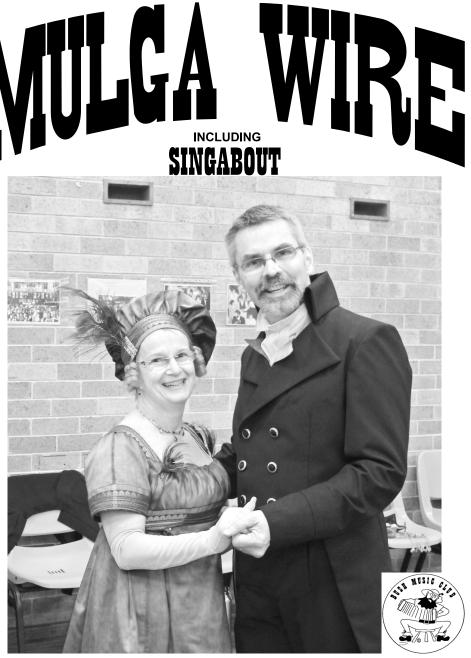
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ľ	Jul	13	7:30pm	Duke's Place, Butch Hooper			
		13	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club			
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		14	7:30pm	Gosford Bush Dance, Social night with Bill Propert			
		15	2pm	Keith's Dance Workshop, <i>Contra – Around the World</i>			
		20	8pm	Hornsby Folk Club			
		27	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club			
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	Jul	28	7pm	Troubadour Folk Club, Seanchas			
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ŀ	Aug	10	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club			
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ľ		10	7:30pm	Duke's Place, Matthew Black & a few Bottlers			
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		18	8pm	Loaded Dog Folk Club, Shiny Bum Singers + Dallas de Brabander			
C		19	2pm	Keith's Dance Workshop, My Dances			
C	Aug	24	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club			
	Aug	25	7:30pm	New Sydney Ball, Short Dented Potts			
	Aug	25	7pm	Troubadour Folk Club			
	Aug	26	2pm	5th Annual John Dengate Memorial Get Together			
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BUSH DANCES

June—September

#### **BEECROFT Community Centre**

Beecroft Road (opposite Fire Stn)

7:30pm—11:30pmJune 2CurrawongJuly 7Southern CrossAugust 4Paddy's RiverSeptember 1BMC Concert Party

Sigrid 9980 7077 Wilma 9489 5594

ſ	ukes Place
June 15	lan Macintosh
July 13	Butch Hooper
August 10	Matthew Black & a few Bottlers

September 14 Russell Churcher

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#### www.bushmusic.org.au

#### Cover:

Adrienne and Bill Unger enjoying the 2018 Heritage Ball at Ermington.

Photo Mike Young

### **Concert Party News**

#### The Year 2017

The bush musicians and singers were very busy during 2017 apart from attending Hut 44 each Monday evening for the usual tunes and singalongs mixed in with poems and tall stories.

A brief list of the events at which our members performed during the year is shown below:

- Eastwood Ladies Probus Club luncheon held in the West Ryde Leagues Club.
- Winston Hills Shopping Centre for Seniors Week
- Addison Road Centre for Recycling week
- The Bower in Marrickville
- Two Beecroft Bush Dances
- Pennant Hills Dance Workshop Christmas Party
- BBQ Picnic Christmas Party in the park adjacent to Hut 44

Attendances at the Monday night gatherings remain high at over 20 on average throughout the year. This has made a significant contribution to BMC funds following the steep rise in rental costs for the Hut.

# Allen Davis



Concert Party at Kangaroo Valley Pioneer Village Museum Photo supplied by Allen Davis

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#### Event Details

Beecroft Bush Dance, Beecroft Community Hall, Beecroft ☎ Sigrid 9980 7077 / Wilma 9489 5594

Bundanoon Dancefest http://www.bushtraditions.org/

Duke's Place, Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville ☎ Sandra 9358 4886 See p8

Folk Federation Picnic, Garraway Picnic Area, Parramatta Park. See p4

- Gosford Bush Dance, East Gosford Progress Hall ☎ Anne Maree 0413 588 634 <u>http://www.ccbdma.org/schedule.htm</u>
- Hornsby Folk Club, Beatrice Taylor Hall (in Willow Park), Edgeworth David AveBarry 9807 9497
- Keith's Dance Workshop, Upper Hall, Pennant Hills Community Centre <u>http://keith-wood.name/danceworkshops.html</u>

