



PENINSULA FOLK CLUB

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023

Advancing Acoustic Music on the Peninsula

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DECEMBER 3rd ..CHRISTMAS PARTY

12 noon- 4.00pm ... \$10 per head

We will be continuing our tradition of a lunch and an afternoon of fun, music and conversation. We start proceedings from Midday and will enjoy the company of our Folkie friends till about 4pm. We have decided this time to return to the traditional BBQ and salad (plus sweets of course!!) Tea and Coffee will be provided.



You will be able to buy drinks at the bar (NO BYO..sorry)

All attenders will need to pay \$10.

To help with catering, we will be asking everyone in attendance next club night to indicate if they will be joining us at the Christmas Party. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with the BBQ.

Bring your instruments and voices and join in the jam sessions.



As has become our tradition, we will have a Christmas Hamper raffle, proceeds will once again go to support the Christmas Dinner put on for the disadvantaged in Frankston at the Frankston Arts Centre.



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

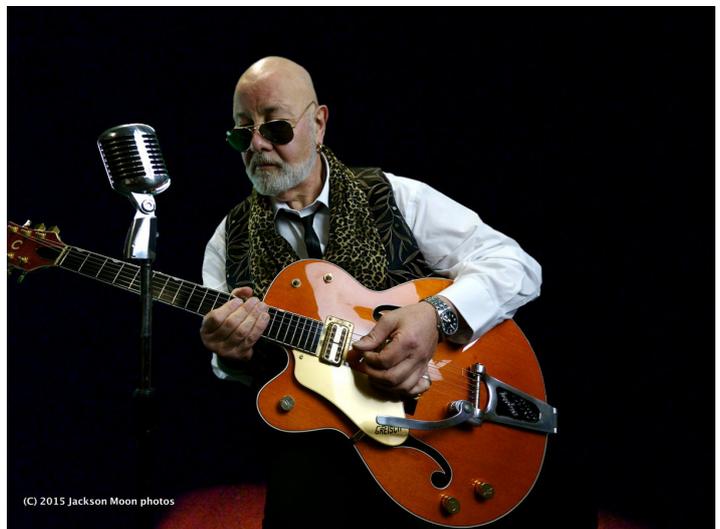
richard b. doctors



4th FEB..FIRST CLUB NIGHT FOR 2024

features a CD Launch from an old friend of the Club, Richard B. Doctors. Richard is a local Melbourne contemporary singer-songwriter. Richard's debut album 'Blink' was released in 2017, after which he released his arrangement of G.O.T. In 2020, Richard released two singles, the powerful 'Black Crow' and the country rock flavoured 'Liberty Belle'

His new CD is mostly Australian material and is called "On the Wallaby"



8 Benefits of Learning to Play an Instrument

- You'll be smarter. One of the best reasons to learn to play music is to increase your cognitive ability. ...
- Make friends. ...
- Playing an instrument relieves stress. ...
- You'll feel proud. ...
- It builds your confidence. ...
- Improve patience. ...
- Improve memory. ...
- * It makes you creative.



Music Arts Center of San Antonio

NOVEMBER HAT BAND NIGHT SNAPS



Another fantastic night!! Thanks to everyone who got involved in the "Hat Band" concept. We had some surprising "items" that no-one expected !
Wig Band ?? Cows with Guns ?? Loved it all
Thanks to Eric for bringing his son and friends to entertain us with excerpts from their American Troubadour show.. Brilliant stuff



WIG BAND



PFC ASSOCIATED GROUPS

The Peninsula Folk Club Singers (better known as PMS voices) ... invite anyone who likes to sing, whether well or not, to come along and enjoy a fun night with like-minded lovers of music.

We've grown to be a really good choir. We started about halfway through last year, learned about eight songs stretching from The Seekers through to Adele, performed at the Folk Club and at the Somerville Community House Christmas party...and loved it. We still 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



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

BANJO GROUP ??

Following the success of the Fiddle, mando and singing groups, the possibility of starting a BANJO group has been raised... Do we have enough interested folk out there that would make this viable. Of course, we will need to find a suitable group leader !! If you've always thought you'd love to play banjo (or if this is a completely new thought) let us know. Drop a line to pfclub@gmail.com or have a chat at the desk next club night... We have had a couple of interested people ..Do we have any more??



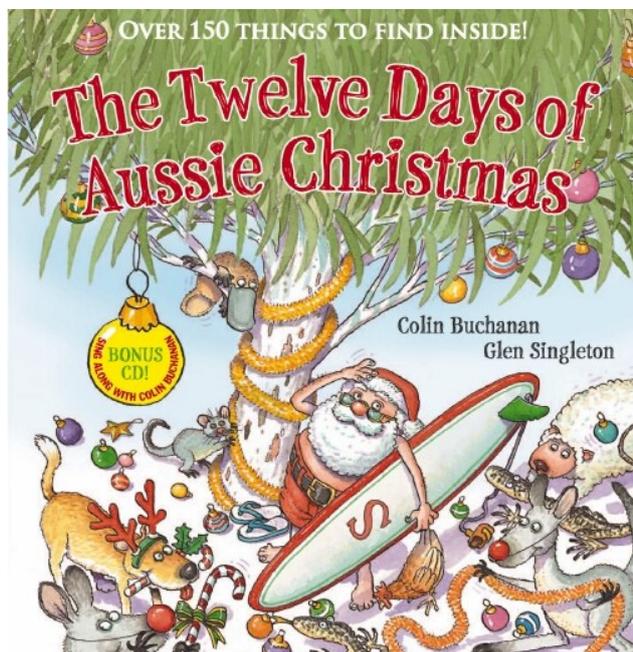
THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE

was a series of widespread unofficial ceasefires along the Western Front of the First World War around Christmas 1914.

