

# Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc



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## Newsletter September 2008

**Committee:** Jeanette Gillespie (President & Newsletter Editor), Rick Sidgwick (Secretary), Chris Bigby (Treasurer), Rebecca Marshall (Membership Secretary), Denise Hibbs (Folk Club door manager), Jamie Johnston (PA Manager), Wendy Ealey (Webmistress), John O’Leary (Public Officer), Ray Hare and Rick Osborn (General Committee).

## From the President

**Greetings all.** Hope you enjoy this issue of your newsletter and take the time to read it from top to toe! I’ve been investigating the Melbourne **dance scene** and come up with some interesting events, classes, contacts and websites. If you have any more, please send them along.

**Tea Dance:** The **Tea Dance** in July which was run in conjunction with the Traditional and Social Dance Association was a great success. **Thanks** to Folk Vic members who helped in the organisation: Denise Hibbs, Heather Larsen, Jamie Johnston, John O’Leary and Sue Purdie (and anyone I’ve missed!)

**Banjos and All:** Congratulations to the organisers of the **Guildford Banjo Jamboree** – what a fabulous little festival, and even the weather was kind – though I did hear one bloke complaining that he rolled over on the Sunday morning in his tent and found frost on the other side of his pillow!

**Well Done:** Congratulations too to the organisers of the 2-week-long **Darebin Music Feast** – and in particular to our Folk Vic committee member **Wendy Ealey**. She not only helps run the Darebin Songwriter’s Guild, but also ran the hugely successful songwriter’s competitions at the Feast and is organising the Roddy Read **Songwriters Awards** at the Maldon Folk Festival. Oh, and she up-keeps our website and somewhere in there finds time to work!

**Folk Club:** John O’Leary, Mel Robertson and Graham



Dodsworth have been doing some scouting around venues for a possible spot to re-start a Folk Club, and at our committee meeting last week there were a number of other suggestions given to John to “play with”. Wendy and Rick and the members of the band “Milk” are also interested in helping out so things are looking up.

In the meantime, the Clifton Hill Hotel is helping us out with the Emerald Lounge for our three events for this year – the AGM, the Graham Squence Award concert and the Christmas night (see elsewhere in newsletter for details)

**Newsletter:** The positive feedback keeps coming in about the **newsletter** so I’ll keep it coming – I’ve had a house move since the last one! LOVE to hear from anyone with a CD, artist or event review!

**Membership Subscriptions:** Yes, it is that time of the year again. We are offering the **2008/09** membership at a discount rate of **\$15** due to the absence of the Folk Club this year. You will find a form and addressed envelope with this newsletter. Some of you have already taken us up on the special offer and paid through till October 2009.

Please **check your membership card**, and if you have paid till Oct 2009 but still have a renewal form in your envelope, please ignore it!

We **do** need your membership money as we’ll still be involved in a variety of projects

- Newsletter.
- Graham Squence Memorial Award – November 14<sup>th</sup> 2008
- Christmas Night – December 5<sup>th</sup> 2008
- Brunswick Music Festival – March 2009
- Donations to worthy folk-related causes
- Upkeep of sound system
- Website and general administration.

## Annual General Meeting:

Last year, despite my pleas, we still only managed to pull out 11 people to the AGM. **This year, let’s make it a BIG and JOYOUS occasion! Because if it does become evident this year that nobody cares whether we continue to exist or not, it truly may be the FINAL YEAR for the Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria.**

**So put the notice up on your fridge and come along to the Emerald Lounge, Clifton Hill Hotel, on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm.**

**(SEE NOTICE ON BACK PAGE OF NEWSLETTER)**

## Graham Squence Memorial Award

### Concert and Award Presentation

**Friday November 14<sup>th</sup> 8pm**

**Emerald Lounge, Clifton Hill Hotel,  
89 Queen’s Parade, Clifton Hill.**

**John McAuslan**

*singer and guitarist  
with*

### Rebels Without a Clue

*Michael Harris - fiddle; Ken Maher - vocals, mandolin, guitar, fiddle; Tony Hargreaves - piano, accordion; Stephan Brown - vocals, bass.*

**\$12/\$8 Enq: 0414 732 667**

**Graham Squence 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 Squence 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'.

For the first time ever, **we are going to reveal the awardee** for the year before the event – usually it is a closely guarded secret! The award this year will be presented to a highly deserving **JOHN McAUSLAN**, long-time organiser of the Brunswick Music Festival and other "Across the Borders" music events, director of the National Folk Festival held in Melbourne in 1986, and superb singer and guitarist – to name some of his many achievements. We look forward to hearing both him and the highly talented band members of "Rebels Without a Clue" on **Friday November 14<sup>th</sup>**.

### Folk Victoria Christmas Night



We couldn't possibly end a year without our Folk Victoria Christmas night!

Usher in the festive season with carol singing, Christmas food, and joviality.

With **Danny Spooner, Duncan Brown, Jamie Johnston, John O'Leary, Jeanette Gillespie, Wendy Ealey**, and other surprise guests.

8pm in the Emerald Lounge of the Clifton Hill Hotel, 89 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill. \$12/\$8. Put it in your diary now!

### Contact Us . . . Help Us and Yourself!

Don't forget to keep asking around for someone who might like to take on being involved in Folk Club organisation, and keep an eye out for a suitable venue. Phone me on **0414 732 667** or email [jfgfolk@gmail.com](mailto:jfgfolk@gmail.com) if you have a comment. Love to hear from you.

**Cheers, Jeanette Gillespie (President)**

### For More Folk News and Views:

- Join the **Folk Alliance Australia**, Australia's umbrella folk organisation. Go to [www.folkalliance.org.au](http://www.folkalliance.org.au) for further details and heaps of information about folk music around Australia.

- **Subscribe to Trad&Now Magazine**. Log onto: [www.tradandnow.com](http://www.tradandnow.com) for all the news on how you can subscribe.

