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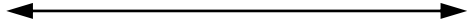
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BUSH DANCES

August - October

BEECROFT Community Centre

Beecroft Road (opposite Fire Stn)

7:30pm—11:30pm

August 6 **Snake Gully**

September 3 **Southern Cross**

October 1 **Bad Wallaby**

Enquiries: Sigrid 9980 7077
Wilma 9489 5594

ERMINGTON Community Centre

10 River Road, Ermington

7pm—11pm

December 17 **Southern Cross**

Enquiries: 0412 145 262

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0412 145 262 or
bmcmail1954@gmail.com

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

www.bushmusic.org.au

Cover:

Brian Freeman with his display of lagerphones at the recent Music at Morisset weekend taking a break from construction to chat to Bob Murray.

Photo: Sharyn Mattern



The recent inaugural ‘Music at Morisset’ was an outstanding success and congratulations go to Peter Cahill and his team for a seamless gathering.

Maitland Ball is happening again on 27th August so be sure to keep the date free and don’t forget the recovery picnic the next day.

It is with great sadness that we said farewell to Brian Dunnett, who passed away recently. Brian is remembered for contributions to arts, heritage and social justice. Our thoughts go to Maureen and family. Vale Brian.

Sharyn Mattern

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Worth Noting

We are holding a **Going Bush** weekend at Sofala in November 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.

We sadly note the passing of **Brian Dunnett**. Our condolences go out to Maureen and friends. We will miss him.

We now have a singing session called **For the Love of Folk - The Addison Road Sessions** meeting in the BMC hut at 7pm on the first Friday of the month. Enquiries: Margaret 0427 958 788

The Drover's Wife 17 September - 16 October Belvoir Street Theatre
Upstairs Theatre by Leah Purcell and directed by Leticia Cáceres
“We all know Henry Lawson’s story of the Drover’s Wife. Her stoic silhouette against an unforgiving landscape, her staring down of the serpent. In Leah’s new play the old story gets a very fresh rewrite. Once again the Drover’s Wife is confronted by a threat in her yard, but now it’s a man.” <http://belvoir.com.au/productions/the-drovers-wife>

The **Australian Folk Songs Archive** is probably the oldest folksong website in the world, having been online since November 1994. It currently has songs and poems retrieved from 173 Australian newspaper titles, 90 articles and reviews, and a reference list of 198 song books, magazines and sources. In all it has 613 songs and poems.

Songs: <http://folkstream.com/songs.html>

References: <http://folkstream.com/songbooks.html>

Articles: <http://folkstream.com/reviews/>

Newspapers: <http://folkstream.com/search.html>

Mulga Wire: 2016 Publishing Deadlines

Item Deadline	To Printers	Folding Session
16 September	22 September	27 September
18 November	24 November	29 November

MONARO FOLK SOCIETY THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL COLONIAL BALL

The Monaro Folk Society is inviting interstate dancers to its 35th Colonial Ball to be held at the historic Albert Hall on **3 September 2016**. Music by *Stringfiddle* led by Bob McInnes with Peter Foster calling.

Doors open at 7.15pm with a glass of champagne from 7.30pm to be ready to dance at 8pm. A delicious finger food supper will be served at 10pm followed by more dancing till the bewitching hour.

Tickets can be bought on-line at http://mfs.org.au/wiki/index.php/Colonial_Ball, ordered by email from colonialball@hotmail.com or phone Mark on 0421 814 718. Ticket sales close on Wednesday 31 August.

Tickets for interstate dancers are the same price as for MFS members. Early bird sales (reduced prices) will be available until August 8.

If you would like us to request billeting for you, please email: Antonella.asalpietro@hotmail.com.

All enquiries to Mark on 0421 814 718 or email colonialball@hotmail.com

Saplings Masterclass

The Bush Music Club is again running a Saplings Masterclass for young musicians 8-16 years at Tritton Hall, Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville.



Date: Sunday 21st August.

