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BUSH DANCES

March - June

BEECROFT Community Centre

Becroft Road (opposite Fire Stn)

7:30pm—11:30pm

Mar No dance (covid)

Apr No dance – Easter

May No dance

Jun 5 Concert Party
Margaret Bolliger calling

Enquiries: Wilma 9489 5594

Dukes Place

Duke's Place is currently suspended.

Bush Music Club enquiries:

0466 877 423 or

bmcmail1954@gmail.com

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

www.bushmusic.org.au

Cover:

Dancing is back!

Doing the Palais Glide at Becroft well before the pandemic put a stop to all the fun.

Photo Mike Young

President's
Message

Welcome to the other side of Covid!!!

This has been a long haul for everyone and I hope that you are all safe and well.

The Pennant Hills Dance Workshops and Beecroft Family Dances will recommence soon – the Dance Workshop on 3rd May and Beecroft on 5th June – and this can't come quickly enough. Be sure to note these dates in your diaries and polish your dancing shoes ready to hit the dance floor!!

Festivals are also slowly returning with the National presenting a 2 day festival in Queanbeyan over the Easter weekend, the Kangaroo Valley Festival will be held 15-17 October 2021 and the Sydney Folk Festival is being held on 13-15 August 2021 (see items in MW). After this past year of lockdown and no festivals it will be good to be amongst it again.

The BMC AGM has come around again and will be held on Saturday, 24th April 2021 at 2pm. If you are unable to attend please complete the Proxy Form inside and forward to club as indicated on the form.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this difficult time and I look forward to catching up with you soon and, please, stay safe!

Sharyn Mattern

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Worth Noting

The **Covideo Folk Club** has been established as a private group on Facebook. Lots of good items if you are on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/142692067094518/>

Hornsby Folk Club is having live concerts again with restricted numbers, and are also running online session nights via Zoom.

<https://www.facebook.com/hornsby.folk.club>

The Australian Music Association is having a **Make Music Day** on June 21, 2021. Participation can be individual or you can join another organisation that is hosting an event.

<https://www.makemusicaustralia.org.au>

The **Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival** is presenting a folk@home concert as a warm up for the festival. It will be held on 17th April and will feature the *Water Runners*.

Bookings essential and can be made via trybooking;

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPKFY>

The ABC has done an article on the resurgence of **Sea Shanties**, particularly in the online space.

<https://www.abc.net.au/everyday/what-are-sea-shanties-why-going-viral-online/100005620>

Back on 20th December 2020 **Southern Cross Bush Band** had it's **40th Birthday**. They played their first gig at the BMC's Glebe Dance on Sat 20th Dec 1980. Sadly they were unable to hold a dance to celebrate. Hopefully we will see them play live again soon!

Dave Johnson put together a collection of photos from those 40 years:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/4W1EngJALESiqx9m6>

Sussex, Roland "Rona", 'iso', 'quazza' — words of the year speak to our Australian take on COVID' The Conversation 30 November 2020

<https://theconversation.com/rona-iso-quazza-words-of-the-year-speak-to-our-australian-take-on-covid-150949>

Sussex, Roland *Word for today*, University of Queensland Press, 2020, A\$24.99, a collection from his ABC radio program in book form. For more information visit:

<https://www.uqp.com.au/books/word-for-today>

Inner West Council now has a **Musical Instrument Library** based at its Ashfield Library.

Australian Spectrum Show

Alive 90.5 FM

Every Tuesday night 9pm to midnight

Listen worldwide at:

<http://alive905.com.au/ross-fear-australian-spectrum-show/>

For 12 years Ross Fear has presented all Australian music on the show including blues, roots, folk & cool country, instrumental jazz and alt rock. It includes live music gig guide segments.

Over the years the show has featured a number of Australian bush, folk and acoustic artists including The Bushwackers, the Bush Music Club, The Bottlers, Toongabbie Music Club, Medusa's Wake, Parramatta Hills Ukulele Network, Mike McClellan, Folk Federation NSW, Captain Match Box Whoopie Band, Fairlight Folk Lounge, Pete McMahon, Central Coast Ukulele & Folk Festival, Mirrabooka, Pat Drummond, Wheelers & Dealers, Kevin Johnson, Jack Pledge, Diana Anaid, Macquarie Towns Folk Club, The Water Runners, 8 Ball Aitken, Ami Williamson, Northern Beaches Music Festival, Bill Chambers, Mick Conway, Christeen Wheeler, Phyl Lobl, Wheeze & Suck Band, Russell Neal, Karen Lynne, and many more.

Ross has made a point of staying informed of what our club is doing and including that in his gig guide, as well as having some members of the Concert Party (limited by studio space) in as guests.

