PENINSULA FOLK CLUB

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2026

Celebrating 41 years of Advancing Acoustic Music on the Peninsula

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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

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 3rd MAY GUEST ARTIST TIM WOODZ

Tim Woodz is a laid-back troubadour making waves in Australia's folk scene. With a knack for upbeat and relatable tunes, he mixes humour and honesty with a blend of folk, rock, and jazz vibes.

With his comical, heartwarming and inspiring perspective on life, Tim creates stripped back storytelling folk songs that contribute to the ever evolving Australian experience. Nostalgic and breathtaking imagery, stunning plot twists, virtuoso musicianship and an unwavering child-like imagination. Tim performs his humble songs with showmanship and earth shattering honesty.

SUNDAY 7th JUNE DUPLICITY

Check out Duplicity – the unstoppable force fusing jazz, blues, rock, and pop into one mesmerizing experience! Since taking home the crown for Best Group at the Dandenong Ranges Ukulele Festival (DRUKE) back in 2017, they've been on fire, pushing the boundaries of what ukuleles can do. Led by the dynamic duo of Sue Kidd on vocals, ukulele, and percussion, and Brendan Canty on ukulele, guitar, bass, and vocals, Duplicity brings a fresh vibe to the Melbourne music scene. From soulful vocals to ingenious arrangements, they're not just a band – they're a sonic adventure.

MEMBERSHIP SUBS FOR 2026-27 WILL BE DUE FROM 1st JULY

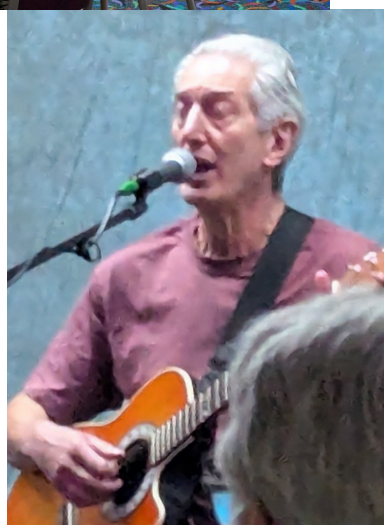
NO CHANGE… SINGLE MEMBERSHIP $15… FAMILY $25

YOU CAN PAY IN ADVANCE AT ANY CLUBNIGHT BEFORE THEN WHICH WILL HELP THE SMOOTH RUNNING AT THE DESK ON OUR AGM NIGHT !

TO ENCOURAGE THIS, EARLY PAYERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SPECIAL RAFFLE !!

MARCH CLUB NIGHT PIX

Another stellar night at PFC with Dave Diprose and his wonderful band "Hillbilly Radio" Dave was backed by Darryl Thompson (dobro) and longtime PFC friends Mark Pottenger (Mando), Andrew Barcham (bass) and Greg Hunt on Fiddle.. Greg was a regular at PFC in our formative years and it was great to have him back
They capped off a great night that featured a variety of Spot Acts to keep the crowd entertained !



AN OLDIE BUT A GOODIE !!!!

This guy goes to the doctor and says, "Doc, I can't stop singing certain songs. All morning I've been humming 'The Green, Green Grass Of Home.' Yesterday it was, 'Delilah.' Last week I sang 'What's New Pussycat?' at least 100 times! What's wrong with me?"
The Doctor says, "Sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome to me."
The man says, "Never heard of that. Is it common?"
Doc says, "It's not unusual."

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 !!!!

We have received a few "Expressions of Interest" already but will need a few more before a decision will be made to go ahead again in 2026

BUSH VERSE

A Cowyard Romeo

by Jim Graeme

Young Billy Riley was deeply in love with pretty Kate McBride
Their parents both had dairy farms out on the Lachlan side
Modest and innocent the maid, and shy the youthful swain
Who worshipped from afar, and lilted this refrain

"You're more to me than all the milk that Mum has ever churned
And dearer than the biggest cheque that Dad has ever earned
Just like a lonely poddy calf am I when we're apart
For you're the little jersey in the cowyard of my heart

Your skin is smooth as rabbit-skin, you're hair as soft as silk
And white your teeth as foam that floats on separated milk
To me your smiles are like the rills I see on little streams
And I'd imprison you beyond the sliprails of my dreams

No sapling grows as straight as you, or currajong as neat
The bush can boast no fairer flower or honey quite as sweet
Oft when the cows are obstinate and I am in despair
I think of you and then I build a dairy in the air

Oh when I'm driving out with you, the world seems good to me
The magpies' songs are like a flood of silver melody
I would not swap the old spring cart for fleets of motor cars
Or change the winding bush track for a roadway to the stars

I think I hear it from the milk that gurgles in the pail
'ere break of day, when I am crouched, half-frozen at the bail
The old cows seem to know it too, though were so far apart
That you're the jersey heifer, in the cowyard of my heart

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.

14th APRIL..Bohemian Nights

Ernie Gruner (Violin, mandolin, vocals) and Phil Carroll (accordion, vocals, ney) play Gypsy, Klezmer, Turkish, French, Italian, Russian, jazz and tango music which range from soulful to wild

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

'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.

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

NO CLUB NIGHT IN APRIL DUE TO CLASH WITH EASTER

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 April 28th
NICK CHARLES

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

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)

FESTIVALS PAGE

NEWPORT FOLK FESTIVAL

come & play

26-27th JUNE 2026

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.

MORE FESTIVALS !!

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

<u>Guitars & Things</u> 3e 415-417 Nepean Hwy (cnr RossSmith Av F'ton Ph 97701765 15% Disc

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

<u>Nepean Music Centre… NOW AT 3 BARRETT LANE MORNING-TON</u> 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 , April 5th, May 3rd

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