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BEECROFT Community Centre

Beecroft Road, Beecroft (opposite Fire Stn)

Note new time: 7:30pm—11:30pm

October 4 * **No Dance** *

November 1 **Stringfiddle**

December 6 **Paddys River**

Enquiries: Sigrid **9980 7077**

Wilma 9489 5594

ERMINGTON Community Centre

10 River Road, Ermington

7pm—11pm

December 20 **Southern Cross**

Enquiries: Don or Wendy 0412 145 262

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

www.bushmusic.org.au

Cover:

Participants in the August Saplings Master Class outside the Bush Music Club hut at Marrickville.

Photo: Sandra Nixon
Diamond Anniversary Logo: Les Love



President's Message

The Concert Party were warmly received in Molong and Yeoval and had an enjoyable time entertaining the local audience. I look forward to being able to be part of a return visit some time in the future.

Keith McKenry's Book launch was a great evening with many early members of the club in attendance. Wongawilli, Alex Hood and Martin Fallding did a wonderful job of playing a selection of collected material.

I am pleased to note that the winter weather has not deterred dancers from having a good time at the Beecroft Dance. Recent dances have been well attended, including many new faces. A big thanks to the team at Beecroft for providing a welcoming atmosphere and a great supper.

Spring has sprung and that brings us closer to the big Reunion Concert and Dance in November. I'm really looking forward to getting together with many current and past members of the club to celebrate the club's 60th anniversary in fine style. Be sure to put it in your diaries!

Sharyn Mattern

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Worth Noting

Kate Maclurcan teamed up with Wayne Richmond, Gial Leslie, Noni Dickson, Rob Bullen & Stephen Malloch to reach the **grand final of ABC 702 Exhumed** for 2014. They received a **Special Commendation Award** from ABC presenter and judge **Richard Glover**.

We have new **badges**! There are two designs - a special 60th anniversary badge and a new run of the original design. Both are quality metal badges. Price is \$5 each plus \$2 postage and handling (for one or two badges).



**New
Members**

★ **Christina Mimmocchi** ★
★ **Joe Wachter** ★ ★ **Judith Lambert** ★

Playford Dancing at the Hut

Next meeting: **Tues 7th October**, 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.

For more information contact Julie Bishop 9524 0247

Bring your friends along for an enjoyable night of dancing.

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BMC Subscription Ball 2014

This is an anecdotal view of the BMC Subscription Ball held in the Maitland Town Hall on the evening of 23 August. Dancers hailed from the Central Coast, Newcastle, the Hunter Valley and further afield from Sydney, Canberra and Adelaide.

Noticeable was the preparedness of females asking males for dances. One female grabbed a dance card from the front desk and put her name down for a male to do the Queen of Sheba! Is this called chutzpah? The grand march was indeed grand with the ability to inspect the various costumes and eyeing who was with who.

There were a couple of wardrobe malfunctions and being a gentleman, it would be indiscrete to mention the identity about whom! One dancer put on clerical garb for the dance called The Bishop. The music supplied by the Coalbrook Band sounded terrific. The food was plentiful and tasty.

Next day the picnic was held in Teralba Community Hall where the BBQ was ably cooked by Angus. He was supported by others who supplied salads and fruit. Some of us danced April Fool and we were assured it was an easy dance. It was far from easy!

Bouquets to Wendy Richmond and many others who helped organise and assist in this wonderful evening. As for 2015 there are plans to renovate the town hall, so plans are underway to find an alternative venue, if possible.

Colin Fong



THE PEARL PARTY

Join the rambunctious revelry
at the Illawarra Folk Festival
30th anniversary



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BOOKINGS 1300 887 034 | www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au

BUSH MUSIC CLUB Inc

Presents

our 60th Anniversary Party



A Celebration of Australian Music, Song and Dance

When: Saturday, 15th November 2014. 1pm – 11pm

Where: Main Hall and Tritton Hall (Hut 44)
Addison Road Community Centre
142 Addison Rd, Marrickville

Contact: 9799 7439

Cost: \$5 (includes sausage sandwich)

Concert & Dance in the Main Hall

Concert 1:30 to 3.30pm

Family Bush Dance 4 to 6pm

Sausage Sizzle 6:30pm followed by

Reunion Session in the Hut

with Music, Songs, Stories & Reminiscences

www.bushmusic.org.au

Monday Too Far Away?

