



PENINSULA FOLK CLUB

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Celebrating 40 years of Advancing Acoustic Music on the Peninsula

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FEB 2nd. GUEST ACT.. Tim and the Captain

Tim Ireland and Captain Ian Green have been involved in various music projects as performers, facilitators and educators for many years, combining their collective talents and musical history a decade ago. The result is a uniquely Australian folk/roots duo that blends original compositions and story telling with the timeless narratives of Tim's ancestors - acclaimed late 19th century Goldfield poets Tam Rattray and Isa.

Tim is a master guitarist and soulful vocalist steeped in the blues while infusing his love of country, folk, and Appalachian/Piedmont traditions. As a song writer, Tim is continuing his family tradition of painting rich, heartfelt images in words that demand attention.

Captain Ian Green brings a distinctive flair to their performance. His harmonica skills channel the spirit of traditional blues duos but adding styles and cross harp techniques as well as ukulele to add character and depth to the stories being told.

Tim and the Captain dedicate much of their time to running the [All Stars Choir](#) project. This incredible program creates the opportunity for people with physical, intellectual and multiple disabilities to participate in making music in a live band setting. Their work with the choir shines through in their duo show with a clear passion for sharing the joy of making music with others.



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SPOT ACTS FOR 2025 Call **TONY COFFEY** on 0483 017 572 to discuss getting a spot on a future Club Night bill

JAM SESSION.. Come along early and join in the ever-popular Jam Session which kicks off in the bar area at about 5.30... Bring an instrument or just your voice and join in the fun !!



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

@ Frankston Bowls Club, Cnr Yuille & William Sts Frankston
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Members \$8.00 Visitors \$12.00

WHAT'S COMING UP AT PFC

OUR GUEST ARTIST ON MARCH 2ND WILL BE MARIA FORDE

She is a great supporter of our Club and we are happy to have her back again!!!!

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. Her first album - "Will You Dance With Me?" - features the title song, written for a friend's wedding, that has become a theme for weddings, in Australia and internationally, by Maria's original and various cover versions. 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 sophomore release, "Dark Island" like the title, exhibited noir attitudes, as Maria broached topics such as child abuse, the innocence of childhood, and family relationships.



Eric Bogle writes...Maria Forde is a fine singer and a gifted songwriter. Like all good songwriters her lyrics often reflect an understanding of, and compassion for the human condition, with all it's triumphs and disasters, all it's bright peaks and dark corners. At her live performances she presents her songs with sincerity, passion and more than a dash of humour, and these very human attributes, along with her fine singing voice, is why she invariably establishes such a seemingly effortless rapport with her audiences....

OUR GUEST ARTIST ON APRIL 6TH WILL BE JOHN FLANAGAN

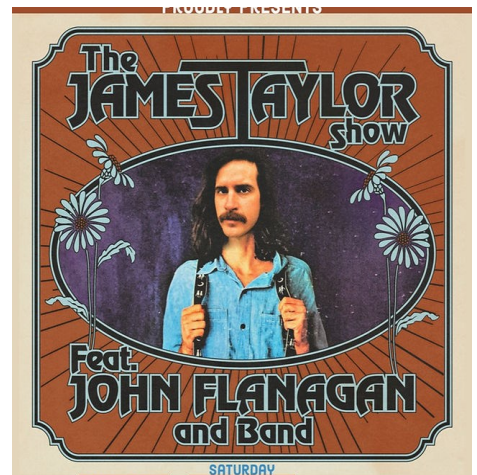
John Flanagan is known for his authentic stage presence, heart-gripping storytelling and uplifting performances. He has been described as "one of Australia's finest lyricists"



In 2019 John toured outback and regional Australian towns for 7 weeks as part of the Festival of Small Halls incorporating performances at Port Fairy and The National Folk Festivals. He can often be found on the folk festival circuit, delivering an energetic live set that varies from dynamic and uplifting to moving and thoughtful.

Recently, John has been touring with a band celebrating the timeless music and iconic smooth sounds of James Taylor .. his warm baritone vocals have seen him compared to James Taylor over the years and now he brings these legendary songs to life

"John's voice is that kind of heart-aching true baritone that's a rarity in modern music. It's timeless, it's absolutely Australian and it stays with you." -Country Music Capital News



VALE PFC LIFE MEMBER...CLARK MORGAN



Life Member Clark Morgan passed away in December... He struggled with lung cancer for 5 years. He will be remembered by many as a brilliant musician who had a great impact in the early days of this club..

Fellow Life Member Russell Anderson commented..."Wow what a sad loss. Clark Morgan was a dynamic performer at Peninsula folk club along with Evan Webb and Greg Hunt they created some great music that set the tone for 40 years with PFC continuing to provide great community music at an accessible level to many musos on the Peninsula.



Clark the Showman

Yackandandah Folk Festival 21 - 23 March 2025

Hot off the pressDavid Francey(CAN); Siomha(IRE); The Brothers Brothers(USA); Clare Sands(IRE); Grassy Strings(India); Niamh Bury(IRE); Dean Owens and the Sinners(Scotland); Old Man Leudecke(CAN); This Way North; OBISUN; - Andrea Kirwin & Clare Evelynn. We have begun the huge process of sorting through hundreds of applications. The quality this year is gob-smackingly brilliant! Further announcement in the coming weeks. Tickets for the 2025 festival should go on sale next week. I don't

know if you're excited but we're jumping out of our skins and cannot wait till March comes around.



