



PENINSULA FOLK CLUB

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Celebrating 41 years of Advancing Acoustic Music
on the Peninsula

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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

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 !!



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 5th APRIL (EASTER SUNDAY)

We will be having a CLUB NIGHT as usual but there will be NO GUEST ACT. It will be SPOT ACTS ONLY.

Perhaps you haven't been on stage for a while.. it might be the perfect night for your return to the spotlights!! Call TONY COFFEY on 0483 017 572 to discuss getting a spot



OUR ANNUAL SONGWRITERS CONTEST MAY BE BACK FOR 2026 ????

After a year's break, the Committee is undecided as to whether to bring back our Songwriter's Contest later in 2026.. We need to know if there is sufficient interest from among our Members ????????

So ... if you would be likely to submit an entry, can you let us know? Just send a message to pfclub@gmail.com with an "Expression of Interest". If we get enough responses it will be back on !!!!



GIRGARRE MOOSIC MUSTER

For those of you who have not heard, the Muster was cancelled on the Thursday due to the horrific weather and Catastrophic Fire conditions prevailing. Folk were not able to travel home on the Friday and had to pack up in the heat and leave that afternoon!!

Here is a post from one of our Committee members...

Ric A Ashley

As an attendee of the Girgarre festival, this year, I am grateful for the organisers following the advice of the SES, police and fire service. It was a hot mess and the pack up was even hotter. I can't imagine how hard it would have been today. Most of the people I have spoken with are disappointed, that it got to this stage, but it wasn't a bad decision. I'm sure the people that got on the road back to Melbourne, were able to see the smoke from the Euroa fires. Which were blocking the Hume highway to the north east. I can imagine the people who arrived at Girgarre yesterday were not happy about the withdrawal. But it seems to me that there was no way to continue the festival safely.

To me it raises the question (again) why this weekend when it inevitably is hot (40 degrees is the norm)



SCENE AT JUNCTION JAM 2026



DECEMBER CLUB NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS



FEB CLUB NIGHT... FABULOUS IRISH BAND SAOIRSE

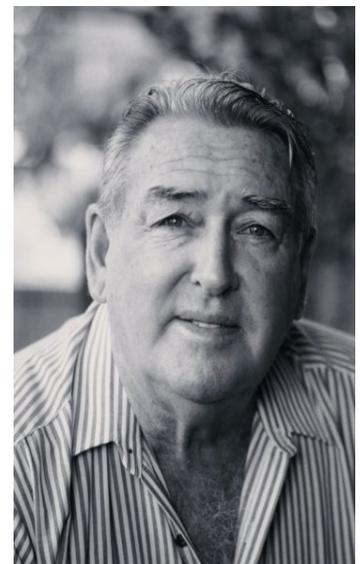


REMEMBERING A COUPLE OF LEGENDS WHO GRACED OUR STAGE

Danny Spooner (16 December 1936 - 3 March 2017) was an Australian traditional folk singer and social historian. Born in England, he left school at the age of 13 and worked as a salvage tug and trawler skipper before moving to Australia in 1962. He rapidly became involved in the Melbourne folk revival centred on Frank Traynor's folk club, and was a major figure in the Australian folk scene thereafter ... Danny was the Port Fairy Folk Festival artist of the year in 1995.. Danny Spooner was an amazing man with infectious energy and personal warmth, great musicality and encyclopedic knowledge. The archetypal troubadour, Danny sang a rich variety of songs from the folk traditions of the British Isles, North America and Australia, travelling the world to share them. He sang with rare warmth, winning the hearts and imaginations of his audience with his humour and conviction. His legacy will live long.



Ted Egan was born in Coburg, in 1932, and was educated at Parade College. He moved to the Northern Territory in 1949 at the age of 16. In his early career with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs he was engaged in jobs such as stockwork and crocodile hunting while employed as a patrol officer and reserve superintendent. Later he was a teacher at bush schools. Ted was the sole teacher at the Newcastle Waters Station in 1965 and was stranded at the property for six weeks when the creek flooded. Ted began recording in 1969 with "Drinkers of the Northern Territory", which enjoyed considerable local popularity. He subsequently released 30 albums, mostly themed around outback life, history and Aboriginal people. He wrote the song "Gurindji Blues" in 1969 with Vincent Lingiari during the Wave Hill walk-off. Ted was a regular performer at the National Folk Festival and received a lifetime achievement award there in 2015. Ted was appointed Administrator of the Northern Territory by Governor-General Michael Jeffery effective 31 October 2003, On 14 September 2005, he was given a one-year extension to his term of office by Jim Lloyd, the federal Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads. This was extended for another year until 30 October 2007. He passed away in December 2025 aged 93.



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.

