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THE WOOLSHED BALL



WITH GAIL ON THE DOOR

**ATTENTION ALL VFMC MEMBERS & WOULD-BE MEMBERS:
VFMC MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE FOR RENEWAL
BY MONDAY 30TH JUNE 2014**

**PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JULY NEWSLETTER
BY: FRIDAY, 25TH JULY 2014**

CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

Club Sessions

Tuesdays, 7.30—10.15 pm, East Ringwood Community Hall (enter from Knaith Road, off Dublin Road) (Melway 50B8). Supportive round-robin sessions where all are welcome for singing, reciting, performing, workshops etc. \$5. Contact Don (0407-737-202)/ www.vfmc.org.au

- Second Tuesday, 10:15 pm (after the Ringwood Folk Guest Night)
- Every Monday, 8:00 pm, (fiddles and mandolins at Harry’s place.)
- Most Saturdays, 11:00am, all instruments and singing, busking opposite the railway station in Ringwood East

Harry Gardner: (03) 9870 8998, 0408 708 998 / www.vfmc.org.au

Guest Performer Concert

On the second Tuesday of the month (instead of the weekly session) a concert is held featuring top acoustic performers. Ringwood East Community Hall. Concerts start with open stage acts at 8pm, finishing 10.15pm. \$12. \$10 conces and members, kids no charge. Contact 0407 737 202 / www.vfmc.org.au

Ringwood Colonial Dance

Family Bush Dance, first Saturday of every month except January 8-11pm at the Ringwood East Senior Citizens Hall, Laurence Grove. A different band is featured each month and all ages are welcome. \$12, \$10 concession and members, kids no charge.

Contact: 9733-0802 / www.vfmc.org.au

By-Ear Sessions

Join us to learn how to play by following someone on:

- first Thursday, 8.00pm (at Harry’s place)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1st July Club Session	2nd	3rd By-Ear Session	4th	5th VFMC Dance Jolly Jumbucks
6th	7th Fiddles	8th Guest Night	9th	10th	11th	12th
13th	14th Fiddles	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th
20th	21st Fiddles	22nd Club Session	23rd	24th	25th	26th
27th	28th Fiddles	29th Club Session	30th	31st	1st August	2nd VFMC Dance The Melbourne Colonial Band
3rd	4th Fiddles	5th Club Session	6th	7th By-Ear Session	8th	9th



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Ringwood Folk

Tuesday 8th July 2014

Spot Acts from 7:45pm

Danny Spooner



Danny Spooner has a vast repertoire spanning almost every part of the British tradition, as well as a respectable portion of the Australian folk heritage. He has been performing traditional music since the 1960s and has been described as a living national treasure.

Emlyn and Jodie O'Reagan

Support act Emlyn and Jodie O'Reagan are a couple from the Adelaide hills who specialise in singing beautiful unaccompanied traditional songs, with haunting harmonies across a spectrum of vocal genres.

Admission: \$12, Members \$10, Children no charge

Ringwood East Community Hall
Knaith Road Reserve, Melway 50 B8

Supported
by Spot
Acts

Contact: Don on 0407 737 202, Email: enquiries@vfmc.org.au
Website: www.vfmc.org.au

Act for August 12th - Aisling

Guest Artist Night, June 2014

The June concert had a fine Scottish flavour to it with the superb band Taliska being guest performers to a very enthusiastic audience. The fire was lit and Gail mc'd the concert.

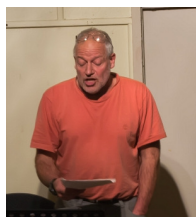
The spot acts was opened with Colin McLaren on accordion and Colin Crawford on guitar who played The Dark Isle and then a Tribute to Oz medley of Waltzing Matilda and I Still Call Australia Home. This was followed by Chris Healy with two tunes on the tin whistle which included The Whist Tramping Song, a medley of Scottish tunes. Stephen Whiteside recited a poem with an unfortunate ending. Remember Emma Williams is about a woman who being destitute was led to prostitution. Having a child around was incompatible with the profession so she murdered it and was later executed as a result.



Frances Lester sang Andy's Gone With Cattle and I Am Australian with the audience singing along happily. Maggie Somerville, accompanied by Maree Buttler on accordion, was inspired by Stephen Whiteside's poem The Sash relating to a seven year old boy who fell into Hugh's Creek (near Avenel) in 1866 and was rescued by another boy, eleven year old Ned Kelly. The boy's parents gave Ned a green sash to show their gratitude for rescuing their son.

Dominic with guitar then sang the Woody Guthrie song Los Gatos Canyon, concerning a Plane crash in 1948 while returning deportees to Mexico. Rooku (Aussie version of

Haiku I suspect) are short clever one-liner observations and Alex delivered about 20 of these, eg. 'She lost her car keys in her handbag again. And again. And again...', then sang The Tennessee Waltz accompanied by Dominic.



