

# Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc

“Folk Victoria”

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**Newsletter October 2011**

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**Newsletter Editor (co-opted):** Jeanette Gillespie

(Email as above or phone: 03 5473 4201)

## From the Editor

### Newsletter Editor Required:

G'Day all! It's a beautiful day up here in sunny Guildford! As you may have gathered from the long silence from me (for which I apologise), I have become more and more removed from the Melbourne Folk scene – and more involved up here in Central Victoria – so this will be **my second-last newsletter** as editor.

I have tried to make this one a big newsy publication, and have included a festival calendar covering the next six months. Print it off if you are an email recipient and keep it handy!

I sincerely hope that the Society is able to find someone with a few simple computer skills and a passion for sharing the music to take over so that a regular newsletter can continue. **If you want to help or know someone who could**, please email us or phone President Tom.

### Membership Renewal:

You will find a membership renewal form with this newsletter – yes, it's that time again! Membership now coincides with the calendar year, so this is an early reminder, to be repeated in the next newsletter. If you have only just joined up – welcome to Folk Victoria, and I'm sure Rebecca, our membership secretary will be able to clarify details for the new membership year. And don't forget to take full advantage of your membership by going along to the Folk Club and claiming your membership concession!



### Annual General Meeting: November 24<sup>th</sup>:

The **mission** of Folk Victoria has been to promote, present, support, develop, collect and preserve folk and acoustic music, song and dance within our community.

I believe that the society has continued to be successful on a number of levels in achieving outcomes in line with that mission, but new energy and ideas are important to its continued operation and relevance, so please come along to the AGM on **Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup>**, at **7.30pm**, upstairs at **Mamma Vittoria Restaurant**, 343 Smith St, Fitzroy. (Full notice on next page.)

### Free Ticket Offer:

The organisers of the Healesville Racetrack Music Festival on **Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>** have offered members two free tickets to the event (worth \$35 each). (Further details in the Out-Of-Metro Diary Dates section.) Please **email** me at the Folk Vic email address if you would like to take up this offer and I will pass on their details to you.

*Cheers all,  
Jeanette Gillespie.*

## From the President

**Dear Members,**

2011 saw the relocation of the **Melbourne Folk Club** to new premises at the Lord Newry Hotel and a series of top-quality music events featuring established and emerging artists, thanks particularly to the efforts and enthusiasm of Mel Robertson, John O'Leary and Russell McKenzie.

The FSDSV made another valuable contribution to this year's **Brunswick Music Festival**, and also to the broader life of folk music in Victoria through the presentation of the **Graham Squence Memorial Folk Award**. The Society also collaborated with the TSDAV in the running of a successful **Tea Dance** in July.

Many thanks to all the **committee members** for their willingness to assist in keeping Folk Victoria in operation for another year.

The **newsletter** is an important part of many people's musical life too - thanks heaps to Jeanette Gillespie for her work on this!

It would be great to see you at the 2011 **Annual General Meeting November 24<sup>th</sup>** at **7.30pm**. Come early for a meal in the downstairs restaurant where good food and drinks are available ... as Jeanette has previously urged, the Society needs your contribution in order to continue and grow.

The Folk Victoria committee welcomes **your involvement**, and in order to keep delivering great concerts and quality events, we need new faces and extra hands in the coming year.

*Kind regards,  
Tom Bolton  
(President 2010/2011)*

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## *Notice of Annual General Meeting*

of the Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc (Folk Victoria)

**Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 7.30 pm**

**Upstairs at Mamma Vittoria Restaurant, 343 Smith St, Fitzroy.**

**Meals are available** at reasonable prices if you wish to come along for a meal before the AGM. Drinks are also available at the bar.

**Our AGM is a friendly gathering without pomp and ceremony. The Folk Victoria committee welcomes your involvement, and in order to keep delivering great concerts and quality events, we need new faces and extra hands in the coming year.**

If you are a current financial member you are entitled to vote on all matters at the AGM, and to nominate for a 2011/2012 committee position. (If you have not joined or renewed prior to the meeting, may attend and pay for your membership subscription on the night.) However, non-members are also welcome to attend as observers and to join in the discussions.

Members may put any matter of business before the general meeting for consideration or discussion. Such items of General Business which members wish to have included on the AGM agenda should be sent in writing to The FSDSV Secretary, 25 Cerberus Crescent, Williamstown, 3016, or emailed to Rick Sidgwick at: [rickstar@alphalink.com.au](mailto:rickstar@alphalink.com.au) by Thursday, 10th November.

(Should you wish that notification of the nature of this business be circulated to members of the Society prior to the meeting, could you please notify Rick by Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Nominations are called for all Committee positions. Completed nomination forms must be in the hands of the Executive prior to the commencement of the AGM.

Members are entitled to appoint another member as proxy at the AGM, by notice given to the Executive in the form set out prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Forms for committee nominations and proxy nomination can be obtained by contacting the Secretary, Rick Sidgwick (see above for details) and will also be available at the meeting (must be filled in prior to the commencement of the meeting).

**Looking forward to seeing you there!**

**Tom Bolton (President)**

## The Melbourne Folk Club:

The **Folk Club** has had some wonderfully successful nights at its new home, upstairs at **the Lord Newry Hotel, 543 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.**

It's still on **Friday nights**, but now **once a fortnight**, so make sure you put the days in your diaries or on the fridge, as there are some fabulous artists coming up for the final three nights for the year.

### \*\*\* Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>:

#### **Penny Larkins and Carl Pannuzzo**

CD Launch - "The Cradle". Gorgeous songs and harmonies from two experienced and well-travelled singers and musicians. [www.potnkettle.com.au](http://www.potnkettle.com.au)

### \*\*\* Friday November 11<sup>th</sup>:

#### **Ricketty Bridge**

A multi instrumental, multicultural, acoustic crossover band which performs an exuberant blend of contemporary and traditional folk / world music. Singing in a number of languages they will take you on a global journey: from Celtic to Klezmer, chanson to country, Europe to Middle East.

### \*\*\* Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>:

#### **Taliska**

Some of the most divine Scottish music you will ever hear – all the way from quiet beauty to roaring exuberance! Featuring songs, vocal harmonies, fiddle, guitar, harp, horn, cello, Scottish smallpipes, Highland pipes, bodhran & whistles.

#### **Martin Pearson**

Serious songs to hilarious parodies to cutting satires all delivered with a wicked sense of humour.

