



PENINSULA FOLK CLUB

NEWSLETTER MAY 2026

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

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SUNDAY 7th JUNE GUEST ACT... 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.

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*

**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 CLUB NIGHT 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 !!**

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO PAID ON 3rd MAY !!!



*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 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](#)



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.

We are always casting around for new people to join the Committee for they bring fresh insights and thoughts.

Our practice is to have a working "hands on" Committee, with all Committee members having a role to play.

If you think you have something to contribute, feel free to talk to Alan, Neroli, Peter or any other Committee member to see what's involved. Our Constitution requires that nominations MUST be received ONE month prior (at the June Club Meeting) Nomination forms will be available at the desk at our May and June Club nights.

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

RULES AND CONDITIONS ARE ON PAGE 3

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.



JAM SESSIONS

Just a gentle reminder that our ever popular Jam Sessions need to be finished at the latest by 6.25 and folk need to get over into the main room to be ready to welcome the first stage act at 6.30. We need to show respect to the performers who have spent time getting their set ready to entertain us!!



REMEMBERING:

Colin Scammel was not a musician as far as I know but loved the music,. He was a part of PFC (and other venues) for several years. I'm sure a lot of PFC members and friends will remember Colin's enthusiasm and personality. Colin passed away in August 2024.



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.

MAY CLUB NIGHT PIX



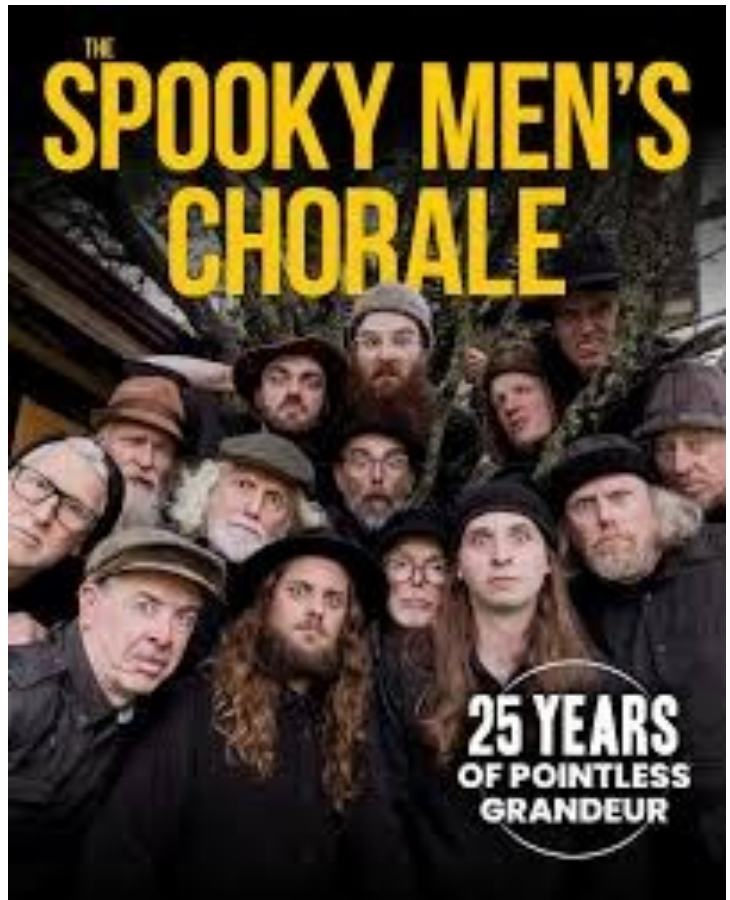
THANKS TO RUSS ANDERSON
FOR THESE PIX



NEWSFLASH !! SECRETARY "WAGS" MAY CLUB NIGHT

Yes.. PFC Secretary did indeed "wag" May Club Night to see the SPOOKY MEN'S CHORALE live in concert in the city..and they were AMAZING

