

Monaro Musings Editor's Report

I continue to produce the Musings at anything from four to eight pages per issue, occasionally nine. Owing to the new discount of \$10 off the cost of any membership category for members opting to receive the Musings by email there has been a big swing to this option so currently under 30 MFS members are receiving hard copies. This represents a considerable cost saving in both postage and printing and in my time wrapping and labelling each issue. The Musings can also be accessed on the Members' area of the new website.

The cost of printing is now under \$1 per copy for the eight-page issues and, of course, less for the smaller ones. I have abandoned using Australia Post's priority labels in addition to \$1 stamps as the mail still seems to get through in reasonable time without them, despite the 'four to five days' which were mooted for non-priority mail.

Many thanks to Linda Aunela and Eileen Newmarch for their work in preparing the Dancing About section and the Merry Muse notice respectively each month. I feel that the Musings is somewhat repetitive and mostly not very exciting and I will aim to try to hunt down relevant articles from the wider world of folk in the future. However I also think that members are generally interested in what their fellow members are up to and I would welcome more input about people's experiences at festivals, concerts or dances, or anything folk-related such as CD reviews. Articles about local upcoming events of interest to our members are also useful.

I apologise for my slackness in claiming reimbursement for costs over a long period which has skewed the financial statements somewhat (as mentioned in the Treasurer's Report).. I am now on track claiming each month.

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