#### **Contacts:**

Mel Robertson on 0413 587 490 or email:

[melbournefolkclub@gmail.com](mailto:melbournefolkclub@gmail.com)

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

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



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- Sign up to the **Boite's fortnightly email newsletter.** Info on all sorts of music events around the town and state. They also have an artist register – 212 artists and counting! Log onto their website at [www.boite.com.au](http://www.boite.com.au)

## Other Metro Diary Events

- **Caravan Music Club, Oakleigh, Vic.**

**Oakleigh RSL**, 95-97 Drummond Street, Oakleigh, Victoria. This is fast developing into the place to go in Melbourne's southern suburbs. Mixture of rock, blues, Indie, folk and roots music. Great space, with dining and bar. Sometimes limited seating, so you need to get tickets early, but plenty of standing room. Find out more at: [www.caravanmusic.com.au](http://www.caravanmusic.com.au) or by contacting: Peter Foley on 0411 569 180 or Mark Burchett on 0422 177 660. Some interesting coming events include:

\*\* **Every Monday night:** 7.30pm: \$12. Fun and relaxing **choir** singing all styles of music with **Tracey Miller.**

\*\* **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October:** 8pm. \$20. **Claymore:** a mixture of traditional Scottish and Irish music and self penned celtic rock.

\*\* **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October:** 8pm. \$25/\$20. **Fred Smith:** Singer/songwriter presenting his stunning collection of new songs entitled "Dust Of Uruzgan" .

\*\* **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November:** 8pm. \$22/\$18. **Zulya and the Children of the Underground:** Exquisite original music loosely inspired by Zulya's Tatar and Russian roots.

\*\* **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November:** 3pm. \$15/\$12. **The Ugly Uncles** with **Derek Guille** and his bunch of reprobate – but brilliant – muso mates. Jug band, folk, blues, Hawaiian, etc, etc.

- **"folkTrain" plus the Michelle Chandler Trio**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October:** 5pm. Free entry.

**The Brunswick Hotel**, 140 Sydney Road, Brunswick.

"folkTrain" play original and traditional songs, with a smattering of covers, on vocals, guitar, octave mandolin, banjo, harmonica, fiddle, mandolin and accordion.

**Michelle Chandler** is a local singer/guitarist, who will be playing with Stax on slide, guitar, harps and didge and Zee on percussion.

- **Tune Up 2011**

\*\* **November 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>**

Residential Statewide Community Music Makers Gathering **At "Amberley", Lower Plenty** in Melbourne's East

A weekend of singing, music making, networking, song swapping and skills sharing presented by Community Music Victoria. Facilitated by **Jane Coker** and **Betty McLaughlin**. Lots of opportunity for personal input. Prices start from \$145. All expressions of interest to: [jane\\_cmv@netpace.net.au](mailto:jane_cmv@netpace.net.au) or Ph. 9662 1162. Access the booking form on the CMV website: [www.cmv.org.au](http://www.cmv.org.au)

- **Tony Backhouse: Taste of Harlem & Heaven Gospel Singing Workshops.**

\*\* **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November:** 7:30-9:30pm

\*\* **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** 10am - 3:30pm  
Venue: Church of All Nations, 80 Palmerston St, Carlton  
Bookings: Email [babetteo@telstra.com](mailto:babetteo@telstra.com)

## FOR MORE FOLK NEWS AND VIEWS

- **Join Community Music Victoria.**

An amazing resource, particularly for **singing** events and singing and **choir** participation opportunities. In their latest eNews I lost count of the number of **choirs**, and other **singing sessions, classes, workshops** and **festivals** advertised but I think it was well over **sixty**, not to mention all the **instrumental** opportunities, classes, concerts, etc!! Their October newsletter was **43 pages** long!

For information and membership: Phone: 03 9662 1162. Fax: 03 9662 1197. Email: [cmv@netpace.net.au](mailto:cmv@netpace.net.au)  
Website: [www.cmv.org.au](http://www.cmv.org.au)

- 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.

- **La Compañía: The Kingdom of Naples**

**\*\* Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November:** 6:00pm. \$35/\$25

Melbourne Recital Centre - Salon, Southbank.

A unique Australian period instrument ensemble dedicated to the music of the renaissance and early baroque with an instrumental line up of winds, strings, brass and percussion in varying numbers, usually six. **Phone:** 9699 3333

**Bookings:** [www.melbournerecital.com.au](http://www.melbournerecital.com.au) or at the door.

- **Sing and Swap Songs**

**\*\* Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 4pm – 6pm**

Koonung Cottage Community House 109 Koonung Road Blackburn North.

Hosted by Margaret Crichton and Jane Coker. A singing session with a special emphasis on swapping easy-to-teach easy-to-learn songs suitable for community singing group repertoire. We will also spend some time looking at how to arrange a song for a cappella singing.

\$5. bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.

All singing leaders and singers welcome

RSVP please to [cmv@netspace.net.au](mailto:cmv@netspace.net.au) Ph 9662 1162.

- **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. \$12/\$10. Guest artist plus floor spots. Enq: Maree: 03 9733 0802.

**\*\* Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Nick Charles:** *Australia's virtuoso of acoustic blues and roots guitar playing.*

**\*\* Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: The Rainmakers:** *Family band from Castlemaine. Jane Thompson and Elsie, Naomi, Maggie and James Rigby play a myriad of instruments and create harmonies that only come from a lifetime of singing together*

**\*\* Other Tuesdays:** 8pm to 10.15pm: \$5. Session playing, singalongs, poetry and yarns. All skill levels and instruments.

**\*\* First and Last Tuesdays:** 7pm to 8pm: **Vocal sessions** for those who like singing traditional songs in a relaxed small group setting. Explore harmony, develop voice projection and learn new songs. Information: Don 0407 737 202.

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

**\*\* The Fireside Fiddlers** are a group devoted to by-ear playing of collected traditional Australian tunes. They meet on **Monday** evenings at 8pm at Harry Gardner's home in Ringwood East. Information - Harry 9870.8998.

**\*\* By-ear sessions** for any instrument are also held at Harry's home on the **first Thursday** of the month from 8pm. Information - Harry 9870.8998.



- **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](mailto:comhaltasmelbourne@inet.net.au)

Website: [www.members.inet.net.au/~goreilly](http://www.members.inet.net.au/~goreilly)

- **Melbourne Slow Sessions:**

**Every Tuesday Night.** Mark McDonnell's Traditional Irish Music Slow Sessions are now held at the **Clifton Hill Hotel**,

Queens Parade, Clifton Hill, 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 [markjmc@gmail.com](mailto:markjmc@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, Tuesdays: 9pm.** Cnr Nicholson and Blythe Sts. Brunswick. Led by Dan Burke. 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. 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:**

**\*\* Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> – 8.00pm:** Box Hill CAC. **Doug de Vries & Diana May Clark with Ken Murray:** Guitar solos and duets, with songs from Diana. \$18. Bookings: 9262 6555

**\*\* Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 pm: Stiletto Sisters.** St Margaret's Church Hall, Pitt St, Eltham. These gals create delightful musical mayhem on violin, accordion and double bass. **Price:** \$12 full / \$10 conc **Bookings:** 0438 424 017 [elthamboite@gmail.com](mailto:elthamboite@gmail.com).

