



PENINSULA FOLK CLUB

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2026

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

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5TH JULY GUEST ACT. THE AIMLESS WANDERERS

The Aimless Wanderers: A relatively new ensemble, though no strangers to each other's prior musical endeavours. Having shared stages and collaborated in other projects over the last decade or so, The Aimless Wanderers have cultivated a solid musical chemistry that was apparent from the first rehearsal. They're the result of a desire to perform traditional bluegrass, a love of playing and performing music, and a developed dislike of lugging amplifiers around to rehearsals and shows. The band likes the traditional bluegrass style of groups like Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys and the Bluegrass Album Band. They have great energy on stage and provide a very entertaining show. If you want to check them out prior to seeing them perform at the PFC, follow this link: [The Aimless Wanderers // 2025 Highlight Reel](#)



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 !!

*** NEW * 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 Practice Room next to the Ladies Toilet

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 WILL 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

5th JULY..AGM & ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Our July 5th Club Night will commence with a short Annual General Meeting when we will receive reports and elect or re-elect our Office Bearers and General Committee.

Our Constitution requires that nominations MUST be received ONE month prior (that is, they needed to be received by the June Club Meeting)

AUGUST 2nd OUR ANNUAL SONGWRITERS COMPETITION

Entries will need 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

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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



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.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2026

President's Report Peninsula Folk Club - 2025/2026

So, another year has come to an end and what a wonderful year it was, at least from the perspective of the Peninsula Folk Club! New faces, new music, and magnificent support from our general membership base, has resulted in the PFC continuing to be a dynamic, and inclusive, part of the local music scene.

Financially, your club has a very solid footing, thanks to the hard work and diligence of Treasurer Beth. Despite rising costs for such items as Venue Hire, Performer Fees, Insurance costs, etc, the club is well and truly "in the black" enabling us to achieve a healthy surplus, thus enabling us to give back to the local community via donations to various charitable causes.

Over the past year we have had some wonderful performances for our blackboard concerts from our members and guests. Our "spot acts" continue to allow our members to demonstrate their talents and build their confidence in front of a supportive audience, while our guest acts continue to dazzle us with their brilliance. Included among our guest acts this year were - The Grandsons of the Pioneers, Saoirse, Hillbilly Radio, Tim Woodz, Duplicity, and others.

The jam sessions continue to be a popular feature on club nights, and regularly fill the bar area to capacity, while the specialty groups - Mandolin, Fiddle, and Peninsular Voices provide additional outlets for our members. It would be remiss of me to not make mention of the "behind the scenes" people that work tirelessly on our behalf - the setup and takedown crews, our wonderful sound team, and of course, our great committee - what a pleasure it is to work with such dedicated people.

Many would be surprised to learn that PFC is involved in various events aside from our monthly club nights! Such events include the annual Fiddlers Convention (at Yarra Junction), the Girgarre Moosic Muster, and, of course our annual Junction Jam.

At a local level, many of our members also support a number of music Groups and clubs, as well as a number of National events and festivals, all of which regard our club favourably both as a talent pool and as a source of competent administrators.

The forthcoming years will present PFC with a number of challenges, in an effort to best meet these challenges we have formed a sub-committee which is considering future directions for PFC. Initial action will involve a survey of our membership, seeking their ideas, opinions and suggestions for taking us into the future - please don't hesitate to provide your input to this survey, it's an opportunity for all of us to have a say in the present, and future, operation of our club!

To para-phrase the great JFK - "Ask not what PFC can do for you, but what you can do for the PFC". Our club could not function without the ongoing support of the City of Frankston Bowls Club, and our sponsors - in particular "Guitars 'n Things, and of course you - our wonderful members.

I look forward to another bright year for the Peninsula Folk Club!

Alan Lazarus



JUNE CLUB NIGHT PIX



A CLUB ON THE MOVE

On 6th September 2009 we had our first Club Night at Frankston Bowling Club after many years on the move WOW ..We've been here 17 years !!!