For many BMC members the Monday night Concert party is just a little bit too far to travel. Those in the Illawarra have No Such Thing and the Bush Traditions Session is available for those in the Goulburn area. I'm looking for those interested in playing Australian Collected music in or near the Blue Mountains. Another BMC member Les Love and I have been meeting once a week for some time playing collected tunes but would like to meet others with a similar need. We meet at **Wentworth Falls** every Thursday at 1:00 pm.

If you are interested contact Kerry Doherty on 0409 600 949.



DUKE'S PLACE

**Australian Songs in
Concert & session**

**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 10th October - Margaret Walters

Friday 28th November - Alex Hood

Friday 12th December

Alex Hood

In 1954 Alex joined the cast of the musical Reedy River and he subsequently performed with the Bushwhackers and, when they broke up in 1957, with the Ramblers. From the late 1950s onwards he became a travelling musician, singing and playing a variety of instruments at clubs, pubs and theatres, and later at schools and on radio and television.



Photo: Sandra Nixon

For over 20 years Alex & Annette Hood's Australian Folk Theatre, combining traditional and popular techniques, has been touring Australia, often with the support of Arts Councils, and performing songs, dances, stories and yarns to audiences of children.

At the Festivals

Bush Traditions Gathering

3rd-6th October

See page 10

Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival

17-19th October

The Bush Music Club will have a large presence at the Kangaroo Valley Festival this year.

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

On Monday 4th August dancers practiced dances for the Maitland Ball, taught by Wendy and Cathy Richmond. Dances included The Bishop, Pride of Erin, Hole in the Wall, Salty Dog Rag, Walpole Cottage, Merry Widow Waltz, De'il Among the Tailers and Boston Two Step.

On Monday 11th August dancers continued the practice for the Maitland Ball with Wendy and Cathy Richmond. Dances included Figures from the Lancers and Rotunda Waltz.

On Monday 18th August the Maitland Ball practice continued. Dancers (including one first timer) danced the Maxina, Rotunda Waltz and Flannel Flower Schottische.

The ball was held on Saturday 23rd August and was a great success. Our thanks to Wendy, Cathy and Don Richmond for teaching at the popular Maitland Ball workshops.

On Monday 25th August dancers (including one first timer) danced St Davids Waltz, Happy Returns, Bakers Twist, Yearning Saunter and Turn of the Tide.

Felicity Hattingh

Programme October/November

MONDAY 7.30–10.30	THEME/DANCE STYLE
6 October	No Workshop - October Long Weekend
13 October	Variations
20 October	Practice for Gosford Ragtime Dance
27 October	Practice for Gosford Ragtime Dance
3 November	Practice for Gosford Ragtime Dance with JH Dance Band
10 November	Christmas Party Dances
17 November	Christmas Party Dances
24 November	Christmas Party Dances

Bush Traditions Gathering

The ninth Gathering will be held again in October at the Old Goulburn Brewery over the long weekend.

This year is the 60th Anniversary of the Bush Music Club, the oldest folk music club in Australia. Special BMC guests include Chris Woodland, Frank and Ann Maher, John Poleson, Bob Bolton, Ralph and Rose Pride, Bob Foggin, Helen and Tony Romeo, Chris Poleson and Dave Johnson.

The BMC initiative for budding young Saplings will be included on Sunday.

From Victoria we have Bruce Watson, Harry Gardner and the VFMC mob, and Peter Ellis is bringing up Keith Klippel to share some of the music from the Nariel area which is such a pocket of Australian Dance History.

And from other directions: The Illawarra brings us Dennis McKay and No Such Thing. Canberra sends Alan Swift, Ray Grieve, John Carrol and of course our esteemed Ray Mulligan. The central west gives us Tony Stuart, and the local contribution comes from the Brewery Bunch, Keith Brown and Graeme Clark.

