

Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc

“Folk Victoria”

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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).

Greetings All

Well the music never stops in this fair city, whatever the weather. I hope you’ve been able to take advantage of this richness over the past couple of months. And be sure to scan the Diary Dates, the Age’s Friday ‘EG’ and the Herald-Sun’s Thursday ‘Hit’ for some great events coming up.

Subscription Renewals

Yes, it’s coming up to that time of the year again. All that goes on under the banner of Folk Victoria needs **your** financial support to keep the cogs turning, and you in turn receive our newsletters and generous discounts at Folk Victoria events. It’s only \$20 per person per year, so please fill in the accompanying form and send it back to us as soon as you can (and before it gets buried under the papers!)

Annual General Meeting

The society’s AGM will be held on **Tuesday October 18th** at the East Brunswick Club Hotel. Please read the attached notification carefully – we’d love it if you could be there to lend your support and ideas and consider pitching in on the committee!

Graham Squance Award

Part of the ongoing tradition of the FSDSV involves honouring those who have made longstanding and valuable contributions to the folklife of our country. The Society’s presentation of the annual Graham Squance Award aims to do just that.

The award was initiated by the Port Phillip Folk Festival Committee in 1971 in memory of Graham Squance, a blues musician who was killed in a road accident while travelling to Canberra in 1970 to take part in a Folk Festival. Awards have been given every year but two since 1971. The “Roll of Honour” book which records these awards has become a wonderful historical document and makes great reading.

Graham himself was a very fine performer who also involved himself in many aspects of presenting folk music and folklore to the general public. He was actively involved in the organisation of the earliest Folk Festivals held in Melbourne.



The earlier awards were made “to a deserving person” to enable that person to attend the National Festival for that year. The awards were monetary and were the equivalent of a second class rail fare to wherever the festival was being held. (Performers received little or no payment then.)

Over time the award changed to a scroll, then to the current beautifully framed certificate. The range of areas of service for which the award has been made is enormous – from performance of music, song and the spoken word to involvement in dance, folk radio, folk festival organisation and general society involvement and ‘leg work’.

This year’s award will be presented at the October Folk Club concert on Friday October 21st, which is to feature the first ever award recipient, Kenny White, a fine blues singer and player and friend of Graham Squance’s. Fiona White will also be singing, along with another award recipient, Danny Spooner.

Melbourne Folk Club

What’s Been Happening?

More great music at the East Brunswick Hotel over the past couple of months from **Martin Pearson, Alex Legg, Eris O’Brien, Tracey Roberts and Maria Forde**. Thanks again to our own **volunteers** who faithfully help out on the door and with chair and table moving, and to Jamie Johnston, our PA operator!

What’s To Come?

The Folk Club remains in the lounge of the **East Brunswick Hotel at 280 Lygon Street** on the last Friday of the month (apart from October and December) at **8.30 pm**. Door entry is \$12 or \$8 concession and members. It remains a **smoke-free** club venue dedicated to supporting and respecting both the **artist and the listener**.

Friday September 30th

The Flying Tongue Kiss

A zany, energetic band from Central Victoria, playing Jugband music from black America of the 20’s and 30’s, along with rockabilly, swing, blues and great originals. The band comprises **Teana Amor** on vocals, washboard and percussion, **Barry Martin** on harmonica, bush bass and jug, **John Fenelon** on vocals, guitar, ukulele, keyboards and banjo ukulele and **Rex Watts** on vocals, guitar, mandolin and banjo mandolin.

Graham Dodsworth CD Launch – ‘In Our Time’

Graham has been a stalwart of the folk scene for many years and has recently released a superb new CD of songs entitled **“In Our Time”**. He will be joined for this Melbourne launch by a number of the musicians who featured on the CD. We look forward to Graham’s welcome return to the Melbourne Folk Club stage!

Friday October 21st

Please note that this is **NOT the last Friday of the month**, as we like to encourage everyone to head for Maldon Folk Festival, and so have brought our Folk Club night back a week. As previously mentioned, we will be presenting the **Graham Squance Memorial Award** on this night, and we are delighted to be able to welcome three great singers – all in very different styles – to the stage. **Fiona White** sings beautiful traditional and original songs, **Danny Spooner** also sings traditional songs, very often in the Shanty style, and **Kenny White** sings the blues!

