

Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc

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From the Outgoing Editor

WOW! I have such exciting news to report to our readers! Folk Victoria is moving into 2012 with a renewed lease of life! As you can see from the above committee list, the extremely well-attended AGM on November 24th resulted in a rush of people wanting to be involved and 18 people volunteered for a committee spot. As this was such an unusual occurrence, all 18 people were duly elected, and office-bearers were subsequently elected at the first committee meeting. Thanks and welcome to all of you!

I have been assured by our continuing **President Tom** that various sub-groups will emerge to manage the variety of tasks which will emerge as new horizons are sought for the FSDAV.

I am very happy to announce that **Lee Merzel** is enthusiastically taking over the newsletter, so expect some changes when your next one hits the mail box! Thank you to all those who have given me support and encouragement over the 18(?) or so years I have been editor.

Our thanks, too, to outgoing Secretary **Rick Sidgwick**, outgoing Treasurer **Chris Bigby** and outgoing Web Manager and committee member **Wendy Ealey**. They have kept the wheels turning in fine form.

Melbourne Folk Club:

Mel Robertson, **John O’Leary** and **Russell MacKenzie** have done a fine job over the past year again, moving the club to the Lord Newry and

presenting many fantastic performances. At the time of writing, they are uncertain as to whether they wish to continue in this role – I’m sure the newsletter and Rebecca’s email-outs will keep you informed as to the future operation of the Folk Club. Congratulations to all three – I know from years of experience how much time and effort is required to organise and run the Club. Their efforts have effectively kept Folk Victoria going as a viable society over the past three years.

Membership Renewal:

Thanks to all those who have already sent in their subscription for the coming year. **If you have not done so, please take advantage of the enclosed membership form**, as I’m sure you’d like to continue receiving news of how things are going with the new committee and the future of the Folk Club. If you have already paid, you should have received a membership card from Rebecca (or be receiving it shortly).



Newstead Live!

This is a terrific Folk Music Festival in a village atmosphere within an easy drive of Melbourne (ten minutes past Castlemaine). Organised by Andrew Pattison of Troubadour fame, it starts at 4pm on Thursday 26th January, and goes all the way through till Sunday evening, 29th January (for those lucky people who don’t have to work on Friday!) Come for a day or the weekend. Camping available. Friendly atmosphere, lots of sessions, concerts, workshops, singalongs, etc.

I hope that **2012** is a happy, healthy, satisfying and fulfilling one for you and your loved ones. I will no doubt see many of you at various events throughout the year.

And so, for the last time – **“Cheers all”,
Jeanette Gillespie.**

FOR MORE FOLK NEWS AND VIEWS

• Join Community Music Victoria.

An amazing resource. 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!! For information and membership: Phone: 03 9662 1162. Fax: 03 9662 1197. Email: cmv@netspace.net.au Website: www.cmv.org.au

• Join the Folk Alliance Australia.

Go to www.folkalliance.org.au for further details and heaps of information about folk music around Australia.

• Subscribe to Trad&Now Magazine.

Log onto: www.tradandnow.com for all the news on how you can subscribe. They also have a huge CD catalogue.

• Sign up to the **Boite’s fortnightly email newsletter**. Information 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

Metro Diary Events

- **Benefit Concert in Williamstown, Vic:**

Friday February 3rd: 7.30pm. Benefit for Cambodian children. Williamstown RSL. Cnr Melbourne Road and Ferguson St. Tickets: \$15. Meals and drinks available. Performers include: *The Newport Gypsy Djangoes Band; The Continental Drift Band; Dolce Vita; The Willy Philly Band*, and more!
Enquiries: Phone Wyla: 0408 676 531

- **Mysterious Mose Performance, Newport:**

Saturday February 4th: Noon to 1pm. The market goes from 10am till 4pm, but catch this vibrant jug band over lunchtime! Newport Substation Art and Craft Market, 1 Market St.

- **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 or by contacting: Peter Foley on 0411 569 180 or Mark Burchett on 0422 177 660. Some interesting coming events include:

** **Friday 20th January:** 8pm. \$15. **Daniel Champagne:** guitarist extraordinaire. Plus blues/boogie band "Howlin's Steam Train".

** **Saturday 21st January:** 8pm. \$35 for limited reserved seating / \$25 standing room. **Peggy Seeger:** US folk singer, with our own **Judy Small**.