Guest Artist Night, June 2014

Guest act Taliska is a very polished Melbourne based Scottish band consisting of Angus Downing on fiddle; Claire Patti vocals, harp, horn and accordion; Geoff Jones on small-pipes and bodhran; Marcus de Rijk on vocals and guitar. Their bracket was opened with the crystal-like voice of Claire as she sang the classic Ca' The Yowes, soon joined by the rest of the band as it developed into a lovely tune My Home Town. Angus's beautiful fiddle playing and joined by Claire on French horn played another lovely tune, then coupled with a set of lively hornpipes. Guitarist Marcus then sang a sweet and pensive Jock O' Hazeldean.



A fabulous mix of sentimental songs and lively tunes followed, including Song For The Smallpipes, a medley of reels; a Tim O'Brien song was sung by Claire with a gypsy feel about it; the Ramnee Ceilidh Set; And When They Dance which is a celebration of Australia's rural women, who let their

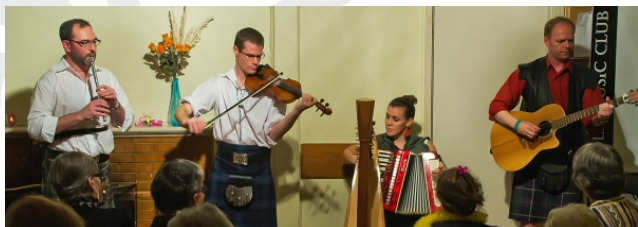
hair down at the country dances; and Hector The Hero, a stirring slow march by James Scott Skinner, delivered with powerfully rich harmonies and the drones of the small-pipes. Marcus gave a good history on the origins of Waltzing Matilda, with a medley following of Thou Bonnie Wood O' Craigielea, Waltzing Matilda and the march tune Craigielea. Fascinating. Taliska with their superb musicianship are masters at bringing out the full gravity of Scottish music, and more fine tunes followed before the evening closed with an encore.



Thanks to Taliska for coming out on this crisp night, Geoff especially who came up from Geelong. Thanks also to our audience whose appreciation of great acoustic music makes

it all worth while. Next month will feature one of Australia's great balladeers, Danny Spooner, with support act Emlyn and Jodie O'Reagan.

- review by Don Fraser; photos by Trevor Voake (& front cover)





The Dance Page

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1st July English	2nd Irish or Colonials	3rd	4th	5th VFM dance Jolly Jumbucks Bush Band
6th	7th Irish Scottish	8th English	9th Irish or Colonials	10th Scottish	11th	12th Scottish
13th Claddagh	14th Irish Scottish	15th English	16th Irish	17th Colonials	18th	19th
20th	21st Irish Scottish	22nd English	23rd Irish or Colonials	24th Scottish	25th	26th
27th Claddagh Contra	28th Irish Scottish	29th English	30th Irish or Colonials	31st		

Diary Dates for early August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1st	2nd VFMC Dance The Melbourne Colonial Band
3rd TSDAV Dance Workshop	4th Irish Scottish	5th English	6th Irish or Colonials	7th Scottish	8th	9th Scottish

The Dance Page

- Claddagh** Irish set dancing at St Georges Anglican Church, Warncliffe Rd Ivanhoe. 2-5pm. Contact Rod: 9497-1793
- VFMC Colonial** Dance at East Ringwood Scout Hall (Dec. only), Knaith Rd Reserve, East Ringwood, 8-11 pm. Contact Coral: 9885-6109
- Irish Monday** Dancing at The Quiet Man pub, Racecourse Road, Flemington, 8-10 p.m. Contact Marie 9471-0690
- Irish Wednesday** Irish dancing at St. Phillips Church, Hoddle St, Collingwood, 8-10pm. Contact Marie: 9471-0690
- English** Dancing at Bennettswood Neighbourhood House, 7 Greenwood Street, Burwood, 8-10pm. Contact George: 9890-5650.
- Colonial Wednesday** Social dance classes at Collingwood Senior Citizens Hall, Eddy Crt, Abbotsford, 8-10pm. Contact Coral 9885-6109
- Colonial Thursday** Australian Colonial Bush Dance: Ashburton Uniting Church, 3 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton, 7.30-10pm. Coral: 9885-6109
- Colonial Beginners** Dancing at Ashburton Uniting Church, 3 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton. 7.30-10pm Contact Coral: 9885-6109
- Welsh Dancing** Church of Christ Hall, 1 The Avenue, Surrey Hills, 2-4.30pm Contact Ian: 9878-2414
- TSDAV** Sunday: The Eleventh Hour Theatre Hall, cnr Gore & Leicester Sts, Fitzroy Contact Norm Ellis 9888-5332
- Contra Dance** Northcote Uniting Church Hall, 251 High St, Northcote, 7.30 -10.30pm. Contact George 9890-5650/Gary 9481-3386
- Scottish Mon. & Sat.** Paton Memorial Hall, Deepdene Uniting Church, 958 Burke Road, Deepdene, 8 pm Contact: Deepdene.dancers@bigpond.com
- Scottish Thursday** Taggerty Hall, Maroondah Highway at Taggerty, corner of Thornton Rd. 7-9pm. Contact Di Gaylard: 5963-3277 or musicman@virtual.net.au
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**Woolshed Ball
Saturday May 24th 2014**