For dancers there are workshops on Saturday and Sunday, and on Monday you can waltz yourself silly while the musicians enjoy a Waltzathon. Saturday night again features the Lilac Time Family Bush Dance in the St Saviours Hall, while a blackboard concert proceeds at the Brewery.

Sunday night is the main weekend social event with a sit-down dinner and the classic BMC Singabout formula of floor singers and entertainers interspersed with dancing.

The programme detail is still being finalised (as at 8th Sept) but will be up soon.

www.bushtraditions.org



Songwriting workshop

Many thanks to Phyl Lobl for the many hours of preparation that went into this thorough 2 day workshop on 6/27 September. 5 members & 2 non-members, ranging from a very experienced songwriter to potential songwriters enjoyed their experience, and as they have spread the word, we have the basis for another workshop next year!

Check out our blog for a full report on the workshop.



Photo: Sandra Nixon

Launch of Keith McKenry's Book:

More than a life -

John Meredith and the fight for Australian Tradition.

Among the 50 people at the launch were an original Bushwhacker (Alex Hood, with his wife Annette), the sons of the late Bushwhacker Alan Scott & his late wife & early member Gay (Bill & Ashley), a foundation member (Jamie Carlin), a grandson of Duke Tritton (Chris McLean), an early member from the 50s (Frank Maher) & a group of members from the 60s - Ronda Carlin, Ann Maher, Barbara & George Gibbons. Other esteemed guests were Tom Bridges, the son of Doreen Bridges, composer of the music to *Ballad of 1891*, Gabrielle Mackey from the National Folk Festival, & Mark Cranfield from the National Library.

The book was launched by John Derum, & entertainment was provided by Wongawilli, Alex Hood and Martin Fallding. Keith will be launching his book at other festivals so keep an eye out for him & his book.

The book is published by Rosenberg Press, \$39.95 includes CD. (more information on our blog)

Sandra

Lola's Keg Night

Lola Wright's life story has now been turned into a musical play, *Lola's Keg Night*, by PP Cranney & Christina Mimmocchi.

As a reading only, with music, it was a big hit at the Illawarra & the National Folk Festivals.

The full production will be presented at:

Merrigong Theatre, Wollongong

9th, 10th and 11th October.

NSW Teachers Federation Auditorium, Mary St, Surry Hills, Sydney

25th October

<http://christinapossum.wix.com/lola>



South Coast Bush Band:

L-R: Norm Mitchell, Merv Haberly, Jack Wright, Jeanette Caine, Wally Watt, Lola, Jack Chalmers

Sunday Dancing at Pennant Hills

Keith Wood is running a series of social dances in the upper hall at Pennant Hills Community Centre, from 2pm to 5pm. Dates and themes are as follows:

12th Oct	English Country
16th Nov	Contra Rerun

AROUND THE BUSH MUSIC SCENE

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

Oct 4 **No Beecroft Bush Dance - October Long Weekend**

Oct 3-6 Bush Traditions Gathering, Goulburn. (see page 8)

Oct 5 7pm Songlines Song session, Fitzroy Hotel, East Sydney/Woolloomooloo

Oct 7 **7:30pm Sydney Playford Dance Group**, Hut 44, Marrickville. (see page 4)

Oct 9 7:30pm Sutherland Acoustic. Tradies, Gymea.

Oct 10 **7:30pm Duke's Place**, *Margaret Walters*, Hut 44, Marrickville. (see page 8)

Oct 11 7:30pm Flannel Flower Spring Ball, *Snake Gully*, East Gosford Progress Hall

Oct 21 7pm Campfire Session, *John Bromhall*, Kiama Community Centre, Kiama,
Tony 0422 540 249 (see page 12)

Oct 25 Loaded Dog Folk Club, **Danny Spooner + Jenny Fitzgibbon**, Annandale
Neighbourhood Centre, Sandra, 9358 4886

Nov 1 **7:30pm Beecroft Bush Dance, Stringfiddle**, Beecroft Community Hall,
Beecroft, ☎ Sigrid 9980 7077 / Wilma 9489 5594

Nov 2 7pm Songlines Song session, Fitzroy Hotel, East Sydney/Woolloomooloo

Nov 4 **7:30pm Sydney Playford Dance Group**, Hut 44, Marrickville. (see page 4)

Nov 8 7:30pm Gosford Dance, *JH Dance Band*, East Gosford Progress Hall.

