

Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc

"Folk Victoria"

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Newsletter August 2004

Committee: Jeanette Gillespie (President and Folk Club manager), John O'Leary (Secretary), Chris Bigby (Treasurer), Jill Loorham (Membership Secretary), Ivan Milligan (Special Events Manager), Rebecca Marshall (Email Manager), Denise Hibbs (Folk Club door manager), Jamie Johnston (PA Manager), Rick Sidgwick, Wendy Ealey and Malcolm Turnbull (General Committee)

Greetings All

How are you surviving the long and cold winter? Perhaps with the feast of music that Melbourne offers on just about any night of the week!

Folk Victoria Music Nights

WHAT'S BEEN?

* * On **Friday May 28th**, we had a fabulous night of music with three local songwriters, **Wendy Ealey, Austin Brady and Eddie Cole**. Unfortunately the cold weather kept the audience rather small, but those who were there thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

* * **Friday June 25th** saw an increase in audience numbers and a real musical feast from

* * On **Friday July 30th**, **Malcolm Turnbull** launched his CD "Goodness How the Years Have Flown" in fine style, along with friends **John Lavery, Wendy Ealey, Jeanette Gillespie and Lenore Somerset**.

WHAT'S COMING?

* * **FRIDAY AUGUST 27TH** sees a welcome – and all too rare – return of those three bearded harp-playing gentlemen, "**MOVING HARPS**", along with singer **Suzette Herft**.

* * A special Folk Victoria concert to put in your diaries is **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd** at 8.00 pm at The East. We are featuring a fabulous five-piece touring folk band from **Denmark** by the name of "**FAERD**". Please read the enclosed flier, **come along for a great night out and bring lots of your friends**.

* * **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH** will be another **Open Stage**. Please phone me on 0414 732 667 if you would like a spot.

* * **FRIDAY OCTOBER 22nd** is a date to particularly note as the Folk Club this month is being held on the **fourth Friday** of the month, not the last. This is so that you can all go to the **Maldon Folk Festival** on the following weekend! We will be featuring **ENDA KENNY and his band** – Sandy Brady on bass and Lindsay Martin, who is especially flying down from Sydney for the occasion, on mandolin and fiddle. Also performing will be **MARNIE SHEEHAN** and friends. Marnie is from Maldon and has just released a CD of her own material. It is appropriate that Marnie is performing on this night, as we will be presenting the 2004 "**Graham Squance Memorial Award**" for services to Folklife in Victoria. Marnie was once the partner of Graham Squance, whose life we celebrate each year through this award.

Personal

* * Our friend and committee member, **Ivan Milligan**, was readmitted to hospital on July 30th, this time to the Alfred Hospital. He has undergone stem cell therapy and at the time of writing, he is still there and undergoing a slow recovery process. We wish him all the very best and send our love and good wishes too to his family. If you wish to send him your good wishes personally, you may send a greeting to him at the Alfred Hospital.

National Festival

The position of **National Folk Festival Director** has been filled by ex-Melbourne resident and singer, **Jenny Simpson**. Jenny has been involved with folk music since childhood, as a performer, arranger, festival organiser and choir director, and has extensive financial and management experience in both private enterprise and with Arts Western Australia. We wish her all the best as she takes up her new position.

Festival website: www.folkfestival.asn.au

Newsletter

Please let us know if you find any **mistakes** in the events listings, and please help us to build up the list. **Reviews** of festivals, events, performers or CDs would also be most welcome. Any inclusions can be sent to me at 225 Rathmines Street Fairfield, or at my email address, gillespie.jeanette.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

Rebecca, our email manager, has asked too that you **please let us know if your email address has changed** as she often has to deal with "bouncing" emails!

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**Cheers for now** – study the diary and festival dates - and enjoy the music! **Jeanette Gillespie**.

## Diary Dates

#### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August: Folk Victoria Music Night:**

"**Moving Harps**" and **Suzette Herft**. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. 8.30 pm. \$10 / \$7. Enquiries: Jeanette: 0414 732 667. Meal bookings: 9388 2777.

#### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August: Boite World Music Café:**

1 Mark St, Nth Fitzroy. 8.15 pm. \$14/\$8. Phone: 03 9417 1983, or email: [boite@boite.asn.au](mailto:boite@boite.asn.au) or visit the website at: [www.boite.asn.au](http://www.boite.asn.au) (*The Boite presents music every Friday and Saturday night*)

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Selby Folk Club:** Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby. Open stage plus guest artist. 8.00 pm. \$7/\$5. Phone: David Millar: 03 9751 1218. (*1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month.*) [www.home.aone.net.au/selbyfolkclub](http://www.home.aone.net.au/selbyfolkclub)

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September: Peninsula Folk Club:** Shakespeare's Bar and Restaurant, 101 Young St, Frankston.

Session: 7–7.45 pm. Performances: 8.00 onwards. (*First Sunday of the month.*)

Email: [admin@peninsulafolkclub.asn.au](mailto:admin@peninsulafolkclub.asn.au)

Website: [www.folkclub.asn.au](http://www.folkclub.asn.au)

#### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September: Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club:**

At the Big House, 420 Sydney Road, Brunswick, 8.00 pm. Blackboard spots, plus guests. Free entry.

Every first and third Tuesday of the month.

Contact: Peter Pentland: 03 9386 1483.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September: "Fathers in the Chapel":**

Acoustic music and voices, sessions and performances, unplugged. St John's Anglican Church, Childers St, Cranbourne. Enq: 03 5996 8461 or 5996 9544.

(2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month)

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September: Ringwood Folk Club:**

East Ringwood Community Hall (enter from Knaith Road). 8.00 pm. \$7/\$6. Guest artists plus floor spots. Enq: Maree: 03 9733 0802. (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September: Berwick and District Folk Club:** The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick. 7.30 – 11.15 pm. \$8/\$5. Guest artists plus open stage.

(3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month)

Contact: 03 9702 1223 or email: [badfolkc@hotmail.com](mailto:badfolkc@hotmail.com)

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September: Pickin' at the Piggery:**

Bluegrass, blues, old-timey jams and performances. Footscray Community House, Moreland St, Footscray. Enq: Margaret Dear: 03 5368 6888.

(3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month except Feb and Nov.)

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September: Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club.**

(Details as above)

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: FAERD, from Denmark,**

presented by **Folk Victoria**. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. 8.00 pm. \$20 / \$15. Enquiries and bookings: Jeanette: 0414 732 667. Meals: 9388 2777.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September: Folk Victoria Music Night:**

**OPEN STAGE.** Floor spots available – phone Jeanette on 9481 6051 or 0414 732 667 for a spot. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick. 8.30 pm. \$8/\$6. Performers free.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October: Selby Folk Club:** Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby. (Details as above)

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Peninsula Folk Club:** Shakespeare's Bar and Restaurant. (Details as above)

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October: Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club:**

(Details as above)

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October: "Fathers in the Chapel":**

(Details as above)

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October: Ringwood Folk Club:**

(Details as above)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October: Berwick and District Folk Club:**

(Details as above)

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October: Pickin' at the Piggery:**

(Details as above)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club:**

(Details as above)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Folk Victoria Music Night: Enda Kenny Band and Marnie Sheehan and friends.** \$14 / \$8

(Other details as above)

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November: Folk Victoria Music Night:**

**Scottish Night: Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club Orchestra and John McAuslan.** East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick. 8.30 pm. \$10/\$7.

Enquiries: Jeanette on 0414 732 667

\*\* **Every Wednesday:** Traditional Bush Dancing with the

**Colonial Dancers.** St Michael's Hall, cnr MacPherson &

McIlwraith Sts, North Carlton. 8.00 – 10.00 pm.

\$4 (includes supper). Musicians welcome.

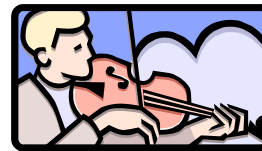
Enq: Robin: 03 9722 9171 or Coral: 03 9885 6109.

