



PENINSULA FOLK CLUB

NEWSLETTER JULY 2026

**Celebrating 41 years of Advancing Acoustic Music
on the Peninsula**

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AUGUST 2nd OUR ANNUAL SONGWRITERS COMPETITION

Entries needed to be recorded and sent by email along with a copy of the words to pfclub@gmail.com by 13th July.. Entries will be collected and forwarded to our judges for their consideration and shortlisting. Shortlisted songs will then be performed at our August 2nd. club meeting on the Sunday afternoon/evening.

The Judging panel will consist of Patrick Evans and Rob Wilson, who is a key regional coordinator for the Australian Songwriters Association (ASA) in Melbourne South East

RULES AND CONDITIONS ARE ON PAGE 3

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 !!*

FIDDLE JAM SESSION.. *There is now a separate Jam Session for Fiddlers and other instrumentalists who want to play tunes from 5.00 to 6.15 in the Board Room*

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

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

NO CHANGE... SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$15... FAMILY \$25

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO PAID ALREADY !!



*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

SEPTEMBER 6th PENINSULA VOICES

We are so blessed to have this wonderful group of people from the Club and from without who meet fortnightly to practice and just enjoy music under the leadership of Eric Van Cuylenberg.

They are able to put together a range of styles and genres for us to enjoy. Each time they perform, someone unexpected steps forward to lead a song ..who will it be this time.. Can't wait



OCTOBER 4th BERNARDO SOLER

Bernardo is an award winning classical guitarist. He wanted to learn how to play guitar after hearing classical guitarist Julian Bream play on classical radio. He continued to listen to classical guitarists to develop his skills. In 1989, he graduated with a Bachelor of Music majoring in Classical guitar from the University of Santo Tomas Conservatory of Music in Manila. In 1992 he studied at the Melba Conservatorium of Music in Melbourne.

Bernardo is part of a local band in Melbourne, called Solead Q. The band combines elements of traditional Spanish guitar music with Latin rhythms.

As a solo guitarist, he has performed all over the Philippines, Indonesia, South America, United States of America, and Australia.



Bernardo was our Guest Artist in November 2022 and we are delighted to have him back at PFC

OUR ANNUAL SONGWRITERS COMPETITION AUGUST 2ND

The Prizes are all Gift Vouchers from GUITARS & THINGS:
1st Prize \$250, 2nd Prize \$150, 3rd Prize \$50



Rules and Conditions for Songwriters Competition 2026

1. Entry is free
2. The song, both tune and words, must be an original written in the folk genre by the entrant and must have been composed within the last 12 calendar months prior to the Competition date
3. The songwriter does not have to perform the song written but can nominate another person to perform it on their behalf
4. As this is a Songwriting Contest, performance will be by ONE voice and ONE acoustic instrument. It is permissible to have two people performing the song. Any acoustic instrument can be used to present the song, the only exception is that an electric keyboard is allowed, in piano mode only with no effects or pre-recorded sound
5. A copy of the song's words plus an audio or video recording of the song (MP3 or MP4) must be emailed to pfclub@gmail.com by 13th of July
6. All entrants will be advised if they have or have not made the final 10.
7. The Peninsula Folk Club has the right to refuse any entry on the basis that the content is, in the opinion of the committee, unsuitable.
8. The Judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into..!!

Notes: The audio recording does not have to be of professional quality. A home recording done with a computer and free software such as Audacity should give satisfactory results.



JULY CLUB NIGHT PIX



PFC COMMITTEE 2026-27



President Alan Lazarus



Vice President Neroli Blyth



Treasurer Beth Perry



Secretary Peter Stanley



General Committee Ric Ashley



Tony Coffey

AGM AND ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

On July 5th we received reports and confirmed the election of our Office Bearers and General Committee. Treasurer Beth Perry reported on the healthy state of the Club's finances.