Bookings essential. Phone Helen 02 4297 5128

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

Bush Music Club
36th Colonial Subscription Ball
Saturday 27th August 2016
Maitland Town Hall
6.30 pm for 7pm start

The Ball

A Colonial-style Subscription Ball held each year at Maitland Town Hall, a venue boasting one of the best sprung dance floors in the country. The ball is a dancer's delight with the dance programme selected from diverse styles of dances, including Colonial, Traditional, Celtic, Regency, European and Bush. Preferred dress is formal and in keeping with Australia's Colonial period.

Recovery Picnic

Held on Sunday, 28th August from 11 am at Marmong Park, George St, Marmong Point, the BBQ/picnic is a time to recover, relax and socialise, with the opportunity for more dancing if desired. The park contains the Marmong Point Community Hall for dancing and shelter from the weather (if required). There is a large grassy area with shade trees and a view of Lake Macquarie. You can partake of the BBQ lunch provided (pre-booked and prepaid) or BYO. Please BYO chairs and drinks. Musicians, bring your instruments.

Practice Sessions

Newcastle

Sunday August 14. 10am-5pm.

Masonic Hall, Metcalfe St, Wallsend (near intersection with Cowper St).

Contact Arthur or Julia - Ph 49555701

Central Coast

Sunday August 7. 10am-5pm. East Gosford Progress Hall,

Wells St and Henry Parry Dr. East Gosford.

Contact Arthur or Julia - Ph 49555701

Sydney

Sunday August 21. 10am-4pm. Scout Hall, Park Ave, Concord.

Contact Wendy - Ph 0412 145262.

All practice sessions cost \$8 for the day.

Tea, coffee and cold drinks provided.

**** Attendance at practices is highly recommended****

There will also be practice nights at the Pennant Hills Dance Workshop.

Enquiries: Wendy - Ph 0412 145262 or Email: wendy_richmond@yahoo.com



Subscription Ball Booking Form

- * Numbers for the ball are limited to 120 so book early. The early bird price applies to bookings/payment received by **Sunday 14th August**.
- * For catering purposes all tickets should be pre-booked and payments made by **Sunday 21st August**.
- * The student price applies only to full time students aged 13 years and over. Children aged 12 and under are free.

Name/s or attach a list _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Price until 14th Aug	Number	Sub-total Cost
BMC Members \$50*		
Non-members \$55*		
Full-time Student \$35*		
Non-dancers \$45*		
BBQ / Picnic \$10		
	Total cost	

* From 15th to 21st Aug add \$5 to each ticket price. **No tickets after 21st Aug.**

Payment can be made:

1. By cash, at any BMC dance or ball practice/workshop.
2. By Cheque. Cheques payable to "Bush Music Club" & send to Bush Music Club Inc. PO Box 433 SYDNEY NSW 2001.
3. Direct Deposit to Bush Music Club, BSB 062-005 Acct No. 0090 7524.

Please identify your payment by using the booking name as the remitter, & send payment & dancer details via email to: wendy_richmond@yahoo.com

DUKE'S PLACE

**Australian Songs
in Concert & session**



**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

Friday 19th August - Penny Davies & Roger Ilott

Penny and Roger began recording together in 1983 and have released more than 20 albums, featured at folk festivals and toured extensively. Alan Scott once commented "I could listen to them sing the telephone book" and long-time ABC radio presenter David Mulhallen described them as "Two of Australia's great folk artists".

<http://www.restlessmusic.com.au/index.html>

Friday 9th September - Dave Johnson

David is a former president of the Bush Music Club, organiser of the Heritage Ensemble, co-organiser of the Bush Traditions events at Bundanoon and Goulburn, and has played in a number of bush bands over the years including his current band Paddy's River.

<http://www.davidjohnson.id.au/>

Saturday 8th October - Martyn Wyndham-Read (UK)

English by birth, Martyn first developed his great interest in folksongs of the outback when he went to Australia in the early 1960s. There, while working on the South Australian sheep station "Emu Springs", he gained first hand experience of life as a bush worker and at the same time fell in love with Australia and it's music. His participation in the Four Capitals Tour in August 1964 led to his meeting with Duke Tritton.

