



PENINSULA FOLK CLUB

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“Making Music Magic”

RETURN OF THE IRISH SONGBIRD

MARIA FORDE ..MARCH 5th

As an Irish- Australian, Maria Forde has always straddled both sides of her heritage in her songwriting. Incorporating the sweet melodies, that are the trademark of the Irish musical heritage, with observations of Australia, along with her personal experiences, Maria has blossomed into one of Australia’s premier songwriters. The trend, in Maria’s writing, to



incorporate both her Irish origins and Australian sensibilities, are heralded by “Waltzing Matilda, My Darling” - a song about the torn spirits of the immigrant to both their country of birth and their adopted land, Australia. Her most recent album, “Little Black Rose” bears testament to Maria’s endless quest to im-prove her musicianship, her songwriting craft and the desire to communicate to the listener. Already blessed with an angelic voice, Maria has grown into a masterful interpreter of her own material, able to totally connect the feeling of the music and words to the emotion of

the song. This alone sets her apart from so many singer/ songwriters. Since relocating to Trentham, in rural Victoria, Maria has begun to incorporate more of the wonder and fragility of the Australian bush into her work. Through out her career, Maria has toured constantly, performed at numerous festivals and built a solid and dedicated fan base, both in Australia, and internationally.



FIDDLE WORKSHOP with our own Sally Carter @ 5.30

For **Spot Acts**, you need to contact Evan @ evanjwebb@optusnet.com.au or if you don’t have access to email, on 0439 456 544.

JAM SESSION As always, our ever-popular regular Jam Session will go ahead



Peninsula Folk Club First Sunday each Month 5.30 - 9.30pm
@ Frankston Bowling Clubrooms, Cnr Yuille & William Sts Frankston
Informal Jam Session 5.30 – 6.30pm, then “Concert” 6.30– 9.30pm
Members \$5.00 Visitors \$8.00

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COMING UP AT PFC

APRIL 2nd GUEST ACT...SYMPATICO

Sympatico is PFC's own Evan Webb and Sally Carter.



Together they play fiddle, guitars, mandolin, tenor banjo, slide guitar and vocals - combining upbeat ragtime with celtic, bluegrass with country, latest pop hits with old favourites, Aussie bush songs with swing, classical with well known hits, and just about everything in between including their original songs and tunes that reach into your heart and make you tap your feet or reflect on this thing called Life!

Plus BANJO WORKSHOP with ANDREW BARCHAM

MAY 7th BLUEGRASS BAND "BACKWATER"



JUNE 4th ANNUAL SONGWRITERS COMP

It's on again. Time to get out that song you've been working on and polish it up to performance level. As always, great prizes for the winners not to mention the thrill of performing your own work in public. We haven't placed too much emphasis on this in the past, but we are looking for songs "IN THE FOLK GENRE" and the Judges do factor this in to their deliberations!!

Expressions of Interest by 1st May... Entries close on 15th May

Owing to the number of entries received in the past, all entries will be reviewed by our Judges and a final "short- list" prepared.

The finalists will be invited to perform their songs at our Club meeting on June 4th where the winners will be decided.

All entries must be accompanied by a printout of the words of the song plus a recording of the song.

Detailed Rules for our 2017 Competition will be updated shortly on the "Songwriters" page at <http://www.peninsulafolkclub.org.au/whatsnew.html>

Expressions of interest and entries to:

**Secretary, Peninsula Folk Club at PO BOX 1398 Frankston 3199.
or email to coffeecubby@bigpond.com**

FEBRUARY CLUB NIGHT SNAPS





NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS & ALL THAT

*We all start the year with the best of intentions don't we?
I heard someone say that he can't fail as his resolution was to drink
more alcohol and start smoking!!
I guess the secret is to make resolutions that are achievable... So
what do you intend to do in 2017?*

Here are some suggestions for Peninsula Folk Club members and friends

- *Learn to play another instrument (or learn to play a first instrument!!) That's why we run regular Workshops so folk can try stuff. Some of our most active members are here because they got involved in guitar lessons with Alan Buckley! Alan has moved away but classes are still being run (ask Evan for details)*
- *Plan to attend a Folk Festival or other music festival... Unsure about where to start, ask a regular attender of Festivals like Alan Lazarus*
- *Visit other clubs and venues Details of Monthly dates are in the Newsletter*
- *Take part in the Jam Sessions (PFC, PLUMS, HASTINGS etc)*
- *Join a choir (Ask Vince or Peter Nelson about their choirs)*
- *Join with someone-else from the Club to form a duo or trio Our Hat Band night was a great success as over 30 people got involved with "strangers"*
- *Work on your "Stage presentation" Be "tuned up" and "Practised up" and ready to go!! GULP!! Try it without written words on stage!!*
- *Get involved with the workings of the club... help set-up or pack-up etc Max will be able to give you some ideas about where you can help*
- *Learn about what is involved with the sound desk*
- *Start writing songs ..or if you already do, set a target of a new song per month. Aim to have a song ready for our Annual Songwriters Contest in June*
- *Learn some music theory*
- *Support the Club when we are playing in public (eg Mornington Main St Festival)*
- *Support the performers by being attentive.. pl try and stay till the end of the night*
- *Be pro-active by inviting friends and family to Club Nights*
- *Support the Guest Acts by buying their CDs if you are able*

Cheers Editor

HERE IS AN OVERVIEW OF CLUBS AND VENUES!!

