



# PENINSULA FOLK CLUB

## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2024

Advancing Acoustic Music on the Peninsula

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## 4th FEB..FIRST CLUB NIGHT FOR 2024

PFC are delighted to feature the music of Richard B Doctors at our club in February. He is an acclaimed guitar and concertina player, a very fine singer, and published songwriter currently enjoying airplay in the UK, Ireland and Uzbekistan! His performance will be Australian Folksongs past and present, and he will be joined on-stage with Evan Webb for some memorable 'Loud Shirt' campfire favourites. Don't miss this show.....it's going to be fabulous!



## SPOT ACTS for Acoustic Performers INTERESTED ??

TONY COFFEY is the new "Go To" person for spot Acts .. Call TONY on 0483 017 572 to discuss getting a spot on our Club Night bill

**JAM SESSION** Our ever-popular regular Jam Session commences from 5.30 in the Bar Area Come early and join in the fun!! Bring an instrument or just your voice... Beginners welcomed



## RAFFLES

*Proceeds from 2023 raffles have been distributed.*

*\$300 has been donated to the Frankston Christmas Lunch for the Disadvantaged.*

*\$750 has been donated to Community Support Frankston for the Frankston Community Appeal*

*A further \$750 has been given to Peninsula Home Hospice*

*Thanks everyone for your continued support for our raffles*



*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 \$7.00 Visitors \$10.00*

# WHAT'S COMING UP AT PFC IN 2024

## SUNDAY 3RD MARCH TO GET YOU IN THE MOOD FOR ST PATRICK'S DAY , WELCOME BACK "TRI NA CEILE"

"Tri Na Ceile" (Three Together) formed in 2019 when three great friends Kieran O'Connell and Marea and Tony Fitzsimons met at The Dubliner Irish Pub in Mornington at the regular Thursday night open session and decided to start "Tri Na Ceile"



## IS 2024 THE YEAR FOR YOU TO JOIN IN ONE OF THESE GROUPS ??

THESE GROUPS WERE SET UP TO HELP YOU GET INVOLVED IN MUSIC.  
CURRENTLY WE HAVE GROUPS FOR FIDDLES, MANDOLINS &  
VOCALS (PLUS WE ARE WORKING ON A POSSIBLE BANJO GROUP)

IF YOU ARE EVEN SLIGHTLY INTERESTED HERE ARE THE CONTACTS..

*FOR FIDDLES ..Barry on 0418 363 056 or at [b\\_larkin@aapt.net.au](mailto:b_larkin@aapt.net.au)*

*FOR MANDOS..Mark on 0427 411 157 or [mpotteng@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mpotteng@bigpond.net.au)*

*FOR CHOIR..... Eric on 0417 129 575*

*FOR BANJOS...Watch this space*

## FOR YOUR DIARY

OUR ANNUAL "JUNCTION JAM" WILL BE FRIDAY 22nd to SUNDAY 24 MARCH AT CAMP EUREKA YARRA JUNCTION

IT GETS BIGGER AND BETTER  
EVERY YEAR.

WHY NOT PLAN TO BE WITH  
US THIS TIME??

DETAILS CLOSER TO THE  
EVENT



# CHRISTMAS PARTY SNAPS



IT'S AMAZING THE  
NUMBER OF GREAT  
PEOPLE IN MY LIFE  
THAT I WOULDN'T  
HAVE EVER MET IF  
IT WASN'T FOR  
MUSIC



# A TRIBUTE TO OUR EX PRESIDENT. MAX AMOS

Max has passed on after a long series of illnesses that sapped his strength and, in the end, removed much of his quality of life. He was a driving force behind the success of the PFC and the catalyst for so many people to take up playing an instrument, particularly the mandolin. Max was an excellent leader and team player with the vision and experience to add positively to all the organisations that he was involved with during his life. He grew up in Adelaide where he did an electrical apprenticeship and worked in the family business of metal fabrication. Max became involved with car racing and an instructor for the CAMMS racing license, as you must have to drive race car on the track. He



eventually started a photographic business which took him all over Victoria and NSW. He bought a farm in NSW and ran sheep and cattle there. He moved then to Melbourne where he began his collecting of miniature cameras and started as an auctioneer for the Victorian Camera Club. He was a wheeler dealer of the highest order and brought these skills to the PFC and The Fiddlers Convention, making sure that everything ran smoothly, cost-effectively and fairly for everyone. He started playing music quite late in life through a chance meeting with me at Harrietville and the PFC Christmas Party. Within a short time, he had begun buying instruments such as guitars, mandolins, fiddle, dobro etc. Max described this as having MAD (Musical in-

strument Acquisition Disorder) - something he blamed me for. He helped set up the Girgarre Moosic Muster and gained sponsorship from Yamaha to provide cheap and free guitars, ukes and fiddles for the use of attendees. Max attended festivals all over the place and brought back ideas for things that the PFC could try. The very successful Hat Band concept came from something he saw at a festival. He started the PFC Mandolin Group for beginners and taught chords and songs to participants. Max and I spoke often about the PFC and he would use me as a sounding board for his ideas. Max was awarded life membership of CAMMS, The Victorian Camera Club and the PFC. He loved a project and was relentless in his pursuit of continuous improvement. The PFC extends our condolences to all of Max's family and friends.

