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## NEWSLETTER OF THE VICTORIAN FOLK MUSIC CLUB INCORPORATED

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### REACHING FOR THE SKIES

Jane’s Hallelujah moment!



*Photo by Trevor Voake*

**WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY XMAS & NEW YEAR!  
WE START BACK TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY AT THE  
COMMUNITY HALL AND/OR ZOOM. CHECK WEBSITE.**

**PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER  
BY: FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER TO: [EDITOR@VFMC.ORG.AU](mailto:EDITOR@VFMC.ORG.AU)**

## CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

### PLEASE NOTE: ALL LIVE EVENTS

### CANCELLED DURING PANDEMIC!

#### Club Sessions

Every Tuesday except the 2nd (concert night), Ringwood East Community Hall, Knaith Rd Reserve. 7.30 Australian Folk Songs; 8.00-10.15 main supportive round robin session for singing, playing, reciting, performing, yarns, workshops, etc. Supper. \$5 members, \$6 non members. The 4th Tues is for all-in round robin tunes, dance sets & group singing. All welcome. [www.vfmc.org.au](http://www.vfmc.org.au)

#### Guest Performer Concert

On the second Tuesday of the month (instead of the weekly session) a concert is held featuring top acoustic performers. Ringwood East Community Hall. Concerts start with open stage acts at 7.45pm, finishing 10.15pm. \$14, \$12 conces and \$10 members, kids no charge. All welcome. [www.vfmc.org.au](http://www.vfmc.org.au)

#### By-Ear Sessions

To be organised at a future date hopefully.

#### Ringwood Colonial Dance

Family Bush Dance, first Saturday of every month except January 8-11pm at the Ringwood East Senior Citizens Hall, Laurence Grove. A different band each month and all ages are welcome. \$12, \$10 concession and members, kids free. No charge. Contact: Jane 9762-1389 / [www.vfmc.org.au](http://www.vfmc.org.au)

#### Ringwood Children's Dance

Every 3rd Saturday of each month except December and January. 2-3.30pm at the Ringwood East Senior Citizens Hall, Laurence Grove. Live band each month. All school age children welcome. \$5 a child, \$10 a family. Adults free.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1st Dec.</b> Club Session ZOOM	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b> Zoom Dance
<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8th</b> Concert Night ZOOM EVE Guest artists	<b>9th</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>12th</b> Zoom Dance
<b>13th</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>15th</b> Club Session ZOOM	<b>16th</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>19th</b>
<b>20th</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>26th</b>
<b>HAVE A</b>	<b>TRULY</b>	<b>MERRY</b>	<b>XMAS</b>	<b>AND A</b>	<b>HAPPY</b>	<b>AND</b>
<b>27th</b>	<b>28th</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>30th</b>	<b>31st</b>		
<b>SAFE</b>	<b>COVID -</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>NEW</b>	<b>YEAR!</b>		

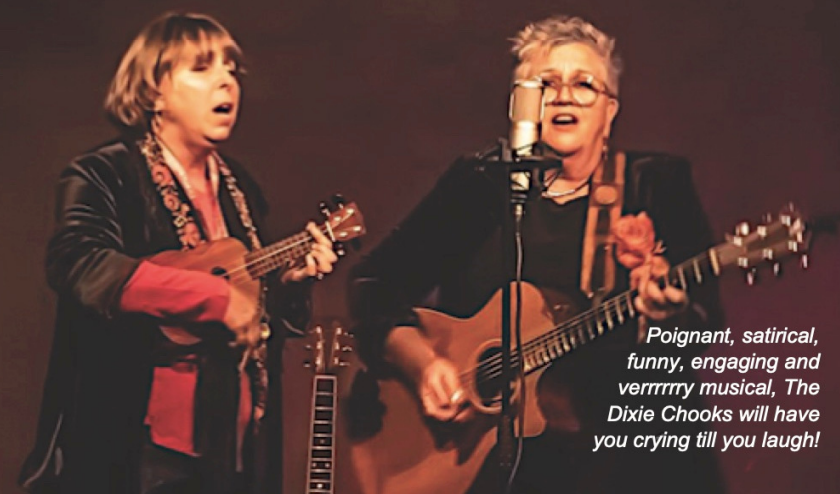


The Victorian Folk Music Club inc.

