

## **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.

The Group continued to meet in the upstairs room at Beyond Q until it was forced into recess by the Pandemic in early April 2020. Beyond Q has since gone into liquidation. Numbers in attendance vary but fall between 5 and 12 for any single occasion.

A small core of players has continued to meet during the time of the pandemic, while observing physical distancing arrangements. It uses the MFS zooming arrangements to project these occasions to those who wish to be involved in that way.

The Group accepted \$70 from the MFS Committee in this year. This amount was spent on the production of a booklet of tunes for distribution free to participants. There are no other costs or income associated with the Settlers Group or with its use of rooms in the Beyond Q bookstore, Weston.

#### **CONTACT**

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