent and Kim Dellavedova.**  
**\*\* Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: A Cappella Festival.** To be held at the Tecoma United Church, Burwood Highway.  
**\*\* Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September: Special concert for "The Yearlings" CD Launch.**

- **Berwick and District Folk Club:**

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

**\*\* Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August: Indoor "Campfire" Session.** Acoustic singaround night.

- **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](mailto: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](http://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. **July 25<sup>th</sup>** features "Maelstrom", with flautist Prue Fransworth, fiddler Nick Lanham, bassist Steve Hobbs and guitarist Noel Murphy.

**Enquiries:** [www.geelongfolkmusicclub.com](http://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.

**\*\* Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: David Long Band (USA).**

**\*\* Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August: Marcia Howard and Rose**

**Bygrave and the Brunswick Women's Choir.**

**\*\* Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August: Phil Manning.**

2320 Portarlington Rd, Bellarine. **Bookings & enquiries** 5259 3200. [www.harvestermoon.com.au](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> August: Matthew Fagan (guitarist) and friends: Flamenco guitarist Juan Martinez Ortega and Flamenco dancers.** 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](http://www.bendigofolkclub.com)

- **Harmony Row Vineyard**

Harmony Row Vineyard is near Kyneton, central Victoria. Occasional luncheon concerts in the undercover venue.

**\*\* Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September: Harry Manx.** Ever popular US bluesman returns. Always a sell-out. 12.00 noon: luncheon and show: \$75. 2.30pm: show only: \$45.

**Phone:** 0400 804855 or 0354235286

**Email:** [harmonyrowvineyard@bigpond.com](mailto:harmonyrowvineyard@bigpond.com) or

**Website:** [www.harmonyrow.com.au](http://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.

**Hepburn** (near Daylesford) @ The Old Hepburn Hotel, 236 Main Road, Hepburn. Generally the last Sunday of every month. 4 - 7pm. 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](mailto:waxlyrical@westnet.com.au) [www.asai.org.au](http://www.asai.org.au)

- **Hepburn Palais Performance Nights**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.

**\*\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month:** The **Cosmopolitan Fiddle Sessions** from 6pm. Next one **August 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**\*\* Redbeard Bakery Music Feasts:** 38A High St Trentham. \$50 dinner+show, 7pm. \$15 show only, 8.15pm.

**\*Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Andy Rigby and Polly Christie**

**\*Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August: Liz Frencham.**

Bookings essential: 5424 1002  
[music@redbeardbakery.com.au](mailto:music@redbeardbakery.com.au)  
[www.redbeardbakery.com.au](http://www.redbeardbakery.com.au)

**\*\* Radio Springs Hotel, Lyonville** (between Daylesford and Trentham). Beautiful building, great food.

**Music Wednesday to Sunday** with bands such as Cider House String Band, The Sitting Ducks, and Liz Frencham and friends. They have posted a programme on their website [www.radiospringshotel.com.au](http://www.radiospringshotel.com.au) Enq: 5348 5562.

- **Castlemaine Theatre Royal**

**Quiet Space Music Series:** Monthly series hosted by Penny Larkins and Carl Pannuzzo.

**\*\* Thursday July 29<sup>th</sup>,** from 7pm, features **Al Macinnes** and **Sally Dastey** as well as the songs from Carl and Penny themselves. Presale tickets \$17. At the door \$15.

