



# PENINSULA FOLK CLUB

# NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025

Celebrating 41 years of Advancing Acoustic Music  
on the Peninsula

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**7th DECEMBER WILL BE A REGULAR CLUB NIGHT  
STARTING WITH A JAM SESSION AT 5.30  
FOLLOWED BY STAGE ACTS AT 6.30  
(NORMAL ENTRY FEES WILL APPLY AS WE NEED TO PAY HALL HIRE)**

***THERE WILL BE NO SPOT ACTS ON THE NIGHT  
It will be a HAT BAND NIGHT. Groups were formed randomly  
by drawing names out of a hat, at the November Club  
Night. The groups have been getting together to decide on  
songs to be played and practice prior to per-  
forming at the December Club Night.***



***FOOD. We are encouraging folk to bring  
food to share with folk at their table..Tea  
and coffee available as usual ...plus the bar.  
Some nibblies will be supplied  
BYO crockery and cutlery***

***RAFFLE. Once again we will have  
a Christmas Raffle with proceeds going to sup-  
port the Frankston Christmas Lunch for the  
Disadvantaged. So please come prepared to  
support this worthy cause!! We are hoping  
that a big man in a red suit and beard will be on hand to  
distribute prizes***



**SPOT ACTS Call TONY COFFEY on 0483 017 572 to discuss  
getting a spot on a future Club Night bill**



*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

## SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY

*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 ...*

*Saoirse delight their audiences with their beautiful renditions of traditional Irish ballads and original works, they will join hands to offer some spirited jigs and reels to get your feet tapping.*



*Saoirse have performed at some great festivals including the Port Fairy Folk Festival, Brunswick Music Festival, the National Folk Festival, and many other music venues throughout Australia.*

## SUNDAY 1st MARCH DAVE DIPROSE AND HILLBILLY RADIO

*Award-winning songwriter Dave Diprose's music draws from personal experience, a family history of life on the land, and the lives of those around him. His songs paint vivid pictures of rural landscapes and stories from a bygone era. His style has been described as a meeting of Steve Earle and Norman Blake.*

*Dave performs with Hillbilly Radio including long-time collaborator Darryl Thompson (Dobro, guitar, vocals), Greg Hunt (Fiddle,) and fellow Nile Mile Creek foundation members Andrew Barcham (Bass) and Mark Pottenger (Mandolin & vocals), together creating a warm and dynamic sound. With decades of live performance under his belt, including festival stages and support slots for international acts, Dave and the Band bring depth, professionalism, and heart to every show. Great songs, great stories and great musicianship*



**THIS IS THE LAST  
NEWSLETTER FOR 2025**

**NEXT NEWSLETTER IN  
FEBRUARY 2026**

# 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,..There will be a mega "whiteboard concert on Saturday arvo. Bring your caravan, camper or tent or swag. (some cabins available)*

*Admission \$50 pp for the weekend.. \$20 pp for day trippers..  
Children under 12 free*

*Contact Alan Lazarus 0418 544 467 re booking huts*

# NOVEMBER CLUB NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS



GRANDSONS OF THE PIONEERS



JULIE & FRIENDS



# WHAT A GREAT YEAR 2025 HAS BEEN !! GREAT GUEST ACTS !!

Looking back we tend to forget the great Guest Acts we have had the pleasure of welcoming each month...  
So here they are in date order

February Tim and the Captain,  
March Maria Forde,  
April John Flanagan,  
May Backwater,  
June Leanne Bugat,  
July AGM .. Peninsula Voices,  
August Coolgrass,  
September Play it Martha (Pat & Cora) ,  
October Greenfieldz,  
November Grandsons of the Pioneers...



WOW.. What a varied line-up !! 2026 had better be good !!



## WHAT'S ON AT OTHER FOLK CLUBS ??

### VICTORIAN FOLK MUSIC CLUB

#### AKA RINGWOOD FOLK CLUB

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

### 9th DEC BURNING BRIDGES

The Burning Bridges are an old-school string band with a constantly evolving repertoire that reaches back to the bedrock of American country music, including old time, bluegrass, alt-country, and an expanding catalogue of original yet classic-sounding songs and tunes. The band appears regularly at national festivals and venues across Melbourne and statewide and has released three albums to date, the most recent, Whipporwill, in August 2023. Members include Peter Somerville (banjo/ vocals), Fran Martin (guitar/ vocals), and rising fiddle maestro Tom Somerville (fiddle/ guitar). Newest member Jim Taylor features on bull fiddle and vocals.

### 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 !!*

**DECEMBER F.U.N with Christmas Carols**

**FEBRUARY OPEN MIC NIGHT**

### SELBY FOLK CLUB

Selby Community House  
Minak Road, Selby

The Selby Folk Club has been meeting on the first Friday of every month (except January) since 1978.

Their final Club night for 2025 was on 7th November  
Check their website for 2026 program commencement



# 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.

NOTE: OPEN MIC WILL BE ON THE  
4th THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER

Audience members are always welcome and no booking is required.

