

BUSH DANCE

Ermington Community Centre
10 River Road, Ermington

Southern Cross Bush Band
21 December
7.⁰⁰ pm - 11.⁰⁰ pm
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BUSH DANCES

October—December

BEECROFT Community Centre

Beecroft Road, Beecroft (opposite Fire Stn)

Note new time: 7:30pm—11:30pm

December 7 **Urban Scrub**

January **No dance**

February 1 **Ryebuck**

Enquiries: Sigrid **9980 7077** /

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ERMINGTON Community Centre

10 River Road, Ermington

7pm—11pm

December 21 **Southern Cross**

Enquiries: Don or Wendy 9642 7950

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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:

A group of our life members who were at the John Dengate tribute: Bob Bolton, Helen Romeo, Jamie Carlin, Frank Maher and Ralph Pride.

Photo: Sandra Nixon

Concert Party News

A DAY AT AUSTRALIANA PIONEER VILLAGE

The Bush Music Club Concert Party members and the Australian Heritage Dancers spent a delightful day at Australiana Pioneer Village Wilberforce on Sunday 20 October.

BMC members performed in the morning on three separate locations around the village, including on the veranda of the old pioneer buildings. The Concert Party then joined in the fun to play for the Australian Heritage Dancers who were swirling on the village green – in this case the village brown as it was the day of the great bushfires in the Blue Mountains!

Despite the bushfire smoke and resultant lower than normal public attendance the Concert Party and AHD carried on and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

In the afternoon BMC members presented a wonderful concert in the Shearing Shed. This was much fun and several new talents were discovered. Once again, a good time was had by all and we have been invited back to Wilberforce by their committee. An offer we will most readily accept.

Many thanks to all participants and loyal supporters.

PERFORMANCE FOR HEART RESEARCH CENTRE

Once again the Bush Music Concert party acquitted itself well at the Main Hall in the Addison Road complex near Hut 44.

The function, held on Saturday 23 November 2013, was to celebrate the return of the Heart Research Centre to the Addison Road Community Centre. The audience of over 200 people listened, sang along and enjoyed the music, then had supper and played games of bingo, while the Concert Party members repaired to Hut 44 for a well deserved dinner.

Thanks go to BMC members Bob Foggin, Wilma Lyon, Max Gregory, Sharyn Mattern, Dot Newland and Allen Davis who gave freely of their time to support such a worthy cause.

Check us out on YouTube! (search for bushmusicclubinc)

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AROUND THE BUSH MUSIC SCENE

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

- Dec 1 7pm Songlines Song session, Fitzroy Hotel, East Sydney/Woolloomooloo
 Dec 3 7:30pm Sydney Playford Dance Group, Hut 44, Marrickville. (see page 4)
 Dec 7 **7:30pm Beecroft Bush Dance, *Urban Scrub***, Beecroft Community Hall, Beecroft, ☎ Sigrid 9980 7077 / Wilma 9489 5594/ Peter 9477 5848
 Dec 11 Aust. Heritage Dancers Christmas Party, Annandale Neighbourhood Centre
 Dec 12 7:30pm Sutherland Acoustic. Tradies, Gynea, *Mic Conway*.
 Dec 13 7:30pm Toongabbie Music Club Christmas Party, 17 Whitehaven Rd Northmead ☎ 9639 7494
 Dec 14 Gosford Dance, *Pastrami on Ryebuck*, East Gosford Progress Hall.
 Dec 21 **7pm Ermington Bush Dance**, Ermington Community Hall, *Southern Cross*, ☎ Don/Wendy, 9642 7950 or 0412 145 262
 Jan 16-19 Illawarra Folk Festival, Bulli. (see page 9)
 Feb 1 **7:30pm Beecroft Bush Dance, *Ryebuck***, Beecroft Community Hall, Beecroft, ☎ Sigrid 9980 7077 / Wilma 9489 5594/ Peter 9477 5848
 Feb 4 7:30pm Sydney Playford Dance Group, Hut 44, Marrickville. (see page 4)
 Feb 8 Gosford Dance, East Gosford Progress Hall.
 Feb 15 Loaded Dog Folk Club, *George Mann (USA)*, Annandale Neighbourhood Centre, Sandra, 9358 4886
 Mar 29 6pm BMC Members Dinner, Marrickville Golf Club.
BLU-FM, 89.1: on Bush Music Show - 6⁰⁰ - 8⁰⁰pm Sundays www.blufm.org.au/bushmusic.htm

