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Dec 12	7:30pm Gosford Dance, Christmas Contra with <i>Pastrami-On-Ryebuck</i> , East Gosford Progress Hall. <b>2</b> Robyn: 4344 6484			
Dec 19	<b>7pm Ermington Bush Dance</b> , <i>Southern Cross</i> , Ermington Community Centre, 10 River Rd, Ermington, ☎ 0412 145 262			
	7 Illawarra Folk Festival, Bulli. www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au			
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Beecroft Road (opposite Fire Stn)

7:30pm—11:30pm				
Decembe	er 5	Paddy's River		
February	6	Ryebuck		
March 5		<b>BMC Concert Party</b>		
Enquiries:	Sigrid Wilma	9980 7077 9489 5594		

### **ERMINGTON Community Centre**

10 River Road, Ermington 7pm—11pm

December 19 Southern Cross

Enquiries: 0412 145 262

0412 145 262 or bmcmail1954@gmail.com

Also see our web site for Club doings, history, articles and blog:

### www.bushmusic.org.au

### Cover:

BMC Concert Party on stage at Beecroft Community Centre for the November bush dance.

Photo: Colin Fong

### **Concert Party News**

### **Beecroft Dance**

The BMC Concert Party performed at the Saturday Beecroft Bush Dance in November. Twenty one very talented musicians played with gusto and enjoyment. Margaret Bolliger called the dances for an appreciative audience of around 70 people. Many were the compliments paid by the dancers to the band for a sterling and delightful performance. It is understood that the BMC Concert Party will be performing more than once at Beecroft in 2016.

### Dalmar Homes "Alan Walker Village"

On the sound principle that it is better to wear out than rust out, the BMC Concert Party played for a bush dance on the Sunday immediately following the Beecroft Dance! Eleven musicians with Wilma Lyon calling and a large number of dancers (also from the Beecroft dance of the previous evening) turning up at the lovely retirement venue in Carlingford. The Concert Party performed songs and dance tunes from 2pm to 5pm to the delight of an appreciative audience from the Village. Several interesting features occurred during the afternoon, viz, two Scottish dances by our own Del, the Duke of Kent's Waltz taught by Margaret Swait and the fact that the dances were held entirely on a carpeted floor! Ah the beautiful spontaneity of bush dances!

Many thanks to all the musicians and loyal bush dancers for their support given so freely to the Club.

### Allen Davis

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<allendavis@iprimus.com.au> Allen Davis

Membership forms or ball ticket forms still need to be sent, either by mail or scanned and sent by email.

# ココココ **Traditional Irish Music 'Slow Session'** <u>ההההההההההה</u>הההה

One of our members runs a Traditional Irish Music 'Slow Session' for beginners/intermediate players of Irish Traditional Music (melody instruments only).

Ĵ Every Sunday 6:30pm at Tritton Hall, Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, 142 Addison Rd, Marrickville.

7 Cost \$10 (concession \$5), includes tea and bikkies.

Ņ Enquiries: Brian 0414 565 805

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## **Playford Dancing at the Hut**

Next meeting: Tues 1st December, 7:30pm to 9:30pm

The Bush Music Club is hosting Sydney Playford dancing in our headquarters, Hut 44 Addison Road Community Centre, Marrickville.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month (except January), and there will be live music as often as possible.

For more information contact Julie Bishop 9524 0247

Bring your friends along for an enjoyable night of dancing.

### **Beecroft Spot Prizes** At recent Beecroft dances we have been handing out special prizes to dancers at certain points during the night. The prizes are donated by the following local businesses:

Renaissance Hair Studio Westleigh La Thai Restaurant Thornleigh

Topiary Café Epping

The Beauty Salon Westleigh

Wilma Lyon Music School Normanhurst

Westleigh Quality Meats Westleigh

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We are nearly at the end of another wonderful year but it's not all over vet!

Our Monday night Pennant Hills Dance Workshop will be celebrating Christmas on 14th December with the BMC Concert Party providing the music. Come along and join us as we celebrate Christmas, the BMC wav!

