

Annual Report on the **TiNMuGs** for 2018 MFS AGM

This subgroup of the Monaro Folk Society is “thriving”.

We continue to be a welcoming and supportive group. We have now many skilled and experienced musicians, and several who play multiple instruments. So, the group has grown in musical standard as well as numbers. Our numbers are growing consistently. We usually have 12 - 26 musicians each Tuesday playing a wide variety of instruments. Numbers vary as some members play for Contra on alternate Tuesdays.

We honour Daryl Powell who started this group over 27 years ago.

The Website is working well. Most phone enquiries to play with our group are from the Website. We recently had a lady visiting from the Uk for 2 weeks who enquired from the Website and played with us at the Irish Club.

This year some fabulous musos from the **Canberra Mandolin Orchestra** have joined us for the Irish Club sessions.

Meeting for our sessions at the Irish Club two nights a month continues to be totally successful. Some months we attend 3 nights a month. I have an arrangement via email with the Club Manager, Paul Landers, for us to come to the club extra Tuesday nights as we request.

The club allows us to use the Cotter Room for no charge and appreciate the custom we bring to the club. We bring family and friends. Often we have up to 26 people playing music in a session. We have acquired a few very talented patrons. Invitations for gigs have come from patrons hearing us at the Irish club.

Some Tuesday nights we are still able to meet in members' homes who have the room to accommodate us.

Where we have 5 Tuesdays in a month we are welcomed by Bill Luders at **Monash Goodwin village**, another great venue where residents like to relax and listen to us, then supply us with homemade supper treats. Earlier this year we attended **Isabella Gardens** retirement Village and they have also invited us back.

The Kids Dances have continued successfully this year. With the specific Kids Dance book, compiled by Moir Holmes, to play from it is easy for us to keep on top of these great tunes the caller selects from on the day.

Roy Harvey and Robert Hayes particularly need to be thanked for their pro-active work in the advertising for the dances.

I maintain the email communications and am constantly grateful for the assistance and support of **Robert Hayes and Roy Harvey particularly** - Roy in maintaining communications and regularly hosting us, and Robert in managing the distribution of our music books - via printing, email and thumb drives for new members to borrow. We try to travel at different times!

PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR

To continue with our activities as above and continue to grow our membership.

To obtain a MFS Banner to represent us and to promote us as part of MFS. We have needed this for a long time and did request last year.

To continue expanding our musical repertoire. Black book 6 is nearly capacity of new pieces to print.

To continue monitoring that all musicians are financial members of MFS

We have been invited to give a one hour performance for the Spiral Group - over 55 community on September 27th. This invitation came as a result of us being heard at the Irish Embassy two years ago.

We have been invited to play our Tuesday session at Isabella Gardens on 2nd October

FINANCIAL REPORT

As in previous years, we continue to have no income and virtually no expenses.

I did submit a request to MFS recently for a suggested figure of \$200 for the year to cover payment for tea & coffee and some supper at the Irish Club. I have been buying supper and Keith Sayers has been baking for us. When we are not there it tends to go to mush and become a liquid supper!

Looking forward to another great year!

Thank you Geoff Kell for all your support and communication.

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