

# Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc

## “Folk Victoria”

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### Newsletter January 2005

**Committee:** Jeanette Gillespie (President and Folk Club manager), Rick Sidgwick (Secretary), Chris Bigby (Treasurer), Rebecca Marshall (Membership Secretary), Denise Hibbs (Folk Club door manager), Jamie Johnston (PA Manager), John O’Leary (Brunswick Festival liaison), Wendy Ealey and Malcolm Turnbull (General Committee). Co-opted for preparations for the Brunswick Music Festival: Don Williams.

### Greetings All

Welcome to the New Year! Once again the holiday break has seen a wealth of festivals – Nariel Creek, Woodford, Gulgong, Cygnet, Georgetown, Daylesford, Turrumurra and Chewton, to name some. I hope you had a chance to experience one or more. If not, there are plenty more to come!! Congratulations to all the organisers and volunteers – and of course the performers - who give so much to make these festivals happen.

### Folk Victoria Music Nights

#### WHAT’S BEEN?

**Thanks** to all those fabulous **performers** who graced the stage at the “East” during the last two folk club nights for the year – and to you and your friends for coming along to hear them! We heard from: John McAuslan, The Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club, Mike Jackson and friends, Danny Spooner, Duncan Brown and friends, and “Wild Mountain’ Time”.

#### WHAT’S COMING?

You may notice some variation in entrance prices for the monthly Folk Club nights.

Firstly, we want to present some higher profile acts from interstate and overseas every so often and costs for these acts are generally higher.

Secondly, the owners of the East Brunswick Club Hotel have employed their own entertainment manager, who has installed sound and lighting and is now charging us to use the venue. We will be looking at venue alternatives, but for the moment, at least until April, we will still be at the East, but will need to absorb the venue charge by raising our door price slightly.

We hope you will continue to support us, as the music will be fantastic – as ever! It remains a club dedicated to supporting and respecting both the artist and the listener.

#### ◆ ◆ ◆ FRIDAY JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>:

“**Cloudstreet**” from Queensland – the wonderful harmonies of John Thompson and Nicole Murray, fresh from the Woodford and Chewton Folk Festivals. Also **Robbie Greig** from Melbourne (writer of the song “Al Saunder’s Garage”, made popular recently from the singing of Enda Kenny), with **Matthew Arnold** on fiddle. \$12 / \$8. 8.30 pm. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street.

#### ◆ ◆ ◆ FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>:

“**Mundy-Turner**” – Jay Turner (originally from the UK) and Cath Mundy sing and play up a storm after having travelled the world with their music for the past eight or nine months. Their original songs are heartfelt and evocative, and their accompaniments on guitar, fiddle and keyboard add further strength and beauty to their superb voices and harmonies.

They will be supported by **Michael Kennedy** – Michael has been laying low for a while, but as demonstrated at Chewton Folk Festival, he is back in full voice, and will charm the socks off you!! \$16 / \$12. 8.30 pm. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street.

#### ◆ ◆ ◆ MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> to 20<sup>TH</sup> : Brunswick Music Festival.

For your program, phone 03 9388 1460, fax 03 9380 8234 or hop onto the website at <http://www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au>

**Folk Victoria** will be hosting four great concerts at The East, for which all Folk Victoria members can claim **concession prices**.

- **Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 8.30pm: Alistair Hulett (Scotland) and Angie Higgins Band (Ballarat)
- **Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>** at 3.30 pm: “New Dogs, Old Tricks” and the Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club.
- **Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>** at 8.30 pm: James Keelaghan (Canada) and Tonchi McIntosh (Melbourne)
- **Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>** at 5.00 pm: Akasa and Lou Bennett and the Sweet Cheeks (Melbourne).

Another of the Brunswick Festival concerts at The East which will interest many is the **Louis McManus Memorial Concert** on **Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** at 8.30 pm. Louis was an extraordinary mandolin, fiddle and guitar player, who passed away in December 2004. This concert will be a terrific showcase of Melbourne’s Irish musicians. Bookings for all of the above can be made through the contacts mentioned above.

#### ◆ ◆ ◆ FRIDAY MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>:

NO FOLK CLUB due to an early Easter – see you at the National Folk Festival in Canberra, and at the Brunswick Music Festival in the preceding weeks.

### National Festival, Canberra

The position of **National Folk Festival Program Director** for the will be vacated by Graham McDonald after the 2005 festival. The new program director will be **Dave O’Neill**. Dave held the position for the 2000 festival, and is an extremely talented and much sought-after guitarist (along with a variety of other string instruments).

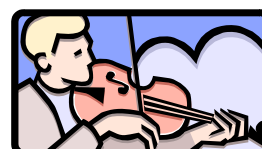
The **2005 festival** will be held again at **Easter, March 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>**. Ticket application forms are available from the website: [www.folkfestival.asn.au](http://www.folkfestival.asn.au) or from 02 6249 7755. Get in early for your ticket discounts – the first **earlybird** deadline is **January 28<sup>th</sup>**.