# RINGWOOD FOLK

presents a 'FREE' Online Concert

## The Dixie Ch00ks



*Poignant, satirical,  
funny, engaging and  
verrrrry musical, The  
Dixie Chooks will have  
you crying till you laugh!*

**Tuesday 8th DECEMBER**

Spot acts 7.30-8.15, Main act 8.30-9.30

FREE concert. VFMC Christmas present to all  
for your continued support this year

<https://events.humanitix.co.m/vfmc-december-concert>

[www.vfmc.org.au](http://www.vfmc.org.au) / Facebook - Victorian Folk Music Club / 0427.784.296

Spot acts must be pre-booked at [concerts@vfmc.org.au](mailto:concerts@vfmc.org.au)

Ringwood Folk is presented by The Victorian Folk Music Club inc. reg. no. A2511Y ABN 28 668 156 704

**9th February - Bhan Tre**

## ONLINE CONCERT NIGHT REPORT

I had the honour of MCing this month's online concert.



Peter Read from Healsville opened **Spot Acts** with a couple of songs backed by some nice guitar playing and harmonica. One song was 'Healsville Dreaming'.

Peter was followed by Michael Hassett who sang Ted Egan's 'Sayonara Nakamura', basically a love story about a Japanese pearl diver's wish to return to his love in Japan from the Broome pearling industry in the 1870's. Sadly he and many others lie in Broome Cemetery. Then Paul Kelly's 'Sleep Australia Sleep', a fine critique of Australian cultural lethargy.



Bill Desailly and Ellen Hundley were next. Ellen sang the unofficial National Anthem of... Nicaragua, a rather lovely song actually promoted, I think, by the one-time minister of culture who was a muso. 'Now that we can be free I love you much more'. This was followed by a Sydney Carter song.

Dominic Martin is well known to most VFMC members as a fine balladeer who has been singing folk songs since he was 16, once appearing on The Kevin Dennis New Faces talent program. I think that would have been before colour tv? Anyway Charlie Lansborough's 'What Colour Is The Wind' and Eric Bogle's 'As If He Knows' were classic ballads that Dom does so well.



It was good to have Geoffery Graham drop in for a spot. He is a recognised bush poet and story-teller from Eaglehawk, a regular feature at many of the folk festivals where he does great recitations of leading Australian poets. On this occasion we heard of the Easter Rising in Ireland, A Snake Story, and his own 'Ode To The Weather Girl'.



Thanks Spot Acts—a great selection of interesting songs and very good talent.

**ONLINE CONCERT NIGHT REPORT**

After a short break the **main act**, **THE BRUMBIES**, performed an hour of classic Australian songs and good foot-tapping tunes well-known to most folkies. These included ‘The Ryebuck Shearer’, ‘Reedy River’ and Charlie Mopps’.

The Brumbies have been playing folk music and performing dances since the late 1970’s where they came out of the Folklore Council of Australia. Steve Bullock is an original member, and Bob Hook and Albert Stackpool are the other two thirds of the group. They have a vast repertoire of Australian folk songs and tunes, plus English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh, American, even a bit of Russian traditional and contemporary music. They play at concerts and dances and private engagements for all age groups and at community events.



Steve handles the melody bit on recorder, Bob plays guitar, and Albert the accordion, making a fine tight outfit, perfect for promoting the traditional Aussie folk culture.

Thanks to all who helped bring this concert together. Next month we have **The Dixie ChOOks** appearing—Wendy Ealy and Moira Tyler, bound to be a hit. That’s the 8th of December. Check it out at:

<https://events.humanitix.com/vfmc-december-concert>

- Review by Don Fraser ; photos by Bill Buttler & Trevor Voake



## Seeking Folk Song & Dance Society of Victoria newsletters and other information:

The Folk Song & Dance Society of Victoria was established in the mid-1970s and continued to be active until around 2012. It ran the Melbourne Folk Club, and many folk dances and other functions. It still exists, administering the annual Graham Squance Memorial Award, but is otherwise dormant.

