



PENINSULA FOLK CLUB

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Celebrating 40 years of Advancing Acoustic Music
on the Peninsula

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4th AUGUST GUEST ACT.. TRI NA CEILE

This wonderful Irish trio can be heard every Thursday night at The Dubliner Irish bar in Mornington, along with a regular crew of jammers who add extra songs and tunes on the night.

The group is led by Kieran O'Connell (Vocals and guitar) and has husband and wife, Tony and Marea Fitzsimons on whistle and accordion respectively. Tony also pulls

out his saxophone too. The group also appears regularly on a Sunday afternoon at McDaid's Irish pub in Dromana. Their repertoire consists of traditional Irish songs and tunes together with a variety of original songs written by Kieran. Make sure

that you don't miss this wonderful night of entertainment. There may also be a couple of guest artists playing with them as well.



SPOT ACTS Call TONY COFFEY on 0483 017 572 to discuss getting a spot on a future Club Night bill

IMPORTANT NOTE: DOOR ENTRY INCREASE

As flagged at our AGM, rising costs (hall rental, Insurance etc) have meant we have had to increase our door entry costs. As from next Club Night it will be \$8.00 for Members and \$12 for Non-Members

MEMBERSHIP FEES for 2024-5 ARE DUE FROM JULY 1st

Fees remain at \$15 single and \$25 for a family...We will happily take payment on our July Club night ..cash or credit card will be fine !! Thanks to everyone who has renewed their Membership already !!

**NOTE : NO NEWSLETTER IN AUGUST AS THE EDITOR
WILL BE AWAY....**



*We meet on the 1st Sunday each Month 5.30 - 9.30pm
(Feb to Nov)*

*@ Frankston Bowls Club, Cnr Yuille & William Sts Frankston
Informal Jam Session 5.30 - 6.30 pm,
then "Concert" 6.30- 9.30pm*

Members \$8.00 Visitors \$12.00

WHAT'S COMING UP AT PFC

1st SEPT GUEST ACT ..PAT McKERNAN

Pat McKernan is a native of Belturbet, County Cavan in Ireland. Weekend gigs in local pubs in Cavan and surrounding counties were followed by several years playing in ballad groups around Dublin. In 1986 Pat joined a band called Napper Tandy which played for months on end around the Irish circuit in England. He paid his dues with thousands of motorway miles sleeping in the back of a hiace van as the band drove from town to town. He came to Australia for 6 months in 1989 then forgot to go home. He has spent much of the past twenty years singing Irish songs at various venues ... pausing only for mealbreaks, ablutions and the odd few hours sleep. Pat has established himself in the forefront of the Melbourne entertainment scene.



6th OCTOBER .. HAT BAND NIGHT

By now you are probably familiar with the HAT BAND CONCEPT. Groups are formed randomly by drawing names out of a hat, (each with an experienced group leader/facilitator). The groups get together to decide on songs to be played and practice during the month prior to performing on the night. It is an opportunity for less experienced singers/musicians to get to perform on stage as part of a group !!



Names will be drawn from a hat on our Sept Club Night.
You can register your interest NOW ..
Email to peterstanley7@bigpond.com

3rd NOVEMBER GUEST ARTISTS CONCORDIA MANDOLIN AND GUITAR ENSEMBLE

Concordia Mandolin and Guitar Ensemble is a Melbourne-based ensemble comprising about 20 players of mandolin, mandola, guitar, double bass and one piano accordion. It is frequently joined by woodwind, string or vocal soloists. Its repertoire includes a range of music from the seventeenth century to the present day. Concordia regularly performs in many venues in Melbourne and country Victoria.

I wonder how many players we will have on stage ??



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Peninsula Folk Club - 2023/2024

What a mixed bag we have had over the past year! The downside was the loss of our dear friend Max Amos which affected us all, as witnessed by the attendance of so many of our members at Max's send-off early this year, where we shared many happy memories of this wonderful man!

Max left us a legacy, which your committee strive to continue, in the form of - Hat Bands, Songwriters Comp, Junction Jam, Mandolin and Fiddle groups, to name just a few. Thanks Max for your contribution to, what has become, a dynamic and inclusive PFC.

Over the past year we have had wonderful performances for our black-board concerts from our members and guests. Our "spot acts" continue to allow our members to demonstrate their talents and build their confidence in front of a supportive audience, while our guest acts continue to dazzle us with their brilliance. Included among our guest acts this year were Realtin, The Jam Tarts, Apolline, Nick Charles, Richard Doctors, Suzette Herft, Lee Sloggett, Bush Gothic - and others.

The jam sessions continue to be a popular feature on club nights, and regularly fill the bar area to capacity, while the specialty groups - Mandolin, Fiddle, and Peninsula Voices provide additional outlets for our members. It would be remiss of me to not make mention of the "behind the scenes" people that work tirelessly on our behalf - the setup and takedown crews, our wonderful sound team, and of course, our great committee - Peter, Evan, Barry, Stewart, Ingrid, Julie, Tony, Neroli, Sally—what a pleasure it is to work with such dedicated people.