- **Subscribe to the Blarney Bulletin**, a great source of news and views particularly concerning the Celtic connections in Victoria and around the country. Phone Kevin McCarthy on 0411 135 418 or email him at [macca@blarneybulletin.com](mailto:macca@blarneybulletin.com)

- **Join Community Music Victoria**. CMV is a wonderful source of information about all manner of community music and arts events. Their publication is full of news about opportunities for participation in all sorts of song, dance and music workshops in Melbourne and right across Victoria. 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>

## Diary Dates

### Regular Events

- **Wax Lyrical:**

Free showcase for **songwriters** of all ages and levels of experience. Two great venues.

\* Wax Lyrical @ Hardiman's Hotel, 521 Macaulay Road, Kensington – **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**. 7.30 - 11pm

\* Wax Lyrical @ Old Hepburn, 236 Main Road, Hepburn – **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October** (usually the first Sunday of every month). 4 - 7pm.

If you're interested in performing on any of these occasions, 15 minute slots are available, so either email Trevor Shard with a brief bio and requirements (see below) or call 0404 069 019. Whether you're going to play or not, simply go along to enjoy listening to the music and help make the events a success.

Trevor Shard - ASA Regional Co-ordinator Victoria  
[waxlyrical@westnet.com.au](mailto:waxlyrical@westnet.com.au) [www.asai.org.au](http://www.asai.org.au)

- **Darebin Songwriter's Guild:**

**Second Sunday of the month**. "Bar 303", 303 High Street, Northcote. 3.30 till 7-ish. Call Moira on 9480 4590 or Wendy on 9489 0504 or email [macnificent@efel.com.au](mailto:macnificent@efel.com.au), to register your interest in sharing your songs or just roll up for a look and a listen.

- **Selby Folk Club (30<sup>th</sup> year!):**

**First Friday of the month**. Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby (Dandenong Ranges, Vic). Open stage plus guest artists. 8.00 pm. \$10/\$8. Phone: David Miller: 03 9751 1218.

[www.home.aone.net.au/~selbyfolkclub/index.htm](http://www.home.aone.net.au/~selbyfolkclub/index.htm)

\* **Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>**: Nick and Liesl.

\* **Friday November 7<sup>th</sup>**: Bruce Watson Trio.

\* **Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>**: Selby's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

- **The Boite World Music Café:**

**Every Saturday and some Friday nights**. 1 Mark Street, Fitzroy. 8.00 pm. \$16/\$11. Phone: 03 9417 1983. Email: [boite@boite.com.au](mailto:boite@boite.com.au) or website at: [www.boite.com.au](http://www.boite.com.au)

\* **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Oct**: **Girish Makwana & Nicolas Buff** - Indian classical music with a difference.

\* **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Oct**: **Arnold Zable** – "Sea of Many Returns" – with Irene Vela, Anthea Sidiropoulos and guests.

\* **Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Oct**: **Composing Women** – contemporary local women's music.

\* **Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct**: **Songs for East Timor** with Thursday's Children Community Choir, Ego Lemos and other artists.

\* **Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Oct**: Singer **Jeannie Marsh** with guest **Fernando Aguanta** and band.

\* **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Nov**: **The Rainmakers** and **Rod Waterman**.

\* **Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov**: **Carl Cleves and Parissa Bouas** – exciting award-winning songs with an international flavour.

- **The Boite – Other Events:**

A variety of venues and times, including the Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station St, Box Hill (BHCAC), the BMW Edge at Federation Square, and Northcote Uniting Church. **Contact details** as above.

- \* **Fri 10<sup>th</sup> October (BHCAC): Diego Guerrero Trio** – Spanish, Afro-Cuban and Jazz. 8pm. \$16/\$11.
- \* **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November (BHCAC): Kavisha Mazzella** and the **haBiBis**. Music of the Mediterranean. 8pm. \$16/\$11.
- \* **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November:** Northcote Uniting Church Hall, 251 High Street. **The Boite “Limpopo” CD Launch.**
- \* **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** Northcote Uniting Church Hall, 251 High Street. **Boite World Music Cafe End of Year Showcase Concert:** 6.30 pm.

- **The Surrey Music Cafe:**

**Last Friday of the month,** May to November. Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station St, Box Hill. 8pm concert with refreshments on sale from 7.30. Admission \$16. Bookings: 03 9262 6555 or online at [www.surreymusic.com](http://www.surreymusic.com)

- \* **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Jeremy Woolhouse, Ben Robertson & Lucas Michailidis.** Original jazz compositions.
- \* **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November: Diana Clark Quartet with Doug de Vries,** a string trio and the **World Vision Choir.**

- **Peninsula Folk Club:**

**First Sunday of the month.** Shakespeare’s Bar and Restaurant, 101 Young St, Frankston. Session: 7–7.45 pm. Performances: 8.00  
Email: [admin@peninsulafolkclub.asn.au](mailto:admin@peninsulafolkclub.asn.au)

- **Victorian Folk Music Club (VFMC):**

\*\* **Website** for all VFMC activities mentioned below:  
<http://users.bigpond.net.au/VFMC/>

- \*\* **Second Tuesday of the month: Ringwood Folk Club Guest Artist Night.** 8.00 pm. \$10/\$6. Guest artist plus floor spots. Enq: Maree: 03 9733 0802.
- \* **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October:** Margret Roadknight
- \* **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November:** Geoffrey Graham
- \* **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Jugularity
- \*\* **Third Tuesday of the month is Singabout!**, a regular group singing session. Singabout runs from 8:00 til 9:30 pm.
- \*\* **Fourth Tuesday: Billabong Band** practice from 8:00 pm. The Billabong Band is the Club’s band for Concert Party events. All musicians are welcome to join in for some relaxed playing of traditional Australian music.
- \*\* **Other Tuesdays** feature session playing, singalong, poetry and yarns.
- \*\* **All events** at the **East Ringwood Community Hall** (“Red Cross Hall”, enter into driveway from Knaith Road). Tea and coffee provided, small cover charge (\$4.00)

- **Ringwood Colonial Dances (VFMC)**

**First Saturday of every month** (except January), 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm at East Ringwood Elderly Citizens Club Hall, Laurence Grove, Ringwood East (Melway 50 B8). Live bands, all dances explained and called. Members \$8.00, non-members \$10.00, children under 16 free. Light supper provided. Contact details as above.