** **Sunday 22nd January:** 3pm. \$15. **Broderick Smith** and **Matt Walker:**

Loads of others too – check out the website or phone them.

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

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

** **Second Tuesday of the month: Ringwood Folk Club Guest Artist Night.** 8.00 pm. \$12/\$10. Guest artist plus floor spots. Enq: Maree: 03 9733 0802.

** **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.

- **Wildwood Singing and Music Sessions:**

Third Saturday of the month. 7pm onwards. Wildwood Instruments, 307 Albert St. Brunswick. It's free, fun and any level of player/singer is welcome! **Saturday January 21st** is the first anniversary of these informal sessions.

- **Clare Castle Singing & Music Session**

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



- **Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann:**

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

- **Melbourne Slow Sessions:**

Every Tuesday Night. Mark McDonnell's Traditional Irish Music Slow Sessions are 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 markjmcd@gmail.com or 03 9459 2295

- **More Irish/Celtic Music Sessions**

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

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

** **Lomond Hotel, 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
Website at: www.boite.com.au

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

Boite events commence again in March.

- **Newport Fiddle and Folk Club:**

Enquiries: Michael Stewart, 03 9399 4466.
Email: planchan@optusnet.com.au
Website: 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

• **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

• **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

• **Albert Park Yacht Club Concerts**

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

**** Friday 10th February: Kristina Olsen (USA).**

A fine instrumentalist (acoustic guitar, steel-body slide guitar,
saxophone, concertina and piano) as well as a powerful
songwriter with a big bluesy voice. \$25/\$20.

• **Darebin Songwriter's Guild:**

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



FRIDAY 20 January:

6.00 pm: **Dan Bourke** and Friends: Drunken Poet, West
Melbourne - free: 9348 979
7.30 pm: **Trio Agogo** and friends: CD launch: Paris Cat, 6
Goldie Place, Melbourne: 9642 4711
8.30 pm: **Zulya and the Children of the Underground:** Open
Studio, 204 High Street, Northcote

SATURDAY 21 January:

7.30 pm: **Vinod Prasanna + Jay Dabgar:** *Indian Classical
Music and Bhajans:* Kindred Studios, 212a Whitehall Street,
Yarraville: 0420 447 373 or 9498 3834
8.00 pm: **Empire Manding Ensemble:** Launch: Central Club
Hotel, 293 Swan St, Richmond: 0427 538 938 or
www.rhythmoflife.com.au

SUNDAY 22 January:

2.00 pm: **Peggy Seeger:** House Concert, Harcourt North:
5439 6525
7.00 pm: **Vinod Prasanna (Bansuri) + Jay Dabgar (Tabla):**
Indian Music and Bhajans: Brunswick East Studio, 130
Nicholson St, East Brunswick East: 0420 44 73 73
7.00 pm: **Quarter Street Orchestra:** Night Cat, 141 Johnston
Street, Fitzroy - free: 9417 0090
7.00 pm: **Black Jesus Experience:** The Horn African Cafe,
Collingwood - free: 9417 4670
8.00 pm: **Opal!**: 303, 303 High Street, Northcote

MONDAY 23 January:

7.30 pm: **Adrian Sherriff** (shakuhachi and trombone) +
Pyriphlegethon Trio: La Mama Theatre, Faraday Street,
Carlton: 9347 6948

TUESDAY 24 January:

8.00 pm: **Indie Femme:** 303, 303 High Street, Northcote

WEDNESDAY 25 January:

5.30 pm: **Sol Nation + Sunshine Sisters + Indigenous Hip
Hop:** Queen Street Stage; **James Henry:** Peel Street Stage.
Suzuki Night Market: Queen Victoria Market, Nth Melbourne.
8.00 pm: **The Barons of Tang + Delaney Davidson:** The
Corner Hotel, 57 Swan Street, Richmond: 9427 9198

THURSDAY 26 January:

1.00 pm: **The Sunshine Sisters + King Kadu + The
Charcoal Club + Koorioboree + many more:** *Share the
Spirit Festival:* Treasury Gardens, corner Spring Street and
Wellington Parade, East Melbourne - free
2.00 pm: **Damien Leith + Claymore + pipe bands + Celtic
dancers + Kinja + Aindias de Staic:** *Australia Day Celtic
Ceilidh:* Sidney Myer Music Bowl, Linlithgow Avenue,
Melbourne - free
8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda - free:
9534 1282
Neil Murray: Northcote Social Club, 301 High Street,
Northcote: 9486 1677

