



# PENINSULA FOLK CLUB

## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024

Celebrating 40 years of Advancing Acoustic Music  
on the Peninsula

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### 5th MAY GUEST ACT BUSH GOTHIC

Bush Gothic wander through the dankest, weirdest corners of the trad song books and emerge as post modern slash anti establishment slash folk feminists. Are they outsiders, lurking on the cultural fringe?

Or have they penetrated to the inner core of Australian identity? They won the Australian Folk Music 2022 Award for Best Band, are multiple Best Music Award winners at The Adelaide Fringe and received FIVE STARS from the BBC Music Magazine.

The individual members of the band, Jenny M. Thomas (fiddle-singer, piano, spoons) Chris Lewis (drumkit) and Dan



Witton (double bass), have worked as composers, instrumental soloists and theatre performers across the globe with companies including Circus Oz, Sydney Symphony Orchestra, The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, The Australian Opera, Strange Fruit, Meow Meow and Chamber Made Opera.

Bush Gothic

Australian Folk Music Awards  
Best Group 2022



**SPOT ACTS** for Acoustic Performers. Interested in getting a Spot ??.. Call **TONY COFFEY** 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!!



*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

## 2nd JUNE OUR ANNUAL SONGWRITERS COMPETITION

It's time to start working on your entry ..perhaps dig out something you've had put aside and finally finish it!! Or get that new tune out of your head and down on tape (is anyone still using tape)  
SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 3 .....



## 22nd JUNE PFC'S 40th ANNIVERSARY BUSH DANCE

will be held on June 22nd at the Somerville Community Centre, 2/21 Worwong Avenue, Somerville. Dancing will commence at 7pm. BYO picnic hamper and refreshments. It is our way of celebrating 40 years in the life of the Peninsula Folk Club - a sort of birthday party for us.

The band will be made up of PFC members who have put in the time to learn the tunes and songs to be performed. It is planned to use nearly all dance tunes that have been written here in Australia and played by bands such as The Nariel Creek Dance Band, The Gay Charmers and the Wedderburn Old Timers. All dances will be called by an experienced dance caller so you don't need to know the dances in advance, but it will help if you know left from right and can follow easy instructions.

*Tickets will be \$10 per head (\$20 per family. Children under 12 are free). Coffee and Tea will be available for a gold coin donation.*  
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## 7th JULY ...AGM .. PLUS... THE PFC PRESIDENTS STRUT THEIR STUFF!

Following a short AGM we will continue our 40th Anniversary celebrations by featuring EIGHT of our current and past Presidents... Alan Laz, Evan Webb, Roy Carter, Keith Rea, Bill Dettmer, Jenny Offer, Peter Stanley and Vince Tuck will each present a "Spot Act" set. The night will round out with Mama's Mountain Jug Band featuring 3 of the aforementioned Presidents.



# OUR ANNUAL SONGWRITERS CONTEST

*It will be on again this year with performances on our club night June 2nd.*

*Entries will still need to be recorded and sent by email to Barry Larkin by 12th May.. . Barry will collect the entries and forward them to our judges for their consideration and shortlisting. Shortlisted songs will then be performed at our June 2nd. club meeting on the Sunday afternoon/evening.*

*The Judging panel will consist of Suzette Herft and Patrick Evans.*

*This years Prizes are all Gift Vouchers from  
GUITARS AND THINGS:  
1st Prize \$250, 2nd Prize \$150, 3rd Prize \$50*



## Rules and Conditions for Songwriters Competition 2024

1. Entry is free
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 Songwriting 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 or [b\\_larkin@aapt.net.au](mailto:b_larkin@aapt.net.au) to obtain an entry number and to provide name, phone number and email address.
5. (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 12th of May
6. All entrants will be advised if they have or have not made the final 10.
7. 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.
8. The Judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into..!!



Notes: 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.

Call Barry Larkin on (0418) 363 056 if you need any clarification or have any questions.



# AGM AND ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

*July 7th will be the date for our Annual General Meeting and will be when we elect or re-elect our Office Bearers and General Committee.*

*We are always casting around for new people to join the Committee for they bring fresh insights and thoughts.*

*Our practice is to have a working "hands on" Committee, with all Committee members having a role to play.*

*If you think you have something to contribute, feel free to talk to Alan, Evan, Neroli, Peter or any other Committee member to see what's involved. Our Constitution requires that nominations MUST be received ONE month prior (at the June Club Meeting)*

## **Peninsula Folk Club Inc. Nomination Form 2024/2025**

**I / We nominate.....for the position**

**Of President ( ) Vice-President ( )**

**Treasurer ( ) Secretary ( )**

**Ordinary Member ( )**

**on the committee of the Peninsula Folk Club Inc.**

**Proposer:.....**

**Signature:.....**

**Seconder.....**

**Signature.....**

**I.....accept the nomination for the above position on the committee of the Peninsula Folk Club Inc.**

**Signed.....**

# APRIL CLUB NIGHT SNAPS





# MAMA'S LAST GIG AT HICKINBOTHAM'S

*Mama's Mountain Jug Band will play for the last time at Hickinbotham's Winery on Saturday 27th April.. From 12.30*

