

PENINSULA FOLK CLUB

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“Making Music Magic in 2020”

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The Folk Family

I will never take sitting around at a festival playing music or enjoying a concert at the Frankston Bowls Club for granted again. I, like all of us, am missing the company of the all of my music friends that I now realize are part of my extended family. Zoom meetings, phone calls are great but cannot replace the face to face contact we have had over the years.

Things will change, and that is what your committee is working for, we are proceeding with plans to introduce a re-entry back to what was normal as soon as we get the green light from the medical experts.

Songwriters will go ahead in June this year check the Peninsula Folk Club Facebook page or web site for details. Easy to enter on line and some great prizes.

Concerts will start again as soon as we are able but the highlight this year will be the weekend away at Yarra Junction in November. at Yarra Junction. The Eureka Collective have 30 acres of beautiful bush. Large Kitchen Dining area, Recreational Hut, Performance Area and lots of huts (free of charge) fitted out with sleeping accommodation. Lots of cleared areas for Caravans and tents. Bush Showers and toilets

In other words everything you need is available on the one site. The dates are 13 to 15 November 2020 and the cost will only be \$50 per adult and \$20 per Child. Bring your children, your grandchildren and all of your friends, it will not be limited to Peninsula Folk Club Members only.

A great weekend of sitting around playing music and having a few drinks with friends. We will probably organize a few acts and walk ups at a concert in the Rec hut or Hall. I can also see a few free workshops being organized on the Saturday.

Meanwhile if you are sitting at home feeling a bit down “Phone a friend”. We are all in the same boat so let’s paddle together in the same direction and we will get to the destination quicker. Stay Safe Stay Well ...Max Amos



ANNUAL SONGWRITER'S CONTEST IS STILL ON

Peninsula Folk Club Song Writers Competition

Our Annual Songwriter's Contest will still be happening for 2020 but in a different format. This year we have decided entries will need to be recorded and sent by email to Barry Larkin. Barry will collect the entries and forward them to our judges for their consideration. As we are not sure when "normal" Club nights will resume, the winning entries will be played on Facebook on Sunday 5th July and the winners announced. The Rules are spelled out in full on Page 4.

The Judging panel will again consist of Patrick Evans and Suzette Herfft with last year's winner Bill Dettmer added as a Guest Judge. Plenty of experience among that group!



As you are no doubt aware, Frankston Council gave PFC a grant to run a free Family Bush Dance in March which, of course, had to be cancelled due to COVID19. Council has agreed to allow us to use part of those funds to provide prizes for the Songwriter's Contest.

This also means we are able to support a local business who have been a long-time supporter of our Club.



This years Prizes are all Gift Vouchers from GUITARS AND THINGS

1st Prize \$250, 2nd Prize \$150 and 3rd Prize \$50

BUSH DANCE

Your Committee were very disappointed that we needed to cancel the Free Family Bush Dance back in March. At this stage we are proposing to again request a Community Grant from Frankston Council from their Grants Program for 2020-21 to run the Bush Dance early in 2021. (Subject to the current restrictions being lifted)



Peninsula Folk club Annual - Songwriters - Competition

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Entries Close at midnight on June 15th
Free Entry! Open to all-comers!
Great Prizes!

1. Call Barry Larkin to register
(0418 363 056)
2. Folk genre, no backing tracks.
3. Provide a copy of your lyrics.
4. Provide a file (.mp3 or.mp4)
of you performing your song.
5. Performance to be one voice +
one instrument.
6. The top 10 and winners will
feature in an internet-based,
virtual concert on July 5th.
7. Judges decision is final!

Check out the PFC web-site
and our Facebook page for
more info!

Get in Quick - Spots
are Limited!

Guitars & Things



RULES FOR SONGWRITERS CONTEST 2020

- 1. Entry is free, and is not limited to Peninsula Folk Club Members**
- 2. The song, both tune and words, must be an original written in the folk genre by the entrant and must have been composed within the last 12 calendar months prior to the Competition date.**
- 3. The songwriter does not have to perform the song written but can nominate another person to perform it on their behalf.**
- 4. As this is a Song Writing Contest, performance will be by ONE voice and ONE acoustic instrument. It is permissible to have two people performing the song. Any acoustic instrument can be used to present the song, the only exception is that an electric keyboard is allowed, in piano mode only with no effects or pre-recorded sound.**
- 5. a) Persons intending to enter should contact Barry Larkin on 0418 363 056 to obtain an entry number and to provide name, phone number and email address. The number of entries being accepted is limited to 25, and are accepted on a first come basis.**
b) A copy of the song's words plus an audio or video recording of the song (MP3 or MP4) must be emailed to Barry Larkin by 15th of June. The audio recording does not have to be of professional quality. A home recording done with a computer and free software such as Audacity should give satisfactory results.
- 6. All entrants will be advised if they have or have not made the final 10. These will be played on Facebook on Sunday 5th July and winners announced..**
- 7. The winner of the previous year's Songwriter's contest is ineligible to enter**
- 8. The Peninsula Folk Club has the right to refuse any entry on the basis that the content is, in the opinion of the committee, unsuitable.**
- 9. The Judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into..!!.**

**TIME TO START WRITING YOUR NEW MASTERPIECE IF YOU
HAVEN'T ALREADY WRITTEN IT!!**