



PENINSULA FOLK CLUB

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025

**Celebrating 40 years of Advancing Acoustic Music
on the Peninsula**

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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



SONGWRITERS CONTEST DEFERRED .. Your committee has decided that, due to waning interest, we will not be having a Songwriters Contest this year. The contest has been held annually since July 2007, and it may well be revived in coming years



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
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

4th MAY GUEST ARTISTS BACKWATER MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU !!

The 4th of May sees the return of old favourites Backwater (with a new fiddle player) Backwater play the kind of traditional Bluegrass made famous by Bill Monroe, Flatt and Scruggs, Jimmy Martin and the Stanley brothers with a smattering of Carter Family material.

Backwater features Rob Lewis on guitar and vocals, Mark Pottenger on mandolin and vocals, Peter Somerville on banjo and vocals and Maxine Sutcliffe on double bass, fiddle and vocals.



1st JUNE GUEST ARTIST LEANNE BUGAT

Leanne was born in Melbourne into a musical family with her father being known as Australia's answer to Roy Orbison! Leanne reads her audiences well and enjoys delivering a professional and fun ambiance... Alan Laz caught up with Leanne at Fiddler's Convention and she was keen to share her music on the Peninsula.



6th JULY ..PFC's OWN CHOIR..PFC VOICES

We are so blessed to have this wonderful group of people from the Club and from without who meet fortnightly to practice and just enjoy music under the leadership of Eric Van Cuylenberg.

They are able to put together a range of styles and genres for us to enjoy. Each time they perform, someone unexpected steps forward to lead a song ..who will it be this time.. Can't wait



March Junction Jam Review 14th to 16th March 2025

Another wonderful PFC weekend full of music, fun, friendship, and laughter in the most beautiful natural bush land setting in Yarra Junction. The weather was interesting, from humid, hot & sunny to cool mornings and light rain to heavy rain on Sunday.

Big thanks to Alan Lazarus who booked the huts and brought the gazebo and set it up, Julie who stepped up to organise the finances, Stewie for the extra chairs, battery operated lights so we could play and sing in the dark. To Leon for bringing the sound gear, setting it up for the Saturday arvo concert, and taking it back home again.

Thank you to those who came and stayed or just popped in for a day. Special mention to somebody who accidentally locked their key and phone in their car. Thank goodness for the RACV or it would have been a Jamming Jarmie day.

See you all next year!!



MARCH CLUB NIGHT PIX



The Hills Ukulele Festival 2025 Dates: May 17-18

Location: Emerald Primary School,
Heroes Ave, Emerald, Victoria

A little of the Hills Ukulele Festival
and how it all began...

The Hills Ukulele Festival opened
its doors in 2018.

It is proudly hosted by Emerald Pri-
mary School in the heart of the Dandenong Ranges, Victoria.

The Hills Ukulele Festival (or HUF) takes the opportunity every May to welcome the ukulele community up to the hills for breathtaking views, stunning ukulele concerts, inspiring ukulele workshops and that incredible sense of community that is generated when ukulele players gather in one place.

Previous headline acts have included the Internationally acclaimed artist RIO, The Thin White Ukes, Ryo Montgomery, The Ukulele Death Squad, The Sophisticated Hulas, Duplicity and The Grubby Urchins.

We have also supported up and coming stars like Things That Make You Go MMM to just name a few.

While Emerald Primary School has been on this site for over 125 years, all the school buildings are very new, complete with air purifiers, and are a pleasure in which to get together with others and play the ukulele.

The actual festival came about because the Emerald Primary Music Teacher did such a good job of teaching kids the ukulele that they then wanted to play in a band. They then got so good that they wanted to show off their skills to the world. There wasn't anywhere available, so the music teacher decided to become the Musical Director of The Hills Ukulele Festival.

HILLS UKULELE FESTIVAL



FOR SALE GUITAR Yamaha FG 335 steel string, acoustic
VGC c/w hard case \$350 Lorraine Sly 0427300522

WE NOTE THE PASSING OF TWO FOLK MUSIC ICONS

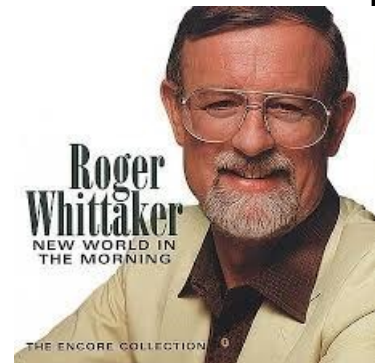
Roger Whittaker,

one of the UK's most celebrated folk singers, has died aged 87.

Roger Henry Brough Whittaker (22 March 1936 - 13 September 2023) was a Kenyan-born British singer-songwriter and musician.

His music is an eclectic mixture of folk music and popular songs, the latter variously in a crooning or in a schlager style. He is best known for his baritone singing voice and trademark whistling ability as well as his guitar skills.

Whittaker was best known for hits including "Durham Town", "New World In The Morning" and a version of "Wind Beneath My Wings".



Peter Yarrow

of the folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary has died at the age of 86. The singer died on Tuesday (January 7) at his home on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

Yarrow's death was confirmed by his publicist, Ken Sunshine, who shared that Yarrow died from bladder cancer, which he had been battling for the past four years.

The tenor was known for bringing his gentle vocals to the group, which became one of the most popular folk acts of the Sixties. Formed in 1961 by Yarrow, Noel



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

BERWICK & DISTRICT FOLK CLUB ...

'Bringing together people who love acoustic Music'

3rd Friday of month (excluding January)
Doors open 6:30 - Music starts 7:00pm
Old Cheese Factory
34 Homestead Rd., Berwick, 3806



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

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*



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)



MOUNTAIN PICKERS ASSOCIATION

Ferntree Gully Bowling Club 2a Glenfern Rd, Ferntree Gully

APRIL 29th COOLGRASS For over 20 years Coolgrass have delighted audiences throughout Australia and New Zealand with their hilarious take on bluegrass. They toured widely and recorded 4 CDs. These days they only get together for special occasions, and 29 April this year will be one of those rare occasions, and it also marks the birthday of Duke Ellington, composer of the bluegrass classic "It don't mean a thaing if it ain't got that swaing". Jim Golding, Doug Wallace, Angus Golding and Bruce Packard promise to revive and mangle many classics for your entertainment.

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. 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

8th APRIL Nerida Cuddy

Nerida Cuddy is an evocative writer whose songs reflect emotional depth, breathing the landscape of rural Australia. Described as "a central west Mary Black", her story-based concerts create space for connection and reflection, humour and fun. Nerida relishes performing live, but has also greatly enjoyed the chance to find a much larger audience via zoom & Youtube since 2020. In 2021, her 5th album, *Woven*, was released. She was a featured artist in ArtsOutwest's artist recovery concerts during 2022



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RUFIOUS WHISTLER

SELBY FOLK CLUB

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

\$15

DOORS 7.30PM MUSIC 8PM

SELBY COMMUNITY HOUSE
MINAK RD, SELBY

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



TIM WOODZ & THE
DIRTY SHOES

National Celtic Folk Festival

6-9 June, 2025

Portarlington, Victoria



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

**Dates to Remember Peninsula Folk Club
Club Nights 2025 6th April, 4th May 1st June**



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