**\*\* Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 pm:** Mark St Hall. **The String Contingent:** Celtic/jazz-flavoured originals on violin, guitar and double bass.

**\*\* Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 pm:** Mark St Hall. **The New Holland Honey Eaters (Tas):** Stan and Rebecca Gottschalk and Steve and Jane Ray will take you back to US radio Station WYOY in 1938 with characters, songs and stories.

**\*\* Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 pm:** Mark St Hall. **Expressive Women:** Using wonderful stories and songs, the choir members have developed a show around a very personal view of being 12 years old. With special guests **Zosia and Gosia Kaszubska**.

**\*\* Friday November 25<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 pm:** Box Hill CAC. **Up Town Swing:** One for the jazz lovers – a six piece swing jazz band led by Barry Wratten. Bookings: [www.whitehorsecentre.com.au/Surrey-Music-Cafe.html](http://www.whitehorsecentre.com.au/Surrey-Music-Cafe.html)

**\*\* Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 pm:** Mark St Hall.

**Meyhane:** A group of multi-instrumentalists who are passionate about music of Anatolia, the Balkans, and eastern Mediterranean.

**\*\* Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 pm:**

**Freedom Road CD Launch**

The launch of the CD of the "Freedom Road" Melbourne Millennium Chorus performance. **At Victoria Park, Lulie St, Abbotsford.** The Mini MMC will perform at a huge community event hosted by the City of Yarra to celebrate the re-development of Victoria Park. The Mini MMC will perform a selection of songs from the Freedom Road Concert conducted by Stella Savy and Dani Fry and also perform in the City of Yarra's massed choir which will perform alongside Mike Brady. The Boite CD launch will be one of the many activities taking place during the day.

**Free event.**

- **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)

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

- **Newport Fiddle and Folk Club:**

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

**\*\* First Friday: Celtic Session**

7.30pm. 4 Market St Newport. Tune lists on the website.

**\*\* Second Friday: Open Stage**

7.30 pm. Newport Community Hall, 13 Mason St, Newport. Put your name on the blackboard and perform, or just come along and listen. Cafe-style seating, BYO food and drink.

**\*\* Third Friday: Live@Newport Concert Night**

7.30pm. 4 Market St Newport. Our monthly music night, (formerly at Ragusa Restaurant/Breizoz Creperie). **This month it's gypsy music with the Orkeztra Gypsy Dance Band.** Bring your dancing shoes! Our new venue at Newport Bowls Club has a dance floor. Support act is local **flamenco guitarist Paul Hughan.** Drinks at bar prices, light meal available.



**\*\* Fourth Friday: Folk Club Night**

Newport Community Hall, 13 Mason St, Newport, 7.30 pm. All welcome to BYO instruments, voices, listening ears. \$5 / gold coin. Enquiries as above.

**\*\* 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

**\*\* The Incredibly Supportive Songwriting Group:**

Second Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm till 10pm. Outlets Neighbourhood House, 43 Mason St. Newport. \$3 donation.

This collective of keen songwriters meets once a month to provide mutual support for songwriters and those who would like to have a go. [songwriting@nffc.org.au](mailto:songwriting@nffc.org.au)

- **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 4<sup>th</sup> November: "Blackheart" (UK).** Enjoy an evening with the new stars of British contemporary folk. 'Blackheart' features the distinctively expressive vocals of Chrissy Mostyn and the imaginative and inspired guitar playing of Rick Pilkington. Together they defy categorization, but rather create a unique blend of intelligent acoustic folk/rock/pop that belongs to them alone. \$20.  
[www.myspace.com/theblackheartsuk](http://www.myspace.com/theblackheartsuk) .

**\*\* Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Stiletto Sisters.** Colorful Passionate Gypsy and Hungarian Rhythms, Sultry Sensuous Music. And likely to be a big crowd so book quickly. \$20.  
[www.stilettoisters.com/](http://www.stilettoisters.com/)

- **Clare Castle Singing & Music Session**

**Second Tuesday of the month: Clare Castle Hotel**, 421 Rathdowne St, Carlton. BYO instruments, voices, or just a listening ear. Excellent meals available.  
**Contact:** Cliff Ellery at [taxman@bigpond.net.au](mailto:taxman@bigpond.net.au) or on 9690 1233 or 0418 179 411.

- **Darebin Songwriter's Guild:**

**4<sup>th</sup> December.** "Bar 303", 303 High Street, Northcote. 3.30 till 7-ish. Call Moira on 9480 4590 or Wendy on 9489 0504 or email [darebinsongwritersguild@gmail.com](mailto:darebinsongwritersguild@gmail.com) to register your interest in sharing your songs or just roll up for a look and a listen.

- **Wax Lyrical for Songwriters:**

**Sundays Bi-Monthly: Next one: 6<sup>th</sup> November.** The Clare Castle Hotel, 421 Rathdowne St, Carlton. 4pm till 7pm. Enq: Trevor Shard: 0404 069 019.

## **OTHER:**

Here are some more interesting events around town and further afield from **Roger Holdsworth's Gig Guide**. Roger has broadcast the radio show "**Global Village**" on PBS-FM 106.7 for many years. The show is currently heard on **Sundays from 5 – 7pm**. Roger's gig guide website is: [www.pbsfm.org.au/globalvillage/gigguide](http://www.pbsfm.org.au/globalvillage/gigguide) and he is contactable at: [r.holdsworth@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:r.holdsworth@unimelb.edu.au)

### **WEDNESDAY 26 October:**

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

### **THURSDAY 27 October:**

\* 8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots Bar, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda - free: 9534 1282

### **FRIDAY 28 October:**

\* 7.00 pm: **Vardos:** Korona Csarda Hungarian Restaurant, 760 Boronia road, Wantirna: 9801 8887  
\* 8.00 pm: **Tijuana Cartel:** CD launch: Corner Hotel, 57 Swan Street, Richmond: 9427 9198  
\* **Ladysmith Black Mambazo:** State Theatre, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 182 183

#### **SATURDAY 29 October:**

- \* 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm: **Jugularity:** Panton Hill Festival, Panton Hill
- \* 8.00 pm: **Fred Smith:** Caravan Music Club, Oakleigh RSL, 95-97 Drummond Street, Oakleigh

#### **SUNDAY 30 October:**

- \* 7.00 pm: **Quarter Street Orchestra:** Night Cat, 141 Johnston Street, Fitzroy - free: 9417 0090