We also have the Christmas Beecroft and Ermington dances in the next few weeks which are always an enjoyable.

The Saplings have had a very successful year and I trust they all enjoyed the recent weekend at Dave and Anne's place at Penrose.

Duke's Place continues presenting a wide array of Australian songs.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year such a success and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and looking to catch up with vou all in 2016.

# Sharyn Mattern

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# **Worth Noting**

It is now 50 years since Duke Tritton passed away. Singabout remembers him

Evans, Eamon Great Australian urban legends, Perth, Affirm Press, 2015, \$29.99

"Australia is stuffed full of stories that need to be taken with a big spoon of salt. Stories that we all know are silly, but that we also just can't help sharing. In Great Australian Urban Legends, Eamon Evans presents you with myths, misconceptions and bare-faced lies about real people and real places down under. These pages libel Captain Cook and slander Phar Lap. They will annoy the Wiggles and David Boon. They will reveal whether Harold Holt really died, if the bunyip ever lived, and which famous Australian now gets by as a ghost."

http://www.affirmpress.com.au/great-australian-urban-legends

Margaret Bradford and Dave Johnson entertained the guests at the dinner to commemorate the Eureka Stockade in Sydney in November. Report on pages 6-7.

Don and Sue Brian will be hosting a presentation of Norfolk Island folk history on the island next year. Details at:

https://www.norfolkislandtravelcentre.com/events/norfolk-island-folk-history

A teacher in Victoria, Dennis Winbanks, is taking his music skills to rural schools. http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-11-25/travelling-teacher-takes-music-classes -to-rural-victoria/6972996

Alex Hood has sent his unwanted instruments to Mossgreen auctions in Melbourne where they will be auctioned in December. Check out their website for details

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# Everyone is invited to-

# The Pennant Hills Dance Workshop Christmas Party

# Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Everyone is welcome to our Christmas Party where we will dance to the music of the BMC Concert Party.

An enjoyable evening of Bush Dancing and traditional music is guaranteed. Our hall is air conditioned.

If you were previously a regular at Pennant Hills but have not danced with us lately, why not come along for this special night.

> Tea and Coffee supplied. Please bring your own mug and a small plate to share.

Entry is only \$7 (Free for first timers).

To be held at: The Pennant Hills Community Centre & Library, Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills. (Opposite the railway station.) We are in the downstairs hall, enter through the doors in the car park.

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# 161st commemoration of Eureka Stockade

By Margaret Bradford

An Australia guided by the spirit of the Eureka tradition as symbolised by the diggers' flag and their oath...

"We swear by the Southern Cross to stand truly by each other and fight to defend our rights and liberties"

On Friday 13th November Bob Walshe and Sydney's Eureka Stockade Commemoration Committee organized a dinner to celebrate this historical event at the Bowlers Club in York Street.

Jack Mundey spoke briefly on the importance of maintaining the tradition followed up by MC Phil Smith, a Sydney resident and constant campaigner for the rights of all.

Dr Patricia Ranald Coordinator of the Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network and a research Associate at the University of Sydney and lecturer at UNSW spoke well sounding the alarm on the threats to Australian democracy of the hotly debated Trans Pacific Trade Agreement (TPP)

i.e. Between foreign corporations suing our governments over public health measures and environmental protection laws, higher prices for medicine, and surveillance of Australians' internet usage its attracting heavy debate.

Being such a significant part of our history I felt privileged along with Dave Johnson, long time Bush Music Cub advocate, to provide the entertainment on the night. In researching appropriate songs I was pleasantly surprised at the variety and number of songs that had been written about this event. They all told so much of the story and the volatile atmosphere at that time. Apart from including songs of Eureka we sang a few of the well known Australian singalongs which the audience loved and were encouraged to join in on.

Although attendance was reduced somewhat by the heavy rain and chronic disruption to city rail on the night response was wonderful and inspiring. As the other Eureka event planned for Gymea Tradies had to be cancelled, many Sutherland Shire residents attended this one in the city most of them coming by public transport.

Some historical facts on the event....

