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June - September

#### **BEECROFT Community Centre**

Beecroft Road (opposite Fire Stn)

7:30pm—11:30pm

June 3 **Southern Cross** 

July 1 Bad Wallaby

August 5 BMC Concert Party

September 2 Sydney Coves

Enquiries: Sigrid 9980 7077 Wilma 9489 5594

#### **ERMINGTON Community Centre**

10 River Road, Ermington 7pm—11pm

December 16 Southern Cross

Enquiries: 0412 145 262

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www.bushmusic.org.au

#### **Cover:**

Saplings session at the National Folk Festival. Encouraging our next generation to get into bush music.

Photo: Doug Vincent

#### **Concert Party News**

The Concert Party continues to attract approximately 20 people to each Monday practice. The group sits in an oval shape area in Hut 44 and each person has a turn to select bush music, yarn or poetry as the night progresses.

On Saturday 29 April several of the Seniors Band performed at East Concord Bowling Club for the Burwood Rotary Club dinner. The evening was held to raise money for cancer research at Concord Hospital and the amount raised was \$5500 on the night, with a further \$1000 later... a superb effort. The band played for several bush dances and sang the usual bush songs to much appreciation from the audience.

The Concert Party will be practicing soon for yet another public performance, this time at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club for the Ryde Probus Club.

Allen Davis



Concert Party at Winston Hills

Photo: Maureen Tarrant

#### The Addison Rd Sessions (Singing Session)

We're a hotchpotch group of folk singers who meet once a month to share songs and we welcome newcomers.

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

Time: 7pm, First Friday of the month

Venue: Tritton Hall (Hut 44),

Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

**Cost**: Gold coin donation **Contact**: Glenys 4758 7851

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#### **Event Details**

Bawley Point Folk Concert, Bawley Bush Cottages, Willinga Rd, Bawley Point

**The Chris 4457 1614 or Mariah 4457 2929** 

Beecroft Bush Dance, Beecroft Community Hall, Beecroft

Sigrid 9980 7077 / Wilma 9489 5594

#### **Bundanoon DanceFest,**

http://www.bushtraditions.org/dancefest/bunders.htm

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

**S**andra 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

**a** Barry 9807 9497

John Dengate Memorial Get Together, Friend in Hand (upstairs), Cowper St, Glebe

**Keith's Dance Workshop**, Upper Hall, Pennant Hills Community Centre http://keith-wood.name/danceworkshops.html

Kiama Bush Dance, Kiama Community Centre, Hindmarsh Park

**T**ony 0422 540 249

Loaded Dog Folk Club, Annandale Neighbourhood Centre

**S**andra 9358 4886

New Sydney Ball,

Tavid 0413 210 789 <a href="http://newsydneyball.com/">http://newsydneyball.com/</a>

Playford Dancing at the Hut, Hut 44, Addison Rd Comm Centre, Marrickville

**T** Julie 9524 0247 See p12

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

**\*** Karen 9716 9660

SessionFest, Morisset Showground, Ourimbah St, Morisset

https://www.newcastlehuntervalleyfolkclub.org.au/event/sessionfest/

Songlines Song Session, Paragon Hotel, 1 Loftus St, Circular Quay

**T** Jenny 9576 2301

Sutherland Acoustic, Tradies, Gymea

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The Addison Rd Sessions, Hut 44, Addison Rd Comm Centre, Marrickville

**a** Glenys 4758 7851 See p15

Toongabbie Music Club, 17 Whitehaven Rd, Northmead

**2** 9639 7494

Troubadour Folk Club, CWA Hall, The Boulevarde, Woy Woy

**Michael 4342 6716** 



The recent 'Enter the Colonies Dancing' ball, held at Parramatta Town Hall, was a wonderful night of music, dancing, beautifully gowned ladies and elegantly presented gents. An enormous vote of thanks goes to Wendy Richmond and her Ball Team who created a night to remember! Many thanks also go to Dave Johnson and the Heritage Ensemble for the enchanting music. The Recovery Picnic was held at Australiana Village Wilberforce and was an excellent way to wind down after the previous night. A lot of very hard work by amazing volunteers goes into making these events happen and the club thanks each and everyone of you.

The BMC's 'Music at Morisset' has returned for the 2nd year and is on track to be another weekend of fantastic music and song. Stay tuned in the next issue for reports and pictures. Thanks and congratulations to everyone involved in making Morisset happen again.