#### **MONDAY 31 October:**

- \* 8.30 pm: **Rembetiko - FILM:** Greek Film Festival: Palace Cinema Como, 299 Toorak Road, South Yarra: 9827 7533

#### **TUESDAY 1 November:**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY 2 November:**

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

#### **THURSDAY 3 November:**

- \* 8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots Bar, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda - free: 9534 1282

#### **FRIDAY 4 November:**

- \* 8.00 pm: **Zulya and the Children of the Underground:** Caravan Music Club, Oakleigh RSL, 95-97 Drummond Street, Oakleigh: [www.caravanmusic.com.au](http://www.caravanmusic.com.au)
- \* 8.00 pm: **Lisa Young Ensemble:** Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster: 9840 9382
- \* 8.00 pm: **Matthew Fagan + more: Masquerade Ball:** Heritage at RMH, Melbourne: 1300 438 849
- \* 8.30 pm: **Nadya and the 101 Candle Orkestra:** Czech Club, 497 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne: 0425 835 705

#### **SATURDAY 5 November:**

- \* 6.00 pm: **J-Azmaris + Woohoo Revue + E-TAGS:** Music Deli 25th: Salon, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333
- \* 7.30 pm: **The Bamboos + more:** Music Deli 25th: Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333
- \* 7.30 pm: **Moira Tyers, Wendy Ealey, Bruce Watson, Neil Robertson: Unsung Heroes of Australian History:** Parkview Hotel, corner Scotchmer and Brunswick Streets, North Fitzroy: 9489 0504 or 9480 4590
- \* 8.30 pm: **Nadya and the 101 Candle Orkestra:** Czech Club, 497 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne: 0425 835 705
- \* 9.00 pm: **Noriko Tadano and George Kamikawa:** Union Hotel, 109 Union Street, Brunswick - free
- \* **Keshie:** CD launch: Rainbow Hotel

#### **SUNDAY 6 November:**

- \* 10.30 am: **Kavisha Mazzella:** Soulfood, State Library of Victoria, corner LaTrobe and Swanston Streets, Melbourne

#### **THURSDAY 10 November:**

- \* 6.30 pm: **Noriko Tadano:** St Kilda Library, 150 Carlisle Street, St Kilda - free, but book on: 9209 6655
- \* 7.30 pm: **Salar Aghili and the Raz O Niaz Ensemble:** Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333
- \* 8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots Bar, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda - free: 9534 1282

#### **FRIDAY 11 November:**

- \* 7.30 pm: **Pin Rada + Glen Kneibeiss + Vinod Prasanna + Pooya Mehman + many more: Harmonious Gathering 11.11.11:** Glen Eira City Council Auditorium, corner Glen eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield: 0423 639 409

#### **SATURDAY 12 November:**

- \* 7.30 pm: **Tatu Rei:** CD launch: Malthouse Theatre, 113 Sturt Street, Southbank
- \* 8.30 pm: **Hot Club Quartet:** Czech Club, 497 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne: 0425 835 705
- \* **Afro Mandinko:** Bentleigh Beat Festival

#### **SUNDAY 13 November:**

- \* 3.15 pm: **King Marong:** Mahalang Festival, Mahalang Reserve, South Road, West Heidelberg
- \* 7.00 pm: **Vashti Bunyan + Green Gartside + Robyn Hitchcock + Lisa Hannigan + Krystle Warren + Scott Matthews + Danny Thompson + Neill MacColl + Zoe Rahman + Steve Jones + more : Way to Blue: The Songs of Nick Drake:** Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333 or [www.melbournerecital.com.au](http://www.melbournerecital.com.au)
- \* 7.30 pm: **Haris Alexiou + Lizeta Kalimeri + Makis Seviloglou + band (Greece):** The Plenary, Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre, 1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf: 13 28 49

#### **MONDAY 14 and TUESDAY 15 November:**

- \* 7.30 pm: **Way to Blue: The Songs of Nick Drake:** (see above)

#### **WEDNESDAY 16 November:**

- \* 6.00 pm: **La Compañía: Diversity - The Kingdom of Naples:** Salon, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333

#### **THURSDAY 17 November:**

- \* 8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots Bar, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda - free: 9534 1282

#### **FRIDAY 18 November:**

- \* 4.30 pm: **Noriko Tadano + Collard, Greens and Gravy:** Visible Sessions and AWME Showcase, Curve Bar Outdoor Stage, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne - free
- \* start: **Dunkklebunt (Austria) + Diafix + Kingfisha + The WooHoo Revue + Puta Madre Brothers + Tijuana Cartel + more: Shine On 2011:** Pyrenees Ranges: [www.shineonfestival.com.au](http://www.shineonfestival.com.au)
- \* 7.00 pm: **Nice Verdes:** Cruzao Arepa Bar, 365 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy
- \* 7.00 pm: **Tatu Rei + Tumbarumba + Sol Nation + more: Global Music Village: FLAVOURS:** Tatu Rei CD launch: Revolt, 12 Elizabeth Street, Kensington: 9376 2115
- \* 8.30 pm: **Nicholas Ogburn + Sarah Giufre:** CD launch: The Acoustic Café, 187 Johnston Street, Collingwood - free

#### **SATURDAY 19 November:**

- \* 7.00 pm: **Nice Verdes:** Bebida Bar and Cafe, 325 Smith Street, Fitzroy
- \* 8.00 pm: **Melbourne Singers of Gospel: Shake Yourself Loose:** James Tatoulis Auditorium, Methodist Ladies College, 207 Barkers Rd, Kew. Tickets \$30/25 from <http://www.trybooking.com/GQC>.
- \* **Ruth Roshan and Tango Noir:** Paris Cat Jazz Club, Melbourne

#### **THURSDAY 24 November:**

- \* 8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots Bar, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda - free: 9534 1282

#### **FRIDAY 25 November:**

- \* 4.30 pm: **Rowan McNaught and Sam Szoke-Burke versus Vinod Prasanna and Lavender versus Rose and Tenzing Yeshi: Adventures in Sound:** Visible Sessions, Curve Bar Outdoor Stage, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melb – free
- \* 7.00 pm: **Florelie Escano + The Backlash Brew + The Funkadelic Side: Global Music Village: RESPECT:** Revolt, 12 Elizabeth Street, Kensington: 9376 2115

\* 8.00 pm: **Doug de Vries: DdV Solo CD launch:** Salon, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333 or [www.melbournerecital.com.au](http://www.melbournerecital.com.au)  
\* 8.30 pm: **Vikingo de Jerez:** Open Studio, 204 High Street, Northcote