The Eureka Rebellion in 1854 was a rebellion of gold miners at Ballarat The Battle of the Eureka Stockade, by which the rebellion is popularly known, was fought between miners and the Colonial forces ('traps') of Australia on 3 De-



Saplings gathered around the campfire.

Chris Poleson

## At the Festivals - 2015

This year the Bush Music Club was booked by 4 festivals - Illawarra in January, The National in March, Turning Wave in September and Kangaroo Valley in October. Members had a presence at 2 more events, Bush Traditions Bundanoon DanceFest in June and Gathering in October.

We have a core of experienced and less-experienced members who present song & tunes workshops at the mere mention of a festival, and the Sapling program draws upon a similarly expert group of musicians. All members at a festival are welcome (expected, please!) to join us for Song & Tunes workshops, but the Saplings workshops are for tutors only as they are a specialised kids Festival event.

We will be appearing at Illawarra Festival (Australian Traditions concert Friday, Saplings Saturday & Sunday mornings and a Songs & Tunes workshop on Sunday afternoon. We have also applied for the National and will once again apply for Turning Wave, Kangaroo Valley and any other festivals that take our fancy!

### Farewell to Australian Heritage Dancers

It is with great regret that I announce the closure of the Australian Heritage Dancers Inc. At the last AGM it was decided by majority vote to hang up our costumes for the last time. Our last meeting will be our Christmas party at 8pm on the 9th of December at the Annandale Neighbourhood Centre, 79 Johnson St, Annandale.

Most of the current members are also going to the Bush Music Club's bush dance at Ermington on the 19th December.

We would really love to see any past members and musicians at either event.

Thanks to all from the past to now who have helped make a fun 31 years.

### Wendy Richmond, Dance Director

# Saplings In The Bush

The weather prediction was for thunderstorms Friday night and rain the rest of the weekend but this was not enough to cancel the Sapling's first Camping Weekend held at "The Laurels" in the Southern Highlands. The excitement of the twelve children and enthusiasm of their parents and tutors was encouraging when we arrived at Dave and Anne's property after a very wet drive. Dave had slashed the grass and prepared the "Sapling's Paddock" with wood for the campfire, a long drop and a sink with running water and tap.

There was only occasional light rain for the bush walk on Saturday but umbrellas were needed around the campfire during the song session. Archery was very popular although Claire seemed to be the only person to hit the target. The few who were brave enough to go swimming in the dam dried and warmed up by the campfire but the most popular activity was the sand hill – or, more specifically, jumping and tumbling off the sand hill. While it was raining, music sessions were held in the shed but Sunday was fine so music groups were spread out around the property before we all came together for a farewell concert in the afternoon. Even the parents practiced something for the concert to the delight of the Saplings! One of my highlights was listening to a new tune written by Declan, Hannah and Luke especially for "Her Majesty" (Anne and Dave's pig) and titled "Queen of Mud".

A fun weekend was had by all and everyone is looking forward to the next one!!

Many thanks once again to Dave and Anne.

Helen Romeo



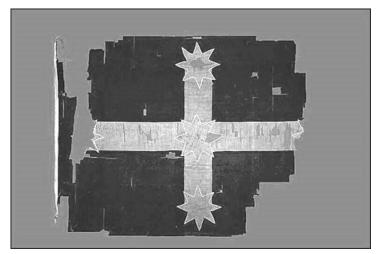
Declan, Hannah and Luke playing their tune "Queen of Mud" (photo supplied by Helen Romeo)

cember 1854 at Eureka Lead and named for the stockade structure erected by miners during the conflict. The rebellion lasted for less than half an hour and resulted in the deaths of at least 27 people, the majority of whom were rebels.

The event was the culmination of a period of civil disobedience in the Ballarat region during the Victorian gold rush with miners objecting to the expense of a Miner's Licence. The local rebellion grew from a Ballarat Reform League movement and culminated in the erection by the rebels of a crude battlement and a swift and deadly siege by colonial forces.

