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BUSH DANCES December-March

BEECROFT Community Centre

Becroft Road (opposite Fire Stn)

7:30pm—11:30pm

December 7 **BMC Concert Party**

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February 1 **Ryebuck Bush Band**

March 7 **Sydney Coves**

Enquiries: Sigrid 9980 7077
Wilma 9489 5594

Dukes Place

December 21 **Shortis & Simpson**

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February 14 TBC

March 13 TBC

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

www.bushmusic.org.au

Cover:

Joanna Roweth's contribution to the Junior Reciter of the Year competition at Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival.

Photo Sandra Nixon



Another year is coming to an end but the club still has a busy time in the lead up to Christmas.

The Beecroft Christmas Dance will be held on Saturday, 7th December and the Monday night Pennant Hills Dance Workshop Christmas Party is on 9th December with the BMC Concert Party is providing the music for both celebrations, so come along and join us as we celebrate Christmas the BMC way!

The Sutherland Shire Bush Dance Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday 4th December and the night is always enjoyable.

Also, don't forget the Gulgong Folk Festival which is held over the New Year.

Thank you to all members and volunteers who helped make this year such a success and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and looking to catch up with you all in 2020.

Sharyn Mattern

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Worth Noting

Harp Therapists are employed at a number of hospitals and in many aged care facilities, and now have been used to calm horses in bushfire areas:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-11-16/doctor-plays-harp-to-calm-horses-at-bushfire-evacuation-centre/11703944>

Festival of Small Halls - 'You can feel the history': the music festival reviving old community halls

<https://www.theguardian.com/culture/2019/nov/05/you-can-feel-the-history-the-music-festival-reviving-old-community-halls>

Rob and Olya Willis have just been awarded the Australasian Sound Recording Association (ASRA) award for 2019 for 'Their Outstanding Contribution to Oral History Collecting and Recording'. The Association is made up of private record collectors, professional sound archivists, radio broadcasters and social historians, consisting of individuals and institutions with a strong interest in sound recording history, its development and all related activities.

Previous winners include academics, June Bronhill, Slim Dusty and John Meredith. This is a great recognition of the dedicated work Rob and Ollie have done over many years in documenting and preserving oral history, folklore and the culture of everyday life.

Congratulations Rob and Ollie and watch out for more of their work on the Verandah Music blog and Youtube channel.

Gulgong Folk Festival (see p13) will have two songwriting competitions: one is a political parody competition; and the other is a new one for a general song written in 2019.

We have bid a final farewell to **Donna McLaren** who passed away in October.

YouTube has an episode of an early folk music TV program **Just Folk**, hosted by Gary Shearston, featuring Danny Spooner and Colin Dryden.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHVCaKqHPBc>

Upcoming Festivals

Woodford	27 Dec - 1 Jan	www.woodfordfolkfestival.com
Gulgong	29-31 Dec	www.gulgongfolkfestival.net.au
Illawarra	16-19 Jan	www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au
Cobargo	28 Feb - 1 Mar	www.cobargofolkfestival.com
Sandford	6-8 Mar	www.sandfordfestival.com



Our **Bush Music Club Youth Bush Band** will be playing at the 2020 National Folk Festival in Canberra.

Other Bush Music Club members are involved in the following acts at the National:

Australian & Colonial Folk Dancers

Chloe & Jason Roweth with Matt Nightingale

Dividing Range Dancers

The Heritage Ensemble

Keith Wood and Pastrami on Ryebuck

Margaret & Bill Winnett

Have you got time for a bit of a chat?

We have nearly passed the 65th Year of the Bush Music Club and our 70th is just around the corner. The Club has decided it is time to collect all those special memories of people and events. It would just be a friendly chat to talk about old times (and new times). Hopefully from this the Club will be able to publish these reminiscences for the 70th Birthday Celebrations. You don't need to have been President of the Club (but that would be good), everyone has stories to tell and we would love to hear them. We need to hear from dancers, reciters and the musicians.

If you are interested in contributing to this project and would like more information contact Kerry: mandokerry@gmail.com or 0409 600 949.

Poet's Corner

Famous or Infamous Aussie Expats

By Dot Newland

Aussies come in many forms
Some become expatriates,
The way of life is never smooth
Ambition is a cannon loose.

