

Monaro Musings



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An excellent photo of dancers at the National Folk Festival's Heritage Ball, which was dedicated to the late Daryl Powell. The music was provided by MFS's Bush Capital Band. (Photo by Simon Wilkins)

From the President's Soapbox

Firstly, very sad news of the passing of Kerry Kennedy last month, following a short illness. Kerry was well known as a member of the Shiny Bums and Redwing, performing regularly at the Merry Muse and the Murrumbateman Acoustic nights. Vale Kerry, you will be missed.

The NFF is done and dusted for another year and with ACT being a featured state MFS had a notable presence. Contra workshops, dances and other dance displays were well attended, and by all reports the Bush Capital Band did a brilliant job at the Heritage Ball, showing they are up there with the best. We also

displayed our new promotional banners at different events.

Left: Another photo by Simon Wilkins of the Heritage Ball – this one featuring the Bush Capital Band with stylishly-dressed caller Peter Foster at centre



The Evening Muse blackboard at the National was also a great success, thanks to Eileen and Pierre, with performers lining up early to register.

Major thanks to John Hewat and Rita Turnbull for their hours of caretaking of the MFS promotional marquee, and Anne Mathas for organising promotional material around the NFF as well as the members who assisted with bump in and bump out. The marquee worked as we had hoped, with members using it as a home base to sit, relax with a cuppa, chat and share information with visitors and leave things for safekeeping. We are already planning for next year's NFF.

The National Trust held its open day at Gungahlin Homestead in mid-April. Colin Towns organised a dance display with 16 dancers and 4 musicians, led by Ray Mulligan, participating. Thanks to all involved for making that a success.

Last weekend was the annual CAP Expo at the Old Bus Depot. It caught us a bit on the hop, coming so quickly behind the National, however John Hewat set up and manned the promotional stand with help from a few members and Bessie Sammut organised the dancers for a join in display called by Ian Bull. This form of casual dress join in is proving to be very successful with members of the public and, according to Bessie, the participants also enjoyed it immensely – they all would have kept dancing much longer than their allotted 20 minutes if time had permitted.

The next major event on the cards is the Bundanoon DanceFest weekend in June. This has become a very popular event as dancers and musicians from Canberra and the coast get to meet and enjoy a full program of dancing of different genres, which builds good contacts and diversity for the dance community in general. Information at: <http://www.bushtraditions.org/>

Geoff

Dancing About



2nd Saturday Dance Prepare to dance your feet off with our second Saturday of the month dance on the 11th May, at All Saints from 7pm to 10.30pm. Live music by the Bush Capital Band.

Just \$10 for MFS members, and \$1 for a cup of all the drinks you want (water, cordial, tea, coffee, etc). Please bring a contribution to the shared supper.

All dances taught by our expert callers, Colin, Peter and Mark, and called, so no experience needed and no partner necessary, but do bring them if you have one.

If you're new to dancing you are welcome to come along. Hints: please wear smooth, soft soled shoes so you can glide along the floor. Please don't wear perfume or aftershave as you will be very close to people and the scent can be overpowering.

Monday Workshops

Every Monday in May except for the public holiday on the 27th - 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



Contra is 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

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



Irish Set Dancing.... On every Wednesday in May, that's 5 Wednesdays.



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

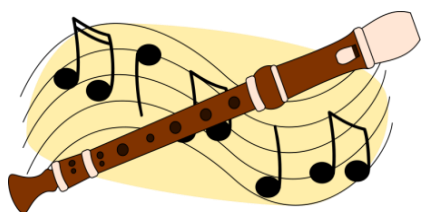
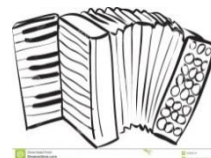
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ContraPop ... will trial meeting only on the last Friday of each month. - 6.00 to 8.00 pm at Turner Scout Hall, 5 Masson Street. The hall has a children's play area, so parents are most welcome to bring their children. \$8 standard and \$6 concession. 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.

Happening on Sunday May 12th from 2.00 to 4.00 pm at the Beyond Q café in Weston....



Leaves are falling ... the air has a bit of a nip to it... time for a cozy, laid back, take it easy, cocoa and a cookie **UKECAFE**. Most all songs will be nice and slow... 3 or 4 chords. Come on along... drink a snuggly drink, and sing some snuggly songs. (in autumn colors)

Dan McFeeley

More music with MFS at the **Merry Muse** from 4.00 to 7.00 pm on the second Sunday of the month. Full details on page 7.

Out and About

Folk on Radio in our region

If you listen to Community Radio 2XX (FM 98.3) you might be interested in hearing Jane O'Donohue presenting interviews with performers from the National over the next few months on *Lark in the Morning* which airs from 8.00 to 10.00 am on Sunday mornings. The next one is with Irish Mythen who seems to be a hit wherever she goes and it's on Sunday 26th May at 9.00 am. *Lark in the Morning* has been airing for about as long as 2XX has existed and is hosted by different presenters on different weeks of the month. You can also hear *Making Waves*, which now also includes some Country Music from 6.00 to 7.00 am from Tuesday to Friday and *The Folk Show* from Adelaide in the same time slot on Mondays. Saturday has *Rebel Chorus* (subtitled songs of Struggle, Sedition. Solidarity and Survival) on Saturdays from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon – the two main presenters are MFS's own Pete West and Declan O'Connell who are both extremely knowledgeable folkies and create interesting and enjoyable programmes. If you haven't ever listened to 2XX check it out – no other local radio station presents such a diverse range of programmes. You can see a Programme Guide at www.2xxfm.org.au.