1st Friday from 7.30pm
 1st Saturday from 7pm
 1st Sunday 1-5pm
 1st Sunday 5.30-9.30pm
 1st Tuesday from 6.30pm
 1st Wednesday 7-10pm

SELBY FOLK CLUB
 CORONET BAY MUSIC NIGHT
 UPWEY COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB
 PENINSULA FOLK CLUB
 MOUNTAIN PICKERS UPWEY
 PLUMS JAM SESSION CARRUM

2nd Friday from 7.30pm
 2nd Saturday from 12-3pm
 2nd Sunday from 1pm
 2nd Sunday noon-5pm
 2nd Tuesday 8-10.15pm

FATHERS IN THE CHAPEL CRANBOURNE
 SPUKES (Southern Peninsula Ukuleles)
 PENINSULA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB RYE
 PLUMS CARRUM
 RINGWOOD FOLK CLUB

3rd Friday from 7.30pm
 3rd Saturday from 12.30pm
 3rd Saturday from 7.30pm
 3rd Wednesday 7-10pm

BERWICK & DISTRICT FOLK CLUB
 VERANDAH MUSIC DROMANA
 FOLK UNITING NIGHT CRANBOURNE
 PLUMS JAM SESSION CARRUM

4th Friday from 7.30pm
 4th Saturday from 12-3pm
 Last Friday from 7.30pm
 Last Friday from 7.30pm
 Last Sunday 4-7pm

ACOUSTIC & FOLK MUSIC NAR NAR GOON
 SPUKES (Southern Peninsula Ukuleles)
 DOVETON OPEN MIC NIGHT
 RANGES CONCERT LOUNGE UPWEY
 CELTIC MUSIC SESSION CHELSEA



EVERY MONDAY

JAM SESSIONS @ Hastings Community Centre 185 High St 1.30 -3.00 pm

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please let me know if any of this information is out of date

Verandah music was

started by Jack Kirby and Ronnie Willis along with their wives Joan and Betty years ago and was run not as a club but as a blend of music, musicians and audience in a relaxed atmosphere with no club membership or committees just plain old nitty gritty music. Over the years Verandah has tried hard to stick to the original concept and has been very successful in that vein.

Bill Beckworth and John James took over along with their wives, Joyce and Pam.

Bill is the sound man with Joyce as assistant, John is the coordinator and Pam handles all the paperwork and finances.

We are ably assisted by Gwyneth who handles the newsletter, handles the door and publicity, Jeannie who is our wonderful kitchen lady and a whole heap of other wonderful people who help out and make things much easier.

We have a great bunch of regular artists and new ones who pop in now and then and we pride ourselves on having great mateship amongst all the musicians. It has been great to see some who started at Verandah a few years ago, so nervous, to have become very good musicians and singers. Everyone who comes to Verandah comments on the great afternoon tea that is put on for everyone and thanks to all who contribute to it.

Verandah is on the 3rd Saturday of every month at Dromana Community Hall, cnr of Hodgkinson and Verdon St Dromana, starting at 12-30 with a jam session and finishing at 5pm

ED's NOTE.. No pre-booking of spots.. If you want to play, get there early!!





National Folk Festival

13-17 APRIL, 2017
EXHIBITION PARK, CANBERRA



The National Folk Festival – Every Easter at Exhibition Park in Canberra.

From high-end entertainment to the expression of folk-life through grassroots and community activities our multifaceted National Folk Festival is the ultimate celebration of all things folk.

The program is designed to inspire, enliven and entertain. From traditional and contemporary grooves to the quirky and the endearing it features all the key elements that make people want to come from everywhere to be part of it.

Our vibrant festival site is populated with themed bars, food and market stalls, circus performers and roving musicians and our multi-disciplinary program is broad and innovative boasting an A-list of performers from Australia and the world.

The quality and variety of the National Folk Festival's world-class program ensures entertainment to suit every age and taste. Over 450 individual concerts showcase musical styles and genres as diverse as acoustic, bluegrass, roots, blues, Celtic, country, world and gypsy are showcased alongside contemporary folk cultures, the best of vintage Oz-folk and older traditions.