- \* **October 4<sup>th</sup>:** Music by the Jolly Jumbucks
- \* **November 1<sup>st</sup>:** Music by the Brumbies
- \* **December 6<sup>th</sup>:** Music by the Billabong Band

**VFMC Woolshed Ball  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

St Brigid’s Church Hall  
378 Nicholson St, Fitzroy

Info: Coral Eden: 9885 6109 or Jane Bullock: 9762 1389.

- **Melbourne Colonial Dancers**

Numerous activities on various nights of the week and month. Very informative website at:

[www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au](http://www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au)

- \* **Every Wednesday**, 8-10pm then supper:  
Dance classes at St Michael’s Church Hall, Cnr MacPherson & Mcllwraith Sts, Carlton. (Melway Reference: 29J12 Tram Stop: 116)  
Recorded music nights \$5 Members \$6 Non members. On the **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** of the month the **Melbourne Colonial Dance Band** plays the music. \$6 Memb \$7 Non memb
  - \* **Third Thursday** of every month: Dancing at St Oswald’s Church Hall, 100 High St, Glen Iris. *Melway 60, B9.* Cost \$6.
- Contact:** Robin Simpson on 03 9723 2543 or Coral Eden on 03 9885 6109 or above website.

**Colonial Dancers Summer Ball**

**Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8.00pm.**

**Preston Town Hall.**

Contact Robin Simpson (see above)

- **TSDSAV (dancing)**

The Traditional Social Dance Association of Victoria also presents a variety of dance-related activities throughout the year. Contact Marion Stabb on 03 9439 7100 or Heather Larsen on 03 9808 4869. Website: [www.tsdav.asn.au](http://www.tsdav.asn.au)

- **Borderline Kaylee:**

If you’re under 25, can dance a little, play an instrument, or if you’re a smiling clapping, “I’ll make this look good” kinda person then why not rock up and join us in performing our own brand of high energy, high appeal Youth Celtic Fusion music and dancing based on many traditional influences. We do Irish Step and Ceilidh dancing, with some of our own choreography. We are also a Ceilidh band playing Irish, Scottish, Welsh and Bush dances guaranteed to get your toes tapping and your heart racing! We also throw in a variety of songs in both



English and Gaelic.

We meet on the last Sunday of the month at the East Ringwood Community Hall, Knaith St, (off Dublin Rd, Melway 50B8) On the Melway it is marked “Red Cross”  
Cost: \$2.00. For info: Naomi Ph: (03) 9878 4296

Email [borderlinekaylee@hotmail.com](mailto:borderlinekaylee@hotmail.com)

Liz Stockdale Ph: (03) 9380 4291

Email [lizstockdale@iprimus.com.au](mailto:lizstockdale@iprimus.com.au)

Web: [www.borderlinekaylee.tripod.com](http://www.borderlinekaylee.tripod.com)

- **English Country Dancing:**

**Tuesdays 8-10pm.** “The Well Hall Dancers”. Venues vary weekly. Contact George or Lyn on 03 9890 5650. Their website is: [www.dancingtheweb.com/ecd/wellhall](http://www.dancingtheweb.com/ecd/wellhall) and the general website is: [www.EnglishCountryDancing.com](http://www.EnglishCountryDancing.com)

- **Irish Dancing:**

**Melbourne Claddagh Dancers. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 8-10pm.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 2.5pm.** St James Church small hall, Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe. Enq: Ina and Graeme Bertrand (03) 9439 9991

[www.home.vicnet.net.au/~claddagh](http://www.home.vicnet.net.au/~claddagh)



- **Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann:**

**Every Monday, 7.30pm: Set Dancing Classes** at the Quiet Man Hotel, 271 Racecourse Rd, Flemington. No prior experience necessary. Phone: M. Brouder (03) 9471 0690  
**Every Wednesday, 7.30pm: Music and Dancing** at St. Philip’s Church Hall in Hoddle Street, next to the Collingwood

Town Hall. All ages welcome, incl. children. Fiddle and tin whistle classes, set dancing and general music session.  
Music enquiries: Noel McGrann (03) 9584 4908  
Email: [comhaltasmelbourne@inet.net.au](mailto:comhaltasmelbourne@inet.net.au)  
Website: [www.members.inet.net.au/~goreilly](http://www.members.inet.net.au/~goreilly)

- **Scottish Country Dancing:**

The website has SO many different venues, classes and dance associations and events listed that I couldn't possibly include them all here!! If you don't have a computer – ask a friend to help! Human contacts: Heather: 9503 9538, Jo: 9726 7431, George: 9808 6805, Ian: 9574 8586.  
Website: [www.home.vicnet.net.au/~rscds](http://www.home.vicnet.net.au/~rscds)

- **Welsh Dancing:**

**Sundays 19<sup>th</sup> Oct, 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. Welsh Dance Classes.** St Thomas' (used to be St Theodore's) Hall, 107 Broughton Rd, Surrey Hills. Mel. 60 K2. Teacher: Ian Kendall. \$5 entry. Enq: Ian: 9898 4891 or Julia: 9890 2546.

- **Central Victorian Dances:**

**Various Events.** Colonial, Old-Time, New Vogue. Mostly couples dances. All welcome. Phone: Jo White: 9390 1385 or go to the Melbourne Colonial Dancers website and click on 'Oncoming Events' and then 'Old Time Dances'.

- **Clifton Hill Hotel Music Nights**

**\*\* Every Wednesday night, 8:30 pm till 11.30pm. Three great acts.** Clifton Hill Hotel, cnr Wellington St & Queens Pde, Clifton Hill.

Phone: 03 9489 8705. Website: [www.cliftonhillhotel.com](http://www.cliftonhillhotel.com)

**Booking agent:** Rodney Claringbould: 0409 510 251

**\*\* Sunday Nights – 7pm – Hugh McDonald Duo - free**

**\*\* Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup> (Cup Eve) – John Spillane** (Cork, Ireland). 8.30pm. \$25. Book at above number or venue.

- **The Quiet Man Singers Sessions:**

**First and Third Wednesdays of the month.** Singers and musicians welcome. Very popular event, so arrive early! 8 pm at the Quiet Man Hotel, 271 Racecourse Road, Flemington. Enquiries: Kathryn Clements: 9497 3227.

