

AROUND THE BUSH MUSIC SCENE

(A selection of interesting events - details as accurate as possible at the time of publishing)

- Apr 2 **7:30pm Beecroft Bush Dance, Sydney Coves**, Beecroft Community Hall, Beecroft, ☎ Sigrid 9980 7077 / Wilma 9489 5594
- Apr 8 **7:30pm Duke's Place, Pat Drummond**, Hut 44, Marrickville. (see p8)
- Apr 16 Loaded Dog Folk Club, **Solidarity + Tony Eardley**, Annandale Neighbourhood Centre, ☎ Sandra, 9358 4886
- May 7 **7:30pm Beecroft Bush Dance, Stringfiddle**, Beecroft Community Hall, Beecroft, ☎ Sigrid 9980 7077 / Wilma 9489 5594
- May 13 **7:30pm Duke's Place, Jason Roweth**, Hut 44, Marrickville. (p8)
- May 28 Loaded Dog Folk Club, **Roaring Forties + Redfern Shanty Crew**, Annandale Neighbourhood Centre, ☎ Sandra, 9358 4886
- Jun 4 **7:30pm Beecroft Bush Dance, JH Dance Band**, Beecroft Community Hall, Beecroft, ☎ Sigrid 9980 7077 / Wilma 9489 5594
- Jun 10 **7:30pm Duke's Place, Jim Low**, Hut 44, Marrickville. (p8)
- Jun 18 Loaded Dog Folk Club, **Parodies - historical & current**, Annandale Neighbourhood Centre, ☎ Sandra, 9358 4886

Regular Events

- Singing Session - 7pm** 1st Friday of each month (except Public Holidays)
Hut 44, Addison Rd Comm Centre, Marrickville. Margaret 0427 958 788
- Songlines Song session - 7pm** 1st Sunday of each month
Has moved to The Friend in Hand, Glebe ☎ Jenny 9576 2301
- Sydney Playford Dance Group - 7:30pm** 1st Tuesday of each month
Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville (see p14)
- Toongabbie Music Club - 7:30pm** 2nd & 4th Friday of each month
17 Whitehaven Rd Northmead, ☎ 9639 7494
- Kiama Bush Dance - 7pm** 2nd Thursday of each month
Kiama Community Centre, ☎ Tony 0422 540 249
- Gosford Bushdance - 7:30pm** 2nd Saturday of each month
East Gosford Progress Hall ☎ Anne Maree 0413 588 634
<http://www.ccbdma.org/dance/>
- Campfire Session - 7pm** 3rd Tuesday of each month
Kiama Community Centre, ☎ Tony 0422 540 249
- Dance Workshop - 2pm** 3rd Sunday of each month
Upper hall, Pennant Hills Community Centre.
<http://keith-wood.name/danceworkshops.html>
- Sutherland Acoustic - 7:30pm** 2nd Thursday of each month
Tradies, Gymea ☎ Jenny 9576 2301
- Southern Cross Fiddlers - 7pm** Tuesday nights
1/103 Foveaux St. Surry Hills.

For the latest information on events see the BMC Website: www.bushmusic.org.au

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BUSH DANCES

April - June

BEECROFT Community Centre

Beecroft Road (opposite Fire Stn)

7:30pm—11:30pm

April 2 **Sydney Coves**

May 7 **Stringfiddle**

June 4 **JH Dance Band**

Enquiries: Sigrid 9980 7077
Wilma 9489 5594

ERMINGTON Community Centre

10 River Road, Ermington

7pm—11pm

July 16 **BMC Concert Party**

Enquiries: 0412 145 262

Bush Music Club enquiries:

0412 145 262 or
bmcmail1954@gmail.com

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

www.bushmusic.org.au

Cover:

The Bush Music Club hut has a nice new ramp and verandah. Looks very smart and seems to be keeping it a little cooler inside too!

Photo: Mike Young

Concert Party News

The Bush Music Club Concert Party has been well supported by members in the past month with attendances on Monday nights averaging over 20 persons.

On Sunday 28 February, 13 members of the Concert Party performed once again at Dalmar Homes in Carlingford to a most appreciative audience. The afternoon involved bush dancing, poetry, English Country dancing, Australian Bush and colonial songs and a performance of Irish and Scottish dancing. It is most pleasing to see the quality of music these days not to mention the enthusiasm of all Concert Party members who willingly gave up part of their weekends to play at this event.

In March 2016, the Concert Party performed at the Beecroft Dance and will perform the National Folk Festival in Canberra. In April they will be performing at a Seniors week event in Winston Hills... so it is all "go" for the BMC Concert Party.