Mass public support for the captured rebels in the colony's capital of Melbourne when they were placed on trial resulted in the introduction of the Electoral Act 1856, which mandated full white male suffrage for elections for the lower house in the Victorian parliament, the second instituted political democracy in Australia.

As such, the Eureka Rebellion is controversially identified with the birth of democracy in Australia and interpreted by some as a political revolt.



The Eureka Flag. (Image from Wikimedia Commons)

# DUKE'S PLACE

Australian Songs in Concert & session



### Second Friday of the Month Feb - Dec

Doors open 7:30pm Concert 8 - 10.30pm, followed by singing session (gates close midnight)

Tritton Hall - Hut 44 Addison Rd Community Centre 142 Addison Rd, Marrickville

\$10 - Bring a plate - bring songs

### Friday 11th December - Christine Wheeler

Malt whisky voiced singer Christine Wheeler and skilled guitarist/bouzouki player Leigh Birkett got together 3 years ago to produce an album of Henry Lawson poetry set to music, described as 'a landmark in the interpretation of Australian folk song' by Graham McDonald of the National Film and Sound Archive. Chris' classic folk-style singing evokes comparisons with Maddy Prior and Joan Baez. Leigh's exceptional musical imagination on guitar and bouzouki overlays jazz chords onto a Celtic sound.

### Friday 12th February - Miguel Heatwole

Miguel Heatwole - man of a zillion songs, choir director, composer, songwriter, leader of singing sessions. Over many years his contagious enthusiasm for promoting community singing, whether live or recorded, has brought many people together to share and learn new skills and insights.

# Friday 18th March - Evan Mathieson

### http://www.evanmathieson.net/

Evan spent his first 20 years on the family farm which bordered the sheer cliffs of the magnificent, infamous "Ship Wreck Coast" of southern Australia. His great love of folk music and the history of the land and the sea comes from these early days where the experiences of ship wrecks and the oral transmission of the local history were a part of the web of everyday life. Evan spent some years in the Melbourne folk & jazz scene in the early 60s, then moving on, guitar in Mini Moke, travelled north to warmer climes. He soon settled into the young and enthusiastic folk scene of Brisbane as a solo performer. He added blues harp and autoharp to his performance repertoire. He went out of town on collecting trips meeting "grey beards" and swapping songs and stories. He met Harry Robertson & has in recent years recorded all his songs & helped set up the Harry Robertson website archive - http://www.harryrobertson.net/index.html .

The Bush Music Club dance workshops in October covered a wide range of dances. Our "Couples and Contras" workshop was great fun and covered both old and some very new dances.

Other workshops in October and November taught the dances featured at the Central Coast November dance where the JH Dance Band provided the music. These dances included Galopede Country Dance, the Veleta, Levi Jacksons and Mayfair Quickstep.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Party planned for Monday 14th December, with live music provided by the BMC Concert Party. This is always a great night and one not to be missed. We will be practicing the dances for the party at the previous workshops so join us on those nights also.

And remember, the Christmas Party is not the end of our year. We will be holding our annual "Dancers' Request" night on Monday 21st December. Bring along a request for your favourite dance and we'll feature it on the night (or do our best! If you ask for the Mongolian Double Progressive Yurt Dance we may not be able to help you....)

In 2016 we will be starting the workshops on Monday 11th January, so make it a new year resolution to join us. The Pennant Hills dance workshops are a great venue for learning dances at a relaxed pace with plenty of dancers to help and a very friendly atmosphere. We welcome singles, couples and groups.

See you at Pennant Hills.

John Short

Programme December/January				
Monday 7.30–10.30	THEME/DANCE STYLE			
7 December	Practice for the Christmas Party			
14 December	Christmas Party with the BMC Concert Party			
21 December	Dancers' Request Night			
11 January	Workshops start for 2016. Put it in your diary!			
18 January	Workshops continue in 2016			

### **Programme December/January**

December 2015

### Ode to Duke Tritton By Mike Martin

If "Time means tucker", then tramp you must You can always sing for your supper, pass the hat and busk You took a bite out of life, made a dream come true Never to let life make a meal out of you.