#### **SATURDAY 26 November:**

\* 12.00 noon: **Visible 6 CD launch:** CERES Environmental Park, East Brunswick  
\* 8.30 pm: **Vikingo de Jerez:** Spanish Club, 57-61 Johnston Street, Fitzroy  
\* **Bruce Mathiske and Rhythm Express:** The Forum Theatre, Flinders Street, Melbourne: 1300 111 011  
\* **Jugularity:** Rex Theatre, Charlton

#### **THURSDAY 1 December:**

\* 8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots Bar, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda - free: 9534 1282

#### **FRIDAY 2 December:**

\* 4.30 pm: **Carolina Cordeiro and Polixeni: Songs of Yearning:** Visible Sessions, Curve Bar Outdoor Stage, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne - free

#### **TUESDAY 6 December:**

\* 7.00 pm: **Bohemian Nights:** Budapest Restaurant and Palinka Bar, 273 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick - free: 9530 0849  
\* 7.00 pm: **Aura Kayagum Ensemble: Seoul to Soul:** Salon, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333 or [www.melbournerecital.com.au](http://www.melbournerecital.com.au)

#### **THURSDAY 8 December:**

\* 8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots Bar, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda - free: 9534 1282

#### **FRIDAY 9 December:**

\* 4.30 pm: **African Star Dance and Drumming + Polynesian Log Drummers: Globalised and Mobilised Rhythms and Dance - Child Survivors Showcase and La Descarga:** Visible Sessions, Curve Bar Outdoor Stage, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne - free

#### **SATURDAY 10 December:**

\* 7.30 pm: **Ananke:** Salon, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333 or [www.melbournerecital.com.au](http://www.melbournerecital.com.au)

#### **SUNDAY 11 December:**

\* **Orkeztra Glasso Bashalde:** Fairfield Amphitheatre, Heidelberg Road, Fairfield

#### **THURSDAY 15 December:**

\* 8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots Bar, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda - free: 9534 1282

#### **FRIDAY 16 December:**

\* 4.30 pm: **J-Azmaris + Big Fela: Finely Ground Afro-Root Sounds:** Visible Sessions, Curve Bar Outdoor Stage, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne - free

## Out-of-Metro Diary Dates

### • Zingaro in Malmsbury Saturday November 5th.

**2pm:** Malmsbury Hotel: Ensemble workshop with musicians from Melbourne, Central Victoria and further afield. Hosted by

Gary King and the **Orkeztra Glasso Bashalde.** Repertoire includes Klezmer, Balkan, Rom and Middle-Eastern music.

**8pm:** Malmsbury Hall: Dance to the exhilarating, sexy fusion of hotted-up Turkish melodies and rootsy gypsy rhythms which is **Unified Gecko.**

**Admission:** \$15.00 Full and \$10 Concession for each event.  
**Tickets** from: InstrAmental Music Centre. Castlemaine: 5470 5913 or Kyneton: 5422 1083.  
[www.instramental.com.au/zingaro.html](http://www.instramental.com.au/zingaro.html)

### • Music at the Healesville Track Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Healesville Racecourse, Chum Creek Road Healesville. Melways 275 C1. Midday till 8pm. \$35/\$15/\$85. Food and drink available on site. Entertainment for all ages.

**Performers include:** Joe Camilleri & the Black Sorrows, John Schumann & the Vagabond Crew, Shane Howard and band, Damian Howard and the Ploughboys, Greg Champion, Rebecca Barnard, Monique Brumby and MORE.  
Further details: [www.musicatthehealesvilletrack.com.au](http://www.musicatthehealesvilletrack.com.au) or phone: 0417 380 298.

### • 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 November 4<sup>th</sup>:** *The Bill Jackson Band*

\*\* **Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>:** *John Flanagan and the Begin Agains.*

### • 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.websyte.com.au](http://www.badfolk.websyte.com.au)

\*\* **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November:** *Richard Perso: 20-year-old dynamic and popular one-man band. Plus country singer and songwriter Twyce Daily.*

### • 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: 0410 422 238.



### • The Mountain Pickers Association

**First Tuesday of the month.** Predominantly bluegrass and old-timey American string band styles of music. Blackboard concert plus paid feature band. **Burrinja Café,** Dandenong Ranges Community Cultural Centre, 351 Glenfern Rd **Upwey** - Melway map ref: 75 B12. Contact: Jim Golding: 9704 7573. Email: [sugerplummer@yahoo.com.au](mailto:sugerplummer@yahoo.com.au)

### • The Ranges Burrinja Folk Club

**Last Friday of the month,** featuring great acoustic music in the relaxed and friendly, atmosphere of the **Burrinja Café,** Dandenong Ranges Community Cultural Centre, 351 Glenfern Rd Upwey - Melway map ref: 75 B12. \$15. Music from 8pm. Cafe and bar serving dinner/drinks/snacks.  
Enquiries: AJ - 0402 473 897; [mail@rangesburrinjafolk.org](mailto:mail@rangesburrinjafolk.org)

\*\* **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October:** *The Mercurials and The Hannafords.*



- **Acoustic Brew – Burrinja Cafe (see above)**

**Second Thursday of the month**, featuring the music of **Michelle Chandler, Tracey Roberts, Christina Green, Zoltan Almady & Stax**. Come book a spot on the blackboard and perform along with the above artists from 8.30pm to 11pm. Strictly limited blackboard places so be there by 8pm sharp. \$5 cover charge.  
Book for dinner and/or drinks on 9754 5707.

- **Peninsula Folk Club**

**First Sunday of the month**. Frankston City Bowling Club, cnr William & Yuille Sts, Frankston. Jam session: 5.30pm.  
Performances: 6.30 to 9pm.

**\*\* November 6<sup>th</sup>: The Strezlecki String Busters** and guest artists.

**\*\* December 4<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Party and Jam!!** 12:00pm start.

**Enquiries:** Max Amos: 03 9551 2123; Vincent Tuck: 0418 381 668; Peter Stanley: 03 9789 3306. Email: [pfc@gmail.com](mailto:pfc@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.peninsulafolkclub.org.au](http://www.peninsulafolkclub.org.au)

- **Gippsland Acoustic Music Club**

**First Sunday of the month**. Tyers Hall.

**Vocal Nosh** for singers: 5 – 6.30pm, July, Oct, Nov. \$10/\$8.  
**Concert** with main act and local support at 7.30pm. \$15/\$10.  
Occasional Cafe Concerts and other events.

**Enquiries: President:** Barb Brabets: (03) 5174 7903  
[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, 4.30pm onwards.