## MOUNTAIN PICKERS

Ferntree Gully Bowling Club 2a Glenfern Rd,  
Ferntree Gully

MOUNTAIN PICKERS have a Monthly Club Night at the Ferntree Gully Bowling Club, 2A Glenfern Rd on the last Tuesday of the month from January to November. The club night consists of a chalkboard concert featuring local working bands, followed by a Feature Act, where both local and overseas guests appear.

The concerts starts at 7.45 pm...  
Entry Fees Members - \$10,  
Non Members - \$20, Concession - \$15

## 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)

FATHERS STARTS UP AGAIN FOR 2026  
on 13th FEBRUARY



## 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



Monday Musos last meeting for 2025 will be  
8th December

Resuming on  
19th January 2026

**The Nariel Creek Folk Festival  
27 Dec '25 - 03 Jan '26**

*Nariel Creek comes to life with traditional folk music, musical exploration and dance. Celebrating into the New Year since its beginning way back in 1962.*

*From a small gathering of like-minded people and curious locals, the Nariel Creek Folk Festival has become the longest running event of its kind in Australia,*

*continuing a long tradition of old time music and dance which has been a feature of the Nariel Valley for more than 100 years.*

*Surrounding the Festival, Hall Dances will be held, not to mention numerous kids activities on the green and afternoon concerts to imbibe in during those summer afternoons under big shady trees.*

*It's at the Nariel Recreation Reserve, located in an ideal position beside the Nariel Creek only 12 kilometres south-west of Corryong.*

ILLAWARRA FOLK CLUB PRESENTS



THE 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**ILLAWARRA  
FOLK  
FESTIVAL**  
16 - 18 JANUARY 2026

**NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS**

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& THE HARD TIMES • FELICITY URQUHART & JOSH CUNNINGHAM • GROSSE ISLE <sup>CAN</sup>  
GOOD TUNES • HALF LIGHT <sup>USA</sup> • HANDSOME YOUNG STRANGERS • JB PATERSON  
JOSEFINA PAULSON & FRIENDS <sup>USA</sup> • KEN FIELD'S HOOTBAND <sup>USA</sup> • LIZZIE FLYNN  
& THE RUNAWAY TRAINS • MAGGIE CARTY • MAURIE MULHERON & PETER HICKS  
MAYPOLE WITH MOLLY • MICKEY & MICHELLE • NORTH & ELSEWHERE  
OLD MAN LUEDECKE <sup>CAN</sup> • ONE SPIRIT AFRICA • PATINA • PAVERTY BUSH BAND  
PETER MACE BUSH POET • PIRRITU • RANDY DANDY SHANTIES • ROBERT ZIELINSKI &  
MANUELA CENTANNI • ROBYN SYKES • RUFIOUS WHISTLER • SANTA TARANTA • SAPLINGS  
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THE PAIRS <sup>CAN</sup> • UNCLE FRANK YAMMA • UNGUS UNGUS UNGUS • WHISKEY DRAM

**LOCAL ARTISTS**

ANDY OPHEE & THE OVERNIGHT LOWS • CHA CHA DEL MAR • CINNAMON TWIST BELLY  
DANCE • CURIOUS RENDITION ORCHESTRA • EMILY DUNCAN • ENOUGH SAID POETRY SLAM  
GOBSMACKED! • JODI EDWARDS • KYARNA • LIMONCELLO • LOVE IN THE JUNGLE  
MARCO AND RUSTY • MARK BALLESI • MENDALA • NEW CALYPTUS • NIKRIANN  
SHANTIES & WORKSONGS • PENELOPE CHURCH • PENNY HARTGERINK TRIO  
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SLIPPERY JOHN SAUSAGE & THE SWAMPER DOMPER BAYOU BOYS  
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*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.**



**NATIONAL  
FOLK FESTIVAL**  
CANBERRA 2-6 APRIL  
60 YEARS IN 2026

# EDITOR SUGGESTS....

## THE CAT STEVENS STORY



**SUNDAY - NOV 30th**  
**THE ROUND**  
379-399 Whitehorse Rd,  
Nunawading  
**(03) 9262 6555**



*Our next show, 'The Cat Stevens Story', is on Sunday Nov 30th at The Round, Nunawading, and there are very limited tickets remaining!*

*• If you'd like to come, head over and grab some of the last seats now, we would love to see you there!*

*• James Van Cuylenberg*



**FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE...**  
Direct from Off-Broadway,  
A Taste of Ireland - The Irish  
Music & Dance Sensation,  
presents its holiday spectacular,  
A Celtic Christmas.

Wednesday, 17 December  
2025 | 04:00 PM - 06:00 PM  
Wednesday, 17 December  
2025 | 07:30 PM - 09:30 PM  
...SOLD OUT

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Langwarrin 3910

**Dates to Remember ..... Peninsula Folk Club  
END OF YEAR CELEBRATION 7th December  
Club Nights for 2026 Feb 1st, March 1st**



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