The FSDSV's newsletter ran from 1974 to 2012. From mid-1988 it was called "Folkvine". If you have any of these newsletters, or know someone who might, we would love to hear from you.

Jeanette Gillespie, Denise Hibbs and I are gathering together all of the newsletters of the society in order to scan them and make them available on the internet. The VFMC has kindly offered to make its website available for the purpose.

In addition, any other archival material or memorabilia would be of great interest. We are also considering putting together a history of the FSDSV.

If you can help, please contact me at [jandbwatson@gmail.com](mailto:jandbwatson@gmail.com)

*Bruce Watson*





The Dance Page

Diary dates for December:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>DUE TO</b>	<b>COVID-19</b>	<b>THE VFMC</b>	<b>IS NOW</b>	<b>RUNNING</b>	<b>A ZOOM</b>	<b>DANCE</b>
<b>ON THE</b>	<b>1st &amp; 2nd</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>OF THE</b>	<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>	



*Photo by*

*Trevor*

*Voake*

# *Family Bush Dance*

Presented by

**Victorian Folk Music Club inc**

**Saturday 5th Dec. 2020**

**with Billabong Band**

**Your house**

**Zoom ID 757 492 753**  
**Password: VFMC2020**

**dance - 7.30-9.30pm**





# *Family Bush Dance*

Presented by

**Victorian Folk Music Club inc**

Saturday 12th Dec.