John Dengate Memorial Get Together, upstairs at Friend in Hand Hotel, Glebe

- Loaded Dog Folk Club, Annandale Neighbourhood Centre 🖀 Sandra 9358 4886
- New Sydney Ball, Berowra Community and Cultural Facility <u>http://newsydneyball.com/</u>
- Playford Dancing at the Hut, Hut 44, Addison Rd Comm Centre, Marrickville 2 Julie 9524 0247 See p13
- Poetry at the Hut, Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville ☎ Karen 9716 9660 See p7
- Songlines Song Session, Australian Heritage Hotel, 100 Cumberland St, The Rocks ☎ Jenny 9576 2301
- Sutherland Acoustic, Tradies, Gymea ☎ Jenny 9576 2301

- The Addison Rd Sessions, Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville ☎ Glenys 4758 7497 See p15
- Toongabbie Music Club, 17 Whitehaven Rd, Northmead ☎ 9639 7494
- Troubadour Folk Club, CWA Hall, The Boulevarde, Woy Woy ☎ Michael 4342 6716

President's Message @

The recent Heritage Ball, held at Ermington, was an wonderful evening. The Parramatta Town Hall was unavailable this year so alternative arrangements had to be made. The hall was festively decorated and adorned with beautifully gowned ladies, elegantly presented gents, wonderful dancing and music. A delicious and elegant supper was served. Thanks Wendy Richmond, the team of volunteers and the Blacktown Boys' Brigade who created a night to remember! 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.

We recently said farewell to Laurel Prince who was a member of the Bush Music Club and Australian Heritage Dancers. Laurel was a very interesting, active person and she will greatly missed. Vale Laurel.

The club continues to have a full program, including our 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**

**Poetry** session in the Hut is being cancelled for June due to the long weekend. Next session will be in July.

The **Folk Federation of NSW** is holding a **picnic** for members and their friends at the Garraway picnic area in Parramatta Park on Sunday 17th June 2018, 11.30am - 4.00pm. Come along sing or play some songs.

B.Y.O. food and drink. Small BBQ available. Toilets close by. There is wheelchair access. Parking available in the park close to the picnic area, or a short walk from Westmead station along Railway Pde. A children's play ground is about 100 metres away. No electricity so only bring acoustic instruments and a billy for tea or coffee.

One of the many fascinating people on the Dictionary of Sydney is **William Castell**, 'professor of dancing', musician and philanderer who lived in Sydney during the 1830s.

http://home.dictionaryofsydney.org/william-castell-professor-of-dancing-musician-and-conman/

He also features in the Quadrille Mania section of Heather Clarke's history of the Quadrille in Australia.

https://www.colonialdance.com.au/the-quadrille-arrives-1097.html#mania

In April we lost one of our members, **Laurel Prince** who was also involved with the Australian Heritage Dancers for many years.

http://bushmusicclub.blogspot.com.au/2018/05/vale-laurel-prince.html

There is a new folk club at Carlton - **Southern Sydney Folk Club**. Contact is Wally 0412 017 976, website <u>http://www.southernsydfolk.org.au</u>

Blog articles posted in April and May concentrated on dance:

An overview of dance at the National Folk festival, articles on Bundanoon Dancefest, and articles on BMC balls from 1978 to 1989 overwhelmed the other articles. The 1979 Bush Music Festival included a fancy dress ball, and even though Bob's album couldn't be found, photos from the collections of Dave Johnson and Ann Pidcock, and Helen Romeo were available. More photos will be very welcome - especially the photo of Sally & Stuart Leslie as Gum-nut babies!

http://bushmusicclub.blogspot.com.au/

Mulga Wire: 2018 Publishing Deadlines				
Item Deadline	To Printers	Folding Session		
10 August	16 August	21 August		
9 November	15 November	20 November		

#### BUSH MUSIC CLUB Inc AGM 2018 Summary of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31 December 2017

Receipts	\$	Payments	\$
Dances and Workshops Gross 16986.90 Expenses (9288.90)	7698.00	Dance Venues Rent and Expenses	6660.65
Hut 44	9701.91	Hut 44 Rent and Utilities	9655.97
Ball	3013.00	Ball	1846.20
Morisset and Berry	2162.10	Morisset and Berry	2514.84
Membership	4303.00	Insurance	2179.83
Other	1437.76	Mulga Wire and Postage	3399.77
		Other	3143.53
NET OPERATING INCOME	28,315.77	NET OPERATING EXPENDITURE	29,400.79
Interest	2442.54	Net Profit	1357.52
TOTAL	30,758.31	TOTAL	30,758.31

#### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2017

Liabilities	\$	Assets	5	\$
MEMBERS' EQUITY	125,118.48	FIXED ASSETS		Nil
Represented By: Balance 31/12/2016 Less: Investment Transfer Add : Net Profit	128,760.96 (5000.00) 123,760.96 <u>1357.52</u>	<i>CURRENT ASSETS</i> Cash at Bank Stock on Hand Archives Cash Float Investments	4652.15 915.00 701.81 200.00 <u>118,649.52</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	Nil			
TOTAL	125,118.48	TOTAL		125,118.48

Allen Davis, Treasurer

#### Bush Music Club Inc AGM 2018 President's Report

2017 was a busy and successful year for the Bush Music Club.

