

## Report on the TiNMuGs 2017

After 26 years this subset of the Monaro Folk Society is “thriving”. The move to the Irish club two nights a month has been totally successful. The venue is welcoming, many of the musicians go early and eat a meal together. (Incidentally this makes the group even more welcome at the club.) The sharing of a meal sitting with whoever turns up and conversing is a great social aspect.

The music is taken from the extensive 5.5 black book collections supplemented by Begged Borrowed and Stolen and Dave Johnson’s “Blue Book”. The Irish club has proved a non-threatening venue which can accommodate the more than 25 players who sometimes gather there. The quality of the music is good and improving all the time. Traditionally the TiNMuGs met on a rotation basis at members’ homes. The numbers now attending has severely limited the number of homes able to welcome the group. It is no trivial thing to fit 20 odd players, their instruments and music stands into your lounge room. Many many thanks to those who still welcome us on alternate Tuesdays. The pace is gentler on the alternate Tuesdays as some of the more able musicians join the MFS contra group in another place. On the odd occasion where we have 5 Tuesdays in a month the TiNMuGs are welcomed by Bill at Monash Goodwin village, another great venue where sometimes we even get an audience.

The TiNMuGs is very organically organised, there is a small core group of members who have given commitment over many many years. Participation is flexible, and as many of us now travel extensively, long term commitment is difficult.

The TiNMuGs have been providing music for the kids dances offered by the MFS this year. While the new arrangements with an increased number of dances held at Ainsley Hall is still “bedding in”, so far we have had two well attended afternoons at that venue. The commitment to the children’s dances is still in the evolving space.

There have been several interstate and overseas visitors who have found the group at the Irish Club via the website, this is a great addition to our evenings and all comers are very welcome.

The group is deeply in debt to Julie who maintains the data base, takes responsibility for sending out the reminders and managing the venues. Thanks Jewels: without you there would be no Tuesday group.

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