In the Club's early years there were a number of different venues & moves... The Club's first official venue was "The Last Call Coffee Shop" in Rossmith Avenue followed by "The Central Park Coffee Lounge" and "the Mechanics Hall" in Frankston.. Your Secretary's first involvement with the club was at Frankston East Hall corner of Cranbourne Rd and Beach St.. (now the home of Meals on Wheels in Frankston)

The Club also had brief sojourns at "Captain America's Hamburger Heaven" (now The Deck) , "The Pint and Pickle" , and "The Pancake Parlour"...both on Nepean Hwy ..not to mention the "Marco Polo Afghan Restaurant" in Beach St. ...and a short time at one of the Church Halls in High St

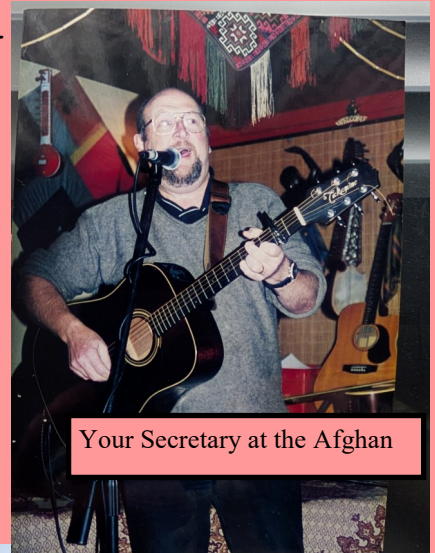
Several happy years were spent at "Shakespeare's (now the Young St Tavern) from 2002 to 2009 with David as our friendly host... However the Club basically outgrew the venue and we were pleased to be able to make the move to our current home in Yuille St.... Well done to the those involved in making that happen ! PHEW... Someone will probably tell me of places/venues I've missed (Thanks to Sylvie for the "heads-up")



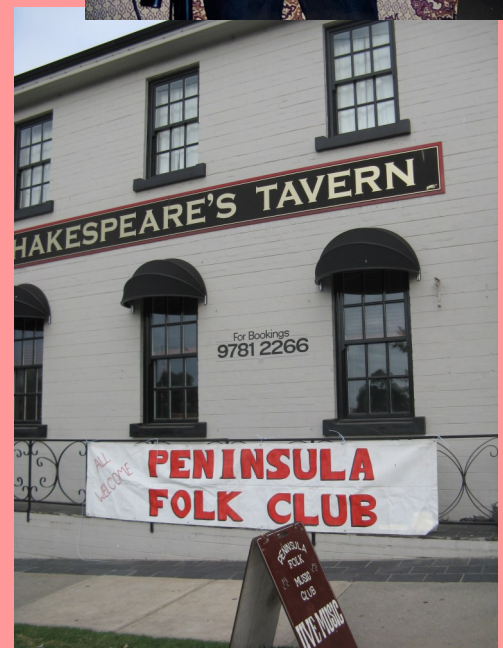
Mechanics Hall



Frankston East Hall



Your Secretary at the Afghan



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 JULY NICK CHARLES

Known internationally as "Australia's virtuoso of acoustic roots and blues" Nick has released more than 20 albums worldwide. He's toured the US 13 times and received every conceivable accolade and award in this country.

BERWICK & DISTRICT FOLK CLUB ...

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

17th JULY

Geoff Achison

...is an independent Australian Melbourne-based singer/songwriter guitarist, whose artistic focus is of the blues, blues rock and soul genres.



'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.*

July 18th
Rudy Van Den Bovenkamp
(The One Man Band)



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,

JULY 3rd

**Benoit with Chandler,
Harris & Amico**

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

30th JUNE Rhiz, Pete & the Taggin' Along Band

Step into the heart of classic country with Rhiannon McArthur (Rhiz) and Pete Daffy, as they bring to life the timeless duets of the 1950s and 60s.

Like the songs preserved within the dusty grooves of vintage vinyl hidden in your grandparents' radiogram cupboard, Rhiz & Pete blend acoustic guitars, tight-knit harmonies, and pure old-fashioned entertainment. Their performances channel the spirit of icons like Dolly & Porter, George & Tammy, Patsy Cline, and Buck Owens.



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 , July 5th, Aug 2nd

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@ Frankston Bowling Clubrooms, Cnr Yuille & William Sts Frankston
Informal Jam Session 5.30 - 6.25pm, then "Concert" 6.30- 9.30pm
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