Nov 13 7:30pm Sutherland Acoustic. Tradies, Gymea.

Nov 15 **Reunion Concert & Dance**, Marrickville. Sharyn 9799 7439 (see page 7)

Nov 18 7pm Campfire Session, Kiama Community Centre, Tony 0422 540 249

Nov 22 Loaded Dog Folk Club, **Solidarity Choir**, Annandale Neighbourhood
Centre, Sandra, 9358 4886

Nov 28 **7:30pm Duke's Place**, *Alex Hood*, Hut 44, Marrickville. (see page 8)

Dec 2 **7:30pm Sydney Playford Dance Group**, Hut 44, Marrickville. (see page 4)

Dec 6 **7:30pm Beecroft Bush Dance, Paddys River**, Beecroft Community Hall,
Beecroft, ☎ Sigrid 9980 7077 / Wilma 9489 5594

Dec 7 7pm Songlines Song session, Fitzroy Hotel, East Sydney/Woolloomooloo

Dec 11 7:30pm Sutherland Acoustic. Tradies, Gymea.

Dec 12 **7:30pm Duke's Place**, Hut 44, Marrickville. (see page 8)

Dec 13 7:30pm Gosford Dance, *Ryebuck*, East Gosford Progress Hall.

Dec 16 7pm Campfire Session, Kiama Community Centre, Tony 0422 540 249

Dec 20 **7pm Ermington Bush Dance**, *Southern Cross*, Ermington Community
Centre, River Rd, Ermington. Wendy 0412 145 262

Toongabbie Music Club - 2nd & 4th Friday of each month 7:30pm
17 Whitehaven Rd Northmead, ☎ 9639 7494

Bush Music at Cliff's Fountain 77 restaurant - 2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm
77 Glebe Point Rd, Glebe, ☎ 9692 9215

Concert Party News

Molong Show

The Bush Music Club Concert Party performed for the 150th Anniversary of the Molong Show on Saturday 13 September in the Molong Community Hall. The good people of the Molong Show Committee were most supportive of the event with a Chinese meal, supper and billeting. Molong Show has been running longer than the Sydney Royal Easter Show. The evening consisted of bush dancing, Australian and tunes. As usual, a good time was had by all.

Banjo Paterson Anniversary ...Yeoval

It being the 150th anniversary of the birth of the poet Banjo Paterson, the Concert party performed before a most appreciative audience in the Banjo Paterson Museum, Yeoval. Our host, Alf Cantrell made us most welcome and provided us with lunch and Devonshire teas. We were joined by folk from Dubbo, a teacher from Yeoval Public School and several dancers from Newcastle all of which added to the flavour and enjoyment of the occasion. Thanks to all performers and BMC supporters who attended.

Coming Events

At the time of publication, the Concert Party is preparing to perform at the Turning Wave Festival in Yass and at the Bower in Marrickville.

Allen Davis



Concert Party at Yeoval

Photo: Gail Copley

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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.

60th Anniversary Celebrations



October 3 - 6 - The Goulburn Gathering

The Gathering is always a special event on anyone's Bush Music Calendar. In 2014 BMC will have a greater presence - *page 10*

November 15 - Diamond Jubilee Concert & Reunion

The Big Concert and Bush Dance will be held in the big hall at Addison Road Community Centre followed by a reunion in Tritton Hall - *page 7*

November 30 - Saplings Session

We will be organising an afternoon Session devoted to giving young musicians the experience and enjoyment of playing Australian collected music in a relaxed environment

December 20 - Christmas Dance - 7.00 - 11.00

The final event for the year will be the Christmas Dance at Ermington with Southern Cross Bush Band



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