Bookings: 03 5472 1196. [www.theatreroyal.info](http://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](mailto:jfgfolk@gmail.com)

- **Guildford Ukelele Lounge**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** of the month, 1.30 to 5.00pm. Guildford Hotel. Next one: **August 10<sup>th</sup>.** Any ukelele-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 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: neil\\_barr@fastmail.fm](mailto: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](mailto:ceden@pacific.net.au) or 9723 2453 or 0413 209 334. Email: [vfmc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:vfmc@bigpond.net.au) Website: [www.vfmc.org.au](http://www.vfmc.org.au)

**\*\* 7<sup>th</sup> August 2010: Colonial Band**

**\*\* 4<sup>th</sup> September 2010: Borderline Kaylee**

**\*\* 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010: Three Corner Jack**

- **Melbourne Colonial Dancers**

Numerous activities on various nights of the week and month. Very informative website at: [www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au](http://www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au)

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

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

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

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

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

- **TSDSAV (dancing)**

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

- **Borderline Kaylee:**

A playing group for the under-25's. Last Sunday of the month at the East Ringwood Community Hall, Knaith St, (off Dublin Rd, Melway 50B8) On the Melway it is marked "Red Cross". \$2.00. For info: Naomi Ph: (03) 9878 4296. Email [borderlinekaylee@hotmail.com](mailto:borderlinekaylee@hotmail.com) Email [lizstockdale@iprimus.com.au](mailto:lizstockdale@iprimus.com.au) Web: [www.borderlinekaylee.tripod.com](http://www.borderlinekaylee.tripod.com)

- **English Country Dancing:**

**Tuesdays 8-10pm.** "The Well Hall Dancers". Venues vary weekly. Contact George or Lyn on 03 9890 5650. Their website is: [www.dancingtheweb.com/ecd/wellhall](http://www.dancingtheweb.com/ecd/wellhall) and the general website is: [www.EnglishCountryDancing.com](http://www.EnglishCountryDancing.com)

- **Irish Dancing:**

**Melbourne Claddagh Dancers. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 8-10pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 2.5pm.**

St James Church small hall, Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe. Enq: Ina and Graeme Bertrand (03) 9439 9991  
[www.home.vicnet.net.au/~claddagh](http://www.home.vicnet.net.au/~claddagh)



- **Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann:**

**Every Monday, 7.30pm: Set Dancing Classes** at the Quiet Man Hotel, 271 Racecourse Rd, Flemington. No prior experience necessary. Phone: M. Brouder (03) 9471 0690

**Every Wednesday, 7.30pm: Music and Dancing** at St. Philip's Church Hall in Hoddle Street, next to the Collingwood Town Hall. All ages welcome, incl. children. Fiddle and tin whistle classes, set dancing and general music session. Music enquiries: Noel McGrann (03) 9584 4908. Email: [comhaltasmelbourne@iinet.net.au](mailto:comhaltasmelbourne@iinet.net.au) Website: [www.members.iinet.net.au/~goreilly](http://www.members.iinet.net.au/~goreilly)

- **Scottish Country Dancing:**

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

- **Welsh Dancing:**

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

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

## Festivals

**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.facebook.com/wax.lyrical)

**20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August: Troubadour Weekend, Campaspe Downs via Kyneton, Vic.** Residential music weekend. Day tickets are available also. Earlybird prices till June 30<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:wineandmusic@bigpond.com)

**20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August: 11th Annual 'Kelly Country Pick' Beechworth, Victoria.** Bluegrass and Old Time Country Music Convention. A fabulous weekend of concerts, instrument and dance workshops, jam sessions, instrument displays, open stage and the Sunday gospel sing-a-long. Weekend and day passes. Children under 18 free. Enquiries: Peter Hisco 0433139081

**18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> September: Guildford Banjo Jamboree, Vic** Traditional String Band Music Festival,



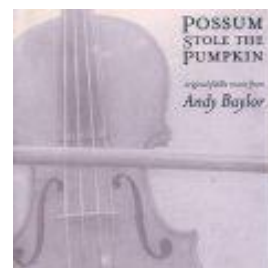
Guildford Town Centre, 12Km S<sup>th</sup> of Castlemaine, 20Km N<sup>th</sup> of Daylesford  
Email: [info@banjojamboree.org](mailto:info@banjojamboree.org)  
Web: [www.banjojamboree.org](http://www.banjojamboree.org)  
Ph: (03) 5473 4201. P.O. Box 917, Guildford, Vic. 3451