Allen Davis

Senior Men's Pickers Guitar Group

Thursdays, 11am-3pm, \$3, BYO lunch

Gynea Community Centre,
39-41 Nicholson Parade Cronulla 9521 6575

Making Direct Deposit Payments (Membership/Shop/Ball)

Direct Deposit details:

BSB: 062-005

Acct: 0090 7524 (Commonwealth bank)

Reference

Email details of payment to treasurer:

Allen Davis <allendavis@iprimus.com.au>

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

Traditional Irish Music 'Slow Session'

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

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

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

Enquiries: Brian 0414 565 805

Playford Dancing at the Hut

Next meeting: **Tues 5th April**, 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



Another AGM has just been held and I have been elected president, once again. Thank you for your vote of confidence!

The club has a busy year ahead with sessions and workshops at the National Folk Festival, the Morisset Gathering and the 'Regency to Ragtime' Heritage Ball at Parramatta all very close on the horizon. Also, Evan Mathieson is appearing at Duke's Place on 18th March and is not to be missed.

Check us out on our website or on Facebook and keep those feet tapping.

Sharyn Mattern

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Worth Noting

Don and Sue Brian will be hosting a presentation of Norfolk Island folk history on the island 5-13 August 2016. Details at: <https://www.norfolkislandtravelcentre.com/events/norfolk-island-folk-history>

We are hoping to hold a **Going Bush** weekend at Sofala in September to follow up on the weekend at Morisset. The objective is to get the musicians that meet at Hut 44 out in informal sessions with other out-of-town musicians. Details will be posted on the BMC website & blog when finalised.

One of our former presidents, **Jack Chapman**, is recuperating after a recent operation. Get well soon Jack!

For the Love of Folk : The Addison Road Sessions

We're a hotchpotch group of folk singers who meet once a month to share songs and we welcome newcomers. We sometimes nominate a theme and enjoy exploring how it has been approached in the folk tradition and by contemporary writers in the genre; but sticking to the theme is optional.

Songs with choruses are popular; unaccompanied is fine, but bring an accompanying Instrument if you wish.

When: 7pm, First Friday of the month

Where: Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

Contact: Margaret 0427 958 788

Mulga Wire: 2016 Publishing Deadlines

Item Deadline	To Printers	Folding Session
19 May	26 May	31 May
14 July	21 July	26 July

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION [] RENEWAL [] UPDATE []

Name:

Address:

Phone: Home () Work ()

Email

Would you like to receive: Electronic MW [] Yes Regular electronic news updates [] Yes

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP

[] SINGLE \$22 [] FAMILY \$30 [] PENSIONER \$12

[] AFFILIATION (Clubs only) \$50 [] DONATION \$ _____

5 YEAR MEMBERSHIP [] SINGLE \$100 [] FAMILY \$130

[] PENSIONER \$60 [] AFFILIATION \$250

CASH / CHEQUE Enclosed \$ (No cash through post please)

Signature: Date:

Direct deposit details: BSB: 062-005 Reference: Your Name & "Membership"
Account: 0090 7524 Bank: Commonwealth

Email this form or details of payment to treasurer: Allen Davis: alledavis@iprimus.com.au

Office Use Only	Feb	Apr	Jun	Aug	Oct	Dec	
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Fee received	Appl approved	Record updated	Member Number	New Card Posted
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INTERIM RECEIPT AND PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP Name

Fee received by..... \$..... Date / /
(Committee Member)

THIS IS PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP FOR 2 MONTHS FROM THIS DATE

If membership card is not received within 2 months
Please contact the Membership Secretary on 0412 145 262



**Baerami Bush Dance & Campout
Upper Hunter Valley
Sat April 16, 2016**

An authentic and fun filled bush dance in a beautifully timber-lined hall in the Upper Hunter (2 hrs west of Newcastle).

Traditional acoustic music performed by Hunter musicians. Dances are explained and you don't need a partner. Very family friendly.

Arrive from 4pm; dancing starts at 7.30pm and continues into the night! BYO dinner and a supper to share.

Camp at the hall, or stay at local accommodation. Join a leisurely Sunday morning guided bushwalk or bike ride.

Tickets available through <http://www.trybooking.com/KAWG>

Adults (prepaid on Trybooking): \$17 or at the door: \$20

Pensioner concession: \$10

Children (under 15 years) free

Camping included in ticket price

Enquiries to Martin & Jan Fallding

Ph: 6571 1208 or E: info@calli.com.au

www.calli.com.au at the bottom of 'events' page

Facebook: Baerami Bush Dance

**New
Members**

★ Drew GRAHAM ★ ★ John BURCH ★

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**Bush Music Club Inc. presents
2016 Heritage Ball
Regency to **Ragtime****

Saturday 21st May 2016

Parramatta Town Hall

182 Church Street Mall, Parramatta

Grand march 7:00pm and dance 'til midnight



A grand occasion for your enjoyment with music by our renowned Heritage Ensemble. Dress up in your favourite fashion from the Regency to Ragtime era. A sit-down meal will be provided, with refreshments available throughout the evening.