<http://www.martynwyndhamread.com/>

Pennant Hills Dance Activities

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

On 4th July the BMC dance workshop participants enjoyed a special American evening featuring dances of various American styles (Contras, Circles and even a Civil War era dance, the Crystal Schottische) and a few dances with American names (such as the Boston Two Step and Levi Jackson's Rag).

On 25th July we enjoyed live music provided by "Currawong and Friends" to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Pennant Hills Dance Workshops. Some of the dances on this night were new to the group, including "Nice to Meet You" and a Scottish Country Dance, 'The Honeymoon'.

In August we will be practicing the dances to be featured in the Maitland Ball. In September we will practice for the Central Coast September dance (to be held on Saturday 10th September) where 'Currawong' will be playing and for the Central Coast Spring Ball (Saturday 8th October, 'Snake Gully').

If you are new to dancing and want to join a friendly group to learn in an easy-going atmosphere, come and join us. We cater for beginners as well as experienced dancers and you can come alone, as a couple or in a group. Your first night is free.

See you at Pennant Hills!

John Short

Programme August/September

MONDAY 7.30–10.30	THEME/DANCE STYLE
1 August	Varied Bush Dance Program with regular and new dances
8 August	Practice for the Maitland Ball
15 August	Practice for the Maitland Ball
22 August	Practice for the Maitland Ball
29 August	Practice for Central Coast September Dance
5 September	Practice for Central Coast September Dance
12 September	Practice for Central Coast Spring Ball
19 September	Practice for Central Coast Spring Ball
26 September	Practice for Central Coast Spring Ball

Music at Morisset

The Bush Music Club held its first Music at Morisset weekend from 27 to 29 May 2016 in sunny but cool weather at the Morisset Showground.

To say the event was a resounding success would be an understatement. Over 90 people were in attendance and all reports were very favourable. The popular request was that this becomes an annual event.

The weekend took the format of workshops, singalongs, around-the-room individual musical performances, yarns and good camaraderie. A pot of hot soup was always on tap for everyone to enjoy with the local fire brigade providing hot lunches.

One of the most delightful features of the weekend was to see folk coming to Morisset from as far away as north Queensland and southern NSW. The high degree of local support was also most encouraging for future events here.

The quality of musical performance was of the highest standard with the whole emphasis being on Australian Bush Music in all its forms. A great deal of thanks must go to all the organizers, performers, workshop leaders and supporters for a lovely weekend.

Allen Davis

“...best weekend for many a year spent at the Bush Music Club sessions at Morisset, just south of Newcastle. Well-organised but without the feeling of being hurried around; expert friendly Australian musicians leading old and new tunes and songs. The venue itself (Morisset Showground) was just right; plenty of good camping and facilities and doggie friendly too! We even had a SES barbecue on Saturday and the best ever soup in the evening! What a weekend; I can't wait until the next one.

Festivals with genuine sessions are all too rare these days; thank heavens the BMC are carrying on the tradition. Thank you to all of the organisers. “

Polly Garland



Photos: Sharyn Mattern



Central Coast Bush and Social Dance Workshop

For those of you who are on or near the Central Coast, dance workshops are running again. Details are:

Friday nights 7pm to 9:30pm including supper break

At the **1st East Gosford Scout Hall**, corner of Wattle and Althorpe St, East Gosford (backs on to the Hylton Moore Oval)

All welcome, from beginners to experienced dancers.

Cost is only \$7 per night

Contact Bill Probert, ph or txt 0421 314 395 or
email billprobert@optusnet.com.au

An initiative of the Central Coast Bush Dance and Music Association Inc.

Bush Music Club

Beecroft Bush Dance



7:30pm - 11:30pm

Beecroft Community Centre
Beecroft Road (cnr Copeland Rd)

Cost: \$19 Adult, \$14 BMC Members
Includes supper

Sat August 6 - *Snake Gully*

Sat September 3 - *Southern Cross*

Sat October 1 - *Bad Wallaby*

BUSH DANCE WENTWORTH FALLS

With The Gang Gangs Bush Band and
Blue Mountains Heritage Dance Group (Social Dancing for fun)

SATURDAY AUGUST 13th 7.30pm-10.30pm

At Wentworth Falls School of Arts Theatre

\$10 adult, tickets at door, Children free if fully accompanied.