**1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> 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@hotkey.net.au](mailto:ajhunter@hotkey.net.au)  
Web: [www.uranquintyfolk.com](http://www.uranquintyfolk.com)

## ANDY BAYLOR

### "Possum Stole the Pumpkin"



Double CD ABCD-09:

**Reviewed by Jeanette Gillespie**

Melbourne-born multi-instrumentalist, singer, writer and composer Andy Baylor is one of the country's finest and most versatile and adaptable musical practitioners. He moves easily from Cajun to Western Swing, Tex-Mex to Rockabilly, Blues to Jazz, Country to Rock, Old-Timey to Folk. Since the 1970's Andy has been instrumental in spreading previously little-known musical sounds across Australia, from the big city lights to far-flung remote communities.

Andy's lean lanky figure cradling a guitar, mandolin or fiddle is a familiar sight around Melbourne. He's a cool and assured yet unassuming front-man. Space, timing, consummate skill and expression are the hallmarks of his playing. He obviously plays for love and celebration of the music. Showiness and flurries of frenzied notes play no part in his performance style.

Andy's band involvements have included: Hit and Run (country rock) The Autodrivers ("ocker-billy"), The Blue Rockets and the Honeydrippers (soul and blues), the Dancehall Racketeers (Western Swing, Cajun, zydeco, rockabilly, country, hillbilly and blues), Andy Baylor's Cajun Combo, various formations of the Baylor Brothers Band with brothers Donal and Peter, and more recent involvements with the Hometown Prophets and the Charcoal Club.

In freelance mode, the list of Australian and international artists he has played and toured with is impressive and includes David Grisman, Flaco Jimenez, Dewey Balfa, Jimmy McGriff, Bob Dylan, Slim Dusty and Kerri Simpson. Andy has spent time in America honing his skills and his knowledge of styles, but always seems to be able on return to infuse his music with a uniquely Australian flavour.

Andy has released and played on numerous recordings. "Possum Stole the Pumpkin" is one of his latest projects, released in 2009. It is a double-CD collection of fiddle tunes he has composed during the last few years, all recorded between 2006 and 2008. In Andy's words: "Many tunes were written in Lafayette, Louisiana, and were inspired by the Cajun and Creole music of that region. Others have come to me on my travels around Australia and bear the names of the places where they were composed. Still others have been named for people that I know and love. This music is a celebration of simplicity".

Not being a fiddle aficionado, I initially approached this recording with a little trepidation. As well as a wish to put his tunes out into the ether, the project was a part fulfilment of Andy's Master of Arts Project and I wondered whether it would "cut it" as an entertaining CD. I need not have worried. Though many tracks are pared back to just Andy's fiddle and one percussion instrument, I found the overall variety well-balanced and thoroughly enjoyable.

The exuberant, insistent rhythms of Cajun, Creole and Zydeco inspired dance music are interspersed evenly amongst gentler melodies and waltzes. Some tunes have a Celtic, Old-Timey or Mexican feel to them. The balance extends to textures. Fiddler Sophie Dunn joins Andy for some delightful fiddle duos. Denis Close plays an astonishing variety of percussion instruments (conventional, African and "way-out-there"), and on some tracks the fiddle is accompanied by Andy himself on guitars or mandolin, Leigh Barker on double bass, and/or Peter Baylor or Sam Lemann on guitars. Andy even exercises his voice on the delightful "Amade Played Accordion" on CD 2.

Andy does make available the thesis which goes with "Possum Stole the Pumpkin", and if you are a fiddle player or interested in the topic I'm sure Andy would make it available to you. However, if, like me, you just want to enjoy a "celebration of music and simplicity" playing in your home or car, it comes highly recommended from this music lover!

Ask at your music store or purchase online.  
Website: [www.andybaylor.com.au](http://www.andybaylor.com.au) or Myspace site:  
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