New Members

★ **Bob ARMSTRONG** ★
 ★ **Les LOVE** ★ ★ **Joceline KHACHAN** ★

Mulga Wire: 2014 Publishing Deadlines

Item Deadline	To Printers	Folding Session
10 January	22 January	28 January
14 March	27 March	30 March



Another year is nearly over and our 60th Anniversary is almost upon us. I encourage you all to check out the overview of the year's exciting program and invite you to join me at the Members' Dinner to be held on 29th March 2014, more details to come.

Another exciting project that I am proud to announce is the release of our new DVD – 'Bush Music Club – the Early Years'. I would like to thank everyone involved in the production of this fascinating and interesting look into the early years of the Bush Music Club.

This year we have had a wonderful time at both the Parramatta Heritage Ball and the Maitland Subscription Ball. The regular Beecroft dance continues to be an important and popular feature of the BMC calendar and we have added the Ermington dances, to be held twice a year. The Monday night Pennant Hills Dance Workshops are, also, very popular, as are the Song and Music Sessions held at the BMC hut at Marrickville.

There was an excellent variety of entertainment at all of the festivals throughout the year, including the Illawarra, St Albans and the BMC's presentation at the National Folk Festival.

To all the volunteers and helpers and regular participants, thank you for your help, support and involvement. We couldn't do any of this without you.

Seasons greeting to you all and have a happy, safe, and joyous Christmas and a very warm welcome to the Bush Music Club's 60th Anniversary year.

Sharyn Mattem

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Worth Noting

Ross, John (ed) **Penguin book of Australian bush writing**, Camberwell, Vic, Viking/Penguin, 2011. Includes essays by Henry Lawson, Geoffrey Blainey, Les Murray, AB Paterson, AB Facey, Miles Franklin, Tim Flannery etc.

Rob Willis is on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOrA5H7ULWbJG4vyiLslzAQ/videos>

Stories, yarns, music, dance and folklore from many years recording for The National Library of Australia's (NLA) Oral History and Folklore Collection. These are short segments of longer videos that are mostly housed with the NLA and complement some of our audio recordings. Thanks are due to my wife and travelling companion Olya for her support and expertise over the years. The staff of Oral History and Folklore at The National Library of Australia, John Harpley and Bruce Cameron along with the late John Meredith are also gratefully acknowledged.

Among the 'gems' (or so I think) are probably the only vision of folklore collector, John Meredith, recording and Chris Kempster describing to me how he assembled his song, Reedy River.

Newer videos, shot in hi definition this year, of John Turnbull of Stanley, Tasmania and Ukrainian Bandurist, Victor Mishalow will give an idea of how technology has changed – and that we are still very keen to record on video.

The Federal Government has a website - australia.gov.au - which has pages on Australian music. These can be found under the About Australia tab, in the category Australian Stories - Music and performance:

<http://australia.gov.au/about-australia/australian-stories/music-and-performance>

The site is very well presented with many illustrations from the National Library collection, lists of reference material and links to other sites.

Playford Dancing at the Hut

Next meeting: 3rd December, 7:30pm to 9:30pm

The Bush Music Club has a new dance activity at Hut 44. Sydney Playford dancing has been in recess, because of Patricia Early's prolonged ill health and then her death. But now, thanks to the BMC, it will be taught 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

A small group enjoyed the music and dance in November. We are looking forward for a large turnout for the final session for 2013.

John Dengate Tribute Concerts (Loaded Dog and Bush Music Club)

In October and November John's family and friends attended memorial concerts at the Loaded Dog and at the Bush Music Club Hut. Both concerts were well attended.

The lineup at the Dog included John's 11 year old grandson Cal, who entertained us with two tunes on his electric guitar, and his uncle Lachlan, who was a part of Max's sensational band. Max's band also performed in the concert at the hut.

John's 99 year old mother Kit (*Bare Legged Kate*) enjoyed the concert at the BMC hut.

Life members Jamie Carlin and Frank Maher got together with members of the current Concert Party to entertain the crowd.

Concert party member Peter Cahill sang his new song *A National Treasure*. The lyrics for this appear on the opposite page.