Artsound (FM 92.7) also carries a number of folk programmes, including some full concerts recorded at the NFF each year. The website is www.artsound.fm.



Bundanoon Dancefest again over the June long weekend (7th to the 10th) with a wealth of different dance genres represented. Last year there were 18 callers, and about half of them are shown here – those who come from the Canberra region. They are, from left to right in each row and in alphabetical order. Alan McCulloch, Bruce Lemin,



June Staunton and Colin Towns, Ingrid and Jim Rehle-Williams, Mark Simmons, Nesa Simon David and Simon Wall. Go to www.bushtraditions.org/ for more information but be patient because the website has largely not been updated from last year. You might have to wait for a while to find out this year's programme and other details. Tickets can be bought via the website (except that right now it has a glitch and bookings can't be processed) or at the Bundanoon Hall on arrival. No doubt everything will soon fall into place, the website will be updated and the event will be as enjoyable and successful as it has been in the past.

Also happening over the June long weekend is the **Peak Festival**, billed as Australia's coolest music festival and coinciding with the start of the ski season. Check out the website - www.peakfestival.com.au/ to see many more performers than are listed below and information about bookings, travel to Perisher Valley and accommodation etc.



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 SAINT • ZUMPA • SATIN ROSE • and more!!

The Goulburn Railway Sesquicentenary Ball this year takes the Bush Music Club's Heritage Ball out of Sydney to the St Saviour's Church Hall, Burke Street, Goulburn to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the arrival of the railway.. It will be held on Saturday 25th May from 7.30 to 11.30 pm. Full-price tickets are now available for \$60, concessions and group bookings for \$55 and students for \$50 via trybooking.com/469110. Tickets cannot be bought at the door. Enquiries to Dave Johnson, who has been Musical Director of the Heritage Ball for 30 years, on 4884 4214 or via railwayball@davidjohnson.id.au. Dave will direct the Heritage Ensemble playing for the ball.

The Goulburn Loco Roundhouse Preservation Society is organising a weekend of railway focussed events with the Governor of New South Wales arriving by steam train and unveiling plaques and planting trees.

Moments from the 2019 National Folk Festival – a collection of photos by Lawrie Brown

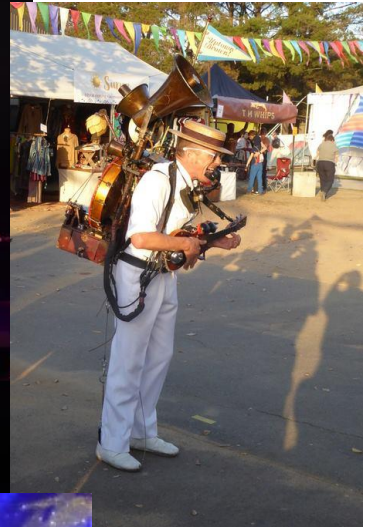
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Community Arts Piano
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 Nicola Hayes & Hélène Brunet, Marquee,
 Uptown Brown.-wandering One-Man-Band
 Cog & Wheel,
 The Spooky Men's Chorale, Budawang,

Zackerbilks, Scrumpy Bar
 Vendulka, Flute 'n' Fiddle
 April Verch Band, Budawang

Centre:

Top – John Schumann, Shane Howard and
 the Red Rockin' Dirt Band
 Lower – The Fagans, Fitzroy



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Merry Muse Sunday May 12th – 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm

Canberra Irish Club, 6 Parkinson St Weston

Admission : \$3 for MFS Members, Concessions and blackboard performers, \$5 for Others

Please note that the Irish Club has asked that regular attendees also join the Irish Club.

Blackboard plus feature act *Ichoyennisi*

This is a fun afternoon for those wanting to share their love of music and play, sing or recite in an inviting and friendly atmosphere. Put your name on the blackboard to perform, or just get along and listen to some great music. Bring your mothers along for Mothers Day and give them a real treat.

***Ichoyennisi* - New Greek Ensemble in Canberra**

The Greek term Ηχογέννηση (Ichoyennisi) means “rebirth through Spring” and aptly describes a new collaboration recently formed to present a program of songs by Theodorakis, Hatzidakis, and Xarharkos, as well as some much loved Greek folk instrumental music.

Soloist Theodora Valti breathes new life into these modern classics. Singing in Greek, Theodora communicates the Greek experience through her love of music, language and culture. Theodora is joined by Springtide - Jackie Luke (sandouri), Greg Wilson (harp, accordion) and Rita Woolhouse (cello) and the instrumental expertise of Amanda Pickering (violin), Sandy Gibbney (violin), and Jon Jones (percussion).



Springtide and friends invite you to sample this beautiful music which continues to delight and captivate people the world over.

Please Note: There will be no **Merry Muse** in June as the second Sunday falls in the Queen’s Birthday long weekend. Bundanoon Dancefest, The Peak Festival and more are also on at this time.

<http://www.monarofolk.org.au/music/merry-muse-folk-club/>

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Regular 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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