



PENINSULA FOLK CLUB

NEWSLETTER MAY 2025

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

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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...

PFC President Alan Lazarus caught up with Leanne at this year's Fiddler's Convention and she was keen to share her music on the Peninsula. So we're happy to invite Leanne to entertain us on June 1st

Should be another great night with our regular smorgasbord of spot acts



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 !!



MEMBERSHIP FEES WILL BE DUE IN JULY for 2025-26

Fees remain at \$15 single and \$25 for a family... You can help things run more smoothly on our AGM night on 6th July by paying your fees early.. We will happily take payment on our June Club night ..cash or credit card will be fine !!

Not a Member?? Why not sign up and support the Club moving forward

*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

6th JULY PFC's OWN CHOIR PENINSULA 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



THEY'RE COMING BACK !!!

3rd AUGUST.. GUEST ARTISTS 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 we have been fortunate to get them to grace our stage for the first time since 2016 !!. Jim Golding, Doug Wallace, Angus Golding and Bruce Packard promise to revive and mangle many classics for your entertainment.

**DO NOT
MISS THIS
ONE !!**



ANOTHER GREAT CLUB NIGHT IN MAY

A bumper crowd and a great variety of acts... Well done to everyone !
A special word of thanks to all the volunteers who come early and set things up and stay at the end to clear away. The Club would not function without you!

ALSO.. Thanks to our faithful audience who come to support the performers.. Likewise, the Club would not happen without an audience !!



MOUNTAIN PICKERS ASSOCIATION

Ferntree Gully Bowling Club 2a Glenfern Rd, Ferntree Gully

27th MAY THE STETSON FAMILY

The Stetson Family walk the line between alt-country and bluegrass with their free-wheeling, spirited songs, awash with soaring harmonies. Described in American Songwriter Magazine as "champions of fresh bluegrass but with a bedraggled soul of rock and roots," the band takes their audience on a journey down life's crooked highway. They are regulars on the Melbourne music scene, the national festival circuit and everything in between, and their festival harmony workshops are inspiring and often culminate with participants joining them onstage.



AGM AND ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Our July 6th Club Night will commence with a short Annual General Meeting when we will receive reports and 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, 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) Nomination forms will be available at the desk at our May and June Club nights.

The 2025 National Folk Festival REPORT BY EVAN WEBB

The 2025 National Folk Festival was an amazing celebration that was held from 17-21 April (Easter). Featuring captivating storytellers like Josh Pyke, Ruth Moody (USA), Irish Mythen(Ireland), David Francey (Canada), and First Nation voices such as Stuart Joel Nuggett, The Stiff Gins, and poet Sassi Spirit. Folks were inspired by world-class instrumentalists, including Chris Stout and Catriona McKay (fiddle and harp from Scotland) and Will Pound and Jenn Butterworth (harmonica and guitar). They danced at the Bridgerton Ball, celebrated heritage at the Masked Ball, and immersed themselves in creative ensembles, sessions, and workshops. With over 500 events including family-friendly fun, circus, and forums—there's always something for everyone at the National Folk Festival. Whether you're passionate about music, dance, spoken word, or connecting with a vibrant community, join us to celebrate and create together next year 2-6 April 2026. Check out the website at <https://www.folkfestival.org.au/>

The NFF or “the Nash”, as it is also known, is held over the Easter weekend each year at the Epic Showgrounds in Canberra. For the last 10 years approximately, I have been a volunteer. I was initially a “picker” which meant that my duty was to initiate and be involved in sessions around the festival (usually the Session Bar). The organisers no longer offer tickets to musicians on this basis. I was an MC for two years and then took on Venue Management, which I have done for the last 4 years. 20hours of duty entitles each volunteer to a festival ticket that includes camping. There is a volunteer rest area just outside one of the entry gates, where there is free tea and coffee, fruit, and toast and spreads available with comfy couches and chairs and tables for volunteers to meet and socialize with other volunteers. I can highly recommend attending the “Nash” as a volunteer.

There is a huge range of opportunities to watch first class acts from all over the world in a mixture of venues. Some are large auditoriums while others are in marquees and tents. There are a variety of dance venues with most music provided by live bands. This year there were:

The Thursday Night Welcome Dance: Kick off the festival with an opening night featuring an array of dance acts, including the Kameruka Bush Orchestra.

Daily Irish Dance Workshops: Led by Margaret and Bill Winnett for experienced dancers, leading to a Monday performance.

Autumn Equinox Bridgerton Ball: On Friday night, celebrate under the full moon with a grand ball inspired by English Country Dancing, led by The Bard Band and called by Aimee Brown and Katherine Tammaro with Historic Dance Delights.

Scottish Cèilidh: Celebrate Friday evening with the Melbourne Scottish Fiddlers.

African Dance Party: Experience a high-energy Friday night party, led by Super Mande Percussion.

Queer Céilí: Return to this highly popular event where everyone is included on Saturday night with Amaidí and called by Davydd McDonald.

Trad Rave: A fusion of tradition and electric energy, led by Elias Alexander (USA), for a free-form dance experience Saturday night.

Swing Into the Night: The ANU School of Music Jazz Orchestra teams up with Savoy Dance Canberra for a thrilling swing dance night. Enjoy live jazz and classic swing steps in a lively social atmosphere.

Masked Heritage Ball: On Sunday night - dress up and celebrate music and dance from Australia's colonial heritage, featuring David De Santi and The Good Tunes Band, called by Susie Bolliger.