Our Volunteers enable the club to run efficiently and effectively, and without you we would not survive. A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in all the club's activities and for all your hard work.

I would like to give a huge *Thank You* to everyone who was involved in the organisation of the club activities:

- BMC Committee and Hut Maintenance Team
- Beecroft and Dundas Family Bush Dances
- Duke's Place
- For the Love of Folk (singing session)
- Heritage Ball, Parramatta
- Playford Dancing at the Hut
- Pennant Hills Dance Workshop
- Poets' Corner
- Saplings Sessions
- Song and Tune sessions
- Sydney Slow Session

Thank you, once again, everyone for your generosity, participation and contribution over the past year and we look forward to an amazing year ahead.

Sharyn Mattern

Have you visited the **BMC Blog** recently? There are lots of new articles and photos of our activities over the past year. The address is:

#### http://bushmusicclub.blogspot.com.au

or follow the link from the BMC website.









Some pictures from the 2018 Heritage Ball. *Photos: Mike Young* 



June 2018

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# Poet's Corner

#### Henry's Day Poem

By Jenny Watson August 2017

Henry did more than just salute us he circled on the air seeking an embrace And in his unique way forged favour despite those intent on disgrace A cobalt blue sky, a yellow sun which melted like butter A promise, prayers answered of some who did mutter Through gum trees cockies flew, the river behind An antique school, a veranda, a setting divine

Coral in cold morning light bravely began and stridently told Of those faces everchanging, neverchanging whose fate we all hold

Jenny's Eureka flame Australian lit and the rose we need a-knowing And the bushfire's three whose conscience at odds kept them going

Next Peter the Poet set ably forth with quite a splash of dash And told of Sweeny a man who well could have been but alas An Anzac's father whose forgiveness stubbornly came too late And an etched glass on the bar kept there in memory for a mate The secret beauty that deep, deep down inside his swag lies And Starvinghurst Jail knowing Henry knows makes you cry

Mary Jane next did sing with an ardent passion real Fittingly matching Henry's emboldened Eureka zeal She sang of that sad train ride through patchy water and sky We journeyed along with her with not quite a dry eye But uplifted were we as Outside Track was sung Mates remembered a rousing farewell softened with rum

The day was a-warming and more people swarming And cockatoos cawing and the markets a-calling

Ian Mac's silent knowing dog a hard man couldn't frown The Old Bark School pupils who lived life upside down Outside Track and dreams of a world greater and wide When rebels might march in the Never Never of our mind

And Marg's Queensland bound Andy did a droving go And left behind in his wake a whole bunch of woe A song of the drover's sweetheart's constancy of love Who accepted him still even without a golden glove A care worn woman grown hard on the land A child's tears prove war is not noble or grand

The sun starts to get higher ever higher in the sky And crowds of Henry drawn people continue to arrive **F** 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: Aisleen <a href="mailto:sisleenevans@gmail.com"><a href="mailto:sisleenevans@gmail.com"></a>

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

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# 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 2 - *Currawong* Sat July 7 - *Southern Cross* Sat August 4 - *Paddy's River* Sat September 1 - *BMC Concert Party* 

# **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:

AMS Hair Studio Thornleigh La Thai Restaurant Thornleigh Topiary Café Epping Westleigh Quality Meats Westleigh

Αt	ousy club			
Members might be interested to learn of an (almost) typical week in the Bush Music Club year:				
Ap	ril 2018			
7	Saturday	Seniors Band practice for Winston Hills Shops		
		Concert Party performing at Beecroft Bush Dance		
9	Monday	Pennant Hills Dance Session		
		Tunes and Songs Session in Hut 44		
10	Tuesday	Performance at Winston Hills Shops		
		Appearance on 90.5 fm Radio Station Baulkham Hills		
11	Wednesday	BMC Committee Meeting		
12	Thursday	Seniors Week appearance for Hornsby Council		
13	Friday	Dukes Place at Hut 44		
14	Sat/Sunday	Performance at Kangaroo Valley Pioneer Village Museum		



#### ★ Graham & Helen REES ★ \* Patricia GILES \* ★ Bruce & Debbie CHAMPION ★

# Playford Dancing at the Hut

Next meeting: Tues 3rd July 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) **Ref: Member's Name** 

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, filled out online, or scanned and sent by email.