BMC Members \$50 (before May 7th)

Non Members \$60 (before May 7th)

Students \$40 (before May 7th)

After May 7, ALL tickets \$70

NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER 16th MAY 2016

A discount of \$3 per person is available for sets of 4 couples
(paid for at the same time, before 7th May 2016)

Dances will be taught at workshops in May

Pennant Hills Community Centre

Mondays – 2nd, 9th & 16th May

7:30pm – 9:30pm, \$7

Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

Wednesdays – 4th, 11th & 18th May

7:30pm – 9:30pm, \$7



For all enquiries, ring 0412 145 262, or email wendy_richmond@yahoo.com

**Bush Music Club Inc. presents
2016 Heritage Ball**

Regency to **Ragtime**

Saturday 21st May 2016 Parramatta Town Hall

Doors open 6:30pm
Grand March at 7:00pm

Tickets	Before May 7	After May 7	N ^o . of Tickets	\$ Total
Members	\$50	\$70		
Non-Members	\$60	\$70		
Students	\$40	\$70		
THIS IS A CATERED EVENT, STRICTLY NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MAY 16			Grand Total	\$

For 8 tickets apply discount to total (-\$24)

Full Names of Dancers

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

Please advise if you require gluten free / dairy free / vegetarian food options at time of ticket purchase (strictly no later than 16 May 2016)

Booking Details

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
Postcode _____
Email _____

Payment can be made by Direct Deposit; by Cheque; or by cash, at any BMC dance or workshop.
Direct Deposit to Bush Music Club, BSB 062-005 Acct N^o. 0090 7524; please identify your payment by using the booking name as the remitter.
Cheques payable to Bush Music Club, send to Bush Music Club Inc. PO Box 433 SYDNEY NSW 2001.
Please send details of payment via email to wendy_richmond@yahoo.com (payment and all dancer names).

Payments must be made **before Saturday, 7 May 2016** to receive discount.
Any payment received after this date will be charged at \$70/ticket.

NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MAY 16

Due to renovation work on the Maitland Town Hall, the annual Subscription Ball was relocated to Therry Centre, East Maitland. Unfortunately the numbers were down but those who attended had a wonderful night. Thanks to Julia and Arthur Smith and the team for a wonderful night.

The Saplings Sessions continues to introduce collected bush music to young musicians and had very successful attendances at folk festivals last year as well as sessions at the hut in Marrickville. Thanks to all the teachers, parents and helpers.

Mulga Wire continues to appear every two months due to the ongoing efforts of the editorial team made up of Mike Young and Colin Fong with assistance from Sandra Nixon. Thank you also to the wrapping team who included Don Richmond, Ros and Mike Young, Fay Lau, Brian Freeman, Colin and Karen Fong as well as some of the Playford dancers.

Finally thanks to the members who once again support our amazing club.

Sharyn Mattern

Treasurer's Report - 2016 AGM

Profit and Loss

The Bush Music Club operated with a surplus of \$269.56 for the year ended 31 December 2014. This included interest from investments of \$3619.26.

The operating loss of \$3888.82 was due in part to shorfalls incurred at both the Maitland Ball (\$1859.62) and the Beecroft Dance (\$2663.77). However, the external hiring of Hut 44, the continued support of the Pennant Hills Dance Workshop and Concert Party attendances on Monday evenings obviated some of the losses incurred. The situation at Maitland was that the Town Hall was not available and another hall was used which involved higher catering costs. The Beecroft Hall rent has increased markedly and it is proposed to utilise the BMC Concert Party more often at this dance in 2016 to offset rising costs.

The Heritage Ball at Parramatta continued to provide funds to the Club and is always a success which is always enjoyed by members and friends. The Ermington Dance also has proven to be both a social and financial success.

Membership rose in 2015, which also assisted club income. Joining fees remained static during the year.

Balance Sheet

BMC assets total \$126,268.53 which include investments in ANZ, Westpac an Commonwealth Bank Term Deposits of \$123,372.91. A small stock of books and other items for sale together with cash at bank and cash floats for dances. The Club had no liabilities as at 31 December 2015.

Allen Davis

President's Report - 2016 AGM

Another year has passed and it's time to thank everyone for all the hard work.

To the committee and the sub committees members, organisers of the weekly dance workshops, the song and tune sessions, the regular bush dances, Duke's Place, Saplings Sessions, the MW team, the annual balls' teams, festival participants, volunteers who work on Tritton Hall and members who supported the club - thank you for your generosity, participation and contribution this past year.

