

60th Anniversary Celebrations

January 16-19 Illawarra Folk Festival - Bulli

February 1 Beecroft Birthday Dance

February 14 Inaugural Duke's Place Folk Club

February 21-23 Cobargo Folk Festival

March 29 Members' Dinner

April 18-21 National Folk Festival - Canberra

May 17 Heritage Masked Ball - Parramatta

June 6-9 Bundanoon DanceFest

July 19 Great Aussie Tune Swap

August 10 Saplings Masterclass

August 23 Subscription Ball - Maitland

September 6 & 27 Songwriting Workshop

September 12 John Meredith biography launch

September 13-14 Molong Show and Yeoval Museum

September 19-21 Turning Wave Festival - Yass

October 4-6 The Goulburn Gathering

October 9 Lola's Keg Night premiere

October 17-19 Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival

November 15 Diamond Jubilee Concert & Reunion

November 30 Saplings Session

December 20 Christmas Dance - Ermington







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Chris Poleson showing dashing Bush Music style at the National Folk Festival, Easter 2014.

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Welcome to the Bush Music Club's 60th Anniversary edition of Mulga Wire.

2014 was such an amazingly busy year that we decided to revisit it just one more time!

I would like to send a special "Thank You" to everyone who volunteered last year and helped make 2014 such a special year. I would also like to thank everyone who came along to the various events throughout the year and added to the atmosphere.

To the BMC Founders we cannot thank you enough for enriching our lives with music, song, dance and verse; both collected and newly written!

Sharyn Mattern



Committee 2014



Life Members







NLA wax cylinder recording at the NFF









Frivolity in the Saplings Session at the National Folk Festival

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Reunion Concert















Celebrations



Sharyn and Don cut the cake at the February Beecroft dance.



Anniversary Dinner - March



Anniversary cake made by Michelle Bolliger



Presidents blowing out the candles.



Glad to be here for another one / remember the 10th like yesterday. - Dale Aussie deep and true music to soothe the mind - Moira

Thanks for the memories - Margaret

You Beauty! - Sue

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Festivals





National





Recovery Picnic

The day after the Ball, we gathered at the Australiana Pioneer Village, Wilberforce for a relaxing picnic.







B.M.C. Forever - Chris Roll on the 70th - Bob Congratulations BMC on 60 fabulous years of celebrating music, dance, storytelling and most of all, people doing all this together. Best of luck for the next 60 years - Bruce

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Duke's Place



Duke's Place, our new folk club that was launched in February.



Coolfinn Mac



Helen and Tony Romeo



Peter Cahill, Jason Roweth and Ralph Pride



Alex Hood





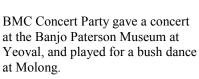
Yeoval Concert Molong Bush Dance







at the Banjo Paterson Museum at Yeoval, and played for a bush dance





The inaugural songwriting workshop run by Phyl Lobl

Songwriting Workshop

and Great Aussie Tune Swap

BMC and *No Such Thing* got together to teach each other their music.













Just like old times - Yvonne Good to see old friends - Anthony Greetings from the Victorian Folk Music Club to our big sister. Keep growing because we are too. - Harry

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Thank you for the BMC community and all the music! - Darri Lovely to look back at so many old photos!! - Cathy Whacko - You beauty bottler Sport mate - Ralph















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