- **Fathers in the Chapel:**

**Second Friday of the month.** Mainly bluegrass, old-timey, etc, acoustic music and voices, sessions and performances, unplugged. St John's Anglican Church, Childers St, Cranbourne. Enq: 03 5996 8461 or 5996 9544.

- **Berwick and District Folk Club:**

**Third Friday of the month.** The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick. 7.30 – 11.15 pm. \$10/\$7. Guest artists plus floor spots. Enq: 03 9702 1223. Email: [badfolk@optusnet.com.au](mailto:badfolk@optusnet.com.au) Website: [www.badfolk.org](http://www.badfolk.org) and/or [www.badfolk.websyte.com.au](http://www.badfolk.websyte.com.au)

**\*\*\* Friday October 17<sup>th</sup>:**

**8 Ball Aitken** – North Qld country blues, swamp and stomp music. **Paul Wookey** – still one of Oz's most powerful and mesmerising singers.

- **Pickin' at the Piggery:**

**Third Saturday of the month** except Feb, Sept and Nov. Bluegrass, blues, old-timey jams and performances. Footscray Community House, Moreland St, Footscray. Enq: Janet Dear: 03 5368 6888, 53681213 (bh).

- **Newport Fiddle and Folk Club:**

**Folk Club Night:**

**\* Fourth Friday of the month.** Newport Community Hall, 15 Mason St, Newport, 7.30 pm. All welcome to BYO instruments, voices, listening ears. \$5 / gold coin. [www.vicnet.net.au/~nffc](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~nffc) Michael Stewart, 03 9399 4466.

**\* Newport Bush Orchestra:** (Conducted by Greg O'Leary) Mondays, 7:30pm – 9:30pm. Term Four begins October 13<sup>th</sup>.



All levels welcome. \$80 per term. Outlets Community Cooperative, 43 Mason St Newport

**\* Newport Community Choir:** (Conducted by Alan Davies) Wednesdays starting October 15, 7.30 – 9pm. \$80 per term or \$10 per session. Venue as above. Enq: 03 9391 1103  
**\* Nosh Cafe - MSG Trio:** First Saturday of month. 2pm – 4pm, Nosh Cafe, 24 Hall St Newport. The MSG Trio (Michael, Steve and Greg) with gypsy swing music.  
**\* Newport RSL - "BBQ and Bands"** Second Sunday of the month. 12pm – 5pm. Newport RSL, 28 Market St Newport. Music and barbecue all afternoon.

- **Acoustic Night at Breizoz Creperie:**

**Second Thursday of the Month,** Breizoz Creperie, 139 Nelson Place, Williamstown. 7pm. \$10 door charge.

**\* Thurs October 9<sup>th</sup>:** Local Amateurs Night

**\* Thurs November 13<sup>th</sup>:** "Conundrum" – Irish band.

**Contact:** Greg on 9397 5224 or

[greg\\_hammond23@hotmail.com](mailto:greg_hammond23@hotmail.com)

[www.myspace.com/greghammond](http://www.myspace.com/greghammond)

- **Harmony Row Vineyard, Albert Park Yacht Club Concerts and Tuesday Night "Don't Tell Tom" Sessions**

**Various concert and session dates.**

**\*\* Two great concert venues** – one at **Harmony Row Vineyard** in the country near Kyneton, the other the **Albert Park Yacht Club Port Lounge**, close to Melbourne city.

**\*\* Session venue** for both **singers** and **musicians** on the second Tuesday of the month at "Don't Tell Tom" bar and café, 420 Sydney Rd, Brunswick.

**\*\* For Albert Park concerts and Don't Tell Tom session** contact Cliff Ellery at [taxman@bigpond.net.au](mailto:taxman@bigpond.net.au) or 03 9690 1233

**\*\* For Harmony Row concerts** contact Dennis Cartwright on 03 5423 5286 or 0400804 855 or website [www.harmonyrow.com.au](http://www.harmonyrow.com.au)

**\*\*\* Albert Park:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7.30pm. \$20/\$15  
**Brent Parlane** (still writing great songs) with **Howard Malkin & Andrew Forrer.**

**\*\*\* Harmony Row:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 12 noon for lunch (\$49) or 2.30pm for show only (\$25) – **Rose Bygrave, Marcia and Damien Howard and the Ploughboys.**

**\*\*\* Don't Tell Tom singing and music session:** Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 onwards.

**\*\*\* Albert Park:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm. \$20/\$15 - **Jan Wositzky**, storyteller and musician, with cellist **Cathy English.**

**\*\*\* Albert Park:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November – **Martin Pearson** – singer, guitarist, raconteur, comedian. Details as above.

**\*\*\* Albert Park:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – **Kristina Olsen** – singer guitarist extraordinaire from the USA.

**\*\*\* Harmony Row:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November – "**La Voce Della Lune**" – Italian Women's Choir led by **Kavisha Mazzella.**

**\*\*\* Albert Park:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – **Bruce Watson Trio.**

**\*\*\* Harmony Row:** Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November (afternoon) – **Pearl Kirk with the Bennett's Lane Trio.**

- **The Ranges Burrinja Folk Club**

**Last Friday of the month,** featuring great acoustic music in the relaxed and friendly, intimate atmosphere of the Burrinja Café, Dandenong Ranges Community Cultural Centre, 351 Glenfern Rd Upwey - Melway map ref : 75 B12. \$10, \$7.

- **Dandenong Ranges Music Session**

Second Sunday of the month, Upwey RSL, Mast Gully Road, Upwey, Vic. 3.00 pm till 6.00 pm. Come-all-ye musicians and singers. \*\* Not on in October.

- **Woodend Celtic Music Session**

**Third Sunday of the month**, 3-5pm, led by the Black Forest Rogues. Keating's Hotel (Holgate Brewhouse), 79 High Street, Woodend, Vic. Free entry.

- **Geelong Folk Music Club**

**Second Tuesday of the month – Open Mic Night**. 8pm. Irish Murphy's Pub, 30 Aberdeen St, Geelong. Phone (03)5221 4335.

Meals, drinks, coffee available. Enquiries to Adam at [admin@geelongfolkmusicclub.com](mailto:admin@geelongfolkmusicclub.com) or check out the club website: [www.geelongfolkmusicclub.com](http://www.geelongfolkmusicclub.com)

Occasional "Live and Local" feature concerts, also at Irish Murphy's.