We were blessed with a dry evening and early entry into the hall so as to set up. Many thanks to the many VFMC committee members who came along early to help remove furniture and set up the hall in readiness for the ball.

Emu Creek Bush Band did an excellent job of providing good tempo and some lovely tunes to go with the programme of dances. Having come all the way from Bendigo most of them, I was pleased to see a varied supper of delectable food for all to partake. I forgot to take an urn so unfortunately spent the first part of supper in the kitchen serving drinks. However, plenty of food so didn't miss out.

My thanks go to the MC, Robin Simpson for keeping us in time so much so that we got through all the dances on the programme, the callers for the evening, Robin Simpson, Michael Treacy, Jo White, Kathy Cox, Pauline Barham and Harry Spencer, all of whom did a very good job so that the dancers enjoyed themselves. Also Gail for sitting on the door, Don Gingrich for the sound and to the people who stayed after the dance was finished to help put the hall back to rights.

Jane Bullock





Emu Creek Bush Band at the Woolshed Ball 2014



CONCERT PARTY REPORT

Recent events:

On Sunday the 25th of May a large contingent of VFMC club members descended upon Gulf Station, a National Trust Site in Yarra Glen. Many years ago we were regular performers at Gulf Station. It has only been reopened to the public this year and we are very happy to be involved again. We had three 45 minute brackets. Two other bands, a bush Poet and a choir filled out the rest of the day. Unfortunately there were not enough people around to get up dancing but they were foot tapping to our tunes and participated in many of our more humorous songs. It was a great opportunity to bring out the shearing and bush ballad songs.

A barn owl sitting on the ceiling rafters kept us company in the tune up room (barn).

Club members participating were Harry Gardner, Peter Ellis (from Bendigo), Don Gingrich, Stan C, Sophie Krop, Greg Woodruff, Maggie Somerville, Stephen Whiteside, Frances Lester, Steve Bullock, Stan Alexander, Trevor and Marg Voake and myself.

Upcoming Events:

July 19th : Monkami at Burwood Christmas in July entertainment.

July 26th: Gulf Station Winter Blaze(1-9pm). Playing from 3pm – 4pm

October 18th: VFMC Dancer's Dance. Ashburton Uniting church Hall. 8-11pm

November 9th: Maroondah festival. Time TBA

November 15th: Colonial's 40th Birthday Dance.

- *Maree Buttler (Concert Party Convenor)*

VFMC AT GULF STATION



Stephen W., Don G. and Steve B. performing in the barn

A sleeping barn owl up in the rafters of the tune-up barn (look very carefully)



Some creative inventions of former years

VFMC—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



More than 30 people attended the 2014 AGM on Sunday 22nd, a very good turn-out. Current President Harry Gardner welcomed everyone to the meeting before reports were presented on the past year's activities. Treasurer Bill Buttler gave a reassuring rundown on the Club's finances, which are in pretty good shape, and Maree followed with a report on the Guest Artist nights. In brief this indicated continuing

growth in popularity of our concerts with the result that attendances are getting to the limits of the hall's capacity. VFMC - Ringwood is very popular with performers too who love the cosy atmosphere created by an acoustic event, and of course the ideal atmospherics of our little hall. A list of performers over the last eleven months shows a good spread of genres represented. Maree passed on the Concert Committee's appreciation to all in the Club who make sure things run so smoothly, and of course to our loyal audiences whose attendance ensures the performers receive a good return for playing at Ringwood and that the acoustic music scene benefits as a result.

A report on the Concert Party was also given by Maree, concert party being outside functions and gigs that have been presented by the Club. Twelve in all, from a Christmas In July event for Crossroad Christian Fellowship; Wattle Day at Hurstbridge; Ringwood Highland Pipe Band fund raising dinner; the Maroondah Festival; local Senior Citizens concert; Australia Day celebrations; the Bonny Doon Family Festival, and numerous other activities where Club members have provided music and dance.

A report on Session Nights was given by myself, and like our Concerts and Dances has attracted very good numbers every Tuesday evening, sometimes up to 30 people. Some of these members are travelling long distances to get to Ringwood. The Hot Spots session on the last Tuesday of the month was mentioned as adding another opportunity for members to gain performing skills in front of an audience, and it is my desire to see sessioners reach a high level of performing confidence.