The forthcoming year will present us with various challenges, not the least of which will be related to finance - the club is not immune to the current "financial crisis" particularly in regard to insurance, facility hire fees, performer fees, etc. however we will continue to resolve these issues, with your continuing support, in such a way that we give our members "maximum bang for their buck".

To close the year, we celebrated the fortieth birthday of PFC, forty years is a long time for any organisation to operate continuously, not the least an organisation run by volunteers on a not for profit basis - so "well done" and "happy birthday" to you all! Our birthday celebrations took the form of a well-supported Bush Dance, with terrific music from a thirteen piece band - setup, rehearsed, and led by our very own Evan Webb - thanks Evan - it was a wonderful night! To paraphrase a popular TV ad, should we wish to conduct a similar event, "We're gonna need a bigger hall"!

Our club could not function without the ongoing support of the City of Frankston Bowls Club, and our sponsors - in particular "Guitars 'n Things, and you - our wonderful members. I look forward to a bright future for the Peninsula Folk Club!

Alan Lazarus



PIX FROM THE AGM NIGHT.. PRESIDENT'S BASH



OUR AGM NIGHT / 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WAS A HOOT !! IT WAS GREAT TO SEE EIGHT PRESIDENTS FROM THOSE 40 YEARS STRUTTING THEIR STUFF AGAIN. THE FINALE WITH MAMA'S MOUNTAIN JUG BAND GIVING THEIR FINAL? PERFORMANCE WAS ONE FOR THE AGES. SOME LOVELY TRIBUTES TO OUR OLD FRIEND MAX AMOS WERE WOVEN IN, PLUS SEVERAL MENTIONS OF THE IMPACT THIS CLUB HAS HAD ON THE CAREERS OF SEVERAL OF OUR ARTISTS JUST A WONDERFUL NIGHT !! CAN'T WAIT FOR OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY.. IT SHOULD BE A BLAST !!



PFC FOUNDER IS TAKING A BREAK !!

Back in June 1984, a young Evan Webb was responsible (with the help of a few other folkies) of starting the club we now know and love !! After 40 years, Evan has decided he needs a break from the organizational side of the club and did not seek re-election to the Committee.

Over those 40 years, Evan has been involved with the executive group, being President for a total of 11 years, 2 years as Vice President, one term as Secretary and is now stepping down from the role of Treasurer... I'm sure we will still see and hear Evan around the club in 2024-25 and beyond



RINGWOOD FOLK CLUB... (AKA VICTORIAN FOLK MUSIC CLUB)

The VFMC holds a concert on the second Tuesday of each month (in lieu of the usual Tuesday session). Top artists from the folk music world appear for a great value acoustic concert.

Open stage acts at the start provide opportunities for aspiring performers to gain stage experience. Sometimes a support act is also featured.

Concerts have now moved to the Senior Citizens Hall, 6 Laurence Grove Ringwood East.

Admission charges from Feb 2024, VFMC members \$11, Concession \$13, General Admission \$15.



Victorian Folk Music Club Green Fieldz Tuesday 13th August



Green Fieldz is Sally Carter and Keith Rea, two well established folkies on the Peninsula music scene. With blazing fiddle and wild guitar these two have brought their energy and enthusiasm to many a festival, club and gig.
Support Act Ed Robbins

Ringwood East Senior Citizens Hall, Laurence Grove.

7.45 - 10.00pm \$11 to \$15, kids no charge

Cash or card at the door, or pre-purchase all tickets at:

<https://events.humanitix.com/vfmc-august2024-concert>

Spot acts please PRE-BOOK at concerts@vfmc.org.au

www.vfmc.org.au / Facebook - Victorian Folk Music Club / 0411.750.462

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Next Concert 10th September - A Cappella night

NEWPORT FOLK AND FIDDLE CLUB

a folk music club based in [Newport](#), who run a range of musical [activities](#), including a choir, Celtic session, blues session and drumming group. **Our focus is on participation.**

At most of our events you can join in, sing or play, (but you don't have to!)

You don't need to be a club member to attend our activities, but we do offer discounted entry to members. We are an Incorporated Association with an elected committee.

The Newport Fiddle and Folk Club aims to:

- Provide a venue for those interested in locally produced music
- Provide opportunities for amateur musicians to get together, play and learn from each other with an emphasis on, but not restricted to, folk music
- Provide opportunities for non musicians to come enjoy and participate in music through listening, singing, and dancing
- Provide opportunities that challenge our members to refine and develop their performance and presentation skills.

Beyond the monthly gatherings of the NFFC, the Club has a role to play in the development of young and older musicians through workshops and other planned musical gatherings.

The NFFC aims to develop links with sponsors of the Arts to source funding for professional musicians who will be able to provide musical both leadership and inspiration for developing musicians.

A chance to get up on stage and perform, or perhaps to just come along and enjoy listening to local performers in a relaxed atmosphere. The night is run on a 'blackboard' system - put your name on the board and you'll get a turn to perform. Cafe style seating, BYO food and drink.