- **Melbourne Session Calendar**

(Please let us know if there should be alterations to this list.)

**SATURDAYS:**

**Irish:** Dan O'Connell Hotel, Princes St, Carlton. 5pm.

**Old-Timey:** Homestead Inn, Queens Pde, Clifton Hill. 5-8.30

**SUNDAYS:**

**Irish:** Normanby Hotel, Queens Pde, Clifton Hill. 3pm.

**Irish:** Quiet Man Hotel, 271 Racecourse Rd, Flemington.

5pm. Led by Joe Fitzgerald. Phone (03) 9376 6232.

\*\* Email: [info@thequietman.com.au](mailto:info@thequietman.com.au)

\*\* Website: [www.thequietman.com.au](http://www.thequietman.com.au)

**MONDAYS:**

**Irish:** Lomond Hotel, Nicholson St, Brunswick. 9pm. Great varied session, mainly tunes but some songs thrown in too.

**TUESDAYS:**

**Irish Slow Sessions:** Father Flanagan's Irish Pub, 484 Smith St, cnr Alexandra Pde, Collingwood. 7.30 till 11.00 pm. Singers and musicians welcome.

\*\* Website: [www.irishsession.googlepages.com](http://www.irishsession.googlepages.com)

**Irish Session:** Clifton Hill Hotel, 89 Queens Parade.

**WEDNESDAYS:**

**Irish:** The Comhaltas Session – music, song and dance – St Philips Church Hall, 150 Hoddle St, Collingwood. 03 9337 3639. 7.30pm.

**Old-Timey:** Railway Hotel, Nicholson St, Fitzroy. 9pm.

**THURSDAYS:**

**Irish:** The Corkman Hotel, Leicester Place, Carlton. 6.30pm.

**FRIDAYS:**

**Irish:** The Celtic Club, 316 Queen St, City. 5.30pm.

**Old-Timey:** "Headbelly Buzzard" gigs, Railway Hotel, Nicholson St, Fitzroy.

## Other Diary Dates of Interest

- **Melbourne International Arts Festival**

Many local and international world, roots and folk music acts at various prices at various venues. For full program info, Email: [contact.us@melbournefestival.com.au](mailto:contact.us@melbournefestival.com.au) Phone: 03 9662 4242 or Websites: [www.melbournefestival.com.au](http://www.melbournefestival.com.au) and [www.spiegelent.net](http://www.spiegelent.net) Bookings on websites or at Ticketmaster: 1300 136 166

- **Just some acts of interest include:**

Thurs Oct 9: **Opening night** celebration including a huge variety of artists. Federation Square. 6pm – 9pm. Free.

\*\* Thurs Oct 9 at 9pm and Friday Oct 10 at 8pm: **Kartik Seshadri and Arup Chattapadhyay** (Indian classical music): BMW Edge at Federation Square.

\*\* Thurs Oct 9 & Fri Oct 10 at 7pm: **Jordie Lane**, singer and songwriter: Spiegelent, Arts Centre Forecourt.

\*\* Thurs Oct 9 & Fri Oct 10 at 9.30pm: **Blue Drag**: Paris Cafe, gypsy, jazz. Spiegelent

\*\* Mon Oct 13 & Tues Oct 14 at 9.30pm: **The Night Sky**: 5-piece band with gypsy/jazz/folk/cabaret songs and music. Spiegelent.

\*\* Wed Oct 15 & Thurs Oct 16 at 9.30pm: **The Mick Cameron Memorial String Band**: members of **Headbelly Buzzard** pay tribute to their former guitarist and vocalist. American old-time and Appalachian music. Spiegelent.

\*\* Sat Oct 18 at 7pm: **The Black Jesus Experience**: Afro jazz-hip-hop from Ethiopia. Spiegelent

\*\* Sat Oct 18 & Sun Oct 19 at 7.30: **Goran Bregovic**: spectacular Balkan and gypsy wedding and funeral music from Goran and 37-piece band. State Theatre, Arts Centre.

\*\* Sun Oct 19 at 9pm: **Mikelangelo & the Black Sea Gentlemen**: 'Kabaret Noir' – hits of the National Folk Festival! Beck's Bar at Meat Market, Nth Melbourne.

\*\* Mon Oct 20 & Tues Oct 21 at 8pm: **Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu**: former member of Yothu Yindi, now with Saltwater Band: solo show. Arts House, Nth Melbourne Town Hall, 521 Queensbury St.

\*\* Wed Oct 22 at 7pm: **Melbourne Ukelele Collective**: Spiegelent

\*\* Thurs Oct 23 at 7pm: **Matt Walker, Abbie Cardwell & Lisa Miller**: Songwriters-in-the-Round. Spiegelent

\*\* Thus Oct 23 at 7pm: **Kudsi Erguner Ensemble**: Turkish ney flute – Sufi music. BMW Edge, Federation Square.

\*\* Fri Oct 24 at 7pm: **Kudsi Erguner Ensemble**: Sufi jazz fusion concert. BMW Edge, Federation Square.

\*\* Fri Oct 24 & Sat Oct 25 at 8pm: The **Black Arm Band** concert and production – huge array of Aboriginal performers with members of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. State Theatre, Arts Centre.

\*\* Fri Oct 24 & Sat Oct 25 at 9.30pm: **San Lazaro**: 10-piece Latin band. Spiegelent.

- **Melbourne Fringe Festival**

**September 24 to October 12**

Almost 300 events. Email: [info@melbournefringe.com.au](mailto:info@melbournefringe.com.au)

Phone: 03 9660 9600 Fringe Ticketing: 03 9660 9666

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Web: [www.melbournefringe.com.au](http://www.melbournefringe.com.au)

• *I have lifted some of the following listings from **Roger Holdsworth's** website at [www.geocities.com/rogermhold](http://www.geocities.com/rogermhold) Roger broadcasts the radio show "Global Village" on PBS-FM 106.7 on **Sundays** from **8 – 10pm**. Also some from the Boite and Community Music Victoria's websites.*

**EVERY WEDNESDAY:**

8.00 pm: **Stiletto Sisters Duo**: Borsch, Vodka and Tears, 173 Chapel Street, Prahran: 9530 2694

**EVERY SUNDAY:**

2.00 pm: **The Woohoo Revue**: Evelyn Hotel, Fitzroy: 9419 5500 (?)

