



**Bush Music Club Inc**  
eNewsletter for 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023



## **The Bush Music Club turns 70 in 2024!**

To celebrate this wonderful milestone, the Bush Music Club Committee has organised various events throughout the year.

- On **Saturday 3 February**, there will be an **afternoon dance** at Beecroft with the wonderful Ryebuck Bush Band playing and a special cake to share.
- On **Sunday 26 May**, there will be a **reunion for members and friends outside Sydney** at the **Goulburn Club**. The day will involve:
  - Registration between 9:15 and 9:45am
  - Talk about various aspects of the Bush Music Club's history between 10 & 11
  - Music and Song session with selections from *Singabouts* throughout the years
  - Hearty stew and catch-up between 12:30 and 1:30pm
  - Then over to our members and friends: an opportunity to share a favourite tune, yarn, song, poem etc. with participation encouraged

*Why not make a weekend of it?* The Goulburn Club at 19 Market St, overlooking Belmore Park, often has a music session on Friday nights. Goulburn offers lots of activities for the Saturday, including taking their self-guided Heritage Tour throughout the city, walking on the new trail along the banks of the Wollondilly River or meeting friends and relaxing at the many cafes and eateries. The Visitor Information Centre in Goulburn is situated at 202 Sloane St, near the Railway Station.

- On **Sunday 27 October**, there will be a **lunch and special afternoon dance** for members and friends at **Petersham Town Hall** in Sydney. The day will involve:
  - Welcome at 11am with opportunities to enjoy a slide show through the years or play music with others.
  - Delicious buffet-style lunch between 12:30 and 1:30pm
  - Afternoon dance with a variety of callers and musicians

***We would love to see you at our special events in 2024!***

Let us know if you would like to come along by emailing **Karen:**  
**[bmcmail1954@gmail.com](mailto:bmcmail1954@gmail.com)**



## **Beecroft Family Bush Dance in the Afternoon**

**On Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023**



**When:** 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm

**Where:** Beecroft Community Centre  
Beecroft Road (Opposite Fire Station), Beecroft

**Cost:** \$19 / \$17 concession / \$14 BMC Members / \$39 Family

**Contact:** BMC Phone: 0466 877 423

**Program:**

<i>Gay Gordons</i>	<i>Oxo Reel</i>	<i>Lucky Sevens</i>
<i>Marching Thru Georgia</i>	<i>Broken River Reel</i>	<i>Barn Dance</i>
<i>Circassian Circle Pt 1</i>	<i>Christmas Hornpipe</i>	<i>Oslo Waltz</i>
<i>Manchester Galop</i>	<i>Flying Pieman</i>	<i>Dennis' Delight</i>

*The band will be the Bush Music Club's very own Concert Party Ensemble bringing a big sound of music to Beecroft and with Margaret Bolliger calling the dances.*

### **Dances in 2024**

*Please note – the small price increase*

**3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 – Ryebuck Bush Band with Margaret Bolliger**

**4<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – BMC Ensemble with John Short**

**3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024 – BMC Ensemble - TBA**

**7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – BMC Ensemble - TBA**

**Time:** 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm

**Where:** Beecroft Community Centre  
Beecroft Road (Opposite Fire Station), Beecroft

**Cost:** \$20 / \$15 concession / \$15 BMC Members / \$40 Family

**Contact:** BMC Phone: 0466 877 423

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## **English Country Dancing – Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**When:** Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

2.15 pm - 5.15 pm

**Where:** Main Hall, the Pennant Hills Community Centre  
70 Yarrara Rd, Pennant Hills

**Cost:** \$10 donation is suggested to cover costs  
Please bring your own drinks and snacks

**Contact:** Keith, Dance Kaleidoscope (wood.keith@optusnet.com.au)

Hand sanitiser will be available throughout the afternoon. Wear a mask if you feel more comfortable doing so. Join us afterwards at the Hotel Pennant Hills for dinner.

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## Monday Night Music Weekly Workshop & Session

**When:** *Slow Session - 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm*  
*Themed Singing and Music Session - 7.15 pm to 9.00 pm*  
*November theme is "Animals" and December is "Celebrations"*

**Where:** Tritton Hall - Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre,  
142 Addison Rd, Marrickville

**Cost:** \$10

**Contact:** John Burch - 0411 195 088

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## Playford Dancing at BMC Hut - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**When** 7:30pm – 9:30pm

**Where** Tritton Hall - Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre  
142 Addison Rd, Marrickville

**Cost** \$10

**Contact** Alex (02) 9524 0247

All dances are called and walked through and live musicians make this a very enjoyable evening.

