



Victorian Folk Music Club Inc.

PO Box 215, Ringwood East, Victoria 3135, Australia

Reg No. A2511Y ABN 28 668 156 704

Notes for Performers:

Thanks for your interest in performing at Ringwood Folk. Here is some general info about the Club and the venue to help you prepare for your gig.

The gig

Ringwood Folk is a Tuesday night event run by the Victorian Folk Music Club (VFMC). The second Tuesday of every month is reserved for a concert-style “guest artist” night. (Other Tuesdays are session nights). We kick off at 7.45 pm with floor spots, break for supper at about 8:45, then resume at 9:00 with the guest performer(s). They play until around 10:00, and we finish up with a short session while the guests chat with the audience, sell CDs etc.

The venue

Ringwood Folk was formerly held at the Ringwood East Community Hall. Unfortunately after 30+ years we have had to leave the venue as the hall is to be demolished.

We are now using the Ringwood Uniting Church Hall in Station St. Ringwood (directly opposite Ringwood railway Station). Entrance to the hall is via the car park immediately adjacent to the hall off Station St.. This car park is on the west side of the building, the driveway is across the front of the building to the car park. Exit on to Station St.. There is another larger car park on the eastern side of the property on the corner of Greenwood Ave, (opposite the church) enter from Greenwood Ave. and exit on to Station St..

We are an **acoustic venue** – no microphones (instrument amplification has been permitted but only under very specific circumstance. Please enquire if you feel it is necessary). It’s a relatively small hall, with good acoustics. Even the quietest of our singers have rarely had a problem being heard. The absence of sound equipment speeds up set-up time, and means that there is a much closer relationship with the audience – they are only a metre or two away. We are a pretty traditional club – the average age of the audience would be mature-age, they are attentive and appreciative.

Our audiences love singing along, and appreciate tunes they can recognize. That’s not to say we are not open to contemporary pieces - check out the list of past performers on our website at www.vfmc.org.au.

Financials

We charge \$14, \$12 and members \$10. Children are admitted free. We also have a zoom audience whom we charge \$10. We are a family-oriented club, and we try to keep charges low, especially given it is a weeknight. The guest artist segment occurs after supper and we pay 75% of the net door takings to the guest artist(s), subject to a minimum of \$250. So you get \$250 even if only three men and a dog show up. Our expenses are low (about \$150 for hall hire and insurance). During COVID restrictions tickets are only available via the club website under “concerts – further detail and bookings”

Confirmation & Publicity

We generate publicity via printed flyers and posters distributed to other clubs, local public places, local newspapers and community radio stations. To enable us to confirm your booking please send us a few things as listed below. Please send these to performerconfirm@vfmc.org.au as soon as possible. This will enable us to start generating publicity as soon as possible. Any links to web sites etc will be included on our guest artist page.

- A couple of good high resolution pictures suitable for printing.
- One or two mp3 tracks or a CD if you have one. These are for radio airplay
- Website / Face book / social media addresses
- A short descriptive biography.

Don’t forget to use your own mailing lists, social media, other gigs etc to promote yourself!

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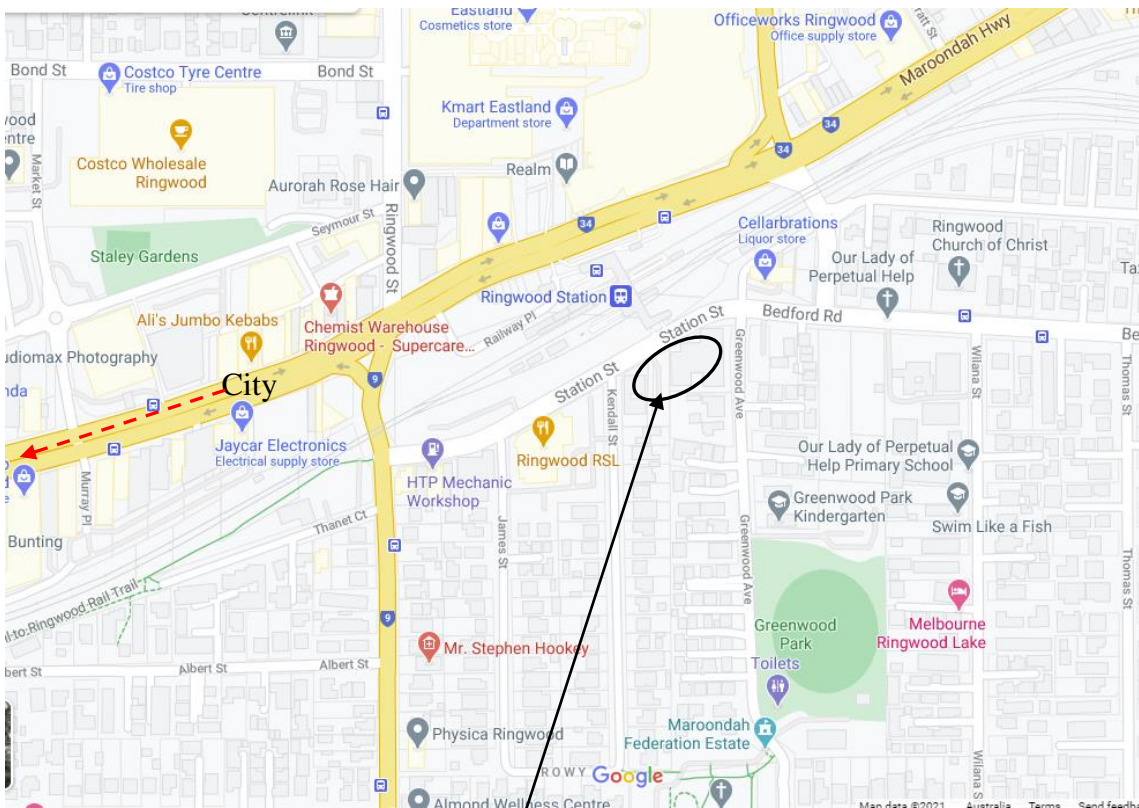
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We look forward to seeing you at Ringwood!



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