President Alan Lazarus' Report was published in last month's Newsletter. He thanked the Committee and all those who help in the background...with setting up etc!!

DOWN MEMORY LANE



PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN ??



COOLGRASS DOING THEIR THING

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.

11th AUGUST MICHAEL WAUGH

Michael Waugh is a revered songwriter, a compelling live performer and an extraordinary storyteller. Among his admirers are Josh Cunningham from The Waifs, iconic singer-songwriter Eric Bogle and alt. country luminary Shane Nicholson.

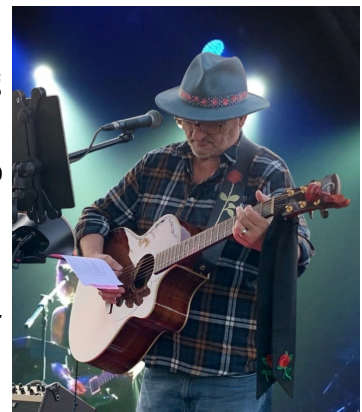


BERWICK & DISTRICT FOLK CLUB ...

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

21st AUGUST MARK LINDSAY

Mark Lindsay returned to playing guitar at 50 years old after not playing at all for the best part of 25 years. He sang for the first time in public at the Burrinjah café open mic in Upwey in around 2007, nervous as hell. Since then it has been a slow but steady grind, building up a repertoire of over 300 songs. Dabbling in different genres Mark has settled into the popular genres of ballads, country, pop and rock and is a regular performer throughout Gippsland



'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.

August 22nd

OPEN MIC NIGHT

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

Menzies Creek Hall 1 Menzies Road,

AUGUST 4th

TIG with TOM RICCONI

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'

AT THE
GREEN



*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

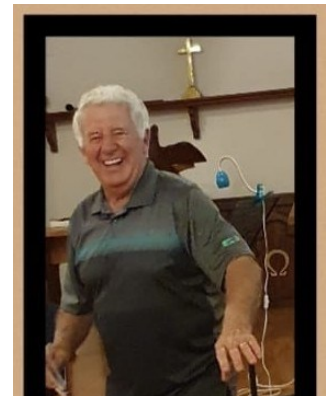
2nd FRIDAY at 7.30pm
St Johns Anglican
Childers St Cranbourne

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)

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



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

28th JULY THE BURNING BRIDGES



Old school country & authentic originals from the heart of Melbourne's north

FESTIVALS PAGE

51ST MALDON FOLK FESTIVAL 2026..30th OCT-2nd NOV

Our 2025 festival was a wonderful celebration of 50 years of our folky, and now we look forward to another great festival in 2026. We welcome you back to our town.

Maldon Folk Festival, located in Central Victoria, has been held annually for more than five decades (barring COVID!). Experience the legendary festival atmosphere, showcasing an abundance of music, and dance in the historic, National Trust Classified Maldon township.

Each year we provide a long weekend of quality folk, Celtic, bluegrass, a little jazz, a little blues music, and dance and interactive workshops at affordable prices, to suit all age groups. All venues are walking distance from the centre of town and have access for people with a disability.



GEELONG FOLK FESTIVAL 2026

Exciting program includes:

- Nick Charles • Fiona Ross • Apolline
- Carl Dickens • The Ch00ks
- Bellarine Banshees • Shona Williams
- Possums on the Porch • Jacob Boots
- Velvet Sledgehammer • Suzette Herft
- Seal Prince and the Roof Rats
- Mickey & Michelle • Milk
- The Drongo and The Crow
- Jill Meehan and Family
- Wintersong

More artist announcements coming soon...



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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 97701765 15% Disc

Guitars & Things

Coleman's Music Centre.(was Cranbourne Music). 266 Coventry St South Melbourne VIC 3205 ON-LINE 9654 5115 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 , Aug 2nd, Sept 6th, Oct 4th

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This newsletter is printed by Jodie Belyea, Member for Dunkley