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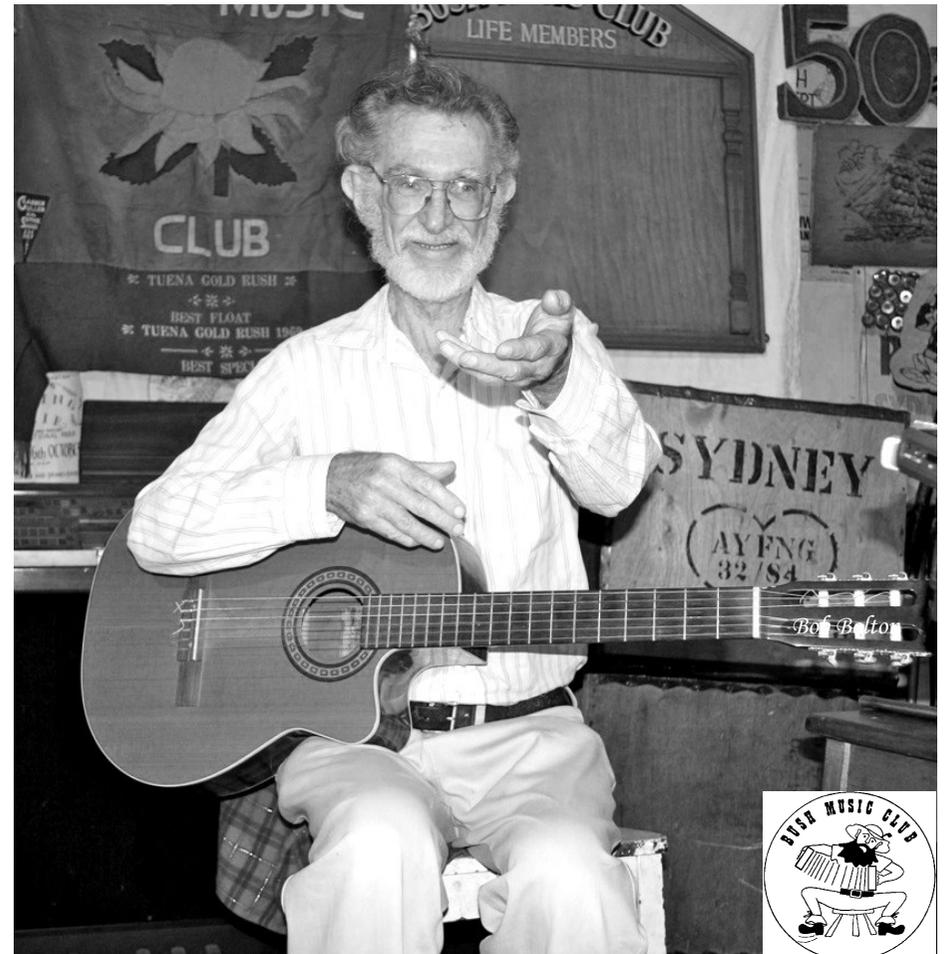
Ermington Community Centre  
10 River Road, Ermington



**Southern Cross Bush Band**  
21 December  
7.<sup>00</sup> pm - 11.<sup>00</sup> pm  
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# BUSH DANCES

August—October

## BEECROFT Community Centre

Beecroft Road, Beecroft (opposite Fire Stn)

August 3 **Paddy's River**

September 7 **Sydney Coves**

October 5 **No Dance**

Enquiries: Sigrid **9980 7077** /  
Wilma / 9489 5594 / Peter 9477 5848

## ERMINGTON Community Centre

10 River Road, Ermington

December 21 **Southern Cross**

Enquiries: Don or Wendy 9642 7950

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

[www.bushmusic.org.au](http://www.bushmusic.org.au)

### Cover:

John Dengate at the launch last year for his new book *Songs, Poems Satire and Shouts all the way* in Tritton Hall.

Photo: Chris & Virginia Woodland

## Concert Party News

The Bush Music Club Concert Party performed at the Winter Festival held in the large hall at the Addison Road Centre on Saturday 29 June. Despite heavy rain, light crowd and slow track a good time was had by all. Many thanks to all the performers, given such appalling weather conditions. True professionals. We're also busy rehearsing for a performance at Rydalmere in late August as well as playing at Pioneer Village Wilberforce on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Numbers have been good and the music delightful.

**Check us out on youtube! (search for bushmusicclubinc)**

## Singabout Nights

We have discontinued these sessions in their current format due to low numbers. We are considering an alternative series of sessions and/or concerts next year.