The truce occurred five months after hostilities had begun. Lulls occurred in the fighting as armies ran out of men and munitions and commanders reconsidered their strategies following the stalemate of the Race to the Sea and the indecisive result of the First Battle of Ypres. In the week leading up to 25 December, French, German and British soldiers crossed trenches to exchange seasonal greetings and talk. In some areas, men from both sides ventured into no man's land on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to mingle and exchange food and souvenirs. There were joint burial ceremonies and prisoner swaps, while several meetings ended in carolling. Men played games of football with one another, creating one of the most memorable images of the truce. Hostilities continued in some sectors, while in others the sides settled on little more than arrangements to recover bodies.

On the 1st day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
An emu up a gum tree

12 parrots prattling,
11 numbats nagging,
10 lizards leaping,
9 wombats working,
8 possums playing,
7 koalas climbing,
6 platypuses,
5 kangaroos,
4 kookaburras
3 jabirus,
2 pink galahs,



SILENT NIGHT. THE CHRISTMAS CAROL WRITTEN FOR THE GUITAR

The traditional origin of “Silent Night” can be dated back to a chilly winter of 1818 at Oberndorf, a town in Austria. Joseph Mohr, a young and upcoming musician and the protagonist of this narrative, was the priest of the local church. On Christmas eve, the church organ was discovered as broken, with no avenues to fix it until the snow melts away in spring. Joseph, a determined individual, was not disheartened and took steps to ensure that the music prevailed during Christmas. He retrieved a poem from down the memory lane, which he had crafted two years ago. He collaborated with Franz Gruber, the church organist to look for an alternative instrument and relevant melody for the composition. The two men subsequently performed the carol at a Christmas mass beautifully. Gruber played the guitar. And the last two lines of each verse that the choir repeated had a prolonged impact.

*Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace*

*Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born*

*Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth*





Sing & Strum

UKULELE

**resuming Tues 31st 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**

SELBY FOLK CLUB

*Selby Community House
Minak Road, Selby*

Dec 1st A Cappella Evening

We're back with our a cappella evening!! This year we're staying at Selby Community House and throwing open the doors, with **FREE** entry for all!! We've got some great acts for you to enjoy:

Including...VoiceBox, one of Melbourne's longest-running male a cappella groups, is excited to return to be part of the Selby Folk club's a cappella night to share a collection of contemporary and traditional songs for your enjoyment.

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*

WARRAGUL ACOUSTIC UNPLUGGED

The Club meets on the 2nd Friday of each month, at the Warragul Senior Citizens. When the idea of Acoustic Unplugged was first discussed, we always spoke in terms of people sharing their music, in a welcoming, supportive, friendly way, with no "stars" - just a group of people who love their music and like the idea of coming together to share that. We can now look back and feel that has largely been the outcome, and we continue to welcome others who share this vision.

THERE IS NO OFFICIAL PENINSULA FOLK CLUB MEETING IN JANUARY

HOWEVER, WE ENCOURAGE OUR FOLK TO ATTEND THE GIRGARRE MOOSIC MUSTER 10-14 JANUARY 2024

The Girgarre Moosic Muster is a family-friendly music festival based on a combination of Bluegrass, Irish, Gospel, Country Bush and Folk Music..something for everyone!



Girgarre Moosic Festival has been a part of the life of the Peninsula Folk Club for at least the last decade, as our Members and friends have supported this endeavour since it's inception. It survived the ravages of Covid !! And it gets bigger and better every year !

Perhaps you have never been to Girgarre..2024 could be the year you made the journey and joined the regulars (the usual suspects)



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

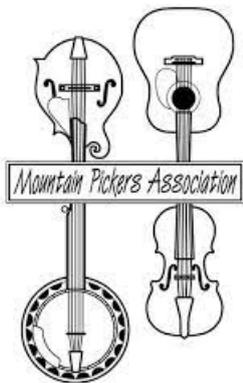
MOUNTAIN PICKERS ASSOC

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

28th NOVEMBER

End of Year/Christmas Breakup

*The Mountain Pickers Christmas Break Up
night has no featured
act, just a night filled
with chalk board con-
certs! It's always a
great night, with
friends coming togeth-
er to enjoy the music
we all love*



BERWICK FOLK CLUB..

3rd Friday of month Doors open
7:30 - Music starts 8pm @
Old Cheese Factory 34 Home-
stead Rd., Berwick

**15th December 2023
It's an Open Mic Night**

As always a laid back kind
of evening just before
Christmas.

Put your name on the board
to play.

P.S. We may have
a guest
artist too.



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Guitars & Things 3e 415-417 Nepean Hwy (cnr RossSmith Av F'ton Ph 9770 1765 15% Disc *Guitars & Things*



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 4th Feb**

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CHRISTMAS PARTY 3rd DECEMBER from 12 Noon