You crossed the great divide, the plains and red dust Where there's seldom a track that a man can trust You worked for your rations, carried water by your side Never one to run, you were never one to hide.

### Chorus

All day long through the dust and the heat You carried your swag outback.

A pen full of cobblers is a shearers dream of hell You'll only shear your hundred in a shed that breeds them well Good enough to pick a stand, for next seasons run Never a ringer, you were never a gun.

You drove the cattle south, you fenced in rough terrain You camped on the river bend, left the drinking to other men You loved those country shows and in the boxing tent were known Never a fighter, you were never a pro.

### Chorus

You sniffed at the gold, caught the fever in your soul Always seeking that elusive, that nugget of gold You panned and you slushed, you dug and shot the hole Never to stop, you were never too old

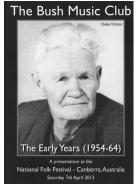


# THE DUKE

It is now 50 years since the passing of Harold Percy Croydon (Duke) Tritton, one of our founders and the second of our life members. He was a strong singer, songwriter and poet and was one of the earliest sources of traditional songs and verses for the Australian folk revival. His knowledge came from a wide variety of jobs out in the bush, including shearing, gold mining, boxing (where he gained the nickname Duke), busking, labouring, timbercutting and rabbitting.

Mike Martin has penned a tribute to Duke which you will find on page 4. "Time Means Tucker" is the title of Duke's autobiography and is a reference to Duke's shearing days.





Singabout

## The Sandy Hollow Line

By HP "Duke" Tritton

The sun was blazing in the sky and waves of shimmering heat, Glared down on the railway cutting, we were half dead on our feet, And the ganger stood on the bank of the cut and he snarled at the men below, "You'd better keep them shovels full or all you cows 'll go."

I never saw such a useless mob, you'd make a feller sick, As shovel men you're hopeless, and you're no good with the pick." There were men in the gang who could belt him with a hand tied at the back But he had power behind him and we dare not risk the sack.

So we took it all in silence, for this was the period when We lived in the great depression and nothing was cheaper than men. And we drove the shovels and swung the picks and cursed the choking dust; We'd wives and hungry kids to feed so toil in the heat we must.

And as the sun rose higher the heat grew more intense, The flies were in their millions, the air was thick and dense, We found it very hard to breathe, our lungs were hot and tight With the stink of sweating horses and the fumes of gelignite.

But still the ganger drove us on, we couldn't take much more; We prayed for the day we'd get the chance to even up the score. A man collapsed in the heat and dust, he was carried away to the side, It didn't seem to matter if the poor chap lived or died.

"He's only a loafer," the ganger said. "A lazy, useless cow. I was going to sack him anyway, he's saved me the trouble now." He had no thoughts of the hungry kids, no thought of a woman's tears, As she struggled and fought to feed her brood all down the weary years.

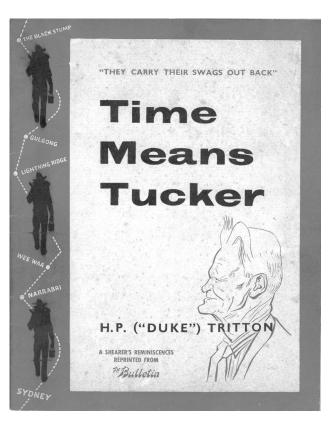
But one of the government horses fell and died there in the dray, They hitched two horses to him and they dragged the corpse away. The ganger was a worried man and he said with a heavy sigh: "It is a bloody terrible thing to see a good horse die."

"You chaps get back now to your work, don't stand loafing there, Get in and trim the batter down, I'll get the Engineer." The Engineer came and looked around and he said as he scratched his head, "No horse could work in this dreadful heat or all of them will be dead." "There much too valuable to lose, they cost us quite a lot And I think it is a wicked shame to work them while it's hot. So we will take them to the creek and spell them in the shade, You men must all knock off at once. Of course you won't be paid."

And so we plodded to our camps and it seemed to our weary brains, We were no better than convicts, though we didn't wear the chains, And in those drear depression days, we were unwanted men, But we knew that when a war broke out, we'd all be heroes then.

