

Monaro Folk Society (MFS)

Annual Report on Settlers Group Activities

The Settlers Session is now comfortably settled into the welcoming surroundings of the Campbell & George in Queanbeyan. The acoustics are good; there is lots of free parking; meals and a bar are available.

With few exceptions (mostly to observe festivals) the session meets weekly throughout the year. It takes a recess over Christmas and January. In a minor tweak the day was recently moved from Wednesday to Thursday to avoid a clash with the Ole' Timey session. The outcome has seen an increase in attendance from an average of 7 to an average of 12.

The activities of the Group occur without cost and do not require a payment by participants.

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 communities, influencing other styles and changing in ways that reflect life in Australia. It has its own style; relaxed, laconic and pretty. The Settlers Sessions provide a way of accessing this music.

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