Song of a Sock

Anon

*Knitted in the tram-car,
Knitted in the street,
Knitted by the fireside,
Knitted in the heat,
Knitted in Australia
Where the wattle grows,
Sent to you in France dear,
Just to warm your toes.
Knitted by the seaside,
Knitted in the train,
Knitted in the sunshine,
Knitted in the rain.
Knitted here and knitted there
With the glad refrain,
'May the one who wears them
Come back to us again.*

(This poem was found in a pair of socks sent to Australian soldiers.)

POETRY anyone?

We've started our Poetry sessions back at the BMC Hut at Marrickville.

If you enjoy reciting / reading / performing poems you like or perhaps write yourself, please join us in the Hut.

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

Remaining dates for **2021:** May 1, Jun 5, Jul 3, Aug 7, Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4.

Cost: \$10

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

Contact: Karen 0432 527 737 (text messages preferred) OR
karenmclean0806@gmail.com

Dancing Returns to the BMC!

Now that restrictions on dancing have been lifted we are bringing back our dancing activities. First to start will be Pennant Hill Dance Workshop and Playford (English Country) dancing in our Hut at Addison Road. Both will restart in May.

The first Beecroft dance will be held in June.

Participants will notice a few changes:

- Participants will be required to write their name and contact phone number on an attendance list.
- Hand sanitiser will be available
- Dancers may like to wear gloves
- A communal supper will not be provided. There will be hot water available but you need to bring everything else including your own cup.
- Numbers may need to be limited. We are not anticipating a problem at Beecroft or Pennant Hills, but it would be best to pre-book if attending Playford.
- There may be some changes to the dances selected to enable social distancing to be maintained.

Festivals in 2021

Many festivals have had to be cancelled, but the following ones are going ahead.

Sydney Folk Festival

13-15 August

<https://www.facebook.com/SydneyFolkFest/>

Presented by the Folk Federation of NSW and taking place in the heart of Sydney's CBD the Sydney Folk Festival is a three-day celebration of folk music and culture embracing traditions old and new from our own backyard to those from across the world.

Folk by the Sea

25 September

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

This will be a smaller one day festival this year and is being called "Folk With a View". It is being held in a single venue, the Kiama Showground Pavilion. Ticket only entry.

Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival

15-17 October

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

Music, dance and poetry in the picturesque Kangaroo Valley.

**New
Members**

★ SMITH Michael J ★ ★ KNIGHT Ian ★
★ BONETTI Vanessa ★
★ DONOGHUE John ★

Mulga Wire: 2021 Publishing Deadlines

Item Deadline	To Printers	Folding Session
14 May	21 May	25 May
13 August	20 August	24 August

Pennant Hills Dance Activities

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

Now that restrictions have eased, the workshops will be returning, starting in May.

There will be a few changes to enable the workshop to operate in a Covid safe manner and we will need to keep a record of names and phone contact for all those who attend so signing in will be required.

As with all activities, if you are feeling unwell please stay at home.

During May we will be practising dances for the June Beecroft dance, along with some others.

See you at Pennant Hills!

Programme May/June

MONDAY 7.30–10.30	THEME/DANCE STYLE
3 May	Practice for Beecroft/Gosford
10 May	Practice for Beecroft
17 May	Practice for Beecroft
24 May	Practice for Beecroft
31 May	Practice for Beecroft
7 June	More dancing
14 June	Public Holiday. No workshop
21 June	More dancing
28 June	More dancing

Playford Dancing at the Hut

Next meetings:

4 May, 1 Jun, 6 Jul, 3 Aug, 7 Sep, 5 Oct, 2 Nov, 7 Dec.

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 \$10.

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://blog.bushmusic.org.au>

or follow the link from the BMC website.

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Direct Deposit details:

BSB: 062-005

Acct: 0090 7524 (Commonwealth bank)

Ref: Member's Name & payment purpose

Email details of payment to treasurer:

Allen Davis <allendavisguitar@gmail.com>

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



Beecroft Community Centre
Beecroft Road (cnr Copeland Rd)
Cost: \$19 Adult, \$14 BMC Members
Includes supper

Sat 5 Jun – Concert Party

Beecroft Spot Prizes

At 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

Bush Music Club Annual General Meeting

Location: Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre,
142 Addison Rd, Marrickville

Time: 2pm, Sat 24th April 2021

Agenda

- Annual reports
- Election of Office Bearers
- Proposed Revised Constitution

Proposal for Revised Constitution

Our current constitution dates back to 1990 and since then Fair Trading has made significant changes to their model constitution. We therefore felt it was time to revise our constitution so that it aligns with the current model constitution.

The main areas where we needed to retain parts of our old constitution were in membership and our financial year.

We have also made provision for electronic meetings.

A copy of the proposed constitution may be found on our website and a copy will be available for viewing at Hut 44.

Australian Bush Music Coming Alive Again !

The Covid Crisis is being beaten slowly and live performances of Bush Music and are on the rise!

One of our well-known BMC Club members, the Toongabbie Music Club, is preparing to perform at:

- *Planting and Play Day* in Northmead on Saturday 1 May 2021 and
- *Gallery Gardens Heritage Week Festival* in Parramatta on Sunday 2 May 2021.