Tea, coffee and cordial provided, plus please bring a small plate supper.

All dances taught and called

Theme: Bush, Old Time, and Colonial dances.

Dress code: Winter.

Enquiries: Caroline- carolinembarrell@gmail.com

POETRY anyone?

Enjoy reciting a poem? Sharing a poem with others?
Perhaps writing your own poems? Brushing up on performing some 'bush' poetry?
If so, you are very welcome to come along. A contribution to go with afternoon tea
would be appreciated.

Where: The BMC Hut at Marrickville, Addison Rd.

When: Saturday 2pm to 4pm - Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8 and Nov 12

Cost: \$5 or gold coin donation

Contact: Karen Fong, (02) 9716 9660 (a message can be left)

OR fongs@bigpond.net.au

English Country Dancers September Dream Ball

Saturday 24 September
7pm - 11:30pm
at St. Thomas' Anglican Church Hall
McClaren & Church Streets
North Sydney

The venue has free parking and a suspended wooden dance floor.

Festive Formal Evening attire is requested.

Costumes/Period Clothing will not be required but will be admired.

Tickets purchased in August \$25

Tickets purchased in September \$30

<https://englishcountrydancesydney.com/>

**New
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★ Gavin & Moir HOLMES ★
★ Jeffrey DAWSON ★ ★ Shona DAWSON ★
★ Kathy WATSON ★

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Event Details

Beecroft Bush Dance, Beecroft Community Hall, Beecroft

☎ Sigrid 9980 7077 / Wilma 9489 5594

Bush Traditions Gathering, Old Goulburn Brewery

<http://www.bushtraditions.org/>

Duke's Place, Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

☎ Sandra 9358 4886 See p8

Gosford Bush Dance, East Gosford Progress Hall

☎ Anne Maree 0413 588 634

<http://www.ccbdma.org/dance/>

Hornsby Folk Club, Beatrice Taylor Hall (in Willow Park), Edgeworth David Ave

☎ Barry 9807 9497

Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival,

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

Keith's Dance Workshop, Upper Hall, Pennant Hills Community Centre

<http://keith-wood.name/danceworkshops.html>

Kiama Bush Dance, Kiama Community Centre, Hindmarsh Park

☎ Tony 0422 540 249

Loaded Dog Folk Club, Annandale Neighbourhood Centre

☎ Sandra 9358 4886

Poetry at the Hut, Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

☎ Karen 9716 9660

Songlines Song Session, Friend in Hand, Cowper St, Glebe

☎ Jenny 9576 2301

Sutherland Acoustic, Tradies, Gymea

☎ Jenny 9576 2301

Sydney Playford Dance Group, Hut 44, Addison Rd Comm Centre, Marrickville

☎ Julie 9524 0247 See opposite

Toongabbie Music Club, 17 Whitehaven Rd, Northmead

☎ 9639 7494

Turning Wave Festival, Yass

<http://www.turningwave.org.au/>

3rd John Dengate Commemorative Concert and Get Together

Date: Sunday 21st August

Time: 2-5pm (bar open upstairs to cover costs)

Place: Friend in Hand Hotel (upstairs room), Cowper St, Glebe

All welcome to contribute verse or song. **Enquiries:** Max 9591 1915

Concert Party News

The BMC Concert Party has been busy in the past month with practice for the Ermington Dance in July 2016. Once again Margaret Bolliger called the dances with several being new to the Concert Party. Ralph Pride, our musical director, was able to provide us with the required music for this event. The challenge and opportunity to learn new music and correct timing is always appreciated and interesting.

Despite the cold and wet weather, attendances on Monday evenings have held up quite well. Several of our members performed at an event in the streets of Leichhardt on 2 July then played at the BMC monthly Beecroft Dance on the same night with the Currawong Bush Band (it being the 20th anniversary of the formation of this band).

Allen Davis

Playford Dancing at the Hut

Next meeting: **Tues 6th September**, 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.