Friday November 25th

A very different experience – but one not to be missed – the great East Brunswick **Ukelele Extravaganza!** Ukelele tune-up and beginners workshop at 7.30. Concert of songs and tunes from the **Melbourne Ukelele Kollektive** and friends at 8.30 pm. Launch of new song and tutor book. Ukeleles for sale. Prepare to be amazed, educated and delighted!

Friday December 16th

Christmas Party – artists to be announced – but get your tastebuds ready for the Christmas Pud!

Guildford Banjo Jamboree

Congratulations to the organisers and volunteers who were involved in the recent Second Guildford Banjo Jamboree. The tiny town of Guildford near Castlemaine was bursting at the seams as hundreds of string band enthusiasts – and many others just looking for good music and a good time – converged on the Guildford Pub and surrounds. What a 'hoot'. There were many sore fingers, voices – and heads – by the end of the weekend. Keep an eye out for the third one next September.

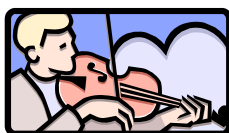
Maldon Folk Festival

Coming up from the 28th to the 31st of **October** - four days of fantastic music, song, dance, poetry and wonderful people in and around historic Maldon township, in Central Victoria. The town itself enjoys an ambience dating from the Goldrush. There's a wood-fired bakery, five-star restaurants and everything in between. Besides good food, there are fine local wines, pubs, clubs, antiques, gardens and steam trains. Now is the time to mark down the Maldon Folk Festival in your diary, get a group of friends together, and start arranging accommodation. Note that the **only one-day tickets** available are for the **Sunday**. All other tickets are weekend tickets.

Book before September 30th for great discounts: Weekend adult tickets (which includes camping at Tarrengower Reserve) are **\$65** (\$85 after Sept 30th), youth ticket **\$20** (\$35 after Sept 30th), and children U12 free.

For **festival enquiries** contact (03) 5476 2527, (03) 5475 1167, email mail@maldonfolkfestival.com or log onto www.maldonfolkfestival.com

For alternative **accommodation enquiries** try the website.



Port Fairy Folk Festival Songwriting Awards

For the 2006 Festival: 10th – 13th March.

Main Award, Lighthouse Award and Special Award (Best Song of Tolerance, Peace & Understanding).

Entry forms: Website: www.portfairyfolkfestival.com
Email: pfff@portfairyfolkfestival.com
Phone: 03 5225 1232

Entries close 31st October or when 300 entries have been received.

Folklife Grants Program

**THE ROYAL HISTORICAL
SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.**



Call for funding applications.

The RHSV has established a public fund to financially support folklife projects and activities which reflect the cultural diversity of the people of Victoria. Applications can be made by individuals, community groups, not-for-profit organizations, and cultural and educational institutions. **Applications close 17th October 2005.**

- **For further information contact:**
The Royal Historical Society of Victoria
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Tel: 03 9326 9288 Fax: 03 9326 9477
Email: office@historyvictoria.org.au
Web: www.historyvictoria.org.au

Newsletter

As always, **please** let us know if you find any **mistakes** in the events listings. Any inclusions or changes to snail or email addresses can be sent to me at 225 Rathmines Street Fairfield, or at my email address, gillespie.jeanette.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

Cheers for now - Jeanette Gillespie.

Festivals

30th September – 3rd 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.

28th – 31st October: Maldon Folk Music Festival, Maldon, Vic. (see opposite column)

11th – 13th November: Beechworth Celtic Festival, Vic.
Enq: Cath O'Connor: 03 5728 6555

11th – 13th November: Major's Creek Folk Festival, NSW.
Enq: Alison: 02 4842 2889 or Sue: 02 4842 8142

11th – 13th November: TSDAV Spring Dance Weekend, Portarlington, Vic. Silver anniversary.
Contact Marion on 03 9439 7100.