The club continues to have a full program, including the regular Beecroft Bush Dances, Poet's Corner, Addison Road Sessions (singing), the Irish Slow Sessions and Monday night dance and music workshops but to name a few so check out our calendar and come along.

#### Sharyn Mattern

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#### **Worth Noting**

There will be a special celebration at Newcastle & Hunter Valley Folk Club's **SessionFest** this year - 50 years of Folk Club activity in Newcastle. This will include a blackboard session where performers can reminisce about their experiences at the Club over the years, in any of its' incarnations (The Sanctum, Purple Parrot, Newcastle Folk Club, Newcastle & Hunter Valley Folk Club). There will also be a competition with a great prize to be won. Details will be available on the weekend of SessionFest in June.

Maitland Ball will not be held this year due to recent lack of numbers.

Queensland Colonial and Heritage Dancers are holding their **2017 Colonial Ball** on Saturday 22nd July in the Morningside School of Arts Hall. Arrive from 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Cost is \$40 (\$35 early bird before 15th July). For more info contact Roger Holmes 0410 445 730. http://members.optusnet.com.au/colonialdance/ball.html

The Caroline Simpson Library & Research Collection (CSL&RC) has recently acquired, through the Commonwealth Cultural Gifts Program, an important collection of 19th-century sheet music provenanced to people living in NSW.

https://sydneylivingmuseums.com.au/stories/stewart-symonds-sheet-music-collection

Congratulations to **Colin and Karen Fong** on the birth of their first grandchild, **Leon Tyler Szonyi** born to their daughter, **Hannah** on 22 March 2017.

**Rising costs** have finally caught up with us and we are reluctantly increasing membership fees by a small amount. The new membership form is on the back page of the calendar.

Our **Blog** has some more historical items including the Waratah Spring Festivals in the late fifties and photos from Bob Bolton's collection. It also now has a report on Bob's NFF Lifetime Achievement Award. <a href="http://bushmusicclub.blogspot.com.au">http://bushmusicclub.blogspot.com.au</a>

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#### A first (and second) timer's report of the 2017 Heritage Ball

By the bread stealing convict, Jason Riley and the mischievous lady with the large false rump, Niamh Kyriacou.

As relative newbies to the colonial dance scene, we decided to jump in the deep end and attend the Heritage Ball at Parramatta Town Hall with none or a couple of practices each under our belts. A bold but ultimately decent decision, thanks to the presence of wonderful, expert callers and a crowd of understanding dancers on the floor helping us look like we knew what we were doing.

The care taken to match the colour of the ribbon holding the ladies' dance cards to their dresses was marvellous. During the grand march, whilst the ladies were occupied discussing the trims and styles of other ladies' gowns, one particular convict was completely distracted trying to march with his cumbersome ball and chain! We appreciated the opportunity the grand march gave us to admire all the gowns in motion, to see the graceful sway of skirts and the soft sweep of ruffles along the floor.

There was a grand selection of food fit for the fine company attending the ball: beef, pork, chicken and a large array of salads and roasted vegetables. The dinner room buzzed, it was just as lively as the dance floor with excited conversation. Dancers reconnected with old friends they hadn't seen in a age (some since the last Heritage Ball!) and excitedly made new friends. The second break offered an amazing selection of decadent desserts, from mini pavlovas to brownies, which were much needed to energise us for the next lot of dances.

We didn't dare miss a single dance we were having so much fun. Whilst we had come fairly unprepared, without water bottles or fans, it didn't matter. We gulped down the mysterious but delicious orange punch in the short breaks and made our dance cards soft from fanning ourselves so hard! We pulled a few crazy antics mid dance: changing genders every time we progressed, doubling and tripling every turn we could and galloping to the very end of the hall on every cast or lead down. Only once did we stack it and fall to the floor!

We had an absolute ball. Neither of us can wait to twirl, skip and bounce our way through next year's Heritage Ball!

Jason and Niamh



Convict mixing with the gentry

Paul, Hannah, Adela, Niamh Jason in front Photo: Marina Robins

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A Banjo Player's Tour of Hell (contd)

We also have a special molten fiery chair just in case some one would ever dare Consider putting up a case for anything other than the featured state; And finally as you can see, we daily flog people who steal in for free.