**Open Mic** concert night: 8.00pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at Irish Murphys. Admission is free.  
Open mic bookings: [paulabq@ncable.net.au](mailto:paulabq@ncable.net.au)

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

**Third Sunday of the month: Banjo and Bluegrass Workshops.** 3pm at Irish Murphy's.

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

- **Blackwood Academy of Bluegrass and Old-Time Music:**

**Fourth Sunday of the month, afternoon and evening.**  
Workshops, sessions, concert. Held at Lerdies on Martin, Blackwood VIC.

**\*\*\* Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>:** Featuring **Frank Fairfield** (USA)

**Enquiries:** Nick Dear: Mob: 0421 593 998; Tel: 03 53 686 888  
Email: [harrierville@bluegrass.org.au](mailto:harrierville@bluegrass.org.au)  
Website: [www.blackwoodacademy.org](http://www.blackwoodacademy.org)

- **HarvesterMoon Music Events**

At Dominic McAlinden and Jenny Moroney's **Bellarine valley** farm house - a delightful 'art house', restaurant and lavender farmlet. Not open for casual dining, but you can contact them to book functions. Music events sell out quickly. 2320 Portarlington Rd, Bellarine.

**\*\*\* Friday November 4<sup>th</sup>: "The Swamp Dandies"** – featuring **Greg Arnold, John Bedggood and Ian Kitney**. Dinner & Show.

**\*\*\* Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>: "Hot Club Swing"**. *Hot Gypsy Jazz swinging all string sound.* Lunch and show.

Bookings essential. **Bookings & enquiries** 5259 3200.  
[www.harvestermoon.com.au](http://www.harvestermoon.com.au)

- **Bendigo Folk Club**

Under the Grandstand, Queen Elizabeth Oval, View Street, Bendigo.

**\*\* Club nights** are usually on the first Wednesday of the month, gold coin donation.

**\*\* Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>:**

**Frank Fairfield (California):** A twenty-five year old dynamic singer and multi-instrumentalist (vocals, banjo, fiddle, guitar).

**The Sitting Ducks:** Central Victorian musicians Gerry and Jonathon present some great songs and tunes on guitars and banjo. Appalachian Dance Tunes, Mountain Ballads, Jug, Cajun and Country Blues  
8pm. Venue as above. \$15 / \$10.

**Contact:** Geoff on 5448 3225 ah.

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

- **Bendigo – Goldmines Hotel Sessions**

**Every Thursday** at the Goldmines Hotel Courtyard, 49-57 Marong Road, Bendigo. Phone: 5442 2453.

**6.30 - 7.30pm:** Ukulele Muster

**8.00 – 10.00pm:** Various music sessions and events.

- **Harmony Row Vineyard**

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

**\*\*\* Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>:**

**John Hammond Jnr:** One of the best exponents of acoustic blues guitar in the world. John's music career spans nearly 50 years, and he has released over 30 albums.

**Nick Charles:** Australia's virtuoso of acoustic blues and roots. His style encompasses an eclectic mix of blues, folk and early ragtime jazz.

**Lunch:** 12 noon; **Show:** 2.30pm. \$85 for both or \$55 show only. **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**

**\*\* Last Sunday of the Month @** The Old Hepburn Hotel, 236 Main Road, Hepburn. 1 - 4pm.

**Showcase for songwriters** of all ages and levels of experience. Performers and listeners welcome. 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.

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

- **Old Hepburn Hotel Performance Nights**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday** of the month, 7.30pm. Old Hepburn Hotel, 236 Main Road, Hepburn. Pre-book a 20-minute spot or turn up for open stage. Phone: 5348 7958.

**\* Other regular music concerts** at The Old Hepburn: Go to [www.oldhepburnhotel.com.au](http://www.oldhepburnhotel.com.au)

- **Daylesford Inn 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. Cosy, fully licensed and food available.

Queries: sms/ring Vanessa Craven on 0408994393.  
[vanessa.craven@mmnet.com.au](mailto:vanessa.craven@mmnet.com.au)



- **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. **Cosmopolitan Stables**, Cnr High St and Cosmo Road, Trentham. Hosted by Steve and Stacey from Family Farm Band. All instruments and voices welcome. Free entry and special drinks prices for those who join in the jam.  
Enquiries: (03) 5424 1516



**\*\* Every Friday and Sunday:** Live music at the **Cosmopolitan** in the stables. Free entry. Variety of performers and styles. [www.thecosmopolitanhotel.com.au](http://www.thecosmopolitanhotel.com.au)

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

- **Castlemaine Theatre Royal**

Hargraves St, Castlemaine. Variety of great music as well as their regular theatre screenings. **Info:** 03 5472 1196 or [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)

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

## Dancing Around

- **Ringwood Colonial Dances (VFMC)**

**First Saturday of every month** 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm at **East Ringwood Elderly Citizens Club Hall**, Laurence Grove, Ringwood East (Melway 50 B8). Live bands, all dances explained and called. Members \$8.00, non-members \$10.00, children under 16 free. Light supper provided. Enquiries: 9762 1389, 9885 6109 [ceden@pacific.net.au](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)

**\*\* 5<sup>th</sup> November: The Brumbies**

**\*\* 3<sup>rd</sup> December: The Billabong Band**

- **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:

At Collingwood Senior Citizens Hall, Eddy Court, Abbotsford. Mel. 2C H10 (behind the Collingwood Town Hall and near the Collingwood Station)

\* **Recorded music nights** \$5 members, \$6 non-members

**\*2nd Wednesday** of the month the Melbourne Colonial Dancers Band plays the music (\$6 members, \$7 non-members).

**\*\* 3rd Thursday of the month:** Dancing at Ashburton Uniting Church Hall, 3 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton Mel. 60 D10

**\*\* Beginners classes** (8 weeks) started on 28 April and another series will start on 22 September in Ashburton.

**Contacts** for information: Robin Simpson 03 9723 2543, 0413 511 931, Coral Eden 03 9885 6109 or website: [www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au](http://www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au)

- **TSDSAV (dancing)**

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

**\*\*\* Spring Dance Weekend, Portarlington: 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November:** A weekend of dances, dance workshops and socialising. Parks Hall Community Centre. For information on bookings and accommodation, call Marion Stabb: (03) 9439 7100, George Ansell: (03) 9890 5650.

**\*\*\* Victorian Dance Assembly Workshops**

**First Sunday of the Month** (except November).

The Eleventh Hour Theatre Hall, cnr Gore & Leicester Sts, Fitzroy ( just South-West of the Smith St & Alexandra Pde intersection). All dancers are welcome.  
Enquiries: Norm Ellis 9888 5332.