18th – 20th November: 17th Harrietteville Bluegrass and Traditional Country Music Convention, Vic. Feathertop Chalet, Harrietteville, Victoria. International, interstate and local singers and musicians, sessions, workshops, concerts, etc. Enquiries: 03 5368 1213 (bh), 03 5368 6888 (ah). Email: harrietteville@bluegrass.org.au

18th – 20th November: Troubadour Music Weekend, Campaspe Downs Country Resort, Kyneton, Vic. Wonderful artists from all over Australia and overseas. Cabin accommodation, with some camping available. Weekend and day tickets available. Contact Andrew Pattison: 03 5425 5400 or www.wineandmusic.net

Diary Dates

Saturday 24th September: **The Boite World Music Cafe:** Guest artist: **Mal Webb**. 8.15 pm. 1 Mark St, Nth Fitzroy. \$15/\$10. Phone: 03 9417 1983. Email: boite@boite.asn.au or website at: www.boite.asn.au (Every Friday and Saturday night at 8.15 pm.)

Sunday 25th September: **Big House Big Night Out:** The Big House, 420 Sydney Rd, Brunswick. **Chris Duffy** (banjo), **Tony O'Rourke** (guitar), **Lachlan Davidson** (mandolin) and **"Coolgrass"**. Session from 6 pm. Concert at 7.30 pm \$10/\$7. Bookings: 03 8309 9922.

Friday 30th September: **Folk Victoria Music Night:** **GRAHAM DODSWORTH** and friends CD launch and **"FLYING TONGUE KISS"**. East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street. 8.30 pm. \$12 / \$8. Enquiries: Jeanette: 0414 732 667. Meal bookings: 9388 2777.

Saturday 1st October: **The Boite World Music Cafe:** Guest artist: **Frankie Armstrong**. (Details as above)

Sunday 2nd October: **Vocal Nosh:** 12 midday – 2.30 pm. Singing led by Kieran Crichton, with lunch of soup, bread and fruit. The Bardin Centre (next to Christ Church), 8 Glenlyon Road, Brunswick. Entry \$5. Children under 12 free. Enquiries and RSVP for catering to 03 9380 1064.

Sunday 2nd October: **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

Friday 7th October: **Kristina Olsen:** Albert Park Yacht Club, Port Lounge. Aquatic Drive, Albert Park Lake Reserve. 7.30 pm. \$20 / \$15. Bar and finger food. Bookings to Cliff Ellery taxman@bigpond.net.au or 03 9690 1233.

Friday 7th October: **Selby Folk Club:** Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby. Open stage and guest artists. 8.00 pm. \$7/\$5. Phone: David Miller: 03 9751 1218. (1st Friday of every month)

Saturday 8th October: **VFMC Woolshed Ball:** St Brigid's School Hall, 378 Nicholson St, Fitzroy Nth. 8pm – 12.30am. Enquiries: 03 5964 6147

Tuesday 11th October: **Ringwood Folk Club:** East Ringwood Community Hall (enter from Knaith Road). 8.00 pm. \$7/\$6. Guest artist: **Tonchi MacIntosh**, plus Open Stage. Enq: Maree: 03 9733 0802. <http://users.bigpond.net.au/VFMC/> (2nd Tuesday of every month)

Tuesday 11th October: **Mango Café Sessions:** 21 Bond Street, City (enter from Flinders St). Around 7 – 7.30 pm. Bar and food available. Easy parking. General session. Bring instruments and voices. Enquiries: Cliff Ellery: Email: taxman@bigpond (Second Tuesday of each month)

Wednesday 12th October: **Quiet Man Singing Session:** Led by Kathryn Clements. Quiet Man Hotel, 271 Racecourse Road, Flemington. 8.00 pm. Meals from 6.00 pm. Bring words to share. kclements@tpg.com.au or 03 9499 4759.