4.00 pm: **Bois et Charbon**: Edinburgh Castle Hotel, Brunswick: 9386 7580 (?)

5.00 pm: **Meze-Mezedes**: Claypots Tavern and Fair, St Kilda: 9534 1282 (?)

5.00 pm: **Bad Boys Batucada**: Gershwin Room, Esplanade Hotel, St Kilda: 9534 0211 (?)

4.00 pm: **The Black Jesus Experience**: The Horn African Cafe, Collingwood: 9417 4670 (?)

7.30 pm: **Stiletto Sisters**: After the Tears, 9 Gordon Street, Elsternwick: 9523 0969

8.00 pm: **Tzigas** (gypsy, Eastern European): Bar 303, 303 High Street, Northcote - free: 9482 4577

**THURSDAY 2 October:**

1.00 pm: **Coco's Lunch**: Sovereign Hill, Ballarat: 5337 1100

5.30pm: **Mary Doumany and the Light of the Moon Trio** – harp, flute, guitar, bass. [www.twilightmusic.com.au](http://www.twilightmusic.com.au) Terrace Tearooms, Royal Botanic Gardens (gate A), Anderson St, Sth Yarra. \$25/\$19. Book: 0407 302 771. Food and wine can be purchased.

**My Friend the Chocolate Cake**: Knox Community Arts Centre, Bayswater: 9729 7287

**FRIDAY 3 October:**

**Drum and Percussion Festival commencement**: City of Greater Dandenong: Book: 9771 6666; Program: 9239 5134

1.00 pm: **Coco's Lunch**: Sovereign Hill, Ballarat: 5337 1100

6.00 pm: **Dan Bourke and friends**: Drunken Poet, West Melbourne: 9348 9797 (?)

8.00 pm: **Ajak Kwai:** Eltham World Harmonies, St Margaret's Hall, Pitt Street, Eltham: 9437 2617

#### **SATURDAY 4 October:**

12.00 pm: **Mon Pote le Gitan:** Convent Bakery, Abbotsford Convent: 9419 9426 (?)

2.00pm & 8.00pm: **"Turn the Beat Around" – Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus.** Clock Tower Centre, 750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds, 3039. \$33/\$25. Book: (03) 9243 9191

8.00 pm: **King Marong:** Upper Yarra Arts Centre, Warburton: 5966 5040

#### **SUNDAY 5 October:**

12.30 pm: **Stiletto Sisters:** Paramoor Farm Winery, 439 Three Chain Road, Carlsruhe: 5426 3322

1.00 pm: **King Marong and Safara Music School:** Bar 303, 303 High Street, Northcote - free: 9482 4577

1.30 to 5.00 pm: **Sing Like a Bloke** workshop for men with **Stephen Taberner.** Dandenong Ranges Music Council, 1451 Burwood Highway, Upwey, on the Campus of Upwey High School. \$20 Contact: Chris Riseley on 0413 978 938

#### **TUESDAY 7 October:**

7.00 pm: **Vardos:** Paprika Muszar Hungarian Restaurant, 99 Glenferrie Road, Malvern: 9576 0677

7.00 pm: **Klub MUK:** Bar 303, 303 High Street, Northcote - free: 9482 4577

7.30 pm: **Ajak Kwai and band:** CD launch and ABC Music Deli Concert: The Toff, second floor, Curtin House, 252 Swanston Street, Melbourne: 1300 438 849

#### **FRIDAY 10 October:**

6.00 pm: **Mamak's Indian Tribal Fusion Workshop:** Underbelly, first floor, 279-281 Smith Street, Fitzroy: 9419 6620

7.00 pm: **Ouaga + Purple Dog Rhythms + more:** Carni, 60 High Street, South Preston

#### **SATURDAY 11 October:**

8.00 pm: **Bruce Mathiske Sizzling Strings:** Guitar whizz joined by Ukulele dynamo Greg Young and Aria Award winner Chris Duncan on Scottish Fiddle.

Chapel off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel Street, Prahran. <http://www.chapeloffchapel.com.au>

#### **THURSDAY 16 October & FRIDAY 17 October:**

**Michael Franti and Spearhead:** Forum Theatre, Melbourne: 132 849

#### **SATURDAY 18 October:**

7.30 pm: **Jenny Thomas:** Bungalook Studio, 252 Colquhoun Road, Lakes Entrance: 5155 2464

8.00 pm: **King Marong:** Healesville memorial Hall, Healesville: 5966 5040

9.00 pm: **Afro Habesha + Zel Zel Band:** Kulcha Jam, The Horn, 20 Johnston Street, Collingwood: 9417 4670

#### **SUNDAY 19 October:**

10 am to 5.00 pm: **Mia Mia Kite Flying Festival.** Music from **The Ugly Uncles.** Kite making and flying, food, wine and craft stalls. Burke and Wills Winery, Coombes Lane, Mia Mia (near Kyneton, Vic). Adults \$5, kids free. Phone: 5425 5400. Web: [www.wineandmusic.net](http://www.wineandmusic.net)

2.00 pm: **Jugularity:** Glen Eira Springtime Music Series, Caulfield Park

4.00 to 6.30 pm: **Vocal Nosh** for singing leaders and friends. Bennetswood Neighbourhood House, 2 Greenwood St Burwood. Bring songs to sing about spring and things growing, plus a plate to share for arvo tea. Cost \$5. Hosted by Jane Coker and Margaret Crichton. RSVP to Nimity at CMV: [cmv@netspace.net.au](mailto:cmv@netspace.net.au) ; tel: 9662 1162