Famous Aussie exports,
Expats from this land,
Some of them are famous stars
And others bad or mad.

Hoges, an Aussie battler
Once hung from the Harbour Bridge
Then he slid to US stardom,
A hero in Hollywood.

Nicole, Keith and Hugh, stars
And others come to mind,
In sport there was Shane,
And in newspapers, Rupert too.

But politics and warfare paint
A world with extremes,
Prakash recruited fighters
Bound for Syria with Isis,

And he in a Christchurch mosque
Whose acts of terror, shame
So heinous- not one of us
Will dare to speak his name.

Expat Aussies on the rampage
Hiding around the world
Should we bring them back here
Or protect our Aussie herd?

George Pell had Cardinal virtues
Devotion, holy esteem.
He lived & worked in Rome
But then the cracks appeared

He was extradited, returned
Home to Aussie land
Facing charges, victims voices
Childhood traumas, angst.

But spare a thought for Aussies
Who might have gone astray
Assange exposing injustice
Exposing military games

Whistle blowers for justice,
Heroes for victims maimed
Bravely standing for human rights
But persecuted in jails

Famous Aussie exports,
Expats from this land,
Some of them are famous stars
And others bad or sad.



★ Evan & Lyn MATHIESON★
★ Maggie TARANAYAN★
★ Richard & Charmaine GARRETT★
★ Peter GEELAN-SMALL & Sandra ROGERS★

POETRY anyone?

Enjoy reciting a poem or sharing one with others? Perhaps writing your own poems? Performing some 'bush' poetry? If so, you are most welcome to come along. A contribution to go with afternoon tea would be appreciated.

When: Usually **second** Saturday of the month, 2pm to 4pm

Remaining date for **2019:** Dec 14. Dates for **2020:** (No poetry in Jan), Feb 8, Mar 14, (no poetry in Apr - Easter), May 9, Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12.

Cost: \$5

Where: Tritton Hall, Hut 44, Addison Road Centre, 142 Addison Rd, Marrickville.

Contact: Karen 0432 527 737 (text messages ONLY) OR fongs@bigpond.net.au

The Addison Rd Singing Session

We're a hotchpotch group of folk singers who meet once a month to share songs and we welcome newcomers.

Songs with choruses are popular; unaccompanied is fine, but bring an accompanying instrument if you wish.

Time: 7pm, First Friday of the month (October cancelled - long weekend)

Venue: Tritton Hall (Hut 44),

Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

Cost: Gold coin donation (or note)

Contact: Glenys 0419 862 005



Concert Party playing for the Gynea Bush Dance. L-R Di Clifford, Allen Davis, Mark Poleson, Ralph Pride, Nancy Nicholls, Eric Eisler and John Burch.

Photo supplied by Allen Davis.

DUKE'S PLACE

Australian Songs
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

Saturday 21st December - Shortis & Simpson

Dates for 2020:

Friday 14th February

Friday 13th March

Friday 17th April

Friday 8th May

Friday 12th June

Friday 10th July

Friday 8th August

Friday 11th September

Friday 9th October

Friday 13th November

Friday 11th December

Canberra's leading musical satirists
Shortis and Simpson
proudly present
How good is 2019!
Saturday December 21
8pm show - Tickets at the door \$10
BYO drinks and shared supper
Bush Music Club, Tritton Hall
Hut 44, Addison Road Centre
142 Addison Road, Marrickville

A satirical look at the events and characters of the year we've almost survived

Mulga Wire: 2020 Publishing Deadlines

Item Deadline	To Printers	Folding Session
7 February	13 February	18 February
8 May	14 May	19 May

Pennant Hills Dance Activities

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

The dance workshop has been busy over the past few months, practicing for the New Sydney Ball, the Central Coast Ball and the Beecroft dances.

Our next event is the Pennant Hills workshop Christmas party planned for Monday 9th December. We will have the BMC Concert Party providing the music and a great night is guaranteed. Please bring a small plate of food or a drink to share. As usual, if this is your first night at Pennant Hills, entry is free. If you haven't been to the workshop for a while, come and join us on this special night.

The Christmas Party is not our last gettogether for the year. On Monday 16th December we will be holding our annual request night. Come along and request your favourite dance.