**\*\*\* Christmas Hoedown: Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>. 8pm.**

**American, Contra and Colonial dances.** Featuring the music of Gary King, Maggie Duncan & friends - with guest callers. *All dances taught and called as required!*

**Dancing** 8.00-11.00 pm, followed by **supper**. Please bring a small plate of Christmas goodies to share. Tea and coffee provided. **Cost:** \$12 (\$10 for members & students).

**Ashburton Uniting Church** (in the back hall).

3 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton (Melways 60 D10)

**Contacts:** Norm Ellis Ph: 9888 5332. Marion Stabb Ph: 9439 7100.

- **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)

**4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November: Beechworth Celtic Festival, Vic:**

A feast of all things Celtic, with concerts, sessions, market, dinners, dancing, piping, etc. Info: 1300 366 321. [info@beechworthcelticfestival.com.au](mailto:info@beechworthcelticfestival.com.au) [www.beechworthcelticfestival.com.au](http://www.beechworthcelticfestival.com.au)

**4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November: TSDAV Spring Dance Weekend, Portarlinton, Vic.** A weekend of dances dance workshops and socialising. Parks Hall Community Centre. For information on bookings and accommodation, call Marion Stabb: (03) 9439 7100, George Ansell: (03) 9890 5650.

**11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> November: Music at the Creek, Major's Creek, NSW.** A beautiful friendly folk festival between Canberra and the east coast. Enq: Sue Rendell: 02 4842 8142. Email: [info@musicatthecreek.com](mailto:info@musicatthecreek.com) Web: [www.musicatthecreek.com](http://www.musicatthecreek.com)

**17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November: Harrietville Bluegrass & Traditional Country Music Convention, Vic.** A great line-up of bluegrass and old time musicians from Australia and the US. Lots of sessions. For enquiries phone: 03 5368 6888 (ah) or mob: 0418 394 915. Website: [www.harrietvillebluegrass.com.au](http://www.harrietvillebluegrass.com.au) Email: [harrietville@bluegrass.org.au](mailto:harrietville@bluegrass.org.au)

**17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November: Australasian World Music Expo, Melbourne, Vic.** Traditional and contemporary indigenous roots and world music from Australia and many parts of the world. **Numerous fantastic concerts, forums, speakers, conferences and films.** **Venues** include: The Arts Centre, Fed Square, The Melbourne Recital Centre, The HiFi and the Toff. Variety of prices, many free or quite cheap. **Bookings:** Ticketmaster: 1300 136 166. For **info** on programs etc: 03 9329 1533 or email: [info@awme.com.au](mailto:info@awme.com.au) or website: [www.awme.com.au](http://www.awme.com.au)

**25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November: Queenscliff Music Festival, Vic.** Looks like an interesting and eclectic variety of music this year including lots of folk, roots, blues and acoustic. You may need to pre-book if you intend to go. **Info:** (03) 5258 4816 or email: [customerservice@qmf.net.au](mailto:customerservice@qmf.net.au) Website: [www.qmf.net.au](http://www.qmf.net.au)

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

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

**December 27 – Jan 1 - Woodford Festival, QLD.**

The largest folk festival in Australia – music, song, dance, the spoken word, food, celebrations, folk culture, etc, etc. Phone: 07 5496 1066. Email: [qff@woodfordfolkfestival.com](mailto:qff@woodfordfolkfestival.com) Visit: [www.woodfordfolkfestival.com](http://www.woodfordfolkfestival.com)

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012: The Lake School of Celtic Music, Koroit, Victoria.** A summer holiday in an Aussie "Irish" village, with music, song and dance classes all day and sessions and ceilidhs all night! Top class tutors. Email: [felix@bushwahzee.com](mailto:felix@bushwahzee.com). Phone: 0413 801 294 or visit: [www.lakeschool.bushwahzee.com](http://www.lakeschool.bushwahzee.com)



**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012: Gargarre Moosic Muster, Gargarre, Victoria** (btwn Shepparton & Echuca). Workshops in guitar, fiddle, banjo, ukelele, harmonica, singing, etc., concerts, open mics, jam sessions, and Sunday farmer's market. \$45 for campers, free for others. For details

## Festivals

**28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October: Maldon Folk Festival, Maldon, Vic.** Victoria's largest folk festival after Port Fairy – but with a friendly country town Concerts, workshops, dances, children's activities, sessions, heaps of great artists from all over the country. Hooray, hooray, **day tickets** are now available for both Saturday and Sunday. Weekend tickets: \$110. Day tickets: \$60. Other prices for concession and children. Camping extra - \$40 per site at Tarrengower and \$77 at the Footy Oval. **Enq:** Lynda: 03 5475 1167. **Email:** [mail@maldonfolkfestival.com](mailto:mail@maldonfolkfestival.com) **Website:** [www.maldonfolkfestival.com](http://www.maldonfolkfestival.com).

**28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November: Burke and Wills Winery "Festival Folk Sing", Mia Mia near Kyneton, Vic.** Laid-back weekend of music, songs, food, wine and conviviality. Various concerts at various times, plus sessions. **Artists** include: Broderick Smith, Paul Wookey, Martin Pearson, Matt Walker, Penny Larkins & Carl Pannuzzo, Cliff Ellery & Gunther Stopa. Special emphasis on the songs of Joni Mitchell and Bob Dylan for come-all-ye concerts. Tuesday Cup Day luncheon and other activities. Camping on-site. \$50 weekend ticket. Meals available at various prices. BYO breakfasts. **Info** for all above: Andrew Pattison: 03 5425 5400 or Email: [wineandmusic@bigpond.com](mailto:wineandmusic@bigpond.com) Web: [www.wineandmusic.net](http://www.wineandmusic.net)

phone: Jan: 03 5854 6293, Max: 0428 306 687, Amelia: 0413 455 362. Website: [www.girgarre.com.au](http://www.girgarre.com.au)

**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012: Cygnet Folk Festival, Huon Valley, Tasmania.** Fantastic folk festival in a beautiful setting. Earlybird prices available till Dec 21<sup>st</sup>. General Inquiries: Kaye Gilhooly: 03 6295 0202. Tickets available through Centertainment by phoning (03) 6234 5998 or online at [www.centertainment.com.au](http://www.centertainment.com.au) or [www.cygnetfolkfestival.org](http://www.cygnetfolkfestival.org)

**12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2012: The Boite Singers' Festival, Daylesford, Victoria.** A fantastic weekend of singing and songwriting workshops and concerts in the heart of Central Victoria. Phone: 03 9417 1983. Email: [singers@boite.com.au](mailto:singers@boite.com.au) or log onto: [www.boite.com.au](http://www.boite.com.au)