FRIDAY 27 January:

6.00 pm: **Dan Bourke** and Friends: Drunken Poet, West
Melbourne - free: 9348 979

SATURDAY 28 January:

12.00 noon: **Melbourne Ska Orchestra + Arte Kanela + Sol Nation + Police Pipe Band + many more:** *The Piers Festival:* Station & Princes Piers, Docklands - free
 12.00 noon to 10pm: **Globe to Globe World Music Festival,** Namatjira Park, Spring Road, South Clayton - free.
www.kingston.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=168

SUNDAY 29 January:

12.00 noon to 6pm: **Globe to Globe World Music Festival,** Namatjira Park, Spring Road, South Clayton - free
 7.00 pm: **Quarter Street Orchestra:** Night Cat, 141 Johnston Street, Fitzroy - free: 9417 0090
 7.00 pm: **Black Jesus Experience:** The Horn African Cafe, Collingwood - free: 9417 4670

WEDNESDAY 1 February:

5.30 pm: **Afrobotics + Fresh Off the Block:** Queen Street Stage; **Rose Paez:** Peel Street Stage, *Suzuki Night Market:* Queen Victoria Market, North Melbourne - free

THURSDAY 2 February:

8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda

FRIDAY 3 February:

8.30 pm: **Sol Nation:** Northcote Social Club, 301 High Street, Northcote: 9486 1677

SUNDAY 5 February:

5.00 pm: **La Voce Della Luna with Kavisha Mazzella + Dusha Balkana Dance Ensemble (Sydney) + Slijvovitz Orkestra: Na Zdravje!:** Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park, Heidelberg Road, Fairfield - free
Rickety Bridge: Music in the Gardens: Geelong Botanical Gardens, Geelong

WEDNESDAY 8 February:

5.30 pm: **Woohoo Revue + Dusha Balkana:** Queen Street Stage; **Jali Buba Kuyateh:** Peel Street Stage. *Suzuki Night Market:* Queen Victoria Market, North Melbourne - free

THURSDAY 9 February:

8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda

FRIDAY 10 February:

8.00 pm: **Ruth Roshan and Tango Noir:** CD launch: Chapel Off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel street, Prahran: 8290 7000

SATURDAY 11 February:

2.00 pm: **Gospel Shakedown:** Spiegeltent, Arts Centre Forecourt, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne:
www.theartscentre.com.au
 4.10 pm: **Wadaiko Rindo** - taiko drumming. 5.20 pm: **Tadano Group** - shamisen. 6.45 pm: **Wadaiko Rindo** - taiko drumming: *Melbourne Japanese Summer festival:* Waterfront City Piazza, Docklands - free
Azadoota: Lomond Hotel, 225 Nicholson Street, East Brunswick

SUNDAY 12 February:

Afternoon: **The Orbweavers:** Northcote Social Club, 301 High Street, Northcote: 9486 1677
 2.00pm: Start: **St Kilda Festival:** Four stages, heaps of great music into the night. All free. St Kilda: 0437 568 278
Azadoota: Open Studio, 204 High Street, Northcote
 5.00 pm: **Xuanxuan + Tenzing + Amraa + Bindaas Troupe + Fine Blue Thread: Silk and String:** Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park, Heidelberg Road, Fairfield - free

MONDAY 13 February:

7.30 pm: **George Butrumlis and Anthony Schulz + Nick Tsiavos** (CD launch): La Mama Courthouse, Drummond Street, Carlton: 9347 6948

WEDNESDAY 15 February:

5.30 pm: **Royal Swazi Spa Band + Wouter Kellerman:** Queen Street Stage; **Alwan:** Peel Street Stage. *Suzuki Night Market:* Queen Victoria Market, North Melbourne - free

THURSDAY 16 February:

8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda

SATURDAY 18 February:

2.00 pm: **Loved Up Latin:** Spiegeltent, Arts Centre Forecourt, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: www.theartscentre.com.au
 3.00 pm and 7.00pm: **David Jones: Energy Through Matter:** Salon, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333 or www.melbournerecital.com.au

SUNDAY 19 February:

