

Monaro Musings



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MFS Christmas in June Dance on Saturday 29th June

Left: Surly Gtiffin Morris performed a few dances during the evening



Right: Dancers in complicated weaving moves



Left: Many very talented musicians form **The Burnt Roast Band** which provided the music on the night. Colin Towns did the calling.

All photos by Lawrie Brown

From the President's Soapbox

Gosh, almost halfway through Winter already. Things are a bit quieter with Bushdance and Irish workshops taking a break through the school holidays but it is also notable that attendances at all weekly workshops have been rather light due to the increasing number of members currently swanning around other parts of Australia or overseas.

However, planning is now gearing up for Spring events and it is good to see some of our younger members taking on roles in this. Bec Tarrant has been working on preparations for the Irish October weekend and online bookings have now opened with information available on the Monaro Folk website.

Information about the Colonial Ball in September is also now up on the website –please note it has been moved back to the end of September to coincide with Floriade, and hopefully a warmer time of the month.

Christine, our membership secretary, has been very busy with renewals rolling in over the past month, however a number of bank deposits have not had a reference, which makes it difficult for both Christine and Linda to trace and attribute correctly, so please make sure you include your name in the reference field for any transfers. Also some transfers have been rejected because the account details were incorrect. They are: Name - Monaro Folk Society Inc; BSB – 325185; A/c Number – 03602040.

If you are a new member, remember you are very welcome to assist with any of our groups, so don't be shy about asking how you can do this. Feel free to contact me directly with any questions.

Don't forget that the Second Saturday Dance will be held at All Saints on July 13th. It will be preceded in the afternoon by our only Kids' Bush Dance for this year, so pass this on to anyone with primary aged children who have not gone away for the school vacation. And if you are wondering what to do this coming Sunday afternoon, the Merry Muse will be featuring Silvertonic, as well as blackboard performers at the Irish Club.

Finally, performer applications for the 2020 National Folk Festival close this Friday 12th July at midnight, so if you wish to apply, better be quick!

Geoff

Dancing About



2nd Saturday Dance Prepare to dance your feet off with our second Saturday of the month dance on the 13th July, at All Saints from 7.00 to 10.30 pm. 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.

Kids DanceOur series of kids dances continues with a dance on 13th July (before the 2nd Saturday Dance).

Dances with live music for children of all ages (and their young at heart carers).

From 2:30 to 4.00 pm at All Saints Church, Cowper St Ainslie.

Entry by gold coin donation.

Live music by the TiNMuGs.





End of Month Dance Winter has well and truly set in and it's the perfect time to spend a night dancing and socialising to the music of Strathmannan, who will play bush dance tunes with a Scottish heart. Claire Stoneman will be calling. And to warm us up, we'll have soup for supper.
 Theme: Tartan heart
 Saturday 27th July – 8:00 pm to 11:30 pm
 Canberra Baptist Church Hall – 11 Currie Crescent, Kingston
 MFS members \$14, non members \$18, concessions and groups \$16, under 18 free. Dress for dancing, layered clothing and flat, smooth soled shoes. Please bring a plate of supper to share.



Monday Workshops Monday 1st July is party night. Please bring a plate of supper to share.

Then we'll be on holiday until we return on 22nd and 29th of July. 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.... Come along on Wednesday the 3rd of July. Then return for Term 3 commencing on Wednesday the 24th.

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... is in recess for the remainder of 2019.



Music, Music, Music

Australian Settler's Music Sessions have moved in both time and place. The venue is now 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.

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.

Newport 1959 on Radio 2XX



Sixty years ago, on 11th -12th July 1959, a festival in Newport, Rhode Island inspired a folk revival, provided a template for subsequent festivals like our own National and launched the career of a last-minute walk-up, a barefoot 18-year-old singer called Joan Baez.

A *Newport 1959* edition of *Rebel Chorus* on Radio 2XX (98.3FM and livestreaming from www.2xxfm.org.au) on Saturday 13th July (10.00 am – 12.00 midday) will time travel back to a festival which featured folk luminaries of the day like the chart-topping Kingston Trio, Pete Seeger, Odetta, the New Lost

Ramblers and Jean Ritchie, country bluesmen Sonny Terry, Brownie McGhee and the Reverend Gary Davis and bluegrass banjo virtuoso Earl Scruggs.