Dance is a wonderful social activity and provides a vibrant element to our Festival program. The National offers both spectator and participatory dance activities and everyone is welcome to dance with many opportunities including workshops and classes for those with little or no previous experience to pick up enough to get started. There will be dancing

Music is an important vehicle for our indigenous communities, giving voice to their stories. Knowledge and culture are shared through music and special presentations. Celebrating Australia's First peoples is a vital part of the National's program and is now one of the most popular features of the Festival.

Fathers in the Chapel presents a strictly acoustic concert with open stage format at St John's Anglican Church, Childers Street, Cranbourne, 2nd Friday each month. No amps, No mics.. A great place for performers to practice the lost art of projecting their voice to the back of the hall !! The evening's entertainment is open to all performers and all types of music with each performance allotted ten minutes. Singers, musicians, and poets are all welcome. Admission is \$7 for patrons and \$2 for performers.

100% Acoustic...100% Real music

100% Real people.

No electronic trickery.

Come and hear beautiful music performed in a beautiful acoustic environment. Contact MICK TINETTI: 5971 4331



Pictured..
"Little Miss Country" Jan Dandridge and Jimmy Fong

Folk Uniting Night 3rd Saturday from 7.30

hosted by the Cranbourne Regional Uniting Church at 41 Lesdon Ave. Cost is \$7 per head, (\$5 for performers) includes supper. If you like live music, good company and don't mind supporting your local community - come along to our concerts, in Cranbourne! Come along and share your songs, poems, dances, music; or just enjoy the evening as part of the audience.

GUEST ARTIST MARCH 18th
Singer/Songwriter JASMINE BETH

Support Act Savannah Rose



BAYLES MUSIC FESTIVAL

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Presented By
BERWICK & DISTRICT FOLK CLUB

Two Stages

Community Involvement

Local Schools
Market Stalls
Food & Drink
Free Parking



Headline Act:
COOLGRASS



www.badfolk.org

email: badfolkclub@gmail.com

Interested artists/stall holders contact BAD Folk above

SELBY FOLK CLUB 1st Friday of every month, at the [Selby Community House](#), Wombalana Road, Selby. (Mel 75 K11) (Doors 7.30, Music @ 8.00pm. Adults \$10, con.\$8)

“The Best Kept Secret in the DANDENONGS!!”



The Victorian Folk Music Club inc.

RINGWOOD FOLK

Enda Kenny

A multi-award winning songwriter and twice winner of the Port Fairy Folk Festival songwriting award, Enda's recent compositions highlight his quirky sense of humour and add to an already impressive catalogue of songs which led Colum Sands to describe him as *"the finest Irish songwriter living overseas"*.

TUESDAY 14th MARCH
7:45 - 10:15pm

Ringwood East Community Hall
Knaith Road Reserve

\$14; \$12 conc; \$10 members; kids free

For info 0438.049.557 or www.vfmc.org.au

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

11th April - Men In Suits

BERWICK & DISTRICT FOLK CLUB 3rd Friday at The Berwick Old Cheese Factory @ 7.30..Ph Ed Nass, 0418 535264 Guests \$12/ Members & Spot acts \$8.

17th March 2017 Scott Cook A roots balladeer with a rare personal warmth, Canada's Scott Cook has distilled the stories collected over a decade of near-incessant touring across Canada, the USA, Europe, Asia, and Australia into straight-talking, keenly observant verse. His fourth release, *One More Time Around*, was nominated for a Canadian Folk Music Award



WEEKLY MUSO'S JAM SESSIONS @ HASTINGS

Weekly Musos Jam Sessions at the Hastings Community Centre 185 High St Hastings from 1.30 -3.00 pm each MONDAY resuming for 2017 16th January. This is a great comfortable venue that the Hastings Community Centre is happy to make available. \$2.00 donation, This is an ideal venue for beginners.. It is "in the round" with folk taking turns to introduce songs (or let their turn pass if not comfortable to lead)



WESTERNPORT PAPER ITEM !! Woo Hoo!

Peninsula Laidback Underground Musicians Society

@ the Carrum Senior Citizens Clubrooms (38 Valetta St, Carrum)

OPEN MIC SESSIONS are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 12 to 5.00pm. Sessions are open to Singers, Musicians & Poets.

PLUMS JAM is an acoustic, jam session, conducted " in the round".. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month between 7.00 & 10.00pm. Admission to the Open Mic session is \$3 & includes Tea, Coffee, Biccies.



FOR YOUR MUSIC NEEDS, PFC MEMBERSHIP GETS YOU A DISCOUNT AT THESE LOCAL BUSINESSES

Cranbourne Music Centre..NOW AT.. Lynbrook Store (Previously at 130 High St, Cranbourne) Factory5 530 Sth Gippsland Highway Lynbrook 9799 5400 10% Disc.

Nepean Music Centre...U4/1 Morn-Tyabb Rd. M'ngton. Ph: 5975 0293 10% Disc

Guitars & Things 3e 415-417 Nepean Hwy (cnr Ross Smith Av F'ton Ph 9770 1765 15% Disc



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