Special Theme Night

*The Aussie Flag*

**Your house**

**Zoom ID 757 492 753**  
**Password: VFMC2020**

**dance - 7.30-9.30pm**

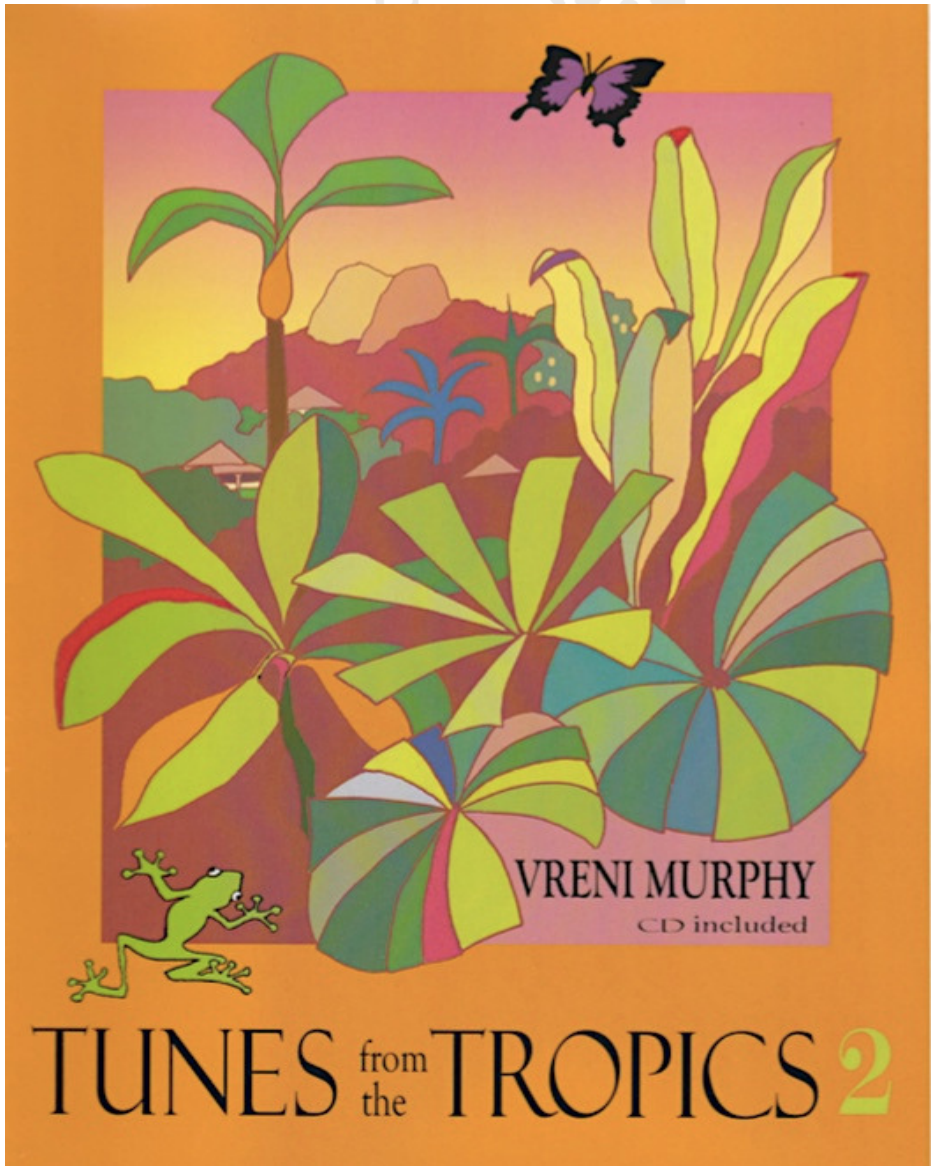


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**A NEW BOOK OF TUNES:**

**‘TUNES FROM THE TROPICS 2’—by Vreni Murphy**

*Purchase enquiries via Ray Mundy*



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## Tunes From The Tropics 2

by

Vreni Murphy



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'PATSY FAGAN' - a tune apparently played and sung regularly at the VFMC club sessions back in the 1970s:-

### PATSY FAGAN

Collected by Alan Scott from Mr. P. Crowley.  
From A Collector's Songbook, by Alan Scott, Bush Music Club, Sydney.



I left my home in Ireland, twas many years ago,  
I left my home in Ireland, where the pigs and praties grow,  
And since I left old Ireland it's always been my plan  
To show these Aussie people that I'm a decent Irishman.

**Chorus:**

Hullo Patsy Fagan, you'll hear the girls all cry,  
Hullo Patsy Fagan, you're the apple of my eye.  
You're a decent lad from Ireland, there's no one can deny,  
You're a harum scarum devil may carum decent Irish boy.

I'm working here in Aussie, and I've got a decent job,  
Shovelling bricks and mortar and the pay is fifty bob,  
O, I wake up in the morning and I wake up with the lark,  
And as I'm walking down the street you'll hear the girls remark:

**Chorus:**

I'm working here in Aussie,  
Now if there's one among you who'd care to marry me,  
I'll take you to my little home across the Irish Sea.  
I'll dress you up in satin and I'll please you all I can,  
Just to let these Aussie people know I'm a decent Irishman.



## PLANXTY—QUIZ

- 1) Who were Planxty? 2) What does “planxty” mean? 3) What year did they form? 4) Who was their lead singer? 5) How many times did they break up? 6) What year was their final concert? 7) Name some of their most famous songs.

*Answers to last quiz: 1) A famous Australian writer & poet 2) New South Wales 3) Bertha Davies 4) Mary Gilmore 5) The Loaded Dog, Reedy River, Water Lily 6) Alcohol 7) Priscilla Herdman 8) Slim Dusty, John Schumann, Hugh McDonald, John Thorn.*

## BILLABONG BAND REPORT—NOVEMBER 2020

There are unfortunately no gigs to report on due to the coronavirus pandemic and subsequent forced cancellation of large gatherings.

So obviously we have had no concerts. However, in pre-Covid times we had been booked to play at Lionsbrae on 18th December. We'll check with them this week.

Five VFMC members are practicing for the Christmas Bush Dance on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December. The dance will be Zoom but we will all be playing from the one house. Great to do that again!

