

# Monaro Folk Society (MFS)

## Annual Report on Settlers Group Activities

Settler music can be characterized as music brought to Australia by the many peoples who came here to settle over the past 200 years and played for dances. 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. It is an opportunity to engage with a living tradition, to learn and play some of this music. The group meets between 4.00 – 6.00 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month, except January. The Group has met on 16-18 occasions in the past 12 months. Numbers vary but fall between 5 and 12 for any single occasion.

For several years this group has met in the Grant Cameron Center, Holder using spaces provided initially by Arthritis ACT and then with the ACT Deafness Resource Center. In February 2019 the group meetings moved to the upstairs room of Beyond Q in Weston.

There are no costs associated with the Settlers Group or with its use of rooms in the Beyond Q bookstore, Weston.

### **CONTACT**

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