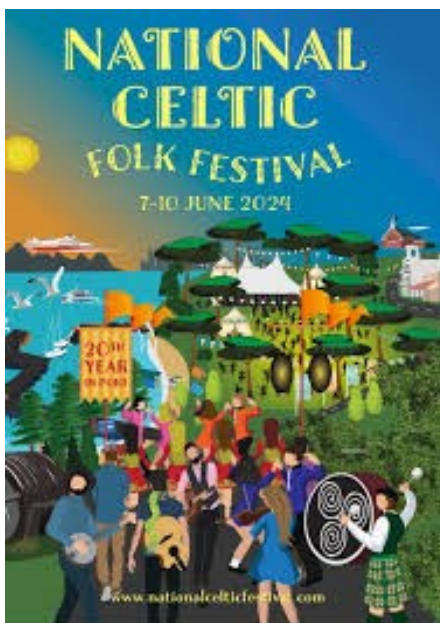
*It will feature the original line-up of Evan, Roy and Keith..*

*So you might like to think about seeing them for the last time at their regular venue*



## NATIONAL CELTIC FESTIVAL PORTARLINGTON 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024

*Over the last 20 years, the festival has taken on a new form while staying true to its homage. After a significant move to Portarlington in 2004, the National Celtic Folk Festival has become a winter staple in the small, historic town, taking place over the June long weekend every year. Spanning over ten venues, the event now includes a wide variety of activities including Irish and Scottish ceili, bush dances, theatre,*



# PFC ASSOCIATED GROUPS

**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

**FIDDLE GROUP** Barry Larkin has been hosting a Fiddle Group on Tuesday Nights on ZOOM since the COVID lockdowns.

The group has progressed to the stage where prospective new members would need to be reasonably competent. Most can sight-read new tunes at a reasonable pace so it's definitely no longer a beginners group.

If you are interested in joining please contact Barry on 0418 363 056 or at [b\\_larkin@aapt.net.au](mailto:b_larkin@aapt.net.au)

**MANDO GROUP** Mandolin Madness continues to burble along nicely. Learning new tunes and polishing up some of the old ones. The end of cover lockdowns has seen the chance for more face to face rehearsals and less dependence on the Zoom format. The group has taken advantage of both the Girgarre Moosic Muster and the Fiddlers Convention to strut their stuff in public. Chalkboard opportunities at both have seen different combinations of players and up front singers represent the the mandolin in a wonderful light. And we're not shy about including the other odd instrument as well with guitar, harp and lager phone in the mix. Enquiries to Mark at [mpotteng@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mpotteng@bigpond.net.au)

## 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.

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



# Sing & Strum

## UKULELE

\*resuming Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2023  
**WEEKLY TUESDAY SESSIONS**  
Beginner Tuition at 1:30pm  
followed by full group session  
@ 2pm – 3:15pm

**Venue:**  
**Mornington Salvos**  
750 Nepean Hwy Mt Martha

**More Info & Register:**  
**Dave - 0432 612 655**

- ✓ Facilitated by Dave Parker: over 40 yrs. music teaching,
- ✓ Cost: Free Group Tuition. Gold coin donation for Tea/Coffee
- ✓ Advice and assistance offered to purchase or rent a Ukulele
- ✓ Every Tuesday (except school holidays). Contact Dave



## 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  
May 3 @ 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm*

Cate Taylor with Gabrielle Parker



## 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



## OPEN MIC AT THE GREEN

*The night is still 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.*

*We love to see a variety of performers, whether they are instrumentalists , singers/guitar players , comedians or leaning to the more "rock" side of things. Everyone is welcome and every act is much appreciated.*

**OPEN MIC'**

**AT THE  
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## MOUNTAIN PICKERS ASSOC

@ Ferntree Gully Bowling Club

30th APRIL Corn Nut Creek (USA/AU) are award-winning folkies hailing from New York and Melbourne who will transport you with their lush three-part vocal harmonies and toe-tapping fiddle and banjo. Bound together through sisterhood and a spiritual connection to snacks, Danielle Vita and Tanya Bradley are storytellers whose original songs draw upon the traditions of Appalachian music. They recently released their first full length album 'Hearts in Bloom', which placed in the Australian community radio charts for two consecutive weeks.



## RINGWOOD FOLK CLUB 14th MAY


Ringwood Uniting Church hall  
30-32 Station Street

### Maggie Somerville

*Maggie Somerville is a local singer-songwriter who has written songs, tunes and poems most of her life. She has played in bands, duos and solo, written music for amateur theatre and won awards for several of her songs. Her material is often based on her own and others' experiences, with a focus on Australian people and events. She released her first solo album, 'Roller-Coaster' in 2013, then a joint album with Stephen White-side of CJ Dennis poems set to music. She will launch her latest CD 'The Walking of the Moon Woman' at this concert.*



**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 Night 5th May, 2nd June**

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