Everyone's patience and respect for each other's selection was commended. A report on dancing in the Club - also rosy, with good attendances at all our monthly bush dances, showing their continued popularity.



These reports show the health of our main public events, what we are about. A Chairperson was elected, thanks Colin, and the Election Of Officers of the Association took place. The result of this was that basically the previous committee resumed all their prior positions, with a few minor changes.

So for 2014-2015 The President is Harry Gardner; Vice President Maree Buttler; Treasurer Bill Buttler; Guest Nights Maree Buttler and Don Fraser; Dances Jane Bullock; Concert Party Maree Buttler; Session Nights Don Fraser; Web site Don Gingrich; Membership Trevor Voake. Committee persons elected were Terry Anderson, Frances Lester, Steve Bullock, Don Fraser, Jane Bullock and Trevor Voake. Maggie Somerville will continue doing the Newsletter and Don Fraser will continue Publicity.

Afternoon refreshments followed the meeting and a lively playing session closed the day.



- report by Don Fraser; photos by Trevor Voake

REGULAR FUNCTIONS AT OTHER VENUES

Bendigo Folk Club

Graham Borrell, 0438 437 680
 buzz@bendigo.net.au
 Feature concert on the 3rd Friday of each month 8-11pm, under the grandstand at the Queen Elizabeth oval, Bendigo

Bush Dance and Music Club of Bendigo Inc

Monthly bush dance at Bendigo East, third Saturday every month. Contact Dianne Pearse (dpearse@iinet.net.au) 5442-1715 or Mary Smith 5442-1153 (secretary@bendigobushdance.org.au) for details.

Berwick and District Folk Club

Edward Nass / Christine Trimmell,
 03 9702 1223 /0418 535 264
 badfolk@optusnet.com.au
 Featured artist 3rd Friday February to December, The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick Vic. 3806
www.badfolk.org.au

Boite World Music Cafe

Therese Virtue,, 03 9417 1983
 boite@boite.asn.au
 Friday & Saturday - March to November, 1 Mark St, North Fitzroy, www.boite.asn.au

Geelong Folk Music Club

Ade Kelly (03)5241-3749,
 adenmyra@bigpond.com.au, Pete Fogarty (03)5339-7887. Featuring quality acts from around the country and overseas. Sessions every Thursday at Hotel Max, 2 Gheringhap St, Geelong. Open Mic. Performance events first Tuesday at Irish Murphy's, 30 Aberdeen St & 3rd Tuesdays at Hotel Max. Bookings: Paula Grembka 0401 671 1310.
<http://www.geelongfolkmusicclub.com/>

Comholtas (Collingwood)

Joan and Ray Mundy run a session on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, starting at 7.30pm. Supper provided

Gippsland Acoustic Music Club

Barbara Brabets, 03 5174 7403
 Local musicians and concert opportunities.
 1st Sunday at 7:45 pm, Tyers Hall, Tyers
www.musicclub.org

Ranges Burrinja Folk Club

Andrew Jackson, 03 97567398 or 0402 473 897
 mail@drfolk.com.au
 Guest artist, last Friday of month
 Burrinja Cultural Centre, 351 Glenfern Rd, Upwey Vic (Mel Ref 75B12)
www.rangesburrinjafolk.org/home.html

Selby Folk Club

David Miller, 03 9751 1218
 miller@a1.com.au
 1st Friday every month, at 8:00 pm, Selby Community House Minok Reserve
www.home.aone.net.au/~selbyfolkclub

Peninsula Folk Club

First Sunday of each month, at the Frankston Bowling Club on the corner of Yuille Street and Williams Rd, Frankston, from 6:30 pm on. Carparking, great facilities, no stairs.
peninsulafolkclub.org.au

Yea Acoustic Jam Session

First Friday of the month at the Yea Community House (part of the Library Complex) 7.30 p.m. All levels of musicians and singers most welcome—\$2.00 entry. It is run by Rick and Lee Vengeance, phone 5772 0357 during business hours or see Fairly Folk facebook page for more details.

Ballarat Folk Gathering

1st Sunday of the month 2PM(except January)
 Held at Ballarat South Community Hub
 11 Tuppen Drive, Sebastopol
 Contacts for information: Caron: 5331-9776
 Graeme: 5345-5551

THE VICTORIAN FOLK MUSIC CLUB INCORPORATED

INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE CLUB

Members of the VFMC are entitled to -

- The monthly Club Newsletter
- Concessions at Club events
- Discounts on Club publications
- Discounts on Club CD's and cassettes
- Affiliation with other organisations

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 P.O. Box 215, Ringwood East, Vic. 3135

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 Email: dance@vfmc.org.au

Concert Party Engagements
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 Telephone: 9733 0802
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To join the VFMC, fill in this Application Form and post to:

VFMC Secretary,
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