Other BMC performers included Chis Maltby, Cj Shaw, Chris Woodland, Ralph Pride and Jason & Chloe Roweth.

Photo galleries from the concerts are available on the Loaded Dog and Bush Music Club photo sites:

<http://my.opera.com/LoadedDogFolkClub/>

<http://my.opera.com/BushMusicClub/about/>



Kit Dengate with daughters in law, Kay and Dale
Photos: Sandra Nixon

A National Treasure

Lyrics by Peter Cahill

Well ... there aren't too many like you ... Johnny boy
You made your country listen ... Johnny boy
And the pollies got the truth ... 'cause you saw their little games
A National Treasure's what you are now ... Johnny boy

With your whistles in your belt now ... Johnny boy
To bring culture to the streets here ... Johnny boy
And it's not for coins or prestige that your play in perfect rhythm
It's to advance Australia Fair now ... Johnny boy

I saw you quietly sketch a soldier ... Johnny boy
And the reverence you showed him ... Johnny boy
Though I never knew you well ... But I certainly could tell
You truly were Australian ... Johnny boy

So your story's never ended ... Johnny boy
As your poems and your music ... Johnny boy
Have been captured and remembered and we hear your whistle playing
On your corner at the railway ... Johnny boy

Dedicated to the memory of John Dengate

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Direct Deposit details:

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Acct: 0090 7524 (Commonwealth bank)

Reference

Email with 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.

ERMINGTON DANCE

Hall: Ermington Community Centre,
10 River Road, Ermington

Time: 7pm - 11pm

The next Ermington dance is:

21 December 2013 with Southern Cross Bush Band

Bush Music Club Concert Party

Christmas Party

Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

Monday 16th December

8pm to 10pm

Bring instruments, songs, and a plate to share.

Australian Heritage Dancers

Christmas Party

You are invited to attend our Christmas Party and Dance

Wednesday 11th December 2013

8pm to 10pm (or later)

Annandale Neighbourhood Centre

79 Johnston Street, Annandale (between Collins & Booth Sts)

Come along and enjoy a varied program of dancing

Supper is provided

Enquiries to: Jim 9412 3721 or

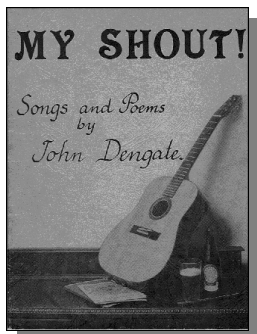
Patrick 9957 6049



Check out the **John Dengate collection** online link to tributes, articles, interviews and songs plus videos from the wake and memorial concerts

<http://johndengatecollection.wordpress.com/>

If you have anything you would like to add to the site please contact Leyne on ccmotions@gmail.com



John Dengate Song Books:

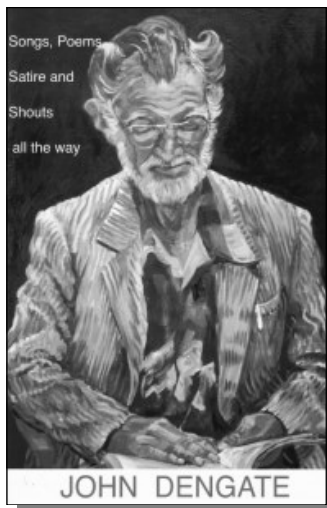
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From BMC functions, or by mail



Pennant Hills Dance Activities

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

October featured two dance workshops titled "You Learn Something New Every Day". We concentrated on some new (to us) movements with the dancers mastering crossover mirror reels of three and half mirror reels of three and enjoying some dances which featured these movements.

Our other workshops were practice for the Central Coast Colonial-theme bush dance. We danced some authentic Colonial dances (such as figures 1, 4 and 5 of Circassian Circle) and some more modern dances written in the Colonial style (such as Federation Waltz and Lady Carrington's Waltz).

In December we will be practicing the dances for the Dance Workshop's Christmas Party and then enjoying the party with live music from the BMC's own "Urban Scrub". If you haven't danced with us lately, why not join us for our Christmas Party? It will be a great night with the band. Don't let the heat put you off, the hall is air conditioned, a real luxury.

And don't forget that we have our last dance night of the year on Monday 16th December.