Out and About and Further Down the Track

Yass Gathering, Friday 4th – Monday 7th October

Planning has commenced. The Hartigan Center in Yass has been booked.

Activities are to be based around:
Craft, Dance, Music, Song and Word.

Program activities proposed so far:

- * Workshop, audiovisuals and dance based on material collected from Bill Case
- * Sessions
- * There will be talk: poetry, yarns etc
- * Singing
- * Saplings
- * A Cafe' Culture

If there is something that you would like to do or an activity that you would like to organise then please let us know.

More soon. Ray Mulligan



Photo from the 2018 Gathering by David Hunter

The Canberra Irish Club at Weston is holding a Christmas in July Lunch on Sunday 21st July at 12.00 noon,



Enjoy a festive two -course Christmas in July lunch with a beautifully presented traditional menu while being entertained by the talented instrumental five piece Celtic Folk band **Mad Kelpie Playdate**.

Their progressive music is played on small pipes, uilleann pipes, flute, guitar, and percussion and is influenced by bluegrass and pipe bands.

The cost is just \$39 for the lunch and show. Bookings are essential via www.trybooking.com/521054

Ed's Note: I saw this band at Bulli and really enjoyed the performance . Should be a good event and I'll be there!

In early June MFS's Tuesday Night Music Group, now fondly known as the **TiN Mugs**, played for the social group **Spiral** which meets weekly at the Uniting Church in Gillies Street, Curtin at 10.00 am. The usual format is either a talk by someone knowledgeable in his/her field or a musical performance, followed by a sumptuous Morning Tea for which a gold coin donation is requested. The entertainment is totally free.

The TiN MuGs gave a lovely performance which included a nice selection of tunes and a couple of songs, one of which was the well-known Fields of Athenrye – ably sung by Chris Ward. The audience, which is mainly of a fairly senior nature, was very appreciative of the TiN MuGs' music.

Spiral will host the **Canberra Mandolin Orchestra** on Thursday 8th August and **Margaret Wright OAM with the Canberra Recorder Orchestra** on Thursday 22nd August.



If you are interested in going to Spiral call Brett on 62817684 or 0406 379 119 or email yeatsb@inet.net.au to go on the email list. (Photo by Tina Lynam)



Friday 13th to Sunday 15th September

Some locals who are on the bill at Yass. Left to right Sly Grog; Cassidy's Ceili; Mad Kelpie Playdate



Tickets via Eventbrite: Super Earlybird Adult W/E, limited number until sold - \$75 + booking fee – from 13th July Other ticket sales start 14th August.

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Merry Muse – Sunday July 14th from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Canberra Irish Club, 6 Parkinson Street, 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

Sunday 14th July – Blackboard plus feature act Silvertonic

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.



Canberra-based band **Silvertonic** will feature their debut recording, *Little Boat*

Band members Miranda Bradley (vocals, guitar and occasional dobro), Peggy Daroesman (vocals, guitar, mandolin) and Bob Hefner (vocals, banjo and fiddle) are all performers and songwriters, and devotees of the classic alt-folk songbook and iconic writers and performers such as James Taylor, Crosby Stills and Nash, and the Indigo Girls.

Little Boat is a thoughtfully and lovingly crafted vessel that carries an eclectic cargo of seven original Silvertonic songs and tunes celebrating the people and places of our past and voicing our hope for a future that is always made brighter by music.

Here's what Ruth Hazleton, multi-talented musician, singer and folklorist, had to say about the CD:

“Silvertonic deliver well-crafted original songs rooted firmly in the traditions of American folk and country music. Their debut release, *Little Boat*, combines intricate string-band arrangements with rich three-part harmonies to complement each band member's original work.” She adds, “Some of the work and writing on the album is just gorgeous!”

The above-mentioned CD will be available for sale at the Merry Muse

Coming up:

Sunday August 11th - Blackboard plus Canberra Shanty Singers

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

Enquiries: Eileen 0412 127 882 or email eileennew23(at)gmail(dot)com

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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