

# *Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc*

“Folk Victoria”

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## Newsletter April 2006

**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, Wendy Ealey and Malcolm Turnbull (General Committee).

### *Greetings All*

I’m afraid that once again this newsletter is a bit rushed and late in coming to you. I have been coping with a number of health issues and so far have not had the energy to run around looking for a new ongoing venue for the monthly music night.

I will say now that I am seriously thinking of giving up the running of the club in the near future, and it would be great if **someone else could step in and take over or at least take some of the load**. I feel it is a unique occasion, our monthly music night, especially catering for those who wish to come along and listen to quality folk and acoustic music without the noise and yahoo of a big pub, yet with the opportunity to enjoy a drink and some good company as well.

**HOWEVER**, so saying, I have been able to arrange for some enjoyable musical experiences for the **last Fridays in April and May** and I hope that you and your friends will come along and support them and enjoy the occasions.

### *Folk Victoria Music Nights*

◆ ◆ ◆ **Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>** ◆ ◆ ◆

**Newport Fiddle and Folk Club**

**Sing, session, listen, enjoy! 7.30 pm.**

**Folk Victoria meets the Newport Fiddle and Folk Club.** This friendly session night is run on the fourth Friday of the month, so is often on the same night as our music night. To give Jamie, our trusty sound man, a rest, and to give us all an opportunity to join in with the Newport folk, I have arranged with Michael Stewart, the organiser, for any of our members and friends who wish to do so to join them for the evening. It is not a concert as such – more of a song share and music session. You are welcome to come and listen, or bring your voices / instruments and join in.

- ◆ **When:** From 7.30 till around 11.00 pm.
- ◆ **Where:** Newport Community Hall, 15 Mason Street, Newport. (Mel Map 55 – J3).
- ◆ **Entry:** \$5 adults. Students / ch’n – gold coin.
- ◆ **Enq:** Michael Stewart: 9399 4466

◆ ◆ ◆ **Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>** ◆ ◆ ◆

**Fiona White - CD Launch**

**With Fiona White, Kenny White, Marnie Sheehan, and friends.**

Fiona, Kenny and Marnie have all been involved in folk music for many years. The beauty of Fiona’s voice has long called out for a CD and it has been accomplished! She sings both traditional and original songs, both unaccompanied and with Kenny on guitar and Inger de Costa on fiddle. Fiona possesses a strong, passionate and emotive voice, always great to listen to whether singing traditional ballads or cheeky contemporary songs.

Supporting Fiona will be Marnie Sheehan. Marnie’s mostly original songs range from folk-style ballads to raunchy blues. She will be accompanied by her two sons. Her CD is also well worth buying!

The **venue** for this night is **almost** confirmed, but I want to get this newsletter out, so I can’t tell you yet! I will send another letter in May to further publicise the night, but please keep it free and come along with your friends.

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- **Community Music Victoria Inc.** For information and membership: Phone: 03 9662 1162, Fax: 03 9662 1197. Email: [cmv@netspace.net.au](mailto:cmv@netspace.net.au) Website: <http://cmv.customer.netspace.net.au>

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

# Diary Dates

**Wednesday 26th April: Jodi Martin, Liz Frencham and friends.** Northcote Social Club, 301 High St, Northcote. Tickets: \$12 / \$8. Phone: 9486 1677

**Friday 28th April: Folk Victoria Music Night: Newport Fiddle and Folk Club.** Newport Community Hall, 15 Mason St, Newport, From 7.30 pm. BYO instruments, voices, listening ears. \$5 / gold coin.

**Friday 5th May: 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)

**Saturday 6th May: Singing Workshop:** ACU Recital Hall, 115 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy. 9.00am – 3.15pm. \$50/\$25 conc. Vocal workshop, repertoire exploration, conducting, vocal balance, etc, with Christoph Maubach. For singing leaders, community singers and anybody who just wants to enjoy singing. Enrolments: Glenys Gijbers on 9562 6122 or email: [glenys@stockdaleacs.com.au](mailto:glenys@stockdaleacs.com.au)

**Sunday 7th May: 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)

**Tuesday 9th May Ringwood Folk Club:** East Ringwood Community Hall (enter from Knaith Road). 8.00 pm. \$7/\$6. Guest artist plus floor spots. Enq: Maree: 03 9733 0802. Website: <http://users.bigpond.net.au/VFMC/> (*2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month*)

**Wednesday 10th May: The Quiet Man Singers Session:** All welcome. 8 pm at the Quiet Man Hotel, 271 Racecourse Road, Flemington. Enquiries: Kathryn Clements: 9497 3227. (*2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month*)

**Wednesday 10th May: Hot Club Swing:** Performing in a rare Melbourne performance at Manchester Lane Jazz Club, Manchester Lane, Melbourne. 8 pm. Entry: \$5. Dinner bookings: 9663 0630.

**Friday 12th May: "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*)

**Sunday 14th May: Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club:** 3 pm. Brunswick Hotel, 140 Sydney Road, Brunswick. Three featured acts plus poetry. \$5 / gold coin. Enq: Peter Pentland: 9392 4817. Email: [ppent@museum.vic.gov.au](mailto:ppent@museum.vic.gov.au) (*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month.*)

**Friday 19th May: Berwick and District Folk Club:** The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick. 7.30 – 11.15 pm. \$10/\$7. Guest artists: **Christina Green** and **Bill Dettmer**, plus floor spots. Enq: 03 9702 1223 or email: [badfolkc@hotmail.com](mailto:badfolkc@hotmail.com) (*3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month*)

**Saturday 20th May: Pickin' at the Piggery:** Bluegrass, blues, old-timey jams and performances. Footscray Community House, Moreland St, Footscray. Enq: Janet Dear: 03 5368 6888, 53681213 (bh). (*3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of most months*)

**Friday 26th May: Folk Victoria Music Night: Fiona White CD Launch,** with Fiona White, Marnie Sheehan and friends. Venue to be announced. Watch The Age EG on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday 3rd June: The Battlefield Band:** East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick. Tickets: 9388 9794 or website: [www.eastbrunswickclub.com](http://www.eastbrunswickclub.com)

\*\* **Every Sunday:** Music and song session at the Quiet Man Hotel, 271 Racecourse Road, Flemington. 5pm onwards.

\*\* **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.

# Festivals

**9th – 12th June: National Celtic Festival, Portarlington, Vic.** Over 300 artists. Music, song, dance, drama, poetry, displays, exhibitions, workshops, marketplace and more. **Discounted tickets till May 1<sup>st</sup>.** Tickets @ GPAC: Phone: 03 5225 1200. Info: 03 5241 2499. Email: [mail@nationalcelticfestival.com](mailto:mail@nationalcelticfestival.com) Website: [www.nationalcelticfestival.com](http://www.nationalcelticfestival.com)

**10th – 11th June: Guildford Folk Gathering, Guildford, Vic.** Saturday night pub dinner and session; Sunday BBQ lunch and more sessioning. Camping or own accommodation. For more info phone Duncan Brown: 03 5473 4201 or 0425 811 579. For Guildford Pub Saturday dinner bookings phone: 03 5473 4215.