Chilean Dance Fiesta: Immerse yourself with food, music, and dance on Sunday night, led by Vanessa Estrada with appearances from Shaking The Tree Choir.

The Xtreme Stars: An inspiring ensemble of young adults with disabilities, dancing on stage with Kid Hank and his Ockerstra.

Craig Woodward: Banjo and accordionist Craig will team up with Lance Green and Gabrielle Mackey from the Handing Down and Stepping Up team, presenting a series of lively Cajun dances.

Traditional Social Dance Association of Victoria continue their popular Dance Composition Competition.

Farewell Contra dance: The National Festival Contra Band, led by the Canberra Contra Club, for a lively farewell to friends old and new.

There was a wide range of workshops

All I can say now to each and every one, plan your next Easter to include a trip to the “Nash” with your family and friends. You won't regret it.

OPEN MIC AT THE GREEN @ YAMALA BOWLING CLUB DUNSTAN ST FRANKSTON



The night is held the 3rd Thursday of every month
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.

Victorian Folk Music Club (Ringwood Folk)

Concerts are now held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Ringwood East.

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

CONCERT 10th June Pleasant and Delightful are Robyn, Kristin, Ken and Don. Their music is sometimes quirky, often lively and humorous, at times sublimely moving. The group's interests include both traditional and contemporary folk songs and tunes from Anglo Celtic roots - Australian, British and North American folk, a Capella, carols, 'old timey', early music, close harmony etc. They play a range of instruments including concertinas, melodeon, flute, dulcimer, guitar and auto-harp.



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

Guitars & Things

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

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,

18th JUNE Jen Hawley and Caitlin French

Known for her one of a kind sound that effortlessly flows through the realms of jazz, blues, and folk, Jen Hawley's original music carves out a space where every note has a story to tell. Armed with her guitar, vocals and a dash of looping, Jen will be teaming up with the amazing Caitlin French on the violin, Caitlin's rich, soaring lines add an extra layer of goodness to Jen's eclectic blend of musicality and storytelling

MONDAY MUSOS AT HASTINGS

Every Monday 1.15-4.00pm

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 Unit-
ing Church @ 41 Lesdon Ave.

Cost is \$7 per head, (\$5 for performers) .includes supper.

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





The festival is held in late June/early July every year, in Newport. It is an activity of the Newport Fiddle and Folk Club. The Club Committee supervises the management of the Festival. Selection of performers and performer liaison is managed by a Festival Committee which meets for approximately 5 months before the Festival.

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The Festival is not like most festivals that have a commercial focus and seek to attract large crowds by recruiting well-known musicians. Rather, the Festival primarily exists for members of the Newport Fiddle and Folk Club and the local community to celebrate, participate and enjoy local music. Therefore, to showcase local music, the festival aims to have 60% of the performance slots and workshops spaces for members of the Newport Fiddle and Folk Club. These will be offered to club members early in each year ..



There is a wide range of artists over SIX different venues!! Check their website for details

Wonthaggi Acoustic Music MUSIC FESTIVAL 2025

A Community Event Supporting Acoustic Music in Wonthaggi BassCoast

IT'S BIGGER

Fri 4th, Sat 5th & Sun 6th July

Music & Entertainment over 3 Days

Invy Horn Jam Street Band

Folk, Old Time, Flamenco, Irish, Blues, Bluegrass, Junior Acoustic

Workshops: Singing, Dancing, Tunes

Bring your instruments - Jamming, Open Mic

Saturday Afternoon

Inti Khari (Men of the Sun) Argentinian Band

• Karavana Flamenca •

EVENING CONCERTS

Featuring



NEESY SMITH &
STEWART KOHINGA

SELBY COMMUNITY HOUSE
MINAK RD, SELBY

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

SELBY FOLK CLUB

FRIDAY 6TH JUNE

\$15

DOORS 7.30PM MUSIC 8PM



JON COLLINS



Warm your soul, delight your senses, and connect with the festival spirit. This winter, Portarlington will come alive with a festive celebration along the foreshore and throughout the town. With the finest Folk and Celtic artists and performers, the sensational lineup - something for everyone. The festival will be bursting with live music, vibrant bars, bustling markets, hands-on workshops, lively sessions, delicious food, captivating dances, insightful writers, children's entertainment, interactive demonstrations, and special events.

Four days of music, arts, and culture and a "craicing" good time!



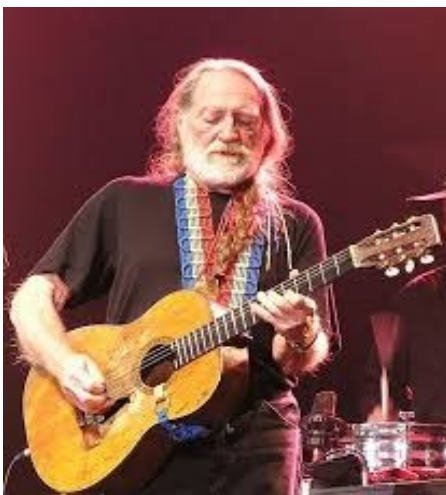
HAPPY BIRTHDAY WILLIE NELSON

Born 29/4/1933

92 and still going strong !!!

In 2023, Willie Nelson performed at two concerts at the Hollywood Bowl celebrating his 90th birthday and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

With the death of Kris Kristofferson in September 2024, Nelson became the last surviving member of The Highwaymen.



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



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