## MAKING DIRECT DEPOSIT PAYMENTS TO BMC

### Direct Deposit details:

**BSB: 062-005**

**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.

**New Members**

★ **Mark HUNGERFORD** ★

★ **Maureen McGREGOR** ★

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## AROUND THE BUSH MUSIC SCENE

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

- Aug 2 **Singabout Night**, *"The Four Seasons"*, Hut 44, 8.00 pm
- Aug 3 **Beecroft Bush Dance**, *Paddy's River*, Beecroft Community Hall, Beecroft,  
☎ Sigrid 9980 7077 / Wilma 9489 5594/ Peter 9477 5848
- Aug 10 Gosford Dance, East Gosford Progress Hall.
- Aug 17 RFDS Contra Dance, Ermington Community Centre. *See page 15.*
- Aug 18 **Gary Shearston Tribute** Concert, 4pm, Petersham Bowling Club. (page 8)
- Aug 24 Loaded Dog Folk Club, *TBA*, Annandale Neighbourhood Centre,  
Sandra, 9358 4886
- Aug 24 Fund Raiser Dance, Dulwich Hill. (see page 5)
- Aug 31 **Subscription Ball**, Maitland Town Hall (see page 13)
- Sep 1 Subscription Ball Recovery Picnic, Speers Point Reserve.
- Sep 3 Sydney Playford Dance Group, 7:30pm, Hut 44, Marrickville. (see page 4)
- Sep 7 **Beecroft Bush Dance**, *Sydney Coves*, Beecroft Community Hall, Beecroft,  
☎ Sigrid 9980 7077 / Wilma 9489 5594/ Peter 9477 5848
- Sep 13 Gary Shearston Memorial Session, Hut 44, Marrickville. (see page 4)
- Sep 14 Gosford Dance, East Gosford Progress Hall.
- Sep 28 **Loaded Dog Folk Club**, *Sydney Trade Union Choir + Maurie Mulheron*,  
Annandale Neighbourhood Centre, Sandra, 9358 4886
- Oct 4-7 Bush Traditions Gathering, Old Goulburn Brewery.
- Oct 5 **Beecroft Bush Dance**, *Cancelled—long weekend*
- Oct 12 Gosford Dance, East Gosford Progress Hall.
- Oct 20 Concert Party at Pioneer Village, Wilberforce. (see page 5)
- Oct 27 Loaded Dog Folk Club, *John Dengate tribute concert*,  
Annandale Neighbourhood Centre, Sandra, 9358 4886
- Dec 21 **7pm** Ermington Bush Dance Ermington Community Hall, **Southern Cross**,  
☎ Don/Wendy, 9642 7950 or 0412 145 262

### Mulga Wire: 2013 Publishing Deadlines

Item Deadline	To Printers	Folding Session
9 Sep	25 Sept	1 Oct
4 November	20 November	3 Dec



It is with heavy hearts that we report the passing of John Dengate. John joined the BMC in the early 1960s, having been brought along by his colleague and future wife, Dale. John and Dale were enthusiastic members and John was later made a life member. He will be sadly missed. BMC will be organising a celebration of his life and artistry. Details will be provided in the next issue of Mulga Wire, or on the e-list.

Dates to keep free are the weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> August for the Maitland Subscription Ball and the recovery picnic the following day. Also, don't forget the Goulburn Bush Traditions weekend 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> October.

On Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August there is "a celebration of the musical life of Gary Shearston" at the Petersham Bowling Club at 4pm.

We're half way through the year and now winter is well and truly upon us. It's a great time to grab your dancing shoes and come along to the Beecroft dance. You'll also be able to get the blood moving by coming along to the Monday Music Workshop and joining the Pennant Hills Bush Dance Workshop.

*Sharyn Mattem*

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### Worth Noting

Congratulations to **Daryl Powell** on being awarded an **OAM** during this year's Queen's Birthday honours.

#### TSDAV Dance Competition

At the National Folk Festival in Canberra, the winners of the 2013 TSDAV Dance Composers' Competition were announced. The winner of the Beat Klippel Memorial trophy (best General Social Dance category) was **Steve Bullock**, for his novel dance "The Can Can Quadrille"- a 48 bar figure of dance set to the 'Can Can' music, and featuring 'can can' stepping! Runner-up in this section was a big circle dance by **Norm Ellis**, titled "The Ironbark Reel". The winner of the VFMC Perpetual Trophy, (a dance for More Experienced Dancers) was **John Short**, for his "Royal Red Cross Quadrille" - named for the Royal Red Cross Medal, (for outstanding service in the field of military nursing). Runner-up in this section was **Keith Wood's** "Cofio y Cymru" (Memories of Wales), an interesting 3 couple Playford style dance. Congratulations to BMC members John and Keith on their efforts.

Congratulations to **Marshall Mount Dance** on its 60th Birthday.