Allen Davis 0439 831 531

allendavisguitar@gmail.com.au

**Bush Music Club Inc.
2021 Annual General Meeting**

Where: Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

When: 2pm, Saturday 24th April 2021

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I, _____
(full name)

of _____
(address)

being a current financial member of the Bush Music Club Incorporated

hereby appoint _____
(full name of proxy)

of _____
(address)

being a member of that incorporated association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the annual general meeting of the association to be held on the 24th day of April 2021 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against (delete as appropriate) the proposed revised constitution.

Date: _____

Signature of member appointing proxy _____

NOTE: A proxy vote may not be given to a person who is not a member of the association.

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE

I, _____
being a current financial member of the Bush Music Club Incorporated,

hereby nominate _____

for the position of _____
(President/Vice President/Treasurer/Secretary/Committee Member)

Signed (nominee) _____ Date _____

Signed (proposer) _____ Date _____

Signed (seconder) _____ Date _____

Return completed form(s) to Secretary Bush Music Club GPO Box 433 Sydney 2001 or <bmcmail1954@gmail.com> no later than 16th April 2021

Event Details

Addison Rd Singing Session, Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville
☎ Glenys 0419 862 005 See p7

Becroft Bush Dance, Becroft Community Hall, Becroft
☎ Wilma 9489 5594

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>

Hornsby Folk Club, Beatrice Taylor Hall (in Willow Park), Edgeworth David Ave
☎ Barry 9807 9497

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 p10

Poetry at the Hut, Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville
☎ Karen 0432 527 737 (text message preferred) See p7

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
☎ 0439 831 531

Troubadour Folk Club, 147-149 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy
☎ Michael 4342 6716 <http://www.troubadour.org.au>

Concert Party News

The BMC Concert Party group is meeting every Monday night again. There is also a Slow Session earlier on Monday Night coordinated by George Bolliger.

We have a core group of about 8 regulars and on most nights that has increased to 12 - 14. Everyone has improved playing as it's a concentrated effort with no singing and fewer numbers than before Covid-19. There is no slacking and we get stuck into it... Numbers in the hut are limited so make sure you book if wanting to attend!

We miss sorely Ralph and Eric who in previous times were our musical leaders so fortunately George Bolliger has stepped up to the mark as stand in musical director. We have started selecting a dance tune set each week, which maybe was not played much in the past, and spend about 15 minutes practicing, playing and learning that set. Everyone agrees that this extra practice has been very beneficial.

Thanks to all attendees and especially to the "Core" group of regulars who have been along every week.

It's also been really nice to have met some new "Old BMC members" who have come along for an occasional musical fix, that has also added to the enjoyment.

From my perspective it's been great running the sessions and learning new music and dance tunes, I can now actually play the Jacaranda set without totally stuffing it up...

John Burch



Concert Party will be playing for the Beecroft Dance in June.

Photo: Allen Davis

AROUND THE BUSH MUSIC SCENE - See p14 for details

Apr	8	7:30pm	Sutherland Acoustic Night	
Apr	9	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club	
Apr	10	7:30pm	Gosford Bush Dance - <i>The Waterbombers</i>	
Apr	11	6pm	Songlines Song Session	
Apr	16	8pm	Hornsby Folk Club	
Apr	18	2pm	Keith's Dance Workshop	
Apr	21	11am	Toongabbie Music Club	
Apr	23	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club	
Apr	24	2pm	Bush Music Club AGM	(see p12)
Apr	24	7pm	Troubadour Folk Club, C	
Apr	24	7:30pm	Loaded Dog Folk Club	
May	1	2pm	Poetry at the Hut	
May	7	7pm	Addison Rd Singing Session	
May	4	7:30pm	Playford Dancing at the Hut	
May	8	7:30pm	Gosford Bush Dance	
May	9	6pm	Songlines Song Session	
May	13	7:30pm	Sutherland Acoustic Night	
May	14	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club	
May	16	2pm	Keith's Dance Workshop	
May	19	11am	Toongabbie Music Club	
May	21	8pm	Hornsby Folk Club	
May	22	7:30pm	Loaded Dog Folk Club	
May	22	7pm	Troubadour Folk Club	
May	28	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club	
Jun	1	7:30pm	Playford Dancing at the Hut	
Jun	5	7:30pm	Beecroft Bush Dance, BMC Concert Party	
Jun	10	7:30pm	Sutherland Acoustic Night	
Jun	11	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club	
Jun	12	7:30pm	Gosford Bush Dance	
Jun	13	6pm	Songlines Song Session	
Jun	16	11am	Toongabbie Music Club	
Jun	18	8pm	Hornsby Folk Club	
Jun	25	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club	
Jun	26	7:30pm	Loaded Dog Folk Club	
Jun	26	7pm	Troubadour Folk Club	