

Bush Music Club – E-Newsletter for September 2025

Some Special Items for your Diary!!



Keep NEXT Saturday afternoon 27 September free!!

Come join us for a social afternoon organised by the Bush Music Club for members and friends.

Where and When? The **Garraway Shelter** in Parramatta Park on **Saturday 27 September from 12 to 4pm.**

Map Reference: <https://www.parrapark.com.au/assets/Plan-your-visit/Park-Map/PP.ParkMap.30.9.22.png> (entrance close to intersection of Park Avenue and Railway Parade).

What to Bring? Instrument/s, voice, dancing feet, perhaps something to share (BBQ quite close)

Wet Weather? If light rain, there is a shelter.
But, if heavy, call Karen on the BMC number: **0422 411 335**



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Goulburn Gathering October Long Weekend – 3rd – 6th October

The long tradition of Gatherings at Goulburn on the long Weekend of October continues in 2025 with The Bush Music Club now behind the event.

Read on for an exciting long weekend of song, music, poetry, yarnning, and more.

Held in the polished wood elegance of The Goulburn Club in Market Street, Goulburn, with its verand overlooking the beautiful Belmore Park. There are rooms for planned events and niches for informal sessions as well as a licensed bar to assuage thirsts.

The underpinning principle of the event is participation so bring instruments and voices and stories and poems to add to the mix. Accommodation in Goulburn is plentiful, including 2 caravan parks, but with the Lilac Festival also on, you are advised to book early. There is very limited accommodation at the Club also.

Tickets are limited in number in keeping with the size of the facilities. They are available online and at the door and are moderately priced to cover the minimal costs of the weekend. Advanced bookings are much preferred as this helps with accurately planning catering. Concession price is available to seniors and members of other folk organisations.

There will be some catering on-site (more detail in the final program) and Goulburn has a diversity of eating options.

It is possible that the available spaces will be booked out. So, avoid disappointment. Book Early!

Bookings - <https://events.humanitix.com/bmc-goulburn-gathering>



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Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival – 17th – 19th October

The Bush Music Club has been successful in their bid to participate in the KVFF and will be presenting Music and Singing sessions over the weekend:

10-11am on Saturday and Sunday at the bar.

Saplings follow us each day, same location.

For more information about the KVFF go to:

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



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Macquarie Towns Music Club – 50th Anniversary Concert ***Sunday, 12th October 2025***

Macquarie Towns Music Club is proud to announce that it will be celebrating fifty years as a music club with a special Anniversary Concert.

Sunday 12th October. The concert will be held from 2pm – 5pm at the Wilberforce School of Arts, 531 Wilberforce Road, Wilberforce.

The admission charge is only \$10.

The concert will feature performances from our current members. On display at the hall, will be some of the history of the club, as well as some merchandise available for purchase.

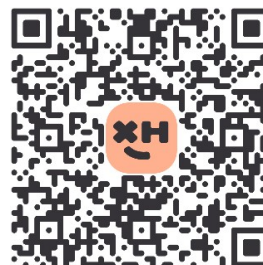
At intermission there will be a short formal acknowledgement of the occasion by our President, James Norton, as well as cutting and sharing of our celebratory Anniversary cake. This will be followed by a delicious supper which has been catered for, so there is no need to bring a plate.

Hawkesbury Council has advised that we are unable to park on site at the School of Arts. However, there is some street parking as well as a parking lot on the corner of King Street and Wilberforce Road.

Please find attached the concert flyer which contains a QR code (below) which enables you to register your attendance at the concert. This will help for catering purposes. Note all payment is at the door on the day of the concert.

So, get excited about this 50th Anniversary Concert. Invite your family and friends to come along and share the flyer with them. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon of music and friendship with the sharing of memories from members old and new.

Congratulations to the Macquarie Towns Music Club
For 50 years of music from all at
the Bush Music Club...
Well done



Regular Events

Beecroft Family Bush Dance in the Afternoon

When: On Saturday, 6th December 2025
2.00 pm - 4.30 pm
Where: Beecroft Community Centre (now air conditioned)
Beecroft Road (Opposite Fire Station), Beecroft
Cost: \$20 non-member / \$15 concession / \$15 BMC Members / \$40 Family
Contact: BMC Phone: 0422 411 335
Note: *In 2026, dances will be held on 7 Feb, 2 May, 1 Aug and 5 Dec*

The band, for December, will be BMC Concert Party with Don Richmond calling the dances.



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Monday Night Music Workshop & Session - Weekly

When: Mondays
Slow Session - 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm
Concert Party Session - 7.15 pm to 9.00 pm
Where: Tritton Hall - Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre,
142 Addison Rd, Marrickville (the hut is now air conditioned)
Cost: \$10
Contact: John Burch - 0411 195 088

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Marrickville Music Group - Monthly

When: 1st Wednesday of the month
11am – 2pm
Where: Tritton Hall - Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre (now air conditioned)
142 Addison Rd, Marrickville
Cost \$10
Contact: Sharyn - 0459 146 845
What to Bring: Music to share and your lunch for a lovely day of music and friendship

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Just Tunes – *Moving to Parramatta Park on 27th Sept ... see article on page 1*

When: Last Saturday of the month (Feb-Nov)
2pm - 5pm
Where: Tritton Hall - Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre (now air conditioned)
142 Addison Rd, Marrickville
Cost: \$10
Contact: 0422 411 335

'Just Tunes' is a new music session held on the last Saturday of the month from 2pm-5pm in the Hut at Marrickville. These sessions are great for anyone wanting some extra practice. Bring your instrument and BMC music books, which can be purchased on the day, if needed. There will be a break for afternoon tea so bring a plate to share and don't forget \$10 for the Hall. We look forward to welcoming you and playing music together.