### Gary Shearston Memorial Session

Friday, 13th September, at 7:30pm in Tritton Hall, Hut 44, Addison Road Community Centre, 142 Addison Rd, Marrickville.

Bring along a song, a memory, a plate of food and join us as we celebrate his memory and music. Contact: Sandra Nixon 9358 4886

### Playford At the Hut

First meeting: 3rd September, 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

## Bush Music Club

### 33rd Colonial Subscription Ball

Saturday 31st August 2013

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.

Tickets \$60 Bookings close 25 August.

#### Recovery Picnic

Held on Sunday, 1st September from 11 am at Speers Point Park, the BBQ/picnic is a time to recover, relax and socialise, with the opportunity for more dancing if desired. The site boasts views over the beautiful Lake Macquarie and the Heritage Hall provides plenty of undercover space for dancing and for shelter in inclement weather. 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 July 28 and Sunday August 18. 10am-5pm.  
All Saints Anglican Hall, Oxford & Cromwell Sts, New Lambton.  
Contact Arthur- Ph 49555701

##### Central Coast

Sunday August 11. 10am-4pm. East Gosford Progress Hall,  
Wells St and Henry Parry Dr. East Gosford.  
Contact Wendy - Ph 0412 145262

##### Sydney

Sunday August 25. 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\*\***

Enquiries: Wendy - Ph 0412 145262 or Email: wendy.richmond23@gmail.com

# CONTRA DANCE

in aid of The Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia,  
South Eastern Section.

Saturday 17th August 2013  
7pm to 11pm  
(Note the earlier starting time)

Ermington Community Centre  
(10 River Road, Ermington)

Come and enjoy an evening of Contra dancing to the  
music of "Pastrami on Ryebuck" as they celebrate  
35 years of traditional music.

All dances taught and called by Julie Bishop.

Experienced dancers, learners and first timers all welcome!

\$17 Adults  
\$14 Concession (Students, pensioners, Folk  
Federation, Bush Music Club, and affiliated groups.)  
(Children under 18 accompanied by an adult are free.)

Good supper included.

In 2013 the Royal Flying Doctor Service  
celebrates 85 years of service.

Come and support this worthwhile cause  
and have a great time!

Note the earlier starting time  
and the location.

For more information  
John 02 9623 7551

Leila 02 9896 8992

## The Bush Dance and Music Club of Bendigo...

...invites BMC members to join them at the **Dinki Di Ball** on Sat 28th  
September, and the Recovery Picnic the following day in the Whipstick  
Forest. Music by *The Gay Charmers* and *The Celebrated Emu Creek  
Bush Band*. Enquiries - Mary Smith (03) 5442 1153

Some billets will be available through Jill (03) 5474 3206. Accommoda-  
tion details on [www.bendigotourism.com](http://www.bendigotourism.com) Programme & picnic details  
on [www.bendigobushdance.org.au](http://www.bendigobushdance.org.au)

**First BMC member to book tickets gets a free ticket!**

## Concert Party at Pioneer Village Wilberforce

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, Concert Party will be performing at Pioneer Village, Wilberforce.

Bring family and friends for a great day of music and dancing in a colonial setting.  
Contact Allen Davis 9639 7494

## ERMINGTON DANCES

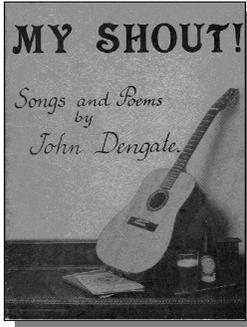
**Hall:** Ermington Community Centre,  
10 River Road, Ermington

**Time:** 7pm - 11pm (note the earlier starting time)

**The date of the next Ermington dance is:**

**21<sup>st</sup> December 2013 Southern Cross Bush Band**

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\* **Fund Raiser Bush Dance** \*  
\* Raising funds to organise a drop-in centre for street children in Romania. \*  
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\* Date: Saturday 24th August \*  
\* Time: 7:30pm to 11pm \*  
\* Place: Dulwich Hill Baptist Church Hall (behind Church) \*  
\* 3 Macarthur Parade, Dulwich Hill \*  
\* Band: Urban Scrub \*  
\* Caller: Don Richmond \*  
\* Entry: \$17 \*  
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## JOHN DENGATE SONG BOOKS:

**MY SHOUT!**  
(A5) \$ 6.00

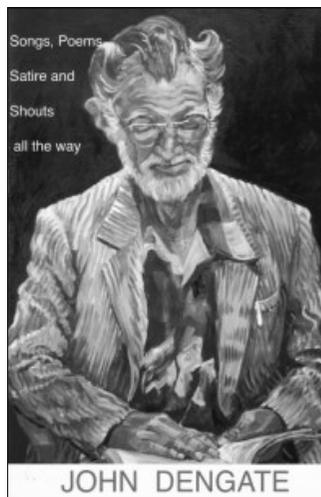
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### BMC 60TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

Articles and albums on John Dengate are being added to our blog and photo website.