5.00 pm: **Kutchu Edwards + The Sounds of Polynesia + Massive Hip Hop Choir: Our Island Sounds:** Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park, Heidelberg Road, Fairfield - free

WEDNESDAY 22 February:

5.30 pm: **Quarter Street Orquestra + Melbourne Salsa:** Queen Street Stage; **Del Riada Trio:** Peel Street Stage, *Suzuki Night Market:* Queen Victoria Market, North Melbourne
 6.00 pm: **La Compañia: Mediterranean Rhythms:** Salon, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333 or www.melbournerecital.com.au

THURSDAY 23 February:

8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda
Tinpan Orange: Northcote Social Club, 301 High Street, Northcote: 9486 1677

SATURDAY 25 February:

8.30 pm: **Baro Banda + DJ Click + The Band Who Knew Too Much + Byzantine Blue + Karavana Flamenco + Vardos + Systs BB: Karavan 2012:** The Corner Hotel, 57 Swan Street, Richmond: 9427 9198



Putu Madre Brothers + Mesa Cosa: CD launch: East Brunswick Club, 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick

SUNDAY 26 February:

9.00 am: **Jugularity:** Picnic at Hanging Rock, Hanging Rock
 5.00 pm: **Fadil Suna and Baran + Manasis + Cuneyt and Byron + Polixeni: Songs from the Bosphoros:** Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park, Heidelberg Road, Fairfield - free

WEDNESDAY 29 February:

5.30 pm: **Bustamento + Sounds of Polynesia:** Queen Street Stage; **Mikangelo and Saint Clare:** Peel Street Stage. *Suzuki Night Market:* Queen Victoria Market, North Melbourne

THURSDAY 1 March:

8.30 pm: **Alwan:** Claypots, 213 Barkly Street, St Kilda

FRIDAY 2 March:

Flap: CD launch: Regal Ballroom Live, 216 - 218 High Street, Northcote
Maelo Ruiz: Latin Affair Australian Tour: Royal Melbourne Hotel, 629 Bourke Street Melbourne: 0406 784 929

SATURDAY 3 March:

8.00 pm: **Colectivo29:** Boite World Music Cafe, 1 Mark Street, North Fitzroy: 9417 1983 or www.boite.com.au
Zulya and the Children of the Underground: Bennett's Lane, 25 Bennett's Lane, Melbourne
The Bushwackers: Dinner Dance: Regal Ballroom Live, 216 - 218 High Street, Northcote

Out-of-Metro 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

- **Berwick and District Folk Club:**

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

**** Friday 17th February: A.J. Leonard and Jenny Rowlands:** *Virtuoso ukulele and cello.*

- **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 Cafe**, Dandenong Ranges Community Cultural Centre, 351 Glenfern Rd **Upwey** - Melway map ref: 75 B12. Contact: Jim Golding: 9704 7573. Email: 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 www.rangesburrinjafolk.org

**** Friday 24th February: Janette Geri:** Sublime singer and songwriter.

- **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.

**** February 5th: Open Stage** plus singer **Jim Cantwell**.

Enquiries: Max Amos: 03 9551 2123; Vincent Tuck: 0418 381 668; Peter Stanley: 03 9789 3306. Email: pfc@gmail.com Website: www.peninsulafolkclub.org.au

- **Gippsland Acoustic Music Club**

First Sunday of the month. Tyers Hall.

Vocal Nosh for singers: 5 – 6.30pm, \$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

- **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: paulabg@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

- **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.

Enquiries: Nick Dear: Mob: 0421 593 998; Tel: 03 53 686 888 Email: harrietville@bluegrass.org.au Website: 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.

**** Sat Jan 28th:** Two thirds of *"The Backsliders"*.

**** Friday Feb 3rd:** *Luke Legs & The Midnight Specials*.

**** Sat Feb 18th:** *Dalriada*.

**** Sat March 3rd:** *Madison Violet (Canada)*.

**** Fri March 16th:** *Kristina Olsen (US)*.

**** Sat April 14th:** *Alan Kelly Gang (Ireland)*.

Bookings essential. **Bookings & enquiries** 5259 3200. 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.

Special Concerts: 8pm. Venue as above. Various prices.