\*\* **Every Wednesday: Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann.** Irish music

and dance session. St Phillips Hall, 156 Hoddle St, Abbotsford.

8.00 pm. Enq: Paddy O'Neill: 03 9312 6058.

\*\* **Barbukka Music Café:** Middle Eastern food, with music every night, Tuesday to Sunday. Middle Eastern, African, Reggae, Gypsy, Brazilian, Cuban, Ska, Jazz. 279 Smith Street, Fitzroy. Phone: 03 9417 2877. [www.barbukka.com](http://www.barbukka.com)



## Festivals

**17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September: First Guildford Banjo Jamboree, Guildford, Vic.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> October: Uranquinty Folk Festival, NSW.**

A low key festival in a country town near Wagga, with loads of good music and sessions. Contact Peter O'Dea: 02 6295 0571 or Tracey Harris: 02 6920 2533.

**29<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November: Maldon Folk Festival,**

**Maldon, Vic.** One of the country's best and friendliest festivals, in the heart of central Victoria. Music, song, dance, poetry; concerts, sessions, workshops.

Enq: 03 5475 1167, 5475 2166 or 5476 2527.

**15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November: Troubadour Music Weekend,**

**Campaspe Downs, Kyneton, Vic.** Wonderful artists from all over

Australia. Cabin accommodation, with some camping available.

Tickets around \$125 - \$140. Accommodation between \$30 and \$80.

Contact Andrew Pattison: 03 5433 5292 or PO Box 198,

Lancefield, 3435.

**15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November: Major's Creek Folk Festival, NSW.**

Friendly festival between Canberra and the coast. Contact: Jim

Macquarrie: 02 4474 2736 or 0407 742 736, or visit:

[www.newsouthfolk.com/matc/index.html](http://www.newsouthfolk.com/matc/index.html)

**10<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March: 16<sup>th</sup> Brunswick Music Festival, Vic.**

Presented by "Across the Borders". Enormous variety of

performers and artists in venues around the City of

Moreland. Programs and bookings on: 03 9388 1460.

[www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au)

\*\* *The Folk Victoria component of the festival will comprise*

*four concerts, the Ball, and the March Folk Club.*

*Discounted tickets will be available at all those events –*

*please quote "Folk Victoria member" as your concession.\*\**

**12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March: Blue Mountains Music Festival, NSW.**

Folk, acoustic, roots and blues. International and Australian

artists. Tickets & info: 1800 651 322. [www.bmff.org.au](http://www.bmff.org.au)

**18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March: Frankston Guitar & Music Festival,**

**Frankston, Vic.** Huge range of music. Tickets & info: 03

9784 1060; Email: [guitar@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:guitar@frankston.vic.gov.au) Website:

<http://guitar.frankston.vic.gov.au>

**26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March: Apollo Bay Music Festival, Vic.**

Tickets & info: 03 5237 6761 or Ticketmaster: 136 100.

Tickets are limited and do sell out, so be quick! Accommodation

enquiries: 5237 6529. [www.apollobaymusicfestival.com](http://www.apollobaymusicfestival.com)

**8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2004: National Folk Festival, Exhibition Park, Canberra.**

Arguably the best folk festival in Australia! Hundreds of

performers, great atmosphere. Pre-purchase tickets before

March 12<sup>th</sup> and save! Phone: 02 6249 7722 or check out:

[www.folkfestival.asn.au](http://www.folkfestival.asn.au)

**22nd – 25th April: Mount Beauty Music Muster, Vic.**

Folk, acoustic, country and blues music in the beautiful Victorian Alps. Enq: 03 5754 4008. Accommodation enquiries: 03 5754 4133. Web: [www.musicmuster.org.au](http://www.musicmuster.org.au)  
Email: [info@musicmuster.org.au](mailto:info@musicmuster.org.au)

**1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Ranges Folk Festival, Olinda, Vic.**

Beautiful setting, heaps of great artists. Camping available. Tickets and info: 03 9754 1408. Email: [mail@drfolk.com.au](mailto:mail@drfolk.com.au)  
or log on to: [www.drfolk.com.au](http://www.drfolk.com.au)