Col says I think it's now time to retire, I can see you've stoked up all your fires. Then after travelling many days o'er fiery hills and stormy seas; At length he found that happy place where all the woes of mortals cease.

And rapping loudly at the wicket, cried Peter where's your certificate Or if you have not one to show, pray who in Heaven do you know? I know Don Henderson, Mike Heaney, Gordon Mc Intyre and Declan Affley.

And many others who gave for the cause, the folk revival and applause; A soft voice says Peter let Col in for he is truly purged from sin. And although as a banjo player, dressed here he shall be a welcome guest.

St. Paul go to the flock straightway and kill the fatted calf today; And go tell Abraham and Abel in haste now to prepare the table; For we shall have a grand repast now Col the banjo player has come at last.

Colin McJannett, May 2003

#### **Playford Dancing at the Hut**

Next meeting: Tues 6th June, 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. Cost \$7.

For more information contact Julie Bishop 9524 0247

#### 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.

#### Wongawilli Colonial Dance Club is turning 30!

Wongawilli Colonial Dance Club is celebrating their 30th anniversary in August.

They conduct a dance at Wongawilli Community Hall west of Dapto most Wednesday evenings. One night per month they have *No Such Thing* playing and one night they have *Chordeaux*. The remaining nights are danced to CDs. All dances are walked through and called. Cost is \$4.

Web: www.wongawillicolonialdance.org.au

More info: Brian 4296 7780

#### **Henry Lawson Festival update**

Following a grant gratefully received from Sutherland Shire Council the Henry Lawson Festival is being planned for Sunday 9th July 2017 starting at 9am. The festival will be held in the grounds of Como Public School, Genoa Street, Como (a short walk from Como Station).

After the festival there will be a performance of Dick Diamond's musical *Reedy River* starting at 4:30pm. Cost is \$35 which includes a pasta meal at arrival.

This will be followed at 8:30pm by a performance of *Dead Men Talking* where Max Cullen and Warren Fahey present a poetry and musical dialog between Lawson and Paterson. Contact Jenny for details and booking information.

For more information, please contact Jenny Watson 95762301 jg.watson@hotmail.com

#### Monaro Folk Society - Thirty-Sixth Annual Colonial Ball

The Monaro Folk Society is inviting interstate dancers to its 36th Colonial Ball to be held at the historic Albert Hall on 2 September 2017. Music by Heritage Ensemble band led by Dave Johnson with Heather Clarke calling.

Doors open at 7.20pm with a welcome drink from 7.30pm and dancing from 8pm to midnight including a fully catered supper.

Tickets can be bought on-line, see <a href="http://mfs.org.au/wiki/index.php/Colonial\_Ball">http://mfs.org.au/wiki/index.php/Colonial\_Ball</a> for details. Ticket sales close on Wednesday 30 August.

Tickets for interstate dancers are the same price as for MFS members. Early bird sales (reduced prices) will be available until August 1.

If you would like us to request billeting for you, please email: Antonella <asalpietro(at)hotmail(dot)com>.

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#### Poet's Corner

This will be a space where our new poetry group can showcase one of the poems presented at the hut. If you like poetry, why not join them?

#### Naturally Heading for Dusk by Dot Newland

Marigolds tangerine, sweetly smelling Ibises tall, proud and lightly walking Crickets leaping randomly on the ground While fern shaped leaves drop, scatter and rebound,

Dinnertime smells waft tempting to the streets, Children playing madly before dusk Scooters zoom in circles of joyful cries And chuckling bounces from walls, windows, skies,

The slow buzz of cars streaming back home, Weaving and stop with exhaust smells and smoke Shadows creep in from the eastern coastline, In the fading last light before tea time

Sundowning in style, the home cooks shake, Mix and whirl and ingredients bake, With new ideas and old, diverse and bold, As the secrets of their life unfold,

Twittering birds swarm into the trees Competing for a space to perch to sleep Stragglers flocking in tired and frayed, With bossy mother's in masses of green

A fiddler plays quickly a Celtic tune Courting a slow trickle of workers home, While round the block with six legs in motion, A dog walks her owner with devotion



**★ Dave MOIR ★ ★ Vera KONCEK ★** 

ing folk festival, I resigned to let a new executive have a fresh start. Col was actually away, playing with Real Tradition when the AFT voted for its new Chairperson. Although Seamus assured the meeting he had Col's permission, Col told me he wasn't even sure what he would have voted had he been present. Nevertheless, Colin took over the Trust and steered the team of Canberra locals Seamus Gill, Graham McDonald and Keith McKenry and others, which worked hard to make sure the NFF in Canberra survived and grew. We had many long discussions and laughs in later years especially when Colin sent me 'A Banjo Player's Tour Of Hell' that he wrote with apologies to Francis MacNamara, 'Frank the Poet'.

