



PENINSULA FOLK CLUB

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025

Celebrating 41 years of Advancing Acoustic Music
on the Peninsula

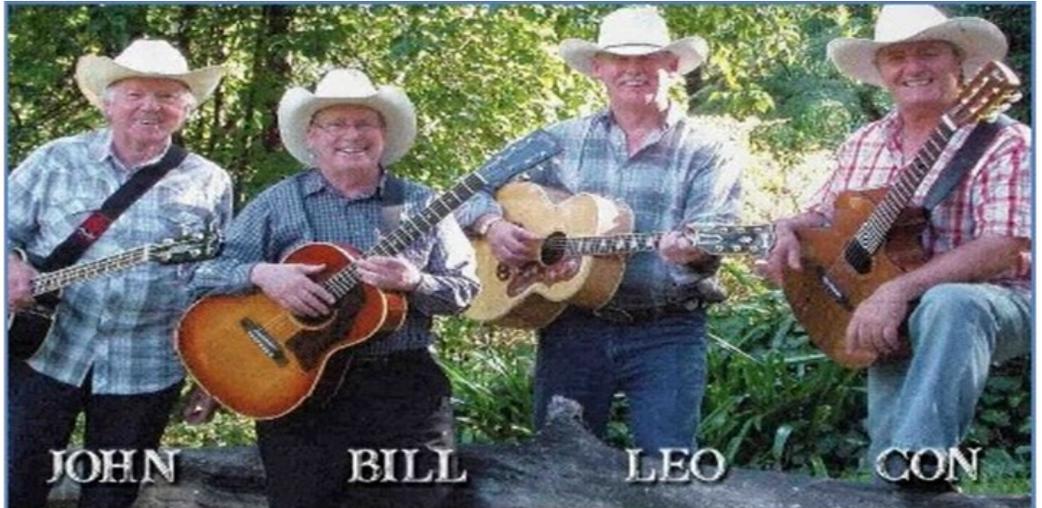
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NOVEMBER 2nd GRANDSONS OF THE PIONEERS

The Grandsons of the Pioneers are a four piece acoustic band that play traditional western cowboy songs in the style of the legendary group The Sons of the Pioneers. The members are John Tippet, Bill Jeffrey, Con Anag and Leo Dalton.

John, Bill and Con were members of the band Country Limited, who also backed many artists, and Leo Dalton, who was a member of The Hawking Brothers,

now playing with his own band, The Dalton Gang, and Honey Bee and the Stingers.. They came together initially to have a social pick on weekends, enjoying playing and singing songs with a lean towards "Country", in particular, traditional Western Cowboy



music. They eventually built up a repertoire of songs which led to the group being booked for various gigs.

We always aim to have our Guest Artists on stage by 8.45 to do a 40-45 minute set

SPOT ACTS 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 WERE DUE ON 1st JULY for 2025-26



*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

7th DECEMBER WILL BE A REGULAR CLUB NIGHT STARTING WITH A JAM SESSION AT 5.30 FOLLOWED BY STAGE ACTS AT 6.30

THERE WILL BE NO SPOT ACTS ON THE NIGHT It will be a HAT BAND NIGHT. Groups will be formed randomly by drawing names out of a hat, (each with a group leader/facilitator) at our November Club Night. The groups will be getting together to decide on songs to be played and practice during the month prior to performing at the December Club Night. Let's hope each of the groups are able to incorporate something "Christmassy" into their set



Register to be a part of it at our November Club night... or by email to peterstanley7@bigpond.com Name and best contact number please



FOOD. We are encouraging folk to bring food to share with folk at their table..Tea and coffee available as usual ...plus the bar.

BYO crockery and cutlery

RAFFLE. Once again we will have a Christmas Raffle with proceeds going to support the Frankston Christmas Lunch for the Disadvantaged. We are hoping that a big

man in a red suit and beard will be on hand to distribute prizes



FRESH FROM THEIR APPEARANCE AT THE NATION GALLERY FRENCH IMPRESSIONISTS EXPO..... WE ARE STILL TRYING TO NAIL DOWN A DATE !! LOL

OCTOBER CLUB NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS

Another great night ! Featuring PFC's own Greenfieldz...
and FIVE Ex-Presidents on stage



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GREENFIELDZ



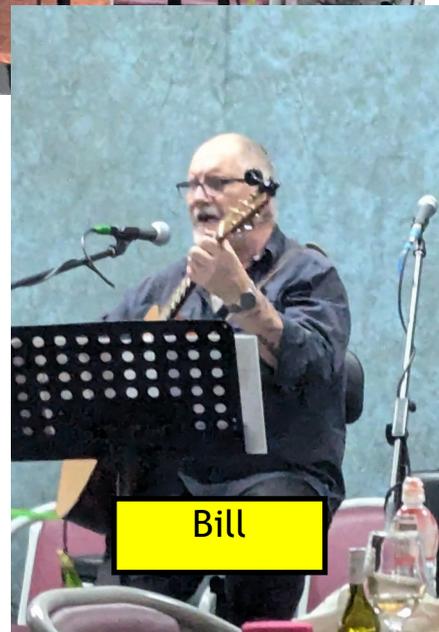
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BEYOND THE SEA