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Pennant Hills Dance Workshop

When 7:30pm – 9:30pm - Most Mondays
Where Pennant Hills Community Centre
Lower Hall, downstairs from the library
Cost \$10
Contact: Wilma - 0413 673 339
The dances are called and walked through.

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Playford Dancing at BMC Hut – Monthly

When 1st Tuesday of the month
Where Tritton Hall - Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre
142 Addison Rd, Marrickville
Cost \$10
Contact Louise 0409 394 126
All dances are called and walked through, and live musicians make this a very enjoyable evening.

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Saplings News for October

Saplings will be at the Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival in October: <https://www.kangaroovalleyfolkfestival.com.au/>

Sat 18th Oct at 11am - 12.00
Sun 19th Oct at 11am - 12.00

Both sessions will be in the verandah area next to the bar
All young musicians are welcome to join in the fun!

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Wongawilli Colonial Dance Club

October Bush Dances

When: Sunday 5th October and Sunday 19th October
with Chord-eaux band
Heininger Hall, Heininger Street, Dapto
Time: 1.45pm – 4.00pm
Cost: Only \$5 which includes an Afternoon Tea
Contact: Cris 0404 667 614

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Dance Workshops at Pennant Hills Community Centre

When: Sunday (usually the third Sunday of the month, February to November)
2.15pm to 5.15 pm
Where: Main Hall, Pennant Hills Community Centre,
70 Yarrara Rd, Pennant Hills.
Contact: Keith Wood
Phone: 0420 913 934
Email: kbwood.au@at@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.keith-wood.name/danceworkshops.html>

Dance workshops in the following styles: Contra, English Country, and some Scottish and Australian. No partner necessary. All dances walked through and called.

A \$10 donation is suggested to cover costs. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. There will be hand sanitiser available for your use throughout the afternoon. Wear a mask if you feel more comfortable doing so.

Join us afterwards at the Hotel Pennant Hills for dinner.

Keith, Dance Kaleidoscope

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Zoom Singing Session – 2nd Wednesday of the Month

You are invited to the BMC Monthly Singing Session via Zoom

...Feeling cut off? Then make yourself a cuppa, sit back and join in the singing online...

Join Zoom Meeting

Eric Eisler and Sharyn Mattern are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: BMC Zoom Singing Session

Time: Sep 10, 2025 11:00 AM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney
Every month on the Second Wed, 20 occurrence(s)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: https://us04web.zoom.us/join/9pMpdO-gqjlvE9396C5R1YVmvVVsM5Z1zMuTE/ics?icsToken=DJeFxEnjlySnuMKT5wAALAAAK3FRq_Y7fLhCQsgzaZQcgQnIXLjt4yi4R0LncgFLmw218i5_fck965SkOt1XEIhEUTsXcx0VF_a9-lyGzAwMDAwMQ

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77436849599?pwd=O2TI2dVY2cYd3B59wfkLWLbjVFTzR.1>

Meeting ID: 774 3684 9599

Passcode: K24Dd4

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The Bush Music Club Blog - est. 2012 and still going strong.

Guide to the blog

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/p/guide-to-blog.html>

From the Archives - Reprints from SING OUT! Volumes 1 - 10, 1962-1967

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2025/09/from-archives-reprints-from-sing-out.html>

John Dengate Collection - Songs & poems recorded by John Meredith for the National Library

https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2025/09/john-dengate-collection-songs-poems_13.html

John Dengate Collection - Songs & poems recorded by Chris Woodland for the National Library, 2008, 2011

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2025/09/john-dengate-collection-songs-poems.html>

From the Archives - Songs & Poems by John Dengate as published in My Shout!, My Shout Again! & Songs, Poems, Satires & Shouts all the way .

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2025/09/from-archives-songs-poems-by-john.html>

From the Archives - Bush Music Club Workshop, Dave Johnson, July '99

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2025/09/from-archivers-bush-music-club-workshop.html#gsc.tab=0>

Report on the 12th Annual John Dengate Memorial Get Together zoom, Sunday 17th August 2025 & video

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2025/08/report-on-12th-annual-john-dengate.html>

Chris Woodland collection - Songs & poems of John Dengate sent to Chris over the years - Part 3

https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2025/08/chris-woodland-collection-songs-poems_87.html

Chris Woodland collection - Songs & poems of John Dengate sent to Chris over the years - Part 2

https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2025/08/chris-woodland-collection-songs-poems_17.html

Chris Woodland collection - Songs & poems of John Dengate sent to Chris over the years - Part 1

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2025/08/chris-woodland-collection-songs-poems.html>

Songs & poems of John Dengate published in Leyne Elbourne's John Dengate collection

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2025/08/songs-poems-of-john-dengate-published.html>

From the Archives - Birth of an old bush ballad, BALLAD OF EUREKA by Helen Palmer - from Ozleft An independent voice on the left

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2025/08/from-archives-birth-of-old-bush-ballad.html>

Compilation - Duke's Place - Australian Songs in Concert & Session, 2014 - 2019

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2025/08/compilation-dukes-place-australian.html>

Sandra Nixon

Librarian, Archivist and Blogger

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There is a link to the activities of many folk associations on the Bush Music Club's page, see below.

https://bushmusic.org.au/bmc_links_clubs.shtml

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Also, don't forget that we have a new postal address and mobile phone number.

The club has decided that, due to the reduced amount of snail mail, we would bring the post closer to home. Our GPO Box 433, Sydney 2001 has been discontinued.

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