Our secretary, Sandra Nixon, has had another busy year. Sandra, not only with deals with usual correspondence and the other secretarial duties, but is the energy and coordinator behind the Bush Music Club's participation in the various festivals and also assists with the Ermington dances. Thanks Sandra for all the hard work.

Allen Davis has also been busy. Allen is our Honorary Treasurer as well as liaising with our auditor, Fiona Perry, the ARCC administration and assisting Sandra with the task of minute taking. The BMC hut continues to be rented to outside groups and Allen has been liaising with both the groups and the ARCC to ensure that the system runs smoothly. Thank you for your professionalism, hard work and energy.

Don Richmond, vice president and memberships, has also had a busy year with membership numbers very healthy. Thank you Don.

The Beecroft Dance continues to be successfully organised by Sigrid Marden and Wilma Lyon with help from the team. Thanks everyone on a job well done and for all the hard work that goes into running the regular dances.

Wilma Lyon, Publicity Officer, has been busy publicising various club events and regular activities with help from Brian Freeman.

Thanks, also, to Mike Young, who maintains the Club web-site and co-manages Meetup. Social media is an increasingly important part of our visibility in the wider community.

The Monday night Song and Tune session continues to go from strength to strength, thanks to the leadership of Ralph Pride, Eric Eisler and Allen Davis. Thanks also to the regulars for their support and enthusiasm. The Concert Party has also provided music for our regular dances and community functions as well as hosting workshops and events during the year.

The Pennant Hills dance workshop has continued with a steady attendance during the year. Thanks to John Short and Felicity Hattingh and to everyone who has helped with organising Monday nights. Thank you, also, to the teachers for their support of our workshop.

Our annual Heritage Ball was another great night at Parramatta Town Hall. Thanks once again to Dave Johnson and the Ensemble members for their part in making the Heritage Ball a wonderful night. Thank you to Wendy Richmond and Michelle Bolliger for the coordinating and catering at the Ball and to all the helpers, both before and on the night, you all helped to make it a night to remember.



BUSH MUSIC



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Morisset



SESSIONS SESSIONS SESSIONS

27th, 28th, 29th May

SONGS, TUNES

&

WORKSHOPS

*Like us on Facebook
Music at Morisset*

For tickets and info www.bushmusic.org.au

Presented by the Bush Music Club Inc.

DUKE'S PLACE

**Australian Songs
in Concert & session**



Friday 8th April - Pat Drummond

<http://www.patdrummond.net/>

Friday 13th May - Jason Roweth

<http://www.rowethmusic.com.au/>

Friday 10th June - Jim Low

<http://jimlow.net/>

**Usually 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

Pennant Hills Dance Activities

Pennant Hills Community Centre: (lower, air-conditioned hall)

During March the dance workshops learned some of the dances from a few of the dance programs planned for the National Folk Festival in Canberra. Some of the dances were well known to us but a few were a good test for both the grey matter and the feet! We also enjoyed some less well known dances on our "State Celebration" night where we learned dances from (or associated with) Victoria, Tasmania, Canberra, South Australia and the Commonwealth. We even danced a New Zealand version of the Gypsy Tap!

In April we will be reviewing dances from Colonial Ball programs from both the recent and distant past. There will be no workshop on Anzac Day.

In May Wendy Richmond will be teaching us the dances planned for the Parramatta Heritage Ball. These workshops are always popular and a great way to get prepared for the Ball. Even if you don't plan to attend the ball, it's a good opportunity to learn the dances. And we always enjoy having Wendy teaching us.

There are lots of good reasons to join us at Pennant Hills, so we'll see you there!

John Short

Bush Music Club at the National Folk Festival

Concert Party

Saturday Night Carnival - Carnival Stage, 5-6pm Songs of Reedy River
Waltz-a-thon Part 2, The Terrace, Sunday, 7-9pm, passers-by can join us/
admire us & those so inclined can take their partner ...

Saplings workshops for musicians 8-16 years

4 workshops @ Billy Moran tent, Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon - 11.30 to 12.30

Performance - Central Park - Monday -3.30 to 4pm.

Joint BMC/Dennis & Mem Taberner project

Chris Woodland & Dennis & Mem team up to present the Dennis O'Keeffe Memorial Australian Song Session. Join this good old Aussie song session carrying on the work of the late Dennis O'Keeffe. Bring along an Aussie song — new or old — and rip into it.

Session Bar - Daily - 12.30 to 2.30

Programme April/May

MONDAY 7.30-10.30	THEME/DANCE STYLE
4 April	Dances from previous balls
11 April	Dances from previous balls
18 April	Dances from previous balls
25 April	No Workshop - Anzac Day
2 May	Parramatta Ball practice
9 May	Parramatta Ball practice
16 May	Parramatta Ball practice
23 May	Practice for Central Coast June Dance
30 May	Practice for Central Coast June Dance