Friday 14th October: **"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. (2nd Friday of every month)

Friday 14th October: **The Boite World Music Cafe:** Guest artists: **Margret Roadknight** and **Elena**. (Details as above)

Friday 14th October: **Bendigo Folk Club:** Goldmines Hotel, Marong Road, Bendigo, Vic. **James Rigby** and **Jane Thompson**. Website: www.bendigofolkclub.com

Saturday 15th October: **Picking at the Piggery:** Bluegrass, blues, old-timey jams and performances. Footscray Community Arts Centre, Moreland St, Footscray. Enquiries: Janet Dear: 03 5368 6888, 53681213 (bh).

Saturday 15th October: **Ewan Wilkinson:** The Artey, Fitzroy.

Friday 21st October: **Folk Victoria Music Night:** With **DANNY SPOONER**, **FIONA WHITE** and **KENNY WHITE**. Presentation of the Graham Sqaunce Memorial folk award. (Details as above.)

Friday 21st October: **Berwick and District Folk Club:** The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick. 7.30 – 11.15 pm. \$10/\$7. Guest artists plus floor spots. Enq: 03 9702 1223 or email: badfolkc@hotmail.com (3rd Friday of each month)

Sunday 23rd October: **Big House Big Night Out:** The Big House, 420 Sydney Rd, Brunswick. **"Blackwood"** and **Heidi Bradburn**. Session from 6 pm. Concert at 7.30 pm \$10/\$7. Bookings: 03 8309 9922.

Sunday 30th October: **Sensitive New Age Cowpersons:** Albert Park Yacht Club, Port Lounge. Aquatic Drive, Albert Park Lake Reserve. 7.30 pm. \$20 / \$15. Bar and finger food. Bookings to Cliff Ellery taxman@bigpond.net.au or 03 9690 1233.

Friday 4th November: **Selby Folk Club:** (Details as above)

Sunday 6th November: **Peninsula Folk Club:** (Details as above)

Tuesday 8th November: **Ringwood Folk Club:** Guest artists: **Klezmeritis**, plus floor spots. (Details as above)

Tuesday 8th November: **Mango Café Sessions:** (Details as above)

Friday 11th November: **Bernard Carney:** Albert Park Yacht Club, Port Lounge. Aquatic Drive, Albert Park Lake Reserve. 7.30 pm. \$20 / \$15. Bar and finger food. Bookings to Cliff Ellery taxman@bigpond.net.au or 03 9690 1233.

Friday 11th November: **"Fathers in the Chapel":** (Details as above)

Friday 18th November: **Berwick and District Folk Club:** (Details as above)

Friday 18th November: **Bendigo Folk Club:** Goldmines Hotel, Marong Road, Bendigo. **Bron Ault-Connell**. (Details as above.)

Saturday 19th November: **Colonial Ball:** Run by the Melbourne Colonial Dancers. Preston Town Hall. Contact: Robin Simpson: 03 9723 2435 or 0413 209 334.

Saturday 19th November: **Pickin' at the Piggery:** Not at regular venue in November – see listing in Festivals for the Harrietteville Bluegrass and Traditional Country Music Convention.

Saturday 19th November: **"Azardi" – Songs of Liberation CD Launch:** Launch of the CD from the Boite's Millennium Concert. Fitzroy Town Hall, Napier St, Fitzroy. 8:00 pm. Licensed. Phone: 03 9417 1983 or log on to: www.boite.asn.au

Friday 25th November: **Folk Victoria Music Night:** The **UKELELE SPECTACULAR**. Ukelele tune-up and beginners workshop at 7.30. Concert from the Melbourne Ukelele Collective and friends at 8.30 pm. Launch of new song and tutor book. Ukeles for sale. (Details as above.)

**** 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 Church Hall, 156 Hoddle St, Abbotsford. 8.00 pm. Enq: Paddy O'Neill: 03 9312 6058.

Some Organisations & Websites

1. Trad&Now – the Australian National Folk Magazine:
www.tradandnow.com
2. Folk Alliance Australia: – www.folkalliance.org.au
3. Australian Music Online: – www.musicaustralia.org
4. Music to purchase: - www.folktrax.com
- www.indie-cds.com
5. Folk Federation of NSW: – www.jam.org.au
6. The Blarney Bulletin – www.blarneybulletin.com