

Monaro Musings



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Photos from last year's Irish Set Dancing Weekend at the Hall Showground



Bookings are now open for this year's event – more information on page 5. Photos: melbourneceilicamera.org



From the President's Soapbox

Well, we are into June again and the end of the financial year. It is therefore time for organisers to submit their budgets for the coming year, although with half of the people I know seemingly overseas at present, this may take a while....

Memberships will also fall due by the end of this month and we shall be sending out reminders. If you then use the online renewal form it will be a relatively easy process. As before, the rebate will apply for receiving the newsletter electronically. We have also decided to offer to send your membership card as a pdf that you can save on your phone instead of an actual card. A number of people have told me they would prefer this as

they always have their phone with them, so when you fill out the renewal form there will be a box to tick if you wish to use this option. It will save mailing costs and work for Christine, our membership secretary.

The Bundanoon DanceFest is coming up on the June long weekend. This has been going from strength to strength with a widening variety of dance genres on offer. Information at: www.bushtraditions.org/

The July-December dance calendar has been finalised, thanks to Peter Gamble, printed and uploaded to the website. It was out in time to be distributed at the Goulburn Railway Ball last Saturday, along with promotion for our Colonial Ball, and will now be available at our events so keep your eye out for it.

Geoff

Dancing About

Save the Date! The 2019 Colonial Ball - Saturday 28th September 2019



The Monaro Folk Society presents

**The 2019
Colonial Ball
Saturday
28 September**

The Albert Hall Canberra



Band:
Stringfiddle led
by Bob McInnes



Calling:
Don Richmond

Theme: Floral Tribute,
as Floriade will be on

Welcome drinks and hors d'oeuvres
from 7:30pm.

Dancing 8pm to midnight.

Fully catered supper

Dress colonial / early 1900s evening
dress wear or after five.

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Bundanoon DanceFest

7th – 10th June 2019

Programme

- ❖ Friday: Bush Dance, 7:30 to 11.00 pm
- ❖ Saturday: Callers Dance: 7:30 to 11.00 pm
- ❖ Sunday: Callers Ball: 7:30 to 11:30 pm
- ❖ Monday: Farwell Dance: 2.00 to 4.00 pm

Workshops: 26 workshops in all

- ❖ Saturday and Sunday: 9:30 am to 4:45 pm
- Monday: 9:30am to 12:15pm

Musicians welcome; scores available on the net prior to the event.

More info at; <http://www.bushtraditions.org/>

Social dancing at its best



English Country Dancing.... is on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at North Canberra Baptist Church Hall, 17 Condamine Street, Turner. This is a wonderful opportunity to improve your dancing technique and learn more steps. Please bring some friends to share the fun. Entry is \$7 for MFS members and \$9 for others. Contact person is Colin Towns 0417 020 615.





Dancers' DanceThe next Dancers' Dance will be held on Saturday June 22nd at All Saints from **7.00 pm** to 10:30 pm. The dances are aimed at **experienced** dancers only. They may be difficult or they may be easier but with no walk throughs and little calling. Expect Irish, Scottish, Contra, Bush, Bavarian, English Country to name a few.

Just \$10 for MFS members, and \$1 for a cup and all the drinks you want (water, cordial, tea, coffee, etc). Please bring a contribution to the shared supper.
Do bring friends if they are experienced dancers.
Live music by the Bush Capital Band.

Christmas in JuneCome all ye to celebrate Christmas in winter, six months from when they celebrate Christmas in winter in the other hemisphere.

8.00 – 11:30 pm on **Saturday 29th June** at Canberra Baptist Church Hall, 11 Currie Cres, Kingston. Music by The Burnt Roast Band. Calling by Colin Towns.

You could use this occasion to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or just celebrate the Christmas.

Dress in something Christmassy. We advise the use of soft soled shoes.

Entry is \$19 for adults, \$17 for group entry and concessions, \$14 for MFS members, \$9 for students (18 and over), all under 18s free.

Just \$1 for a bottomless cup of tea, coffee, cordial and cool water.
Please bring a plate of supper to share.



Monday WorkshopsThree Mondays in June. On the weekend of the Queen's Birthday we'll be dancing at Bundanoon DanceFest so don't come to All Saints on the 10th June.

Other Mondays: All Saints at 8.00 pm.

Dance and have fun with live music. Beginners and intermediate dancers attend these workshops as they are tailored to teach. Experienced dancers also attend to help out and to enjoy the dancing and the live music.

Not a dancer, but can play an instrument - then come along too, and join the band - no charge for musicians.

Dancers - it's just \$6 for MFS members, \$8 for non-members and the second night is free.