When

7:30pm on the fourth Friday of each month February - Nov
Newport Community Hub.. 13 Mason St Newport (enter via main door in Paine Reserve)

Entry \$5 / \$3 members



SPUKES is a community based ukulele group located in Rosebud where we come together to enjoy a few hours of ukulele strumming, singing and friendship

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday and alternate Mondays at the Rosebud Memorial Hall
994 Pt Nepean Rd... 9.30-11.30am
Enquiries Karen and Alan 0408 391 408



PFC ASSOCIATED GROUP

PENINSULA FOLK CLUB SINGERS *meet at the Somerville Community House every second Wednesday, We start at 7pm, stop for coffee about 7.45, then sing again until 8.30. The range of music to learn is suited to all levels of singers and we promise to encourage and support you, even if you think you're terrible. If you're even slightly interested, please give me a call on 0417 129 575 and let me convince you to have a go.*
Eric



BERWICK & DISTRICT FOLK CLUB

Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start at the Old Cheese Factory 34 Homestead Road, Berwick.

21st August 2024 International Night

We have 3 artists from different cultures

* Bernardo Soler Classical Guitarist Bernardo will be showcasing his classical guitar skills taking influence from Spanish, Latin America, Japan and the Philippines

* Hailing from Melbourne Australia, talented Guzheng instrumentalist QiQi, creates a magical atmosphere, captivating audiences with a blend of classical and folk styles. QiQi tells stories and conveys the imagery of beautiful scenery through the rich, resonant, and haunting tones of the 21-string Chinese zither

* PLUS a Timorese Group



MONDAY MUSOS AT HASTINGS

*Every Monday 1.15–4.00pm
At the Community Centre 185 High
St Hastings*

*Jam along in the round
\$5.00 includes afternoon tea and
great company*

CONTACT:
*Tonia 0400 766 552 or
Graeme 0437 470 385*

FATHERS IN THE CHAPEL

*2nd FRIDAY at 7.30pm St Johns
Anglican Childers St Cranbourne
100% Acoustic*

*Come and hear beautiful music per-
formed in a beautiful acoustic envi-
ronment.*

Enquiries Mick Tinetti

0419 562 992

CRANBOURNE FUN (FOLK UNITING NIGHT) NIGHT

3rd Sat from 7.30 @ Cranbourne Regional Uniting Church @ 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!

Come along and share your songs, poems, dances, music; or just enjoy the evening as part of the audience



WARRAGUL ACOUSTIC UNPLUGGED

The Club meets on the 2nd Friday of each month, at the Warragul Senior Citizens. Look us up on Facebook under Warragul Acoustic Unplugged. Any PFC members who would like to join us are most welcome.

*Only \$5-00 at the door includes tea, coffee and cakes
JOIN THE FUN Enquiries 04 911 399 80*

SELBY FOLK CLUB

Selby Community House Minak Road, Selby

Aug 2nd Michael Waugh with Moonshine Coalition

Since his 2016 debut, Michael Waugh has released three albums of deeply relatable, emotional story songs based on characters and events from around his home town of Maffra in Eastern Victoria.

Fans of the singer-songwriter have rusted on to his uniquely Australian narrative style - and they proudly wear the red and black checked shirt as a sign of their connectedness - uniformed members of team Waugh.



OPEN MIC'

AT THE GREEN



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The night is held the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Yamala Bowling Club, Dunstan St Frankston. Doors open at 6.30 pm at which time one of the acts will play through to 7.00 pm at which time the actual Open Mic starts.

It has become so popular that spots need to be booked in advance - phone 0407063223. Audience members are always welcome and no booking is required. Entry is a Gold Coin donation and drinks are available over the bar.



MOUNTAIN PICKERS ASSOC

@ Ferntree Gully Bowling Club

30th JULY .. FLORA

Flora, a Melbourne/Wurundjeri based alt-folk artist with gritty vocals reminiscent of traditional country music, intertwines beautifully dissonant finger-picked guitar parts into their indie folk and alt-country blend, influenced by renowned artists such as Adrienne Lenker and Phoebe Bridgers.



MOUNTAINGRASS Nov. 15 -17, 2024. BRIGHT Vic

Australasia's premier bluegrass and old-time music festival

If you're a fan of bluegrass and old-time music, then Mountaingrass is an event you won't want to miss. In 2024 we will be in Bright, NE Victoria at the Bright Community Hall. Mountaingrass showcases some of the best Bluegrass and Old-Time musicians from Australia and beyond. It features concerts, jam sessions, workshops and plenty of opportunity to meet and play with fellow music lovers..

Check their Website for details



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(cnr RossSmith Av F'ton Ph 97701765 15% Disc



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NOW ON-LINE ONLY 9799 5400 10% Disc.

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



If undeliverable return to:
Peninsula Folk Club
c/o 410 McClelland Dr
Langwarrin 3910



**Dates to Remember Peninsula Folk Club
Club Night 4th Aug, 1st Sept, 6th Oct**

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