**** Friday January 20th:** *Peggy Seeger (US) plus local band Chilly Strings*.

**** Friday February 17th:** *The Beez (Germany)*

**** Wednesday March 21st:** *Truckstop Honeymoon (US)*

**** Tuesday March 27th:** *April Verch (Canada) plus Nathan Rogers (Canada)*.

Bookings: lisdullard@yahoo.com.au

Enquiries: Geoff on 5448 3225 ah.

Website: 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 March 25th:**

Chris While and Julie Matthews (UK): One of the finest singer/songwriter duos you will ever hear!

Lunch: 12 noon; **Show:** 2.30pm. \$59 for both or \$35 show only. Phone: 0400 804855 or 0354235286

Email: harmonyrowvineyard@bigpond.com or

Website: www.harmonyrow.com.au

- **Kyneton Folk Music Session**

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

- **Wax Lyrical, Hepburn**

** **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 www.asai.org.au

- **Old Hepburn Hotel Performance Nights**

1st 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

- **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

- **Music in Trentham, Vic.**

** **Last Friday of the month:** from around 7.30pm: **Irish Session** at the **Trentham Hotel**. 31-35 High Street.

Enquiries: (03) 5424 1303.

** **2nd Friday of the month:** The

Cosmopolitan Fiddle Sessions from 6pm.

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

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

- **Castlemaine Theatre Royal**

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

- **Guildford Folk Club**

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

- **Tikk Tokkk Klezmer Kollektive**

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

Dancing Around

- **Ringwood Colonial Dances (VFMC)**

First Saturday of every month 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm at **East Ringwood Elderly Citizens Club Hall**, Laurence Grove, Ringwood East (Melway 50 B8). Live bands, all dances explained and called. Members \$8.00, non-members \$10.00, children under 16 free. Light supper provided. Enquiries: 9762 1389, 9885 6109 ceden@pacific.net.au or 9723 2453 or 0413 209 334. Email: vfmc@bigpond.net.au Website: www.vfmc.org.au

- **Melbourne Colonial Dancers**

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

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

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

- **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

*** **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.

- **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/ecc/wellhall and the general website is: www.EnglishCountryDancing.com



- **Borderline Kaylee:**

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

- **Irish Dancing:**

Melbourne Claddagh Dancers. 1st & 3rd Fridays 8-10pm. 2nd & 4th Sundays 2.5pm. St James Church small hall, Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe. Enq: Ina and Graeme Bertrand (03) 9439 9991
www.home.vicnet.net.au/~claddagh

- **Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann:**

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

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

- **Scottish Country Dancing:**

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

- **Welsh Dancing:**

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

- **Central Victorian Dances**

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

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

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

Festivals

21st – 23rd January: Tamar Valley Folk Festival, George Town, Tas. A gorgeous Tassie folk festival, in the north of the state. Phone: Chris: 0407 313 103.
Email: info@tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com
Website: www.tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com

20th – 29th January: Tamworth Country Music Festival, NSW. Contact: Tourism Tamworth Ltd, PO Box 552, Tamworth, NSW, 2340. Web: www.tcmf.com.au
Ph: 02 6767 5300, Fax: 02 6767 5312.
Email: tourism@tamworth.nsw.gov.au

26th – 29th January: Newstead Live! Folk Festival, Newstead, Central Victoria. Many fabulous local, national and international performers. Day or weekend tickets available. Phone: Andrew Pattison: 03 5425 5400 or the Newstead RTC on: 03 5476 2360, email: wineandmusic@bigpond.com or log on to www.newsteadlive.com

26th – 29th January: 38th Numeralla Folk Festival, near Cooma, NSW. Friendly, free and informal camping festival by the river, with nearby hall. Blackboard concerts, sessions, dances, workshops, poetry, Sunday market, etc. Food and bar available all weekend at the hall. General enquiries: Fran Robertson 6453 3282. www.numeralla.org.au

17th – 19th February: 4th Blackwood Fiddlers Convention, Blackwood, Vic. Cricket Ground. Camping, Food & Bar on site. Not just fiddles - lots of acoustic bluegrass, old timey, Cajun, Aust Hillbilly etc. Enq: Ken Mc Master: 03 9481 7662.
Website: www.blackwoodfiddlersconvention.com



24th – 26th February: Cobargo Folk Festival, NSW. Historic and picturesque village on the south coast of NSW. Enquiries: 02 6493 6758 or email: info@cobargofolkfestival.com
Website: www.cobargofolkfestival.com