### Upcoming gigs:

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> - Yarrunga Retirees Christmas party—CANCELLED

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> - VFMC dance—**VIA ZOOM WITH LIVE BILLABONG BAND**

Dec. 18th - Lionsbrae—TO BE CONFIRMED OR CANCELLED

*- Billabong Band coordinators: Maree, Trevor, Stan*

### MUSICAL JOKE:

My favourite band is called Cockles and Mussels. I saw them alive alive-o in concert. *Tim Vine*

**REGULAR FUNCTIONS AT OTHER VENUES (ON HOLD NOW)****Bendigo Folk Club**

Graham Borrell, 0438 437 680  
 buzzza@bendigo.net.au  
 Feature concert on the 3rd Friday of each month 8-11pm, under the grandstand at the Queen Elizabeth oval, Bendigo

**Bush Dance and Music Club of Bendigo Inc**

Monthly bush dance at Bendigo East, third Saturday every month, at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Keck St, Flora Hill. Contact Mary Smith 5442-1153 or email secretary@bendigobushdance.org.au

**Berwick and District Folk Club**

Edward Nass / Christine Trimmell,  
 03 9702 1223 /0418 535 264  
 badfolk@optusnet.com.au  
 Featured artist 3rd Friday February to December, The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick Vic. 3806  
 www.badfolk.org.au

**Boite World Music Cafe**

Therese Virtue 03 9417 1983  
 admin@boite.asn.au  
 Friday & Saturday - March to November, 1 Mark St, North Fitzroy, www.boite.asn.au

**Geelong Folk Music Club**

Ade Kelly (03)5241-3749,  
 adenmyra@bigpond.com.au, Pete Fogarty (03)5339-7887. Featuring quality acts from around the country and overseas. Sessions every Thursday at Hotel Max, 2 Gheringhap St, Geelong. Open Mic. Performance events first Tuesday at Irish Murphy's, 30 Aberdeen St & 3rd Tuesdays at Hotel Max. Bookings: Paula Grembka 0401 671 1310. <http://www.geelongfolkmusicclub.com/>

**Comhaltas (Collingwood)**

Joan and Ray Mundy run a session on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, starts 7.30pm. Supper. Marce: 9471-0690

**Gippsland Acoustic Music Club**

Barbara Brabets, 03 5174 7403  
 Local musicians and concert opportunities.  
 1st Sunday at 7:45 pm, Tyers Hall, Tyers  
 www.musicclub.org

**Selby Folk Club**

David Miller, 03 9751 1218  
 miller@a1.com.au  
 1st Friday every month, at 8:00 pm, Selby Community House Minok Reserve  
 www.home.aone.net.au/~selbyfolkclub

**Peninsula Folk Club**

First Sunday of each month, at the Frankston Bowling Club on the corner of Yuille Street and Williams Rd, Frankston, from 6:30 pm on. Carparking, great facilities, no stairs.  
 peninsulafolkclub.org.au

**Creswick Folk Club**

Second Friday, from 7.30 pm at the American Hotel in Creswick; and Fourth Friday, from 7.30 pm at the Old Station in Creswick.  
 Enquiries: Graeme: 03 5334 5551  
 www.facebook.com/creswickfolkclub/

**Fireside Fiddlers**

For fiddles plus other string melody instruments, such as mandolins.  
 Every Monday evening at various venues. For further information, contact Denise Hibbs: 0402 050 524

**Newport Folk Club**

Certain Friday nights at 7.30 pm plus other evenings, e.g. Tues Blues and Sunday 2 pm singalongs etc.  
 See website for up-to-date calendar.

**THE VICTORIAN FOLK MUSIC CLUB INCORPORATED**

**INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE CLUB**

Members of the VFMC are entitled to -

- The monthly Club Newsletter
- Concessions at Club events
- Discounts on Club publications
- Discounts on Club CD's
- Affiliation with other organizations

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I .....wish to become a member of the Victorian Folk Music Club Inc. and will

- (a) Support the aims of the Victorian Folk Music Club Inc and
  - (b) Abide by the rules of the Victorian Folk Music Club Inc.
- (For details see: - <http://www.vfmc.org.au/Constitution.pdf>)

Signed .....

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  - (b) Post
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Please post completed form to:

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PO Box 215  
Ringwood East 3135 Victoria

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Name: .....

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