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## Saplings News for November

Saplings is about young people tapping into the vast resource of collected Australian music and songs. In November we will be at the:

Inaugural Bundanoon Folk Festival 24 – 26 November. [bundanoonfolkfestival.com.au](http://bundanoonfolkfestival.com.au)

We have been given three sessions on the weekend:

Saturday 25th: 1.00pm – 2.00pm (The Gang Gang)

Saturday 25th: 5.30pm – 6.30pm (Kookaburra – Tennis Club)

Sunday 26th: 11.00am – 12.00 (Kookaburra – Tennis Club)

For all young musicians (about 8 – 18 years) who can play an instrument (fiddle, flute, whistle, concertina, recorder, uke, guitar etc).

All levels are catered for .....beginner to virtuoso! We have sheet music available or you can play by ear. Come and join in the fun ... we also have some percussion instruments for those who do not play an instrument....yet!

For more information on Saplings:

email: [saplings.bushmusic@gmail.com](mailto:saplings.bushmusic@gmail.com)

Phone: Helen 02 4297 5128

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## **Bush Music Club Blog – <https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/>**

Sandra Nixon has been very busy updating the Bush Music Club Blog, so check out the latest additions.

*From the Archives - Bob Bolton's music book, 1980s*  
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/11/from-archives-bob-boltons-music-book.html> (this includes a song Bob wrote!)

*Bush Traditions Gathering, Goulburn Club 2023*  
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/11/bush-traditions-gathering-goulburn-club.html>

*Festival Reports - Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival 2023 - Dance & more*  
[https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/11/festival-reports-kangaroo-valley-folk\\_5.html](https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/11/festival-reports-kangaroo-valley-folk_5.html)  
*Festival Reports - Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival, 2023 - BMC Songs & Tunes Workshops*  
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/11/festival-reports-kangaroo-valley-folk.html>

*Festival Reports - Saplings @ Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival, 2023*  
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/11/festival-reports-saplings-kangaroo.html>

*Tritton Hall is now air conditioned!*  
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/10/tritton-hall-is-now-air-conditioned.html>

*From the Archives - 1971 Adelaide National Folk Festival - Bob Bolton Collection*  
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/11/from-archives-1971-adelaide-national.html>

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## **BMC Zoom Singing Session – Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

*You are invited to the BMC Monthly Singing Session via Zoom*

**Topic: BMC Zoom Singing Session Dec 13, 2023 11:00 AM**

Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month at 11:00 AM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

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

Meeting ID: 774 3684 9599

Passcode: K24Dd4

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## **Monday Night Singing and Music Session *Christmas Party !!***

***Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 3pm***

Come along and join in the usual fun. There'll be BBQ Sausages and Chicken Sticks on or off bread, chocolates and Christmas cake, tea and coffee.

We need a volunteer to lead the gathered choristers in songs / carols and George has a game to play, so come along and find out what's on his mind.

*Please Note - First night back in 2024 is Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024*

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## **Pennant Hills Dance Workshop Christmas Party with John Short**



**When:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
**Where:** Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills  
**When:** 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm  
**Cost:** \$10  
**Contact:** Wilma - 0413 673 339

*Live Music by BMC Concert Party in party mode!!!*

Please note – the first night for the PHDW in 2024 will be Monday 15th Jan 2024.

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## **Marrickville Music Group - Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**When:** 11am – 2pm  
**Where:** Tritton Hall - Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre  
142 Addison Rd, Marrickville  
**Cost** \$10  
**Contact:** Sharyn Mattern - 0459 146 845  
**What to Bring:**  
Music to share and your lunch for a lovely day of music and friendship

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*The Summer Edition of MULGA WIRE is in the pipeline. In other words, we want your news, articles, pictures, letters, revues, comments, and suggestions \*RIGHT NOW\*. Especially so if you're organising related activities within or beyond the club.*

*Here is your chance to get publicity and let others know what's going on.*

*So, get to it and send your copy direct to your new editor. [pridehome@msn.com.au](mailto:pridehome@msn.com.au)*

**\*\*\*\*\*Deadline for copy is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November\*\*\*\*\***

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