I'm also still adding other articles to our blog & photos to our photo-website & contributions are always welcome. I'm especially looking for member's reminiscences (with photographs) of their time in BMC, whether it started 50 years ago, or 'only' 5 years ago.

**Reminder:** Don't forget your entries for our 60th Anniversary competitions. For details see our blog (address below) and the April and June editions of Mulga Wire.

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youtube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/BushMusicClubInc>

### Pennant Hills Dance Activities

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

We have some new members and our young dancers are eager to learn new techniques.

On Monday 3rd June we sampled some dances featured at the Bundanoon Dance Festival. Dancers enjoyed **Raindrops on Roses**, **Diana's Day**, **Railway Galop** and **Pride of Erin**. We have also learnt a variety of other dances in the last few months, including **St David's Waltz**, **Eva Three Step** and newer dances, some written by club members. Thanks to John, Don, Keith and Bill for teaching dances in preparation for the Banksia Ball.

On Monday nights in August we are planning to teach ball dances, including many dance styles. Practise is usually considered desirable for the Maitland Ball, which has a good reputation for providing a challenging programme, with no walk-throughs of dances prior to dancing.

In September JH Dance band will be providing music so that we can preview the dances for their Gosford dance. Our late September programme will include a number of complex and fast social dances.

*John Short*

MONDAY 7.30-10.30	THEME/DANCE STYLE
5 August	Ball Dances
12 August	Ball Dances
19 August	Ball Dances
26 August	Ball Dances
2 Sept	Dances with JH Band
9 Sept	Dances with JH Band
16 Sept	Complex and fast social dances
23 Sept	Complex and fast social dances
30 Sept	Complex and fast social dances

## Hornsby Bushland Festival

BMC's Concert Party will be performing at the Bushland Festival in Fagan Park, Galston on 15th September, 10am to 4pm.

Come along for a fun day out.

See Hornsby Council website for more information: [hornsby.nsw.gov.au](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au)



A typical session at the Bush Traditions Gathering.

## Bush Traditions Gathering

Old Goulburn Brewery  
October long weekend (4th-7th)  
[www.bushtraditions.org](http://www.bushtraditions.org)  
Enquiries: Ray Mulligan 02 6247 4725



An example of John Den-  
gate's special Australian-  
themed Christmas Cards.  
These can still be obtained  
from the Bush Music Club  
at a very reasonable price.

## Katoomba Regency Subscription Ball

Saturday September 28th, at The Paragon Cafe, Katoomba.

The Blue Mountains Heritage Dance Group & The Tailor's Apprentice invite you to a Regency Ball to mark the 1813 European crossing of the Blue Mountains.

The Ball will commence at 8.00pm and a Regency collation will be served during the evening and all dances will be called. Your enjoyment will be enhanced by attending the pre-ball dance session at 5.30pm where champagne and canapés will be served. Card tables for those who prefer not to dance will also be provided. Dress - Regency evening attire.

The Dance order is not finalised, but will include The Savage Dance, Lady Caroline Lee's Waltz, La Boulangerie, Persian Ricardo, Swab the Decks, Duke of Kent's Waltz and many more.

Cost is \$75 per person. Places are limited, book early!  
Bookings <http://regencyball2013.eventbrite.com.au/> (booking fee applies)

The Ball will be followed on Sunday 29th by a Recovery Picnic and Promenade at Wentworth Falls Lake. BYO picnic.

Contact Lorna 0414 346 052 or Caroline 0439 314 948.

- [Ausfolk] Vale Gary Shearston
- Mark Gregory: Ausfolk
- In an interview with Jim Low, Gary Shearston summed up his views about song writing
- “It is the best of all trades, to make songs that inspire hearts, minds and souls to make the world a better place for every single human being inhabiting it, and the second best to sing them and hear others singing them.” That's probably a bit long-winded, but you may get my general drift. Songs born of struggle invariably inspire ways of resolving the struggle that gave them birth. 'Songs of protest' can reveal hidden agendas, stamp them clearly in the consciousness of people from all walks of life, and lead them to consider, or re-consider, all sorts of ideological positions adopted by one crew or another. The truth will always out and, more often than not, the truth rings truest when carried on the wings of song.

**Rouseabout Records and  
 The Bush Music Club present**  
**A celebration of the musical life of  
 Gary Shearston**

**Sunday 18th August, 4pm**  
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 77 Brighton St, Petersham

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 Mic Conway, Jim Low, Jon Wolfe,  
 Barbara Morison and many more.

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