Evan Webb

# TREASURED MEMORIES OF LIFE MEMBER AND EX PRESIDENT AND TOP BLOKE ...MAX AMOS ..RIP





**WHAT A WONDERFUL TRIBUTE TO MAX FROM THE  
GIRGARRE MOOSIC MUSTER FOLK !!  
AND A SPLENDID FIRST RECIPIENT IN CHRIS NEWMAN**

## **UKULELE GROUP COMPLETES 2ND YEAR**

The Sing & Strum Uke Group from Mornington Salvos in Mount Martha has completed another successful year with a Christmas Concert for friends and the local community.

Commenced in 2022 by Dave Parker, a retired music teacher, the group meets

every Tuesday afternoon during school term to sing and strum along to popular and classic songs from over the decades. Participants learn at their own pace, but are encouraged to perform in public, when they are ready, at our end of term concerts.

Many in the group are beginners, while some have played for years, but everyone enjoys getting together to learn from each other in a friendly and relaxed setting. We finish each session with chatter and laughter over a cuppa and afternoon tea.

Other highlights for the year included community concerts at St Marks Uniting Church Friendship Group in Mornington and performing before an audience of 300 at a concert in Waverly during Seniors Week in October.



## FATHERS IN THE CHAPEL resumes on 9th February

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

*Come and hear beautiful music performed  
in a beautiful acoustic environment.*

Enquiries Mick Tinetti 0419 562 992

## 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  
Resuming 1.15pm 22nd January

## MOUNTAIN PICKERS ASSOC

Last Tuesday. at 7.45. . Club night  
@ Ferntree Gully Bowling Club  
(2A Glenfern Rd ) Entry Members -  
\$10 .Non Members - \$15 Conc \$12

### January 30, The High Street Drifters

*The High Street Drifters is an Australian bluegrass quartet spanning the roads between Victoria and South Australia. While the band strive to honour the hard driving sound of original Bluegrass music their youthful flair and unpredictable arrangements show us a more progressive sound. Featuring Justin Vilchez on mandolin, Mae Traeger on fiddle, Daniel Watkins on guitar, and Gage Stead on bass, High Street Drifters shine a new light on many Bluegrass standards influenced by the greats.*

## BERWICK FOLK CLUB..

21st January 2024 Club Get together.  
(Sunday) First meeting of the year is a  
recovery one. Bring a salad to share -  
We will supply the meat. BYO drinks and  
chair and instruments. Location to be  
advised

Victorian Folk Music Club  
at Ringwood



ENDA  
KENNY

Newport  
Bush  
Orchestra



**Tuesday 13th February**

Ringwood Uniting Church Hall, Station St.  
7.30 - 10.00pm Admission \$11 to \$15, kids no charge

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

<https://events.humanitix.com/vfmc-february2024-concert>

Spot acts please PRE-BOOK at [concerts@vfmc.org.au](mailto:concerts@vfmc.org.au)

[www.vfmc.org.au](http://www.vfmc.org.au) / Facebook - Victorian Folk Music Club / 0411.750.462

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

Next Concert 12th March - Tidal Moon



## 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

## 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*

## SELBY FOLK CLUB

Selby Community House  
Minak Road, Selby  
Friday Feb 2nd

**JENNY BIDDLE**

*FOUR YEARS since her last gig in Melbourne, poignant songwriter, pianist, acoustic guitar wizard and chocoholic, Jenny Biddle returns briefly from Scotland for her ONLY Australian performance. Situated in the beautiful Dandenong Ranges on the outskirts of Melbourne, Jenny has chosen her all-time favourite venue to perform her only Australian show - at Selby Folk*

## Melbourne Comhaltas Irish Weekend in Queenscliff



*Join us for a weekend of traditional Irish music, song & dance. Workshops will be at beginner, intermediate & advanced levels in many instruments. Workshops & sessions led by renowned professionals from all over Victoria. Music sessions held each night.*

**Save the date!**

*Details to follow*

**THURS 11TH-MON 15TH APRIL 2024**

QUEENSLIFF TOWN HALL & WHITEHALL GUESTHOUSE, LEARMONTH STREET

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[HTTP://MELBOURNECOMHALTAS.ORG.AU](http://melbournecomhaltas.org.au)



## 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**

# SOME FESTIVALS TO CONSIDER



*Yarra Junction Fiddler's Convention*

**FIDDLERS CONVENTION**  
9th-11th February

## SANDFORD BUSH MUSIC FESTIVAL



**8-10 MARCH 2024 (VIC LABOUR DAY WEEKEND)**

Bush ~ Folk ~ Bluegrass ~ Celtic & Country Music ~ Bush Poetry

It's all happening at Sandford Recreation Reserve. Reserve Road, Sandford (Vic)



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



**Dates to Remember ..... Peninsula Folk Club  
Club Night 4th Feb, 3rd March, 7th April**

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