#### **MONDAY 20 October:**

**Nefes Ensemble:** fortyfivedownstairs, 45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne: 9662 9966

#### **TUESDAY 21 October:**

**Coco's Lunch/Kids:** Water Week Idol, Melton Community Hall, Melton: 9419 5667

#### **FRIDAY 24 October:**

**Blue King Brown:** Palace Theatre, Melb: 1300 762 545

#### **SUNDAY 26 October:**

9.30am to 2.30 pm: **The Big Play:** Chance for all ages to play, sing, dance with Jon Madin, Diane Jackson and Sara Glenie. Cost: \$50/30/20. Enquiries: VOSA Office: 03 9535 7020 Email: [glenys@stockdaleacs.com.au](mailto:glenys@stockdaleacs.com.au) <http://www.vosa.org/events/>

2.00 pm: **The Austrian Choir, Melbourne:** Austrian National Day Concert, Austrian Club, corner Sheehan and Crissane Roads, Heidelberg West: 9459 8686

7.30 pm: **Jenny Thomas:** Gippsland Acoustic Music Club, Tyers Community Hall, Main Road, Tyers: 5174 7903

#### **TUESDAY 28 October:**

8.00 pm: **Chorvereinigung Wien-Neubau (The Vienna Neubau Choral Society) + The Austrian Choir, Melbourne:** Austrian Club, corner Sheehan and Crissane Roads, Heidelberg West: 9459 8686

#### **SUNDAY 2 November:**

7.00 pm: **Vardos:** Spiegeltent

**Pape Mbaye and Chosani Afrique:** The East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick: 9388 9794

#### **MONDAY 3 November:**

8.00 pm: **Melsamba + Carioca da Gema + Grupo Sambalanço:** Rio, Red and Black Carnival Party, Bobby McGee's, Rydges Hotel, 186 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

#### **FRIDAY 7 November:**

8.00 pm: **Stiletto Sisters:** Eltham World Harmonies, St Margaret's Hall, Pitt Street, Eltham: 9437 2617

#### **SATURDAY 8 November:**

7.30 pm: **Shaking the Tree: 10th Birthday:** Northcote Uniting Church, 251 High Street, Northcote

#### **FRIDAY 14 November:**

6.00 pm: **Dan Bourke and friends:** Drunken Poet, West Melbourne: 9348 9797 (?)

7.00 pm: **Acme String Band:** Mi Corazon, East Brunswick: 9384 6153 (?)

#### **SATURDAY 15 November:**

9.00 pm: **Hard Hustle + Elf Tranzporter:** Kulcha Jam, The Horn, 20 Johnston Street, Collingwood: 9417 4670

#### **THURSDAY 20 November:**

7.00 pm: **Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu + Badu Island and Red Flag Dancers:** Spiegeltent

9.30 pm: **Kora + Gulaan:** Spiegeltent

11.30 pm: **Dan Sultan + Systs BB:** Spiegeltent

#### **FRIDAY 21 November:**

7.00 pm: **Lou Bennett + The Pacific Curly:** Spiegeltent

9.30 pm: **Liyarn Ngarn: Archie Roach, Shane Howard, Ruby Hunter, Dave Arden, Amos roach, Robby Bundle and Amy Saunders with Timothy Seda:** Spiegeltent

#### **SATURDAY 22 November:**

12.30 pm: **The Band of Brothers (Slava and Leonard Grigoryan, Joseph and James Tawadros), Liz stringer, Ego Lemos. Cangone Epa Dancers:** Spiegeltent - free

4.00 pm: **James Henry + Red Flag Dancers + Zennith:** Spiegeltent - free

7.00 pm: **Marcel Meltherorong + Kutcha Edwards + Yilila:** Spiegeltent.

9.30 pm: **David Bridie + George Telek:** Spiegeltent.

**The Spooky Men's Chorale:** Collingwood Town Hall -

#### **SATURDAY 29 November:**

**Kavisha Mazzella + 300+ voice women's choir: Women's Anthem Launch:** BMW Edge, Federation Square

# Festivals

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October: Uranquinty Folk Festival, near Wagga, NSW.** An old favourite of many Victorians. Down-to-earth and participatory. Enq: Peter O'Dea: 02 6295 0571 or email: [podea@homemail.com.au](mailto:podea@homemail.com.au) [www.uranquintyfolk.com](http://www.uranquintyfolk.com)

**31<sup>st</sup> October – 3<sup>th</sup> November: Maldon Folk Festival, Maldon, Central Vic.** Victoria's largest folk festival after Port Fairy – but with a friendly country town atmosphere – a National Trust classified town in fact! Enq: Lynda: 03 5475 1167 or Mike: 5476 2527 or 0409 955 438. Email: [mail@maldonfolkfestival.com](mailto:mail@maldonfolkfestival.com) Website: [www.maldonfolkfestival.com](http://www.maldonfolkfestival.com)

**7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> November: Beechworth Celtic Festival, Vic.** A feast of all things Celtic, with concerts, sessions, market, dinners, dancing, piping, etc. Info: 1300 366 321. [info@celticmusicfestival.com](mailto:info@celticmusicfestival.com) [www.celticmusicfestival.com](http://www.celticmusicfestival.com)

**7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> November: TSDAV Spring Dance Weekend, Portarlinton, Vic.** A weekend of workshops, dances, etc. Foreshore Community Hall. For information on bookings and accommodation, call Marion Stabb: (03) 9439 7100

**14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November: Harrieville Bluegrass & Traditional Country Music Convention, Vic.** A great line-up of bluegrass and old time musicians from Australia and the US. Lots of sessions. Get in quick for bookings and accommodation. For enquiries phone: 03 5368 6888 (ah) or mob: 0418 394 915 email: [harrieville@bluegrass.org.au](mailto:harrieville@bluegrass.org.au)

**14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November: Music at the Creek, Major's Creek, NSW.** A beautiful friendly folk festival between Canberra and the coast. Enq: Alison Smith: 02 4842 2889. Email: [info@musicatthecreek.com](mailto:info@musicatthecreek.com) Web: [www.musicatthecreek.com](http://www.musicatthecreek.com)

**20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November: Australasian World Music Expo, Melbourne, Vic.** Traditional and contemporary indigenous roots and world music from Australia, Melanesia and the Pacific. Concerts, forums, speakers. Arts Centre Hamer Hall, The Spiegeltent and the Transit Bar. Variety of prices from Free to \$69. Bookings: Ticketmaster: 1300 136 166. For info on programs etc: [www.awme.com.au](http://www.awme.com.au)

**28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November: Queenscliff Music Festival, Vic.** Not too much "folk" any more – some include Archie Roach, Shane Howard, Zulia and Claymore - but certainly an eclectic variety of music. You really need to pre-book if you intend to go. (03) 5258 4816. [www.gmf.net.au](http://www.gmf.net.au)

## Also:

(Weblinks underlined if you are viewing this via email.)

