

TUESDAY NIGHT MUSIC GROUP ANNUAL REPORT – 2019-2020

-As with other groups in the MFS, we were meeting weekly to play music until March 2020 when Covid restrictions began. We had been playing at the Canberra Irish Club 2 – 4 Tuesday Nights a month, and other times at a member's home, or at Goodwin Village Monash & some community events.

On 7th March, many of us played at the Albert Hall for an afternoon session, to celebrate the Wedding Anniversary of our members – Roni and Adrian Giacobetti. A great event!

We commenced meeting again from 30th May, as restrictions were eased, observing Social Distancing regulations, at a member's home, capped at 10 per session.

We have been alternating between afternoon and evening sessions to give more people opportunity to play music together. Moir Holmes has been running Zoom sessions for those who feel vulnerable and have been staying home, during afternoon and evening sessions. An amazingly generous effort. Thanks Geoff Kell for MFS support in this.

The Canberra Irish Club whilst it has reopened, is not able to have us back on Tuesday evenings as yet, and will inform me as soon as it is possible for us to return.

Two months ago we were invited to play afternoon sessions at a new venue – **LDK Greenway Views**, Tuggeranong, in their spacious auditorium, with wonderful acoustics. We observe their Covid regulations with sign in, Temperature checking, hygiene and distancing. People stay home if they are unwell of course. With the space there, we can have as many musicians as we wish, and we have had 16, 17 on the last 2 occasions. There is no charge to use their facilities.

We have acquired new members again this last year, mainly through being contacted via the MFS Website. Interested musos ring me, Robert Hayes and Roy Harvey. Some new members have been invited along by existing members.

Another great achievement this year has been the revising and resetting of our music books we have compiled over the years. Books 1 – 6 are available to everyone on PDF for printing off or copying to their tablet. Thanks to Dave Wardle, Maurie Layne, Moir Holmes, Bill Galer, Robert Hayes, for all their hard work.

Whilst originally developed by Darryl Powell R.I.P. as a Beginners/Intermediate Group 28 years ago, TNMG now have a large number of very accomplished and

experienced musicians, whilst maintaining the culture of welcoming new musicians, and those learning new instruments. We look forward to getting back to performing at Kids Dances, and community venues, such as Spiral when restrictions allow. LDK has plans for a monthly concert programme in their Auditorium, for which we have been invited to participate by the Functions Management. This will be open to community invitation, as well as for residents, their family and friends.

I am advising all members to keep up to date with MFS Membership Registration. We maintain a culture of friendship and support with our love of playing music and having fun together. Many of us kept in touch during the time of lockdown, to check on each other's welfare.

We appreciate the enormous support and assistance our President Geoff Kell has given us all. We can't thank you enough Geoff for your tireless efforts and encouragement.

Roll on 2021!

Best wishes to all in the MFS.

Julie Szabo, Co-ordinator Tuesday Night Music Group

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