



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:**
bmcm1954@gmail.com



Beecroft Family Bush Dance in the Afternoon

On Saturday, 3rd February 2024

When: 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm

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

Cost: \$20 non-member / \$15 concession / \$15 BMC Members / \$40 Family

Contact: BMC Phone: 0466 877 423

The band will be Ryebuck Bush Band with Margaret Bolliger calling the dances.

Dances in 2024

Please note the small price increase

3rd February 2024 – Ryebuck Bush Band with Margaret Bolliger

4th May 2024 – BMC Ensemble with John Short

3rd August 2024 – BMC Ensemble - TBA

7th December 2024 – BMC Ensemble - TBA

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Pennant Hills Dance Workshop – Monday 15th January 2024

When 7:30pm – 9:30pm - Most Mondays

Where Pennant Hills Community Centre
Lower Hall, downstairs from the library

Cost \$10

Contact: Wilma - 0413 673 339

All dances are taught, called and walked through.

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Playford Dancing at BMC Hut - Tuesday 6th February 2024

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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English Country Dancing at Pennant Hills Community Centre

When: See Below
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)

Sunday, 18 February 2024	Contra – Inga Morton
Sunday, 17 March 2024	Keith's Dances
Sunday, 21 April 2024	Contra – Colours
Sunday, 26 May 2024	English Country

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 Recommences 15th January 2024

When: *Slow Session* - 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm
Themed Singing and Music Session - 7.15 pm to 9.00 pm
January Theme "Celebrating" (still)
February Theme "Travel" (transport, horse, mechanical, nautical, air, foot)

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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Marrickville Music Group - Wednesday, 3rd January 2024

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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Singabout Session in the Hut - Wednesday, 17th January 2024

When: Monthly on 3rd Wednesday
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:
Your lunch for a day of singing and friendship

New !!

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BMC Zoom Singing Session – Wednesday, 10th January 2024

*You are invited to the BMC Monthly Singing Session via Zoom
...Stay home, make a cuppa, sit back and join in the singing fun online...*

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77436849599?pwd=O2TI2dVVY2cYd3B59wfkLWLbjVFTzR.1>

Meeting ID: 774 3684 9599

Passcode: K24Dd4

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Saplings News for December & January ...

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

Illawarra Folk Festival

19th - 21st January at Bulli Showground

Purchase early bird tickets by 23rd December

Saplings have a session on Saturday and Sunday in the Session Tent

In 2024 we would like to get some more Regional Sapling sessions happening, but we will need some help from keen parents or other adults who can gather young musicians together. About 10 or 12 kids are a good number to start with.

Contact Helen (4297 5128 – helenromeo.romeo@gmail.com) if you would like us to come and run a Saplings session in your area.

Saplings is 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 forbeginner 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!

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Library Report

In 2023 Penny Davies & Roger Ilott donated over 60 LPs & CDs from Restless Music's back catalogue <https://www.restlessmusic.com.au/> and an Accessions list of these, along with other CDs, records, tapes & DVDs in our collection is being compiled. These items will be available for loan.

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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.

Festival report - Inaugural Bundanoon Folk Festival November 2023
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/12/festival-report-inaugural-bundanoon.html>

Report on 2023 Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Festival, February 2023
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/11/report-on-2023-banjo-paterson.html>

Festival reports - National Folk Festival 2009 - Down the Lawson Track - Bob Bolton collection
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/11/festival-reports-national-folk-festival.html>

Slow Session @ Tritton Hall, 5pm Mondays
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/11/slow-session-tritton-hall-5pm-mondays.html>

Bob Bolton Collection - 4th Australian National Folklore Conference, Thursday 20th March, 2008
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/11/bob-bolton-collection-4th-australian.html>

Bob Bolton Collection - 3rd Australian National Folklore Conference, Thursday 5th April, 2007
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/11/bob-bolton-collection-3rd-australian.html>

Bob Bolton Collection - 2nd Australian National Folklore Conference, Thursday 13th April, 2006
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/11/bob-bolton-collection-2nd-australian.html>

Bob Bolton Collection - Illawarra Folk Festival, 2000 - Part 1, 17-18 March 2000
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/11/bob-bolton-collection-illawarra-folk.html>

Bob Bolton Collection - Illawarra Folk Festival, 2000 - Part 2, 19-20 March 2000
https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/11/bob-bolton-collection-illawarra-folk_15.html

60th Anniversary Heritage Ball 2014 - Sharyn Mattern photos
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/11/60th-anniversary-heritage-ball-2014.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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Charity Concert, Afternoon Tea and Bush Dance In Memory of Reg Murray

When: Sunday 28th January 2024
Where: Heining Hall, Heining Street, Dapto
When: 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm
Entry: \$10 tax deductible donation to
Melanoma Institute Australia
Contact: Cris – 0404 667 614

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Central Coast's 2nd Saturday Bush Dances

Where: East Gosford Progress Hall
Cnr Wells St and Henry Parry Drive
When: 7.30pm – 11pm
More Information:
www.ccbdma.org

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***All the very best for
the Season and a
relaxing and refreshing New Year
from all at the Bush Music Club !!!***



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