Our first workshops for 2020 will be held on Monday 13th and Monday 20th January. However these will not be held in the Pennant Hills Community Centre, as the building is closed for maintenance during January. We are trying to hire the Pennant Hills Learning and Leisure Centre (6 Warne Street, walking distance from the Community Centre) for these two workshops but unfortunately this hasn't been confirmed at this time. Please check the BMC website in mid-December for the latest update.

From Monday 3rd February we will be back in the Pennant Hills Community Centre and looking forward to a new year of dancing.

John Short

Programme December/January/February

MONDAY 7.30–10.30	THEME/DANCE STYLE
2 December	Practice for the Christmas Party
9 December	Christmas Party with the <i>BMC Concert Party</i>
16 December	Request Night. Last workshop of the year.
13 January	Welcome Back Workshop (check BMC website for location)
20 January	Back into the Swing Workshop (check website for location)
27 January	Public Holiday. No workshop
3 February	Back in the Pennant Hills Community Centre
10 February	More dancing
17 February	More dancing
24 February	More dancing

Playford Dancing at the Hut

Next meetings:

Tues 3rd Dec 7:30pm to 9:30pm

The Bush Music Club is hosting Sydney Playford dancing in our headquarters: Hut 44 (Tritton Hall) Addison Road Community Centre, Marrickville.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month (except January). There will be live music as often as possible.

Cost \$7.

For more information contact:

Julie Bishop 9524 0247

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.

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Acct: 0090 7524 (Commonwealth bank)

Ref: Member's Name & payment purpose

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.

Traditional Irish Music 'Slow Session'

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: Colum <colum.hickey@gmail.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/SydneySlowSession/>

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 December 7 - *BMC Concert Party*

2020

Sat February 1 - *Ryebuck Bush Band*

Sat March 7 - *Sydney Coves*

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:

Woolworths Thornleigh

Dan Murphys

La Thai Restaurant Thornleigh

Topiary Café Epping

Westleigh Quality Meats Westleigh



Everyone is invited to-

**The Pennant Hills Dance Workshop
Christmas Party**

**Monday 9th December 2019
7.30pm to 9.30pm**

**Music by the BMC
Concert Party.**

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.



GULGONG FOLK FESTIVAL

29-31 DECEMBER 2019

THE BUSHWACKERS

ably supported by **Gleny Rae**

OTHER ACTS ARE ...

Mountain Dew Band LINDA MIZZI

ALPHA STOMP Snez

Stu Tyrrell THE THOMSONS

PETER VADIVELOO Luke Robinson

Annie Cee VIRAGO

DEAN DEE Ron van der Swaag

and other wonderful musical performers!

HISTORIC GULGONG TOWN IN CENTRAL NSW

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workshops markets open mic sessions busking Steinway piano recital songwriting competitions

choices in accommodation (BOOK IN EARLY) Red Hill bookings Di Clifford 0458 032 150

Volunteer opportunities to earn a free Festival ticket!

TryBooking is the Festival ticket on-line seller of choice

www.gulgongfolkfestival.com.au

 Like us on Facebook!

