

WATTLE DAY Saturday 3rd September 2022

Hello music fans. Wattle Day is a day to celebrate all things Australian. And to celebrate Wattle Day the Victorian Folk Music Club with the TSDAV is planning a whole day of sessions and workshops on **Saturday 3rd September** to stimulate interest in music.

Two parallel Session streams will run **in-hall from Ringwood East Senior Citizen's Hall**. Sessions last an hour and you can attend as many as you like. You can also attend on-line if preferred, Stream 1 will be webcast and Stream 2 will be interactive on Zoom. Swap streams if you like at any time, just pre-book so we can send resources and follow-up.

A small charge of \$10 will help cover hall rent, printing, data costs etc. That's for as many sessions as you like. Register and pay online here, and a Zoom address will be sent if you require it: <https://events.humanitix.com/vfmc-wattle-day-2022>

An additional admission for the evening Family Bush Dance with Blackberry Jam will be \$12 / \$10. Book separately for this at: <https://www.vfmc.org.au/familybushdance.php>

The two 'streams' will run simultaneously, with **Stream 1** oriented to singalongs and dance, and **Stream 2** more for workshops. Prepared notes and song sheets will be available for most sessions on the website, and can be downloaded and printed off. Click here: www.vfmc.org.au/wattleday2022.php

Here's the plan:

Starting at	Stream 1 Live in hall and webcast	Stream 2 Live in hall and on Zoom
10.15	Tootling With Tin Whistle Maggie	Diatonic Reed Instruments Don
11.30	Sea Shanty Singalong Tony	Putting Chords To Tunes Bill B
12.30	Break	
1.00	Dance Tunes Workshop John & Trish	I Got Rhythm, Uke Got Rhythm Bruce
2.15	Australian Songs Singalong Ray & Joan	Slow Session Fiddle Tunes Denise
3.30	Dance Workshop Norm	The Other Spain Bill & Ellen
4.45		Scots Gaelic Folksong W/S Linn
7.30 - 10.30	Monthly Family Bush Dance live with Blackberry Jam Band	

Enjoy the day!!

Programme for Wattle Day 2022, Saturday 3rd September

Stream 1

Can also be viewed via webcast on Zoom.

The address will be provided when booking through Humanitix.

10.15 Tooting With Tin Whistle

Maggie Somerville

The tin whistle is probably the cheapest musical instrument you will find, and is pretty easy to play. This workshop will set you on the right track to get a tune out of the penny whistle. Bring a whistle in the key of D.

11.30 A Sea Shanty Workshop

Tony O'Neil and friends

Experience a taste of shipboard life with Tony O'Neil and friends, singing and discussing sea songs. Words and music provided.

1.00 Dance Tunes Workshop

John Tomlin & Trish Williams

John and Trish (aka 'Fiddle & Squeeze') are enthusiastic players of traditional Australian dance tunes and play a wide range of genres at dances, festivals, busking, concerts etc. including a regular session in Hobart for six years. This is an all-in 'at speed' session with handouts to play along with. Includes a brief explanation of the historical background and sources. Tasmanian tunes are a feature this year. Suits reasonably confident dot / chord players so bring your instrument or just come and listen.

2.15 Australian Songs Singalong

Ray, Joan and friends

A session of singing traditional and contemporary Australian folk songs.

3.30 Festive Frolics and Fancies Dance Workshop

Norm Ellis

A fun selection of dances to welcome in the Spring, to delight the seasoned dancer and novice alike. Norm is one of Victoria's leading folk dance callers, and a long time organiser in the Traditional Social Dance Association of Victoria.

7.30 Family Bush Dance

Blackberry Jam Bush Band

In the evening the Blackberry Jam Bush Band will host the monthly Family Bush Dance. Bring the family for a lot of fun. A separate Family Bush Dance admission to Wattle Day applies: \$12 general, \$10 members, kids free.

Stream 2

Interactive participation is also available via Zoom.

The Zoom address will be provided when booking through Humanitix

10.15 An Introduction To Diatonic Reed Instruments

Don Fraser

Diatonic reed instruments like the harmonica, button accordion and anglo concertina all work in much the same fashion. Understand one and you'll have a good handle on the others. Bring a C harmonica, one of those cheap little 10 hole ones will do fine. Other instruments welcome.

11.30 Putting Chords To Tunes

Bill Buttler

A refresher of last year's workshop concentrating on the practical examples of harmonising tunes and songs in major keys. For all chord producing instruments, music reading is not essential. Attendees should be familiar with last year's material, but a brief recap will be provided.

1.00 I Got Rhythm, Uke Got Rhythm

Bruce Watson

Whatever your age or musical experience the ukulele is a fabulous way to get into music. Easy to play, light to carry. And it is so much fun when you can vary the rhythms, they don't have to be complex to add impact. Bruce is an expert on this wonderful little instrument and will guide you through some simple but effective ways to bring out the best in the ukulele.

2.15 Slow Session Led By Denise

Denise Hibbs

Learn some new dance tunes played slowly by Denise on fiddle. A variety of dance forms will be presented. All instruments welcome

3.30 The Other Spain

Bill Desailly & Ellen Hundley

When we think of Spain, we tend to think of flamenco. In this fascinating session we will explore the enduring Celtic roots which can be found in Northern Spanish and Portuguese music. Bring your instruments, three easy tunes to try.

4.45 Scots Gaelic Folk Song Workshop

Linn Phipps

On-line from the UK, Linn will host this workshop on her particular interest, Scots Gaelic folk songs. Linn will teach us the lovely song It Was On Islay, in Scots Gaelic and English. Explanatory materials supplied and no prior knowledge of Gaelic is required.