And we'd be handed a rifle and forced to fight for the swine, Who tortured us and starved us, on the Sandy Hollow Line.

The Sandy Hollow Line was written about Duke's experiences in the Depression. John Dengate sang it to the tune of *Dunlaven Green* and insisted that it should be sung unaccompanied.



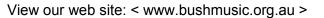
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	Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Rd
Tue 2	Playford at the Hut
	Hut 44, Addison Rd Centre Marrickville
Sat 6	Beecroft Bush Dance, Ryebuck
	Beecroft Community Centre, Beecroft Rd
Mon 8	Pennant Hills Dance Workshop
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	Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Rd
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MONDAY NIC	GHT SONG & MUSIC SESSION - CONCERT PARTY

General session for all musicians and singers - Mondays 7.30 pm, \$5.00 Held in Tritton Hall

This session also trains and practices the Bush Music Club's *Concert Party*, to perform as a working Bush Band.

🖀 Allen: 9639 7494





# Welcome to

# BUSH MUSIC CLUB inc

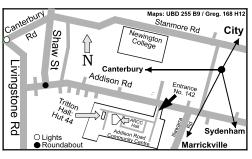
Australia's Traditional Songs, Dances, Music & Folklore

# DECEMBER 2015 — FEBRUARY 2016

The Bush Music Club was formed in 1954 to promote awareness of Australian folk traditions. The Club does this by collecting, publishing and popularising our traditional songs, dances, music and folklore. Contemporary compositions in the traditional style are also encouraged.







### TRITTON HALL

BUSH MUSIC CLUB HEADQUARTERS Hut 44, Addison Road Community Centre 142 Addison Road, Marrickville

#### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT :**

- **BUS:** 428 CANTERBURY
  - Stops outside Centre

426 DULWICH HILL and

423 EARLWOOD

- Get off at Addison Road, walk 600m to Centre

**TRAIN:** To Newtown, then catch bus

### December 2015

- Tue1Playford at the Hut<br/>Hut 44, Addison Rd Centre Marrickville
- Sat5Beecroft Bush Dance, Paddy's RiverBeecroft Community Centre, Beecroft Rd
- Mon 7 **Pennant Hills Dance Workshop** Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Rd
- Mon 7 Song & Music Session Hut 44, ARCC, Marrickville
- Fri 11 **Duke's Place**, *Christine Wheeler* Hut 44, ARCC, Marrickville
- Mon 14 Song & Music Session Hut 44, ARCC, Marrickville
- Mon 14 **Pennant Hills Dance Workshop Christmas Party** Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Rd
- Sat 19 Ermington Bush Dance, *Southern Cross* Ermington Community Centre, 10 River Rd, Ermington
- Mon 21 **Pennant Hills Dance Workshop** Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Rd
- Mon 21 Song & Music Session Hut 44, ARCC, Marrickville



### **BEECROFT DANCE:**

1st Saturday (February to December)
Beecroft Community Centre
Beecroft Road, Beecroft (Opp. Fire Station)
7:30 pm to 11:30pm - Supper provided
\$19.00 / \$17 conc / \$14 BMC members
☎ Sigrid 9980 7077 / Wilma 9489 5594

#### **ERMINGTON DANCE:**

June/December Ermington Community Centre, 10 River Rd 7pm—11pm \$19.00 / \$17 conc / \$14 BMC members Enquiries: 0412 145 262

# January 2016

- Mon 11 **Pennant Hills Dance Workshop** Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Rd
- Mon 18 **Pennant Hills Dance Workshop** Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Rd
- Mon 25 **Pennant Hills Dance Workshop** Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Rd



#### DANCE WORKSHOPS:

7.30pm Monday nights
Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Rd.
Both easy and more complicated bush dances.
A great social evening for beginners and experienced. \$7
Felicity: 9456 2860

### DUKE'S PLACE:

2nd Friday (February to December)
Held in Tritton Hall
7.30 pm to 11:30pm.
Concert and Session
\$10, bring a plate.
Sandra: 9358 4886