JOE AND FRIENDS



Bill

DATES FOR YOUR 2026 DIARY

GIRGARRE MOOSIC MUSTER

Wednesday, 07 to Sunday, 11 January 2026

In 2003 you would not have said that Girgarre had a 'music scene'. Despite this, three musicians setup on a bale of hay at Girgarre's earliest farmers market with twelve locals enjoying the offerings. It was the height of the millennium drought and Girgarre was suffering badly socially and economically. From this day, an idea sprouted and the Moosic Muster's small, but strong, roots were laid. No-one could have imagined the huge success the annual festival would have and the tremendous support it would receive.

The now iconic Girgarre Moosic Muster attracts more than 1500 music lovers and skilled players from city and country, stamping it as a major fixture on Victoria's acoustic festival circuit. The tutors and bands still work free of charge. For more than a decade, this unique muster has encouraged and taught thousands of beginners how to play music and provided a platform and exposure for many established and emerging musicians, songwriters and bands.



PFC'S "JUNCTION JAM"

at Yarra Junction's historic Camp Eureka, Tarango Rd, from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd February 2026

(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.

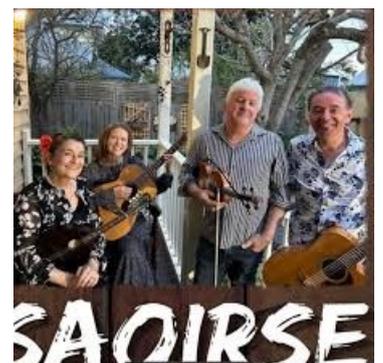
Bring your caravan, camper or tent or swag. (some cabins available)



FEBRUARY 1st SUNDAY CLUB NIGHT

The Irish Group SAOIRSE have agreed to kick off 2026 as our Guest Act for February,..

They last appeared at PFC in March 2018 so it's about time.. Saoirse (Gaelic word for freedom) Pronounced seeuh shuh



WHAT'S ON AT OTHER FOLK CLUBS ??

Victorian Folk Music Club

Senior Citizens Hall, Ringwood East.
Admission charges , VFMC members \$11,
Concession \$13, General Admission \$15.

11th NOVEMBER [folkTrain](#)

folkTrain is a band based in Victoria's
Dandenong Ranges.



BERWICK & DISTRICT FOLK CLUB ...

'3rd Friday of month 7:00pm
Old Cheese Factory 34
Homestead Rd., Berwick,

21st NOV WATTLE LANE

Cate Taylor is an indie-folk singer
songwriter based in Naarm who
performs delicately crafted material
on guitar and mandolin.
Amla is a captivating multi-
instrumentalist (flautist, violinist &
vocalist). Together they form Wattle
Lane to bring you a collection of
moving songs that reflect social,
personal and environmental themes
delivered through story-telling, ballads
and upbeat songs.



'Folk Uniting Night'

concert is on the 3rd Saturday
each month at the Cranbourne
Uniting Church, 41 Lesdon
Ave.

Spot acts welcome! Call Sharon
on 0409 163 680 to secure a
spot.

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 !!

SELBY FOLK CLUB
FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER
\$15
DOORS 7:30PM - MUSIC 8PM

MOONSHINE COALITION
WITH JORDAN SCITNEY

SELBY COMMUNITY SPACE
MARK DR. SELBY

TICKETS: [PA SELBYFOLK.COM.AU](#)
OR CHAS AT THE DOOR

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VENUE

MIA ALFORD

THE EDITOR REMINISCES

CRACKER NIGHT: JOHN WILLIAMSON 1986

Teary eyes at the window, Where did Mum and Dad go?
I wish someone would hurry up and come and get me, Gee I'm scared
The cat shot through, She saw the light and fled.

Cracker night was a real big deal, when I was a little kid
They started lettin' them off after tea I ran inside and hid
And all the dogs from everywhere were underneath me bed.

We all went down in our dressing gowns to see the big bonfire
Wide eyes watched the straw man burn on a mile-high pile of tires
Hot as hell, big black smell and red hot rings of wire.

Sky rockets zinging, Catherine wheels spinning,
What a flamin' evening, Fire trucks were screaming
Smoky haze hangin' round for days And Grandma's ears were ringing.