Traditional Irish Music 'Slow Session'

The Sydney Slow Session is a place where musicians can learn a new Irish Folk tune each week at a pace that suits beginners and intermediate players.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/SydneySlowSession/>

AROUND THE BUSH MUSIC SCENE

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

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| Aug 2 | 7:30pm | Sydney Playford Dance Group |
| Aug 6 | 7:30pm | Beecroft Bush Dance, Snake Gully |
| Aug 7 | 7pm | Songlines Song Session |
| Aug 11 | 7:30pm | Sutherland Acoustic Night |
| Aug 11 | 7pm | Kiama Bush Dance, <i>No Such Thing</i> |
| Aug 12 | 7:30pm | Toongabbie Music Club |
| Aug 13 | 2pm | Poetry at the Hut |
| Aug 13 | 7:30pm | Gosford Bush Dance, <i>Southern Cross</i> |
| Aug 13 | 7:30pm | Bush Dance Wentworth Falls, <i>Gang Gangs Bush Band</i> - see p11 |
| Aug 19 | 7:30pm | Duke's Place, <i>Penny Davies & Roger Illot</i> |
| Aug 19 | 8pm | Hornsby Folk Club, <i>Lime and Steel</i> |
| Aug 21 | 2pm | Keith's Dance Workshop, Keith's dances |
| Aug 21 | 2pm | 3rd John Dengate Commemorative Concert - see p14 |
| Aug 21 | | Saplings Masterclass |
| Aug 26 | 7:30pm | Toongabbie Music Club |
| Aug 27 | | BMC Subscription Ball |
| Aug 27 | 8pm | Loaded Dog Folk Club, <i>Margaret Walters & Allan Murray</i> |
| Sep 3 | 7:30pm | Beecroft Bush Dance, Southern Cross |
| Sep 4 | 7pm | Songlines Song Session |
| Sep 6 | 7:30pm | Sydney Playford Dance Group |
| Sep 8 | 7:30pm | Sutherland Acoustic Night |
| Sep 8 | 7pm | Kiama Bush Dance, <i>No Such Thing</i> |
| Sep 9 | 7:30pm | Duke's Place, Dave Johnson |
| Sep 9 | 7:30pm | Toongabbie Music Club |
| Sep 10 | 2pm | Poetry at the Hut |
| Sep 10 | 7:30pm | Gosford Bush Dance, <i>Currawong</i> |
| Sep 16 | 8pm | Hornsby Folk Club, <i>Cap in Hand</i> |
| Sep 16-18 | | Turning Wave Festival, Yass |
| Sep 18 | 2pm | Keith's Dance Workshop, Contra: Sue Rosen |
| Sep 23 | 7:30pm | Toongabbie Music Club |
| Sep 24 | 8pm | Loaded Dog Folk Club, <i>Martin Pearson + Cathy Rytmeister</i> |
| Sep 30-Oct 3 | | Bush Traditions Gathering, Goulburn |
| Oct 1 | 7:30pm | Beecroft Bush Dance, Bad Wallaby |
| Oct 2 | 7pm | Songlines Song Session |
| Oct 4 | 7:30pm | Sydney Playford Dance Group |
| Oct 7 | 7:30pm | Toongabbie Music Club |
| Oct 8 | 2pm | Poetry at the Hut |
| Oct 8 | 7:30pm | (Saturday) Duke's Place, Martin Wyndham-Read |
| Oct 8 | 7:30pm | Gosford Bush Dance, Spring Ball with <i>Snake Gully</i> |
| Oct 13 | 7:30pm | Sutherland Acoustic Night |
| Oct 13 | 7pm | Kiama Bush Dance, <i>No Such Thing</i> |
| Oct 14-16 | | Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival |
| Oct 21 | 7:30pm | Toongabbie Music Club |
| Oct 22 | 8pm | Loaded Dog Folk Club, <i>Sydney Trade Union Choir + Tom Bridges</i> |
| Oct 23 | 2pm | Keith's Dance Workshop, English Country |

See page 14 for more details of these events