### OCTOBER

Bellingen Global Carnival, NSW: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

Great Southern Blues Festival, Narooma, NSW: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

Spring Folk in The Foothills Jamberoo NSW: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

Dorrigo Folk & Bluegrass Festival, NSW: 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

Fleurieu Folk Festival, Willunga, SA: 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

### NOVEMBER

Blues At Bridgetown, WA: 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

Downsouth Festival, Albany, WA: 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

Adelaide International Guitar Festival. SA: Nov 23 – Dec 2

### Christmas to New Year and beyond: Black and White Folk Festival - Nariel Creek, near Corryong, Vic:

A laid-back gathering of people of all ages who flock to camp on the banks of Nariel Creek near Corryong in north-eastern Victoria to relax, socialise, sing, play and dance. Enquiries: Linton on 02 6077 4332 or Ian on 02 6077 1273.

Email: [poetfarm@corryongcec.net.au](mailto:poetfarm@corryongcec.net.au)

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

### December 27 – Jan 1 - Woodford Festival, QLD.

The largest folk festival in Australia – music, song, dance, the spoken word, food, celebrations, folk culture, etc, etc. Phone: 07 5496 1066. Visit: [www.woodfordfolkfestival.com](http://www.woodfordfolkfestival.com)

**4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2009: The Lake School of Celtic Music, Koroit, Victoria.** A summer holiday in an "Irish" village, with music, song and dance classes all day and sessions and ceilidhs all night! Top class tutors. Email: [felix@bushwahzee.com](mailto:felix@bushwahzee.com). Phone: 03 98791654(w) or 0413 801 294 or visit: [www.bushwahzee.com](http://www.bushwahzee.com)

**9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> January: Cygnet Folk Festival, Huon Valley, Tasmania.** Fantastic folk festival in a beautiful setting. Advance ticket bookings: Phone: 03 6295 1708 or 6324 5998 or online at [www.centertainment.com.au](http://www.centertainment.com.au) Website: [www.cygnetfolkfestival.org/index.htm](http://www.cygnetfolkfestival.org/index.htm)

**9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> January: The Boite Singers' Festival, Daylesford, Victoria.** A fantastic weekend of singing and songwriting workshops and concerts in the heart of Central Victoria. Phone: 03 9417 1983. Email: [singers@boite.com.au](mailto:singers@boite.com.au) or log onto: [www.boite.com.au](http://www.boite.com.au)

**11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> January: Celtic Southern Cross Music Under the Mountains. Campaspe Downs, Kyneton, Victoria.** This fabulous week of music workshops was formerly held in Tasmania. Contact: [music@celt.com.au](mailto:music@celt.com.au) or phone: 03 6397 3427 Website: [www.celt.com.au/summer.html](http://www.celt.com.au/summer.html)

**15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January: 24<sup>th</sup> Illawarra Folk Festival, Bulli, NSW.** 500 performers, 12 venues. Phone: 1300 887 034. Email: [info@illawarrafolkclub.org.au](mailto:info@illawarrafolkclub.org.au) Website: [www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au](http://www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au)

**16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January: Tamar Valley Folk Festival, George Town, Tas.** Another gorgeous Tassie folk festival, this one in the north of the state. Phone: Chris: 0407 313 103. Email: [info@tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com](mailto:info@tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com) Website: [www.tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com](http://www.tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com)

**16<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January: Tamworth Country Music Festival, NSW.** Contact: Tourism Tamworth Ltd, PO Box 552, Tamworth NSW 2340. Web: [www.visittamworth.com](http://www.visittamworth.com) Ph: 02 6767 5300, Fax: 02 6767 5312. Email: [tourism@tamworth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tourism@tamworth.nsw.gov.au)

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January: Newstead Live! Folk Festival, Newstead, Central Victoria.** Many fabulous local, national and international performers. Phone: 03 5425 5400 or 03 9801 2114 or log on to [www.wineandmusic.net](http://www.wineandmusic.net)

**20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Fiddlers' Convention, Yarra Junction, Victoria.** Old-Timey, bluegrass, Cajun, blues, folk, swing, hillbilly, Hawaiian, jug band, etc. Concerts, workshops, sessions. Camp Eureka, Tarrango Road, Wesburn. Camping or limited cabin accommodation. Enquiries: Ken McMaster: 03 9481 7662 or 0419 580 642.

**20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Cobargo Folk Festival, NSW.** Enquiries: 02 6493 6758 or email: [cobargofolkfestival@bigpond.com](mailto:cobargofolkfestival@bigpond.com) Website: [www.cobargofolkfestival.com](http://www.cobargofolkfestival.com)

**20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Frances Folk Gathering, SA.** Phone: 08 8765 1093. Email: [folk@francesfolkgathering.com.au](mailto:folk@francesfolkgathering.com.au) Website: [www.francesfolkgathering.com.au](http://www.francesfolkgathering.com.au)

**27<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Nannup Music Festival, WA.** Enq: 08 9756 1511. Website: [www.nannupmusicfestival.org](http://www.nannupmusicfestival.org)

**6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March: Port Fairy Folk Festival, Port Fairy, Vic.** [www.portfairyyfolkfestival.com](http://www.portfairyyfolkfestival.com) Phone: 03 5225 1232 or 5568 2227

**6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March: Burke & Wills Folk Gathering, Burke & Wills Winery, Vic.** 03 5425 5400. [www.wineandmusic.net](http://www.wineandmusic.net)

**12<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Brunswick Music Festival, Vic.** Phone: 03 9387 3376. Email: [johnbmf@vicnet.net.au](mailto:johnbmf@vicnet.net.au). Log on to: [www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au)