24th – 26th 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@francesfolkfestival.com.au
Website: www.francesfolkfestival.com.au

2nd – 5th March: Nannup Music Festival, WA. In the heart of the south-west's jarrah forests. Enq: 08 9756 1511. Website: www.nannupmusicfestival.org

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

9th – 12th 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

9th – 12th March: Womadelaide Festival, Botanic Park, Adelaide. Fabulous festival of the sounds of the planet! Hundreds of artists, six stages. 1300 30 40 72.
www.womadelaide.com.au

16th – 18th March: Yarra Junction Fiddlers' Convention. 30th year! Not just fiddles! Lots of acoustic bluegrass, old timey, Cajun, Aust Hillbilly etc. 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

14th – 25th March: Brunswick Music Festival, Vic. A fabulous feast of music right here in inner suburban Melbourne. Phone: 03 9387 3376.
Email: johnbmf@vicnet.net.au
Log on to: www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au

16th – 18th 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. Phone: 0400 563 399
Email: info@celticfestival.com.au
Web: www.celticfestival.com.au

16th – 18th March: Blue Mountains Folk Music Festival, NSW. Enquiries: 1800 651 322. Email: info@bmf.org.au
Website: www.bmf.org.au

23rd – 25th 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

23rd – 25th March: Yackandandah Folk Festival, Victoria. Friendly music festival in a historic village, featuring international, national and local artists. Email: folkfestival@yackandandah.com
Website: www.folkfestival.yackandandah.com

29th March – 1st April: The Man From Snowy River Bush Festival, Corryong, Vic. Entertainment, horsemanship, re-enactments, poetry and music. Phone: 02 6076 1992.
Email: info@bushfestival.com.au
Web: www.bushfestival.com.au

5th – 9th 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 or check out: www.folkfestival.asn.au

13th – 15th April: Fairbridge Festival, WA. WA's major folk festival. Phone: 08 9246 3311
Email: admin@fairbridgefestival.com.au
Website: www.fairbridgefestival.com.au

20th – 22nd April: Apollo Bay Music Festival, Vic. Phone: 03 5237 6761.
Email: info@apollobaymusicfestival.com
Website: www.apollobaymusicfestival.com

Looking for lyrics or knowledge on anything to do with traditional music?

**Check out
www.mudcat.org**

Travelling Interstate?

Sometimes if you are spending some time in another state it's handy to know who to contact for some good folk music. Here is a list of some of those contacts. I'm sure there are more but it's a good start!

New South Wales:

Folk Federation of New South Wales:

Email: president@folkfednsw.org.au

Website: www.jam.org.au

Publication: "Cornstalk": Editor: Coral: 02 6493 6758

Bush Music Club:

Email: bmcmail1954@bushmusic.org.au

Website: www.bushmusic.org.au

President: Sharyn Mattern: 02 9799 7439 (ah)

Publication: "The Mulga Wire".

ACT:

Monaro Folk Society:

Web: www.mfs.org.au

Email: president@mfs.org.au

President: Tina Lynam: 0403 599 790

Dance: Email: mfsdan@gmail.com

Merry Muse Folk Club: 0412 127 882

Website: www.merrymuse.org.au

Publication: "Monaro Musings"

Queensland:

Queensland Folk Federation:

Very much tied in with Woodford Folk Festival. They may have details of other areas of Qld – not sure.

Email: gff@woodfordfolkfestival.com

Phone: 07 5496 1066

South Australia:

Folk Federation of South Australia:

Folk Centre Phone: 08 8354 4606

Email: folkcentre@folkfederation.com

Website: www.folkfederation.com

Publication: "InFolkus"

Western Australia:

Western Australian Folk Federation:

Website: www.home.wafolk.org

Music and Dance Calendar: www.wafolk.iinet.net.au

Publication: "Town Crier".

Editor: Greg Cunningham: Email: gregic@aapt.net.au

Fly By Night Music Venue:

www.flybynight.org Phone: 08 9430 5976.

Northern Territory:

Top End Folk Club:

Website: www.topendfolkclub.org

(Website hasn't been updated for a while, so you might like to try emailing or phoning!)

Email: secretary@topendfolkclub.org

Secretary: Martin Goreing

08 8981 2473 / 0488 105 044

Publication: "Broadside".