Every night after school draggin' bits of wood,
Boxes and branches and rotten old fences, mattresses were good.
We even scrounged a vinyl lounge, And anything we could

Little Guy Fawkes's and letter boxes, Blown all out of shape
Light the wick and back off quick, And make the big escape
Cackin' ourselves and rippin' my shirt Scrambling through the gate

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A house burnt down on the edge of town, We all took off with Pa
This thing whizzed across the road, And nearly hit our car
A bang and spark lit up the park, And everyone went Ah! Ah! Ah!

Cracker night was a real big deal,, When I was a little kid,
It seems like only yesterday, Tucked away in bed
Dreams of schemes and double bungers, Daring things we did

EDITOR'S NOTE

Cracker night was a traditional Australian celebration involving fire-works, which was popular in Victoria until the sale of private fire-works was banned in 1982. It was originally based on the British Guy Fawkes Night (November 5) or Queen Victoria's birthday (May 24), and many Victorians fondly remember community celebrations with bonfires and personal fireworks. The ban was implemented due to safety concerns like injuries and fires

WHERE ELSE IS GOOD MUSIC PLAYING ???

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.

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

Ferntree Gully Bowling Club 2a Glenfern Rd,
Ferntree Gully

OCTOBER 28th

RUFOUS WHISTLER IS THE AUSTRALIAN ALT-COUNTRY ACT TURNING HEADS NATIONWIDE. HAILING FROM NORTHEAST VICTORIA ,

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 Graeme 0437 470 385



49th Port Fairy Folk Festival
6-9 MARCH 2026
 CURRENT ARTIST ANNOUNCEMENT

ÅKERVINDA SWE • BASSET CAN • BEOGA IRE
 BLAIR DUNLOP ENG • THE CARTRIDGE FAMILY
 CHLOE FOY ENG • DAN WEBSTER & EMILY LAWLER ENG
 DARREN HANLON • ELEPHANT SESSIONS SCO
 EMMA DONOVAN • TAKE ME TO THE RIVER
 FELICITY URQUHART & JOSH CUNNINGHAM
 THE GATHERING • GK • GRÁINNE HUNT IRE
 INN ECHO CAN • IRON & WINE USA
 JEFFREY MARTIN USA • KANKAWA NAGARRA
 KASEY CHAMBERS • KRIS MIZZI
 LLOYD SPIEGEL TRIO • MARY COUGHLAN IRE
 MIA KELLY CAN • NICO PAULO PRT/CAN
 NORTHERN RESONANCE SWE • PIERCE BROTHERS
 RAINBOW GIRLS USA • ROBBIE CAVANAGH ENG
 STEVE POLTZ CAN • SVAVAR KNÚTUR ICE
 THE SWELL SEASON IRE/CZC • WILLIE WATSON USA
 WINDBORNE USA • PLUS MANY MORE...

portfairyfolkfestival.com

TAMWORTH COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL
 16 to 25 January 2026.

Headliners in 2026 include Troy Cassar-Daley, Lee Kernaghan, John Williamson, Orchestral Country, Amber Lawrence, Ashleigh Dallas, Fanny Lumsden, Lyn Bowtell, Travis Collins and so many more acts. Even The Wiggles will be there. Wear your cowboy boots and denim, and join thousands upon thousands of fans to enjoy unforgettable entertainment each day and night

Yarra Junction Fiddler's Convention

The Yarra Junction Fiddlers Convention 2026 will be held from March 27-29, 2026.

The dates were moved to the end of March to address fire concerns and give the Camp Eureka co-operative more time to prepare the site.

By the banks of the Murray River

RIVERBOATS
 MUSIC FESTIVAL

Echuca-Moama • Yorta Yorta Country • February 13-15 2026

EDITOR SUGGESTS....

Looking for something to listen to?
My suggestion is Home Free .. an American country a cappella group of five vocalists: Adam Bell-Bastien, Adam Chance, Rob Lundquist, Adam Rupp, and Tim Foust. Starting as a show group, they toured with approximately 200 shows a year across the United States. The group won the fourth season of The Sing-Off on NBC in 2013.

Check them out on Youtube...
(especially the amazing bass voice!!)



A TRUE BLUE AUSSIE LEGEND

55 years after winning New Faces, John Williamson has embarked on his "Last Lap" Tour. He is not retiring... he's just winding down !!

On Friday 10th of October he played to a full house at Frankston Arts Centre.. Our Treasurer said he was brilliant...



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

Guitars & Things

Coleman's Music Centre.(was Cranbourne Music). NOW ON-LINE ONLY 9799 5400 10% Disc.

Nepean Music Centre... NOW AT 3 BARRETT LANE MORNINGTON 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 Nov
END OF YEAR CELEBRATION 7th December**



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