Contact Di Clifford for further Festival information: di.clifford@gmail.com

Event Details

Addison Rd Singing Session, Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

☎ Glenys 0419 862 005 See p5

Beecroft Bush Dance, Beecroft Community Hall, Beecroft

☎ Sigrid 9980 7077 / Wilma 9489 5594

Cobargo Folk Festival

<http://www.cobargofolkfestival.com/>

Duke's Place, Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

☎ Sandra 9358 4886 See p8

End of Year Folk Bash, Gaelic Club (upstairs), 1/64 Devonshire St, Surry Hills

<https://folkfednsw.org.au/event/end-of-year-folk-bash-3/>

English Country Dancing at the Hut, Hut 44, Addi Rd Com Centre, Marrickville

☎ David 0413 210 789

Gosford Bush Dance, East Gosford Progress Hall

☎ Anne Maree 0413 588 634 <http://www.ccbdma.org/schedule.htm>

Gulgong Folk Festival

<https://www.gulgongfolkfestival.net.au/>

Hornsby Folk Club, Beatrice Taylor Hall (in Willow Park), Edgeworth David Ave

☎ Barry 9807 9497

Illawarra Folk Festival

<http://illawarrafolkfestival.com.au/>

Keith's Dance Workshop, Upper Hall, Pennant Hills Community Centre

<http://keith-wood.name/danceworkshops.html>

Loaded Dog Folk Club, Annandale Neighbourhood Centre

☎ Sandra 9358 4886

Playford Dancing at the Hut, Hut 44, Addison Rd Comm Centre, Marrickville

☎ Julie 9524 0247 See p13

Poetry at the Hut, Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

☎ Karen 9716 9660 See p7

Sandford Bush Festival

<https://www.sandfordfestival.com/>

Songlines Song Session, Australian Heritage Hotel, 100 Cumberland St, The Rocks

☎ Jenny 9576 2301

Sutherland Acoustic, Tradies, Gynea

☎ Jenny 9576 2301

Sydney English Country Dance

<https://englishcountrydancesydney.com>

Toongabbie Music Club, 17 Whitehaven Rd, Northmead

☎ 9639 7494

Troubadour Folk Club, CWA Hall, The Boulevarde, Woy Woy

☎ Michael 4342 6716

Woodford Folk Festival

<https://woodfordfolkfestival.com/>

Concert Party News

The Concert Party has not performed in public since the previous report, however the remainder of 2019 contains a packed program (refer details below).

Individual Concert Party members continue to promote BUSH MUSIC through performances in various folk clubs and at retirement village and nursing homes (among other venues).

Upcoming Events:

Sat 7th Dec - HoboGro in the Great Hall, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

Wed 4th Dec - Sutherland Shire Dance Group Christmas Party at Gymea.

Sat 7th Dec - BMC dance at Beecroft Community Hall.

Mon 9th Dec - our annual outing to play for the dance workshop Christmas Party at Pennant Hills.

Allen Davis & Eric Eisler



Concert Party members playing for Polio Australia. Photo supplied by Allen Davis

AROUND THE BUSH MUSIC SCENE - See p14 for details

Dec	1	6pm	Songlines Song Session
Dec	3	7:30pm	Playford Dancing at the Hut
Dec	7	7:30pm	Beecroft Bush Dance, BMC Concert Party
Dec	8	1.30pm	End of Year Folk Bash - Folk Federation of NSW
Dec	12	7:30pm	Sutherland Acoustic Night
Dec	13	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club
Dec	14	2:30pm	Sydney English Country Dance
Dec	14	7:30pm	Gosford Bush Dance, Christmas Contra with <i>Pastrami on Ryebuck</i>
Dec	14	7pm	Troubadour Folk Club, <i>A Hawaiian Christmas</i>
Dec	17	7:30pm	English Country Dancing at the Hut
Dec	20	8pm	Hornsby Folk Club, <i>Shortis & Simpson</i>
Dec	21	7:30pm	Duke's Place, Shortis & Simpson
Dec	29-31		Gulgong Folk Festival (see p13)
Dec	27 - Jan 1		Woodford Folk Festival
Jan	16-19		Illawarra Folk Festival
Jan	17	8pm	Hornsby Folk Club
Jan	24	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club
Feb	1	7:30pm	Beecroft Bush Dance, Ryebuck Bush Band
Feb	1	7pm	Troubadour Folk Club, <i>Steve Turner (UK)</i>
Feb	2	6pm	Songlines Song Session
Feb	4	7:30pm	Playford Dancing at the Hut
Feb	7	7pm	Addison Rd Singing Session
Feb	8	2pm	Poetry at the Hut
Feb	8	7:30pm	Gosford Bush Dance
Feb	13	7:30pm	Sutherland Acoustic Night
Feb	14	7:30pm	Duke's Place
Feb	14	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club
Feb	16	2:30pm	Sydney English Country Dance
Feb	17	2pm	Keith's Dance Workshop
Feb	19	7:30pm	English Country Dancing at the Hut
Feb	21	8pm	Hornsby Folk Club
Feb	22	7:30pm	Loaded Dog Folk Club
Feb	28	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club
Feb	29	7pm	Troubadour Folk Club, <i>Mic Conway with Robbie Long</i>
Feb	28 - Mar 1		Cobargo Folk Festival
Mar	7	7:30pm	Beecroft Bush Dance, Sydney Coves
Mar	6-8		Sandford Bush Music Festival (Vic)