#### A BANJO PLAYER'S TOUR OF HELL

Come all you folk singers and banjo players from afar; Who frequent the National Folk Festival and its bars; A yarn to you I will now tell concerning a banjo player's tour of Hell.

It was in May of ninety-two the decision I will tell to you;

The AFT Trustees decided to take control it's true;

And stop the event from years of roam and place it in a lasting permanent home.

The decision was met with some derision, scorned by those of judgement poor; The Trustees took it on the chin, and swore an oath that through they'd win; And set up a company to see for sure, that the festival's future would be secure.

He whose valour had for years been tried on the festival board before he died; At length he fell to death a prey. It proved to him a happy day. Downwards he went his course I'm told was like one destined for Satan's fold.

Charon took him 'cross the River Styx and on the other side he was then fixed; Then leaving Charon at the ferry, Col hurried on to Purgatory; Where he rapped loudly at the gate of Limbo or the Middle State.

Peter Hollingworth then came down with vestments crucifix and frown; This place was made for priests and strayers, there's no place here for banjo players. Col then bade Peter farewell and scurried on to the place called Hell.

Where the Devil said now what's your will? And Col said I've come here to dwell; Says Satan now that cannot be I say, poor fellow you seem to have gone astray; For I've none here but Grandees and Priests and a place reserved for Peter Reith.

I think you have gone far astray for festival volunteers never come this way; But soar to Heaven in droves and legions, a place so called in the upper regions; Col stares at the Devil and says Sir pray tell, then who actually does here dwell?

Why laughs Satan, see those fiery seats and chairs and up above the set of stairs; They are fitted up for scoffers and disbelievers and other highly practiced deceivers; And recalcitrant stall holders, protesters, Morris Dancers and other eccentric prancers.

And that fiery lake afar, why that's reserved for people who play electric guitars; The brimstone and sulphur is for pouring on people found at concerts snoring; And the hottest anvil its intent is for people playing non-acoustic instruments.

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## **Memories of Colin McJannett**. (31/1/1946 to 3/5/2017)

By R.Dale Dengate

I have put on my CD of the Dubliners, and next I am going to play my bushrangers CD, although sadly I don't have Colin McJannett singing *The Ballad of Ben Hall's Gang* and the *The Lads of Learning* which he sang with such feeling. Shortly after hearing the sad news of Col's death after his illness over the last couple of years, I was reminiscing with Ronda Carlin. She recalled back in the mid 1960s that Colin, with a group of traditional musicians from Canberra, came to Sydney for the Dubliners' concert. Afterwards they went back to Jamie and Ronda's house and played music till around 2AM when they decided to return to Canberra. What stamina we had then, although Col was a few years younger than us and seemed a little wilder than we staid mid-twenty year olds, in the Bush Music Club. Initially Col played in a Skiffle band, but was attracted to folk music in the sixties.

Colin's mother, Molly recalled buying Colin his first banjo around fifteen years old. He learnt a lot of tunes from his grandfather, Harry who mostly played an accordion and later from Harry Cotter. Through perseverance and practice Col became a proficient and impressive banjo player and a fine singer of traditional Australian songs. He was the organiser for some local folk clubs and played in well respected Scottish dance bands with Mike Heaney in Reel Tradition 1982-97 and others such as Fife and Clackmannanshaw, 1991-97. His family recalled how everyone looked forward to Colin's arrival at gatherings as he would bring much singing, family stories and merriment.

I didn't really get to know Col until we were working together on the Australian Folk Trust in the 1990s, although he and John had spent long hours yarning over a beer about Australian songs, politics, union activities and even cricket. In fact, Col said he was inspired by John's workshop on writing based on research into your own family as the real history of Australia.