CRESWICK 4th-6th APRIL 2025

CresFest is about the joy of live music - playing it, hearing it, watching it, dancing to it, learning it being inspired by it - it all happens in one small Victorian town, as we bring that 'Star's Hollow' warmth to Creswick, just 15 minutes from Ballarat. With our fourth CresFest in April 2025, you will again enjoy three days of dance and music in the beautiful heritage town of Creswick. A huge range of performers, from international stars to local newcomers will entertain you over the weekend of Friday 4 April - Sunday 6 April.

PENINSULA FOLK CLUB'S "JUNCTION JAM"

will be held at Yarra Junction's historic Camp Eureka, Tarango Rd, Yarra Junction from

Friday March 14th to Sunday March 16th 2025

(Enter from 9.00am Friday - Leave by 2.00pm Sunday)

Why not plan to join us for a relaxed weekend of jamming and playing in the beautiful bush surrounds of Camp Eureka Yarra Junction.

Catch up with your jamming buddies and enjoy the scenery. This is a relaxed weekend—we are not offering workshops, but there will be a mega "whiteboard concert on Saturday arvo.

Bring your caravan, camper or tent or swag. Self Catering only. BYO food and drinks. Plenty of information will be available next month Get it in your Diary NOW !!



PENINSULA VOICES

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

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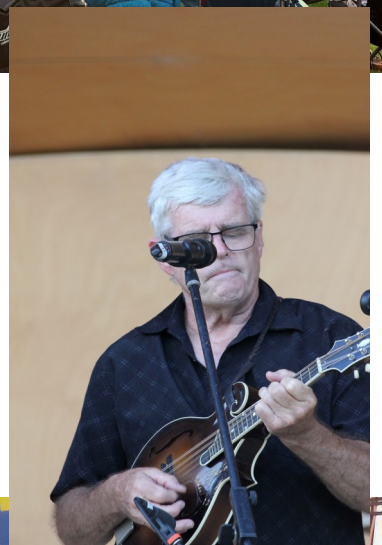
Just letting you know that the proceeds from our recent couple of raffles have been donated to support the Community Christmas Lunch for people "doing it tough" or alone in Frankston.. We donated \$300.. Thanks everyone for your continuing support of our raffles



DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY



GIRGARRE MOOSIC MUSTER 2025





BERWICK & DISTRICT FOLK CLUB ...

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

21st February **BROKEN CREEK**

Broken Creek weave compelling musical reimaginings of Australiana for banjo, guitar, fiddle and voice that tell stories from Australia's past and present. Erin and Lachlan Heycox grew up in rural Victoria steeped in bushbands and balladeers. Named for the creek Erin grew up near, 'Broken Creek' signals a love of country and traditional folk music with an adventurous musical bent to "break" with the conventional.

FATHERS IN THE CHAPEL

2nd FRIDAY at 7.30pm St Johns Anglican Childers St Cranbourne
100% Acoustic Come and hear beautiful music performed in a beautiful acoustic environment.

Doors open at 7:15 for a 7:30 start. \$7 entry (includes tea/coffee & biscuits supper)

Enquiries Mick Tinetti 0419 562 992



JOSH LIGHT & THE UNFURLING

SELBY COMMUNITY HOUSE
MINAK RD, SELBY

TICKETS VIA SELBYFOLK.COM.AU
OR CASH AT THE DOOR

SELBY FOLK CLUB

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

\$15

DOORS 7.30PM MUSIC 8PM



BEK SYKES

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED LOCAL MUSIC VENUE CRANBOURNE FUN NIGHT

Here is a music venue that deserves your support...They have great Feature Acts and support allcomers spot acts ... Sharon and the other organizers do a great job month by month in encouraging folks to give it a go !!

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. Participation and fellowship is the aim, while together we build greater cross-cultural appreciation and sharing, and raise some money for charitable purposes.

'Folk Uniting Night' concert is on the 3rd Saturday each month at the



*Cranbourne Uniting Church,
41 Lesdon Ave. Cranbourne,
Spot acts welcome! Call Sharon
on 0409 163 680 to secure a
spot*



MOUNTAIN PICKERS ASSOCIATION

Ferntree Gully Bowling Club 2a Glenfern Rd, Ferntree Gully

BURNING BRIDGES Tuesday 28th January

The Burning Bridges are an old-school family string band with a constantly evolving repertoire that reaches back to the bedrock of American country music, including old time Appalachian fiddle tunes, alt-country, bluegrass, and an expanding catalogue of classic-sounding original songs and tunes written by all three members of the family. The Burning Bridges appear regularly at national folk and bluegrass festivals and at venues of distinction across Victoria and beyond, and have released three albums to date, the most recent, Whipporwill, in 2023.

Members include Peter Somerville (banjo/ guitar/ vocals), Fran Martin (guitar/ vocals), and award-winning young fiddle maestro Tom Somerville (fiddle/ guitar). Wunderkind Justin Vilchez joins the band on mandolin and guitar, and Andrew Le Blanc features on bull fiddle.

OPEN MIC AT THE GREEN

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.

RINGWOOD FOLK CLUB

Ringwood Uniting Church hall, 30-32 Station Street

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

Concert starts 7.45 pm


11th February 2025

Marilla Homes

Born and raised in Australia and now happily living in Sheffield, UK, Marilla is a woman of many talents. She is a classically trained singer, teacher and performer (MMusPerf), who loves performing across a range of genres, including folk, jazz, opera and music theatre, and also writes her own songs and creates vocal improvisations and poetry.



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

Guitars & Things 3e 415-417 Nepean Hwy (cnr RossSmith Av F'ton Ph 97701765 15% Disc 

Coleman's Music Centre. (was Cranbourne Music). 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 Nights 2025 2nd Feb, 2nd March, 6th April**



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