Contributions for supper are welcome but not essential. Contact person is Mark Simmons 0421 814 718



Contrais on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm at North Canberra Baptist Church Hall, 17 Condamine Street, Turner with live music from Contraband. Entry is \$6 for MFS members and \$8 for others, 2nd time free. No need to bring a partner but please bring some friends to share the fun. Dance to the invigorating music of our own ContraBand.

Contact person is Linda Aunela 0437 350 254, if emailing please put "Contra" in the subject line. lindaaunela@yahoo.com.au

Irish Set Dancing.... On every Wednesday in June.

Come along from **7:30pm to 9:30pm**, North Canberra Baptist Church Hall, 17 Condamine Street, Turner.

\$8 for MFS members and \$9 for others. The first TWO classes for new starters are FREE. Beginner's refresher classes are also free and start 30 minutes before the regular class, but are run on **request only**. To make a request, please contact Christine 0413 168 562 or isdcanberra@gmail.com

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ContraPop... now only on the last Friday of the Month.

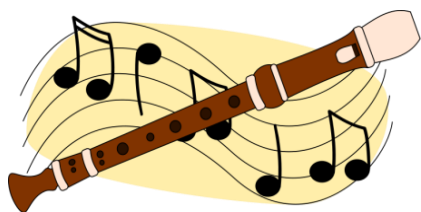
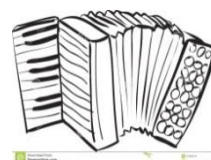


ContraPop is a new way to enjoy dancing to your favourite music! Join us as we attempt dances from popular folk-dance genres to the latest and greatest pop & dance tracks. Last Friday each month, 6-8 pm at Turner Scout Hall, 5 Masson Street. The hall has a children's play area, so parents are most welcome to bring their children. \$8 standard and \$6 concession. Look for "ContraPop" on Facebook!



Music, Music, Music

Australian Settler's Music Sessions have moved in both time and place. The new venue is the lovely Beyond Q Bookshop at 11, Brierley Street, Weston (it's towards the back of the Arcade) and the new time is 4.00 to 6.00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Contact is Ray Mulligan on 62474725.



The **Tuesday Night Music Group** (beginner to intermediate), which happens on almost every Tuesday of the year, meets at the Irish Club in Parkinson Street, Weston on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 7.30 to 10.00 pm. Some members arrive earlier and have a meal at the Club Bistro. On other Tuesdays the group meets at various members' homes. Please contact one of the organisers, Julie on 62823523 or Robert on 62919135, for more information.

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Usually there is more music with MFS at the **Merry Muse** on the second Sunday of the month but not this month because of the Queen's Birthday weekend. Back to normal for July – blackboard followed by Feature Act. Sunday 14th from 4.00 to 7.00 pm at the Canberra Irish Club, Weston.

The Canberra Irish Club also hosts a regular Irish Traditional Music and Song Session on the last Sunday of the month from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. This is an exciting opportunity for musicians and singers to express their talents and to entertain patrons of the club.

Dan McFeeley's **Uke Café** may happen as usual on Sunday 9th June from 2.00 to 4.00 pm at Beyond Q in Weston but it is not quite certain yet. Consult the facebook page **The Uke Café** for an update on the situation.

Out and About and Further Down the Track

The **Bush Traditions Gathering** will happen in Yass on the Labour Day weekend, 4th - 7th October. There will be workshops to learn tunes by ear or from written music, song workshops, dance music workshops, dances and, of course, showcase concerts. More information nearer the time.

Ed's Note: At present the website, www.bushtraditions.org/, is still showing last year's programme. However, if you have not been to The Gathering before it will give you a good idea of what to expect.

Annual Irish Set Dancing Weekend: 11th -13th October 2019

15th Annual Canberra Irish Set Dancing Weekend Friday 11 - Sunday 13 October 2019

Hall Pavilion

Gladstone St (Hall Showground), Hall ACT 2618

Saturday and Sunday workshops

Margaret & Bill Winnett (NSW)

Matt Harriage (Vic)

Three Ceilis with live music



Session	Ticket Price
All events	\$90
Friday night welcome ceili	\$22
Saturday workshops	\$32
Saturday night ceili	\$22
Sunday workshops & farewell ceili	\$32
Full time students & under 18	Half-price

Book online from 1 June
10% discount for bookings by 31 August

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Do you love to dance, learn something new, socialise and hear live music?

Then don't miss the Irish Set Dancing weekend in October.

Now in its 15th year, this popular annual event which routinely attracts over 100 people, is on again this year.

When: Friday evening, 11th October to Sunday afternoon, 13th October

Where: Hall Pavilion, Showground, Gladstone St, Hall Village

Suitable for both new and experienced dancers.