The Spooky Men's Chorale is a group of Australian male singers, formed in the Blue Mountains of New South Wales in 2001... Their repertoire consists of songs written or arranged by their director (or "Spookmeister") Stephen Taberner: a judicious combination of commentary on the absurdity and grandeur of the modern male, pindrop beautiful ballads, highly inappropriate covers, and immaculate man anthems like "Don't Stand Between a Man and his Tool". They also perform traditional Georgian music, a major influence on their compositions, harmonies and vocal style. The Spooky Men seek to commentate on the absurdity and grandeur of the modern male armed only with their voices, a sly collection of hats and facial hair, and a twinkle in the eye.



We're now taking artist applications for the Wonthaggi Acoustic Music Festival (July 3-5) - a weekend packed with live music, warm community vibes, and a love for all things acoustic.

Whether you play folk, roots, bluegrass, singer-songwriter, or something in between, we'd love to hear from you!

- # Welcoming, community-driven festival
- # Multiple performance opportunities
- # Passionate and attentive audiences

Applications are now open!

Apply here <https://forms.gle/MTSAZd2GjDeiz6wi8>

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 JUNE MAGGIE SOMERVILLE

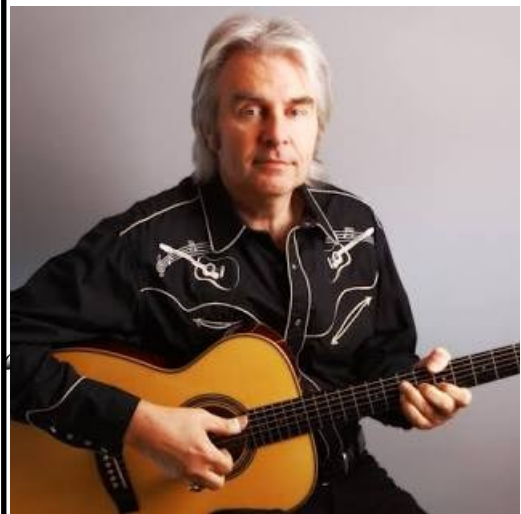
Maggie Somerville is a local singer-songwriter who has written songs, tunes and poems most of her life. She has played in bands, duos and solo, written music for amateur theatre, given workshops and won awards for some of her songs and tunes.



BERWICK & DISTRICT FOLK CLUB ...

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

19th JUNE NICK CHARLES



'Folk Uniting Night'

*Concert is on
the 3rd Satur-
day each month
at the Cran-
bourne Uniting
Church,
41 Lesdon
Ave Spot acts
welcome!
Call Sharon on
0409 163 680 to
secure a spot.*

**SATURDAY
JUNE 20th
PETER
STANLEY**



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,

5th JUNE ENDA KENNY

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.

FATHERS IN THE CHAPEL

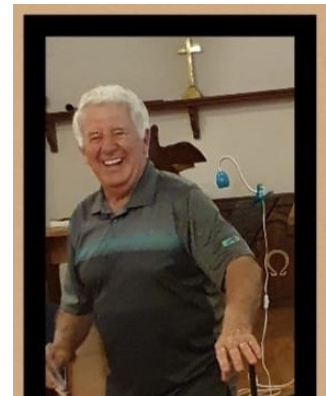
*2nd FRIDAY at 7.30pm
St Johns Anglican
Childers St Cranbourne*

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



NEWPORT FOLK FESTIVAL

come & play

26-27
JUNE
2026

BANDS • CHOIRS
SESSIONS • DANCING
FINE MUSIC
SOMETHING
FOR EVERYONE!



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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2026

GUILDFORD BANJO JAMBOREE

OCTOBER
2nd - 4th



If undeliverable return to:
Peninsula Folk Club
c/o 410 McClelland Dr
Langwarrin 3910



Dates to Remember Peninsula Folk Club Club Nights for 2026 , June 7th, July 5th, Aug 2nd

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