### Newsletter

As always, **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](mailto:gillespie.jeanette.f@edumail.vic.gov.au)

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

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



# Diary Dates

## **Friday 28th January: Folk Victoria Music Night:**

**CLOUDSTREET** and **Robbie Greig** and **Matthew Arnold**. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. 8.30 pm. \$12 / \$8. Enquiries: Jeanette: 0414 732 667. Meal bookings: 9388 2777.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February: Selby Folk Club:** Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby. Open stage plus guest artist. 8.00 pm. \$7/\$5. Phone: David Miller: 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 6<sup>th</sup> February: 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 8<sup>th</sup> February: Ringwood Folk Club:**

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

## **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February: "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)

## **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February: Berwick and District Folk Club:**

The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick. 7.30 – 11.15 pm. \$10/\$7. Guest artist: **Greg Champion** plus floor spots.

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

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

## **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February: Folk Victoria Music Night:**

**"Mundy-Turner"** and **Michael Kennedy**. Details as above. 8.30 pm. \$16/\$12.

## **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Selby Folk Club:**

(Details as above)

## **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Peninsula Folk Club:**

(Details as above)

## **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Ringwood Folk Club:**

Guest artists: **"Mundy-Turner"** plus floor spots.

(Details as above)

## **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March: "Fathers in the Chapel":**

(Details as above)

## **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Berwick and District Folk Club:**

Guest artist: **Leanne Murphy** plus floor spots.

(Details as above)

## **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March: 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.)

## **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March: The Boite AGM.**

7.30 pm. Mark Street Hall, 1 Mark St, Nth Fitzroy. Refreshments provided. 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)

## **Global Sounds at Sunset**

### **Saturdays - 5, 12, 19 and 26 February at 5.30pm**

At the Melbourne Museum's Sydney Myer Amphitheatre. Great variety of top class folk and world music acts. Tickets through the Museum on 13 11 02. Entry: \$15 Full, \$11 Concession, \$8 Child, plus other concessions.

## **World Music at the Fairfield Amphitheatre**

**Sundays 6, 13, 20 and 27 February from 5.00 till 7.30 pm.** Free.

Wonderful folk and world music in the beautiful surrounds of Fairfield Park, off Heidelberg Road. Enquiries: 03 9417 1983.

\*\* **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. Clifton Hill Hotel, Queen's Parade, Clifton Hill. 8.00 pm. Enq: Paddy O'Neill: 03 9312 6058.

\*\* **Every Thursday evening: Irish session** at the Corkman Hotel,

corner Leicester & Pelham Streets, Carlton. Led by Joe Fitzgerald and Pat McKernan.

# Festivals

**18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February: Fiddlers' Convention, Yarra Junction, Victoria.** Old-Timey, bluegrass, Cajun, blues, folk, swing, hillbilly, Hawaiian, jug band, etc. Camp Eureka, Tarrango Road, Wesburn.

Enquiries: Ken McMaster: 03 9481 7662

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**4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March: Frances Folk Gathering, SA.** Just over the border from Victoria. Friendly, do-it-yourself folk festival, with sessions, blackboard concerts, competitions. Free, with small fee for camping. Phone: 08 8267 5420.

Email: [thefolk@francesfolkfestival.com.au](mailto:thefolk@francesfolkfestival.com.au)

Website: [www.francesfolkfestival.com.au](http://www.francesfolkfestival.com.au)

## **11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March: Port Fairy Folk Festival, Victoria.**

Although all tickets are officially sold out, there is an independent web exchange service called "**The Ticket Exchange Board**" on which you can advertise spare tickets for sale or purchase other people's spare tickets. All tickets are exchanged at cost price. The site is:

[www.port-fairy.com](http://www.port-fairy.com) The Festival's official website for all other

information is : [www.portfairyfolkfestival.com](http://www.portfairyfolkfestival.com)

## **11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March: Burke and Wills Festival, Central Victoria.**

(The Port Fairy alternative!) Relaxed vineyard festival, with James Keelaghan, Pete Morton, and loads of local artists and sessions.

Camping on site or nearby accommodation. Phone: 5425 5400 or

5472 3990 or email [wineandmusic@bigpond.com](mailto:wineandmusic@bigpond.com)

## **18<sup>th</sup> – 20<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)

## **18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March: Mt Buller CRAIC Irish Music and Comedy Festival, Victoria.**

Intimate weekend getaway in Victoria's high country. Free entry to festival. Phone: 03 5777 6077 or log onto

[www.mtbuller.com.au/craic](http://www.mtbuller.com.au/craic)

## **17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2006: Blue Mountains Folk Music Festival,**

NSW. Enquiries: 1800 651 322. Email: [bmff@pnc.com.au](mailto:bmff@pnc.com.au)

Website: [www.bmff.org.au](http://www.bmff.org.au)

## **24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March: National Folk Festival, Exhibition Park,**

**Canberra.** Arguably the best folk festival in Australia! Hundreds of performers, great atmosphere. Pre-bookings are now open for the festival and the workshop programs which run during the week

leading up to the festival. Phone: 02 6249 7755 or check out:

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

## **22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April: Apollo Bay Music Festival, Victoria**

Phone: 03 5237 6761.

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

## **22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April: Mt Beauty Music Muster, Victoria**

Phone: 03 5754 4008

Website: [www.musicmuster.org.au](http://www.musicmuster.org.au)