10th MARCH..Apolline

Australian folk trio Apolline (pronounced Apo-leen) is an award winning neo-trad band whose intricate arrangements and high-quality performances have stunned audiences since their debut. Known for their creative and nonconformist style, the band utilises a wide range of musical influences such as jazz, Scandinavian folk and a healthy dose of video game soundtracks to inspire an innovative sound like no other. Whether it be fiery, quick-paced reels or intimate and slow ayres, the group's technical artistry and creativity consistently wows audiences. Within their repertoire of tune arrangements, Apolline's music also

features original melodies and songs that showcase the member's deep connection to the music they create and perform.



BERWICK & DISTRICT FOLK CLUB ...

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

20th March

Dave Diprose and Darryl Thompson have been performing together for an incredible fifty years, cultivating a deep musical chemistry and an innate understanding of each other's playing. Dave is a gifted storyteller and multi-award-winning songwriter whose evocative songs paint vivid scenes of rural landscapes and transport listeners to the nostalgic world of a bygone era. Darryl, a superb multi-instrumentalist, enhances their performances with his harmony vocals, guitar and Dobro, adding the perfect texture and colour to their material.



'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 se-
cure a spot.*

SATURDAY 21st MARCH

SELBY FOLK CLUB-

Due to serious structural damage from termites, Selby Community House is closed for term 1 of 2026. Yarra Ranges Council will cover the cost for relocation during this time for all classes and regular bookings. Menzies Creek Hall has been secured for Selby Folk Club. It's a great space – air-conditioned, with fans, toilet facilities and a kitchen so supper is still on! .

1st Friday of the month

Emaline Delapaix [UK] with
Jason Vorherr

March 6 @ 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Menzies Creek Hall 1 Menzies
Road, Menzies Creek, Victoria,
Australia

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.

MOUNTAIN PICKERS

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

Tuesday March 10 2026 - Special Evening

Charley Castle and the Boys From
The Well (Sydney)

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)



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

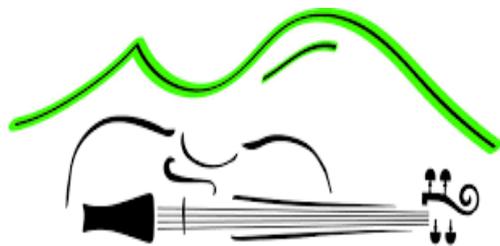
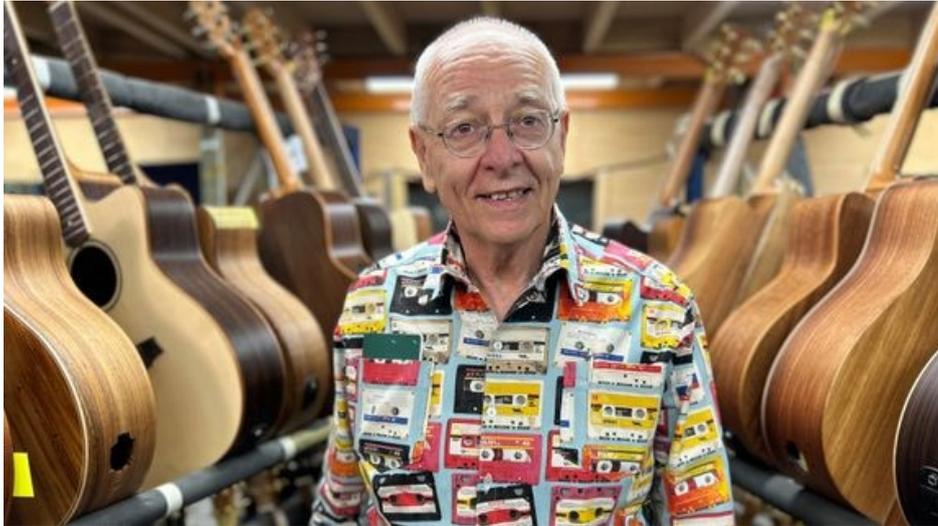
CONTACT: Tonia 0400 766 552 Graeme 0437 470 385



WORTH A LOOK

Dr Karl's How Things Work Season 2 Episode 4 on ABC iView

Dr Karl slides behind the doors of the Cole Clark guitar factory in Bayswater to see how Australia's favourite instrument is made. I caught up with this episode recently and it is fascinating !!



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



What began in 1998 as a humble fundraiser with 12 local performers in a local pub has grown into an annual 3-day festival. Nestled in the rolling hills of North East Victoria, the tiny town of Yackandandah bursts to life with music, food, community and all-round good vibes. Township takeover..Today, we host over 60 acts across 6 walkable venues, welcoming up to 200 performers from around Australia and internationally every March. With all venues within a 5-minute stroll, closed-off streets, and a laid-back village feel, YFF is one of Indigo Shire's biggest tourism drawcards, attracting over 2,500 visitors each year.

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



Coleman's Music Centre.(was Cranbourne Music). **NOW ONLINE 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 for 2026 March 1st, April 5th**



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