**12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2012: 27<sup>th</sup> Illawarra Folk Festival, Bulli, NSW.** 500 performers, 12 venues. With Dougie Maclean, Peggy Seeger, and heaps more. Phone: 1300 887 034. Email: [info@illawarrafolkclub.org.au](mailto:info@illawarrafolkclub.org.au) Website: [www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au](http://www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au)

**15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012: Celtic Southern Cross: Music Under the Southern Cross. Campaspe Downs, Kyneton, Victoria.**

Most classes are already full, but it is worth enquiring if you are interested. Contact: 03 6397 3427, email: [music@celt.com.au](mailto:music@celt.com.au) Website: [www.celt.com.au/summer.html](http://www.celt.com.au/summer.html)

**21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January: Tamar Valley Folk Festival, George Town, Tas.** Another gorgeous Tassie folk festival, this one in the north of the state. Phone: Chris: 0407 313 103. Email: [info@tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com](mailto:info@tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com) Website: [www.tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com](http://www.tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com)

**20<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> January: Tamworth Country Music Festival, NSW.** Contact: Tourism Tamworth Ltd, PO Box 552, Tamworth, NSW, 2340. Web: [www.tcmf.com.au](http://www.tcmf.com.au) Ph: 02 6767 5300, Fax: 02 6767 5312. Email: [tourism@tamworth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tourism@tamworth.nsw.gov.au)

**26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> January: Newstead Live! Folk Festival, Newstead, Central Victoria.** Many fabulous local, national and international performers. Phone: Andrew Pattison: 03 5425 5400 or the Newstead RTC on: 03 5476 2360, email: [wineandmusic@bigpond.com](mailto:wineandmusic@bigpond.com) or log on to [www.newsteadlive.com](http://www.newsteadlive.com)

**17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February: 4<sup>th</sup> Blackwood Fiddlers Convention, Blackwood, Vic.** Cricket Ground. Camping, Food & Bar on site and lots of acoustic bluegrass, old timey, Cajun, Aust Hillbilly etc. Enq: Ken Mc Master: 03 9481 7662. Website: [www.blackwoodfiddlersconvention.com](http://www.blackwoodfiddlersconvention.com)

**24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> February: Cobargo Folk Festival, NSW.** Historic and picturesque village on the south coast of NSW. Enquiries: 02 6493 6758 or email: [info@cobargofolkfestival.com](mailto:info@cobargofolkfestival.com) Website: [www.cobargofolkfestival.com](http://www.cobargofolkfestival.com)

**24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> February: Frances Folk Gathering, SA.** Discover how the tiny village of Frances in South Australia's South East opens its hearts to visiting folkies from all parts of SA, Vic and beyond, for a fun-filled weekend of music, merriment, dance, competitions, concerts, workshops and much, much more. Phone: 0431 137 573. Email: [folk@francesfolkgathering.com.au](mailto:folk@francesfolkgathering.com.au) Website: [www.francesfolkgathering.com.au](http://www.francesfolkgathering.com.au)

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March: Nannup Music Festival, WA.** In the heart of the south-west's jarrah forests. Enq: 08 9756 1511. Website: [www.nannupmusicfestival.org](http://www.nannupmusicfestival.org)

**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March: Port Fairy Folk Festival, Port Fairy, Vic.** Tickets (earlybird concession before December 18<sup>th</sup>) are now available online: [www.portfairyfolkfestival.com](http://www.portfairyfolkfestival.com) Info: 03 5225 1232 or 5568 2227

**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March: Burke & Wills Folk Gathering, Burke & Wills Winery, Vic.** A delightful alternative to Port Fairy - relaxing and entertaining. Camping space available. Info: Andrew Pattison: 03 5425 5400. [www.wineandmusic.net](http://www.wineandmusic.net)

**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March: Womadelaide Festival, Botanic Park, Adelaide.** Fabulous festival of the sounds of the planet! Hundreds of artists, six stages. 1300 30 40 72. [www.womadelaide.com.au](http://www.womadelaide.com.au)

**16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March: Yarra Junction Fiddlers' Convention.** 30<sup>th</sup> year! Guests from the USA plus heaps of local artists, workshops and sessions. Unpowered camping, limited bunk accommodation, big kitchen. Enq: Ken Mc Master: 03 9481 7662. Website: [www.yarrajunctionfiddlersconvention.com](http://www.yarrajunctionfiddlersconvention.com)

**14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March: Brunswick Music Festival, Vic.** A fabulous feast of music right here in inner suburban Melbourne. Phone: 03 9387 3376. Email: [johnbmf@vicnet.net.au](mailto:johnbmf@vicnet.net.au). Log on to: [www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au)

**16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@celticfestival.com.au) Web: [www.celticfestival.com.au](http://www.celticfestival.com.au)

**16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March: Blue Mountains Folk Music Festival, NSW.** Enquiries: 1800 651 322. Email: [info@bmff.org.au](mailto:info@bmff.org.au) Website: [www.bmff.org.au](http://www.bmff.org.au)

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March: The Basin Music Festival, Dandenong Ranges, Vic.** A grass roots folksy and community festival. Contact: John: 0402 138 834. Ray: 0408 314 778. [www.thebasinmusic.org.au](http://www.thebasinmusic.org.au)

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March: Yackandandah Folk Festival, Victoria.** Friendly music festival in a historic village, featuring international, national and local artists. Email: [folkfestival@yackandandah.com](mailto:folkfestival@yackandandah.com) Website: [www.folkfestival.yackandandah.com](http://www.folkfestival.yackandandah.com)

**29<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April: The Man From Snowy River Bush Festival, Corryong, Vic.** Entertainment, horsemanship, re-enactments, poetry and music. Phone: 02 6076 1992. Email: [info@bushfestival.com.au](mailto:info@bushfestival.com.au) Web: [www.bushfestival.com.au](http://www.bushfestival.com.au)

**5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April: National Folk Festival, Exhibition Park, Canberra.** Arguably the best folk festival in Australia! Hundreds of performers, great atmosphere, on-site camping. Pre-bookings are now open. Phone: 1300 235 849, email: [info@folkfestival.asn.au](mailto:info@folkfestival.asn.au) or check out: [www.folkfestival.asn.au](http://www.folkfestival.asn.au)

**13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April: Fairbridge Festival, WA.** WA's major folk festival. Phone: 08 9246 3311 Email: [admin@fairbridgefestival.com.au](mailto:admin@fairbridgefestival.com.au) Website: [www.fairbridgefestival.com.au](http://www.fairbridgefestival.com.au)

**20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Apollo Bay Music Festival, Vic.** Phone: 03 5237 6761. Email: [info@apollobaymusicfestival.com](mailto:info@apollobaymusicfestival.com) Website: [www.apollobaymusicfestival.com](http://www.apollobaymusicfestival.com)

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