The dance workshops will start in the new year on Monday 3rd February so mark this date in your diary and we'll look forward to seeing you.

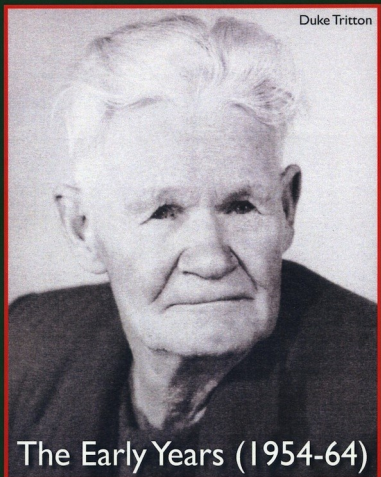
John Short

MONDAY 7.30-10.30	THEME/DANCE STYLE
2 December	Practice for the Christmas Party
9 December	Christmas Party with music by the BMC's Urban Scrub
16 December	Last workshop for 2013. Bring along a dance request
	Enjoy the break
3 February	Our first workshop for the New Year
10 February	TBA
17 February	TBA
24 February	TBA

The Bush Music is pleased to announce the release of the DVD of

The Bush Music Club - The Early Years (1954-1964). A presentation at the National Folk Festival - Canberra, Australia. Saturday 7th April 2012

The Bush Music Club



In the lead up to the Bush Music Club's 60th Anniversary in 2014, we take you on a trip down memory lane to the days when the Australian folk song "The Drover's Dream" was on the top of the Hit Parade. It all began in 1952 when John Meredith and several friends (aka the *Heathcote Bushwhackers*) started performing the songs they remembered from their earlier years. In 1953 they joined the cast of *Reedy River* and contributed to the great success of it's Sydney run. By 1954 the Bushwhackers were so popular that they founded the Bush Music Club to cater for all the aspiring "Bushwhackers", with the aim of re-popularising Australian folk songs and encouraging the composition of new songs contemporary in theme & traditional in style. Within a few years there were Bushwhacker-style bands across the country and Australian Bush Music was born.

Cast includes Alex Hood, Bill Scott, Bob Bolton, Chloe and Jason Roweth, Chris Woodland, Dave Johnson, Frank Maher, Helen Romeo, Margaret Walters, Rob Willis, Silvia Salisbury and the Sydney Trade Union Choir. Reminiscences from those who were there, songs, tunes, dances plus archival recordings and historic photos help tell the story.

This DVD is available for \$20 (including postage within Australia)

Please send a cheque made out to 'Bush Music Club' to
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Sydney NSW 2001

enquiries - bmcmail1954@gmail.com or Sandra 9358 4886

BMC 60TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

Reminder: Don't forget your entries for our 60th Anniversary competitions. Details below.

Sandra Nixon
Hon. Secretary
Bush Music Club Inc

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blog - <http://bushmusicclub.blogspot.com.au/>
youtube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/BushMusicClubInc>

60th Anniversary Competitions Dance/Song/Tune/Verse

The deadlines for submissions to our 60th Anniversary Competitions have been extended to 31 December 2013.

For details see:

- Blog articles posted in April and August
- The April and June editions of Mulga Wire
- The Club Website (see Items of Note on the right of the home page).

Members' Dinner

We will be having a members' dinner at the Marrickville Golf Club.

Please note this event in your diaries.

Date: Sat 29th March 2014

Time: 6pm – 11pm

Some Other Events

- Jan:** Illawarra Folk Festival
- May:** Heritage Ball (Masked Ball) and Picnic
- Nov:** The Big Concert and session

Everyone is invited to-

The Pennant Hills Dance Workshop Christmas Party

Monday 9th December 2013
7.30pm to 9.30pm

Everyone is welcome to our Christmas Party where we will dance to the music of "Urban Scrub".

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.

The Bush Music Club will be appearing at the Illawarra Folk Festival (see page 9) on the following dates:

- Thu 16 January 2014 - Grandstand Bar - 07:00pm to 07:30pm
- Fri 17 January 2014 - Grandstand Bar - 04:30pm to 05:00pm
- Sat 18 January 2014 - Grandstand Bar - 07:00pm to 08:00pm
- Sun 19 January 2014 - Grandstand Bar - 04:30pm to 05:20pm



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