

Settlers Annual Report 2021

Settler music can be characterized as music brought to Australia by the many peoples who came here to settle over the past 200 years. The music derives from Europe, predominantly from Britain and Scandinavia, but it originates from wherever immigrants came from. Once here the music moved through whole communities, each influencing the other, changing it in ways that reflect life in Australia. It has its own style; relaxed, laconic and pretty. The Settlers Group provides a way of accessing this music.

Over the year to June 2021, a small core of players continued to meet, while observing physical distancing arrangements. It has used the MFS zooming arrangements to project these occasions to those who wish to be involved in that way.

We have met in a variety of locations, mostly in private homes. Through the autumn the Group sought to involve more participants by exploring larger spaces in publicly accessible locations like the Campbell & George, Queanbeyan and the Downer Community Centre. Numbers attending varied between 5 and 10 for any single occasion.

The activities of the Group occur without cost or requiring a payment by participants.

Ray Mulligan September 2021