After 2003, Colin had written some short stories based on his family's anecdotes and life experience. He found his own family history an incredibly rich source of history. From detailed research into the area in Scotland where his great-great grandfather had grown up and to another village in Ireland where he was able to meet the relatives of his great grandmother who had left in the mid 1880s, he sought the stories of his family. Col brought life to the stories based on a patchwork of sources, and introduced many amusing touches so that John and I loved getting his emails and sharing the latest story.

My close association grew out of the challenges faced by the Australian Folk Trust, which I chaired after 1989. The AFT had the task of allocating the state which would conduct the next National Festival. However, from 1988 on the huge financial debts faced by each state after organizing a National meant that no state folk body wanted to run the National festival, Although we had loved going to a different state for each National it was impossible to get sufficient funding unless the event was held in the one location. Over those years I did a lot of investigation of ways of funding the arts, but all led to the necessity for change, This was not at all popular in each state, although none could offer financial solutions. Having pushed the AFT to accept the change to holding the National in the National capital, the only location with the potential to host a grow-

#### 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 - Apr 8

**Cost:** \$5 or gold coin donation

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

OR fongs@bigpond.net.au

# Bush Music Club Beecroft Bush Dance



7:30pm - 11:30pm *Note start time* Beecroft Community Centre Beecroft Road (cnr Copeland Rd)

Cost: \$19 Adult, \$14 BMC Members
Includes supper
Sat June 3 - Southern Cross
Sat July 1 - Bad Wallaby
Sat August 5- BMC Concert Party
Sat September 2- Sydney Coves

#### **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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#### 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 16th June (3rd Friday) - Peter Hicks

Peter Hicks is a Tasmanian based performer recognised nationally on the Australian folk scene. His work in the union, peace, solidarity and gay rights movements, together with his constant output of songs for issues of the day have been recognised on ABC radio, at folk festivals and clubs large and small and at rallies for environmental and refugee rights. <a href="http://peterhicks.com.au">http://peterhicks.com.au</a>

#### Friday 14th July - Eric Eisler & Nancy Nicholls

Australian Songs (and tunes) of freedom and friendship with BMC members Nancy Nicholls and Eric Eisler. Eric and Nancy have been performing for many years including many gigs with the Bush Music Club *Concert Party* and the *Heritage Ensemble*.

#### Friday 11th August - Lola's Keg Night

Read through of a musical memoir adapted by PP Cranney and Christina Mimmocchi based on the autobiography of Lola Wright who founded Australia's second bush band. <a href="http://christinapossum.wixsite.com/lola/about">http://christinapossum.wixsite.com/lola/about</a>

#### Friday 8th September - Steve Wilson

Steve, "the Man with the Concertina" is passionate advocate of the English concertina which he uses to perform an eclectic swag of songs. <a href="http://www.concertinaman.net">http://www.concertinaman.net</a>

#### **Mulga Wire: 2017 Publishing Deadlines**

Item Deadline	To Printers	Folding Session
11 August	17 August	22 August
10 November	16 November	21 November

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

During May, we learned many of the dances that were on the program of the Parramatta Heritage Ball. The appreciative crowd were very ably taught by Wendy Richmond, Heather Clarke and Anthony Simon. As usual these workshops were very popular, being a good opportunity to learn (or revise) some old and new favourites. Thank you Wendy, Heather and Anthony, we appreciate your generosity.

In June, we will be looking at dances from the Bundanoon Dance weekend, both past and present. We will also be practicing for the Gosford and BMC July dances.

In July, the Pennant Hills Dance Workshop will be celebrating its 21st Birthday and we will have a party night to mark the anniversary. If you were a past regular at Pennant Hills, why not join us for this special event?

As advance notice, in August we will start practicing for the upcoming balls. See you at Penno!

John Short

Programme June/July/August

MONDAY 7.30–10.30	THEME/DANCE STYLE		
5 June	Dances from Bundanoon, Past and Present		
12 June	No workshop - Public Holiday		
19 June	Practice for BMC and Gosford July Dances		
26 June	Practice for BMC and Gosford July Dances		
3rd July	Practice for BMC and Gosford July Dances		
10 July	Mixed dance workshop		
17 July	Practice for Dance Workshop 21st Birthday Party Night		
24 July	Practice for Dance Workshop 21st Birthday Party Night		
31 July	Dance Workshop 21st Birthday Party Night		
7 August	Practice for upcoming balls		

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