No experience or partner required. All dances are taught and called.

Margaret and Bill Winnett (NSW) and **Matt Harriage (Vic)** are the featured teachers for Saturday and Sunday workshops.

One of Australia's well-known Ceili Bands will inspire dancing at Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon ceilis.

Come to the whole weekend (\$90) or choose selected sessions (see ticket prices on the flyer).

Full-time students and under 18s are half-price.

Morning teas and suppers included, along with continuous hot and cold drinks.

Book online at <http://www.mabula.net/setdancing/workshop.html>

10% discount for bookings made by 31 August (Full refund if you subsequently can't make it).

Contact: isdcanberra@gmail.com

The Canberra Irish Club in Weston presents The Young Folk (Ireland) and INYAL (Scotland)

Wednesday 12th June - 7.00 to 10.00 pm

Tickets \$35 each + \$3.01 booking fee from
www.troubadour-music.com

The Young Folk marry traditional acoustic instrumentation, perfect harmonies and contemporary production techniques. Their commitment to writing lyrics relating to real issues concerning family, childhood memories and times of great personal value resonate with audiences immediately.

With their innovative fusion of mercurial tunes, ethereal songs and intricate electronics, **INYAL** have crafted a sound that owes as much to their traditional roots as it does to the rhythms of modern Scotland.

TWO OF THE PLANETS HOTTEST NEW FOLK ACTS TOGETHER IN CONCERT

THE YOUNG FOLK & INYAL

WED 12 JUNE CANBERRA IRISH CLUB

\$35+BF TICKETS FROM TROUBADOUR-MUSIC.COM
Also appearing at National Celtic Festival, Portlarnington

Regular non-MFS Events (In alphabetical order)

Beyond Q Bookshop Old Time American music jam sessions, Weston Arcade, 11 Brierly St, Weston - alternate Wednesdays on the weeks that King O'Malley's Old Time American music session is NOT on. 4.00-6.00 pm. Contact: Donna Vaughan 6258 9845.

Canberra Scottish Fiddlers - A group for anyone with an interest in traditional Scottish fiddle music. Players with any level of experience are welcome to join. For more information, see our website www.scottishfiddlers.com/Canberra /or contact markjenner@grapevine.com.au

Canberra Shanty Club meets fortnightly on Mondays at 7.00 pm at the Old Canberra Inn,

Earthly Delights Historic Costume Balls – 3rd Saturday each month. St John's Church Hall, Constitution Ave, Reid. Also dance classes at ANU, Jane Austen Festival and other events. Contact: Aylwen Garden 6281 1098

English traditional music sessions, Pot Belly, 5/26 Weedon Close, Belconnen - alternate Sundays, 3.00-5.00 pm. Contact: Donna Vaughan 6258 9845, Jackie Luke 0417 679 139.

Folk Dance Canberra offers international folk dancing for fun and fitness. www.folkdancecanberra.org.au gives full details or contact Lesley Rose on 6286 6401

Hoskinstown Acoustic Kitchen Jam in the Hoskinstown Memorial Hall (old time American, bluegrass, folk) - 1st Thursday each month, 7.00-9.30 pm. Contact: Diane Cross 0402 644 450.

Jammalong – 2nd Saturday of every month come rain or shine at the Enid Lyons Park pergola, between Questacon and Lake Burley Griffin. 12.00 noon until everyone's had enough. Bring a chair and food and drink if you intend to stay for long.

King O'Malley's Old Time American music jam session, 131 City Walk Civic – alternate Tuesdays on the weeks that Beyond Q Bookshop Old Time American jam session is NOT on, 7.00-10.00 pm. Contact: Donna Vaughan 6258 9845.

Murrumbateman Acoustic Music Club - last Sunday each month, Back to 6.00 pm start now Winter is over. Murrumbateman Hotel Function Room. Contact: Wal Brewer – wal.brewer@gmail.com

Queanbeyan Bush Poets meet 4th Thursday each month at 7.00 pm at The Old School House, Christ Church, 39 Rutledge St., Queanbeyan. Contact: Laurie McDonald 6253 9856 or 0432 488 828

Shape Note Singing (aka Sacred Harp) - most Wednesdays 7.00-9.00 pm, at Ainslie Church of Christ hall, corner of Limestone Avenue and Grimes Street, Ainslie. Contact Dianne Porter for dates: email porter.32@bigpond.com or facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Canberrashapenote/>

Surly Griffin Morris practices fortnightly on Sundays from 5.30 to 7.00 pm at the Lake Ginninderra Sea Scouts Hall in Belconnen and performs at fetes and festivals and other occasions. Contact Simon Wall on 0404 859 404 or see facebook Surly Griffin Morris.

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