# **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 - Jul 14, Aug 11, Sep 8 Cost: \$5 or gold coin donation Contact: Karen (02) 9716 9660 OR fongs@bigpond.net.au



Saplings doing a street performance at the National Folk Photo: Norm Hughes Festival.

We recently had a visit at Tritton Hall from Duke's youngest daughter, May, and one of his grandsons, Don.



June 2018

May was not among the crowd of descendants at the official opening of the hut in 1980 (photo on right from our archives).



AT THE OPENING OF TRITTON HALL, OCTOBER 1980 A FEW OF THE TEN CHILDREN, 42 GRAND CHILDREN, 61 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND 13 GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN WHO WERE ABLE TO BE THERE.

Photo: Sandra Nixon

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# DUKE'S PLACE

Australian Sonas 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 15 June (3rd Friday) – Ian Macintosh

Singer songwriter Ian (The Pump) Macintosh also plays accordion for Morris dancing. He was formerly a Morris man and a key member of the Wheeze and Suck Band. A regular performer at clubs and festivals in Australia, New Zealand and the UK, Ian has also won the Australian Songwriters award (2009 - Rag and Bone), and has been a finalist in two MusicOz songwriting competitions.

http://www.wheezeandsuck.com/

# Friday 13th July - Butch Hooper

Butch was a foundation member of Perth's Mucky Duck Bush Band. He later formed Full Circle in Canberra with Jerry Everard, and then joined the Sydney scene with Irish band Kellys Heroes, and more recently Hooper & O'Toole.

https://www.facebook.com/hooperandotoole

#### Friday 10th August - Matthew Black & a few Bottlers

The Bottlers are a hard playing, nine piece, all acoustic folk punk band and as they wouldn't fit on our stage, Matthew will be accompanied by a few Bottlers. The Bottlers believe folk based music should progressively speak of the times it exists in whilst hearkening back to it's past, to the true heart of folk music, people. Because you truly can't get where you're going till you know where you've been.

http://www.thebottlers.com.au/

# Friday 14th September - Russell Churcher

Russell's first festival performance was as a lead soloist in Peter Bellamy's folk opera 'The Transports' at the 1988 National Folk Festival. He has supported touring performers such as Foster and Allen, Jimmy Little and John Williamson and has performed in front of the Prince of Wales, The Duke Of York and many other wellknown hotels. For a number of years he was resident entertainer, penny-farthing cyclist and shingle-splitter at Timbertown theme park Wauchope. In recent times he has performed with Dave de Santi in the duo 'Rusty and The Saint'.

http://www.russellchurcher.com.au/

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

The May workshops were focussed on practicing the dances for the BMC's Heritage Ball. Wendy Richmond led these classes and we all appreciated her time and knowledge.

In June we will have a workshop to teach a few of the dances from the Bundanoon dancing weekend. After the long weekend (no workshop on Monday 11th June) we will practice the dances for the workshop's birthday party to be held on 2nd July. Come and join us for this special night, celebrating 22 years of the Pennant Hills dance workshops.

Later in July and August we will be teaching the dances for the New Sydney Ball (to be held on 25th August) and the Monaro Folk Society Ball (to be held on 1st September.)

Even if you are not going to the balls, these are great evenings and allow you to learn the dances at a relaxed pace.

See you at Pennant Hills.

John Short

#### **Programme June/July/August** MONDAY **THEME/DANCE STYLE** 7.30-10.30 A few of the dances for the Bundanoon dancing weekend 4 June 11 June No Workshop - June long weekend 18 June Practice for the workshop birthday party Practice for the workshop birthday party 25 June Workshop birthday party. Bring a small plate to share. 2 July 9 July Mixed dance workshop. Mixed dance workshop. 16 July Practice for New Sydney Ball and Monaro Folk Society Ball 23 July Practice for New Sydney Ball and Monaro Folk Society Ball 30 July Practice for New Sydney Ball and Monaro Folk Society Ball 6 August Practice for New Sydney Ball and Monaro Folk Society Ball 13 August Practice for New Sydney Ball and Monaro Folk Society Ball 20 August Practice for Monaro Folk Society Ball 27 August 9 June 2018