



It's party time at The Bush Music Club !!!
This year we turned 70 and the celebrations have begun!

The club's next birthday bash will be the Goulburn reunion...

- 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.

Later in the year we will have...

- 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

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CHANGE OF POSTAL ADDRESS for BUSH MUSIC CLUB

New Address - Hut 44, 142 Addison Road, Marrickville. NSW 2204

The club has decided that, due to the reduced amount of snail mail, we would bring the post closer to home. Our GPO Box has served us well over the years and we will miss it...maybe someone should write a song, tune or dance in memory of Box 433.

Vale GPO Box 433.



BUSH MUSIC CLUB Inc



Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Bush Music Club will be holding its 2024 Annual General Meeting at its headquarters, Tritton Hall from 11am on Sunday, 24th March.

The meeting will receive annual reports and elect the committee members for the coming year.

When Sunday 24th March at 11am

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

A Proxy/Nomination Form can also be downloaded from
<http://www.bushmusic.org.au/Proxy.pdf>

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Bush Music Club Inc. 2024 Annual General Meeting

Where: Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

When: 11am, Sunday 24th March 2024

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 March 2024 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against (delete as appropriate) the resolution (insert details).

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 (second) _____ Date _____

Return completed form(s) to Secretary Bush Music Club GPO Box 433 Sydney 2001

Bush Music Camp at Easter

Date: 29th March – 1st April 2024

Venue:

1121 Penrose Rd, Penrose

Outline:

A camp to celebrate bush music over the Easter Weekend with lots of opportunity for playing tunes, singing songs, reciting poems as well as time-out relaxing, bush-walking, cycling, rowing, and more.

Programme:

A programme of activities to be developed to encourage participation and to foster the interests of the Bush Music Club. Tune workshops at different levels and speeds; Song circles; Song workshops (including songs for XX chromosomes); Poems around the Boree Log; Instrument tutorials in small groups; and your requests.

Facilities:

- Campground: There is ample space for camping whether in tents or campervans or caravans.
- A communal gazebo/ marquee to assemble under.
- A campfire to sit around with billy tea and damper.
- Shower/ Toilet: The venue offers a wash-house with a single shower and composting toilet. There is a tiny-house also on site that offers a shower and composting toilet.
This will suffice for 15-20 people but we will need to book extra if the numbers get beyond that.
- An alternative is to dig a long drop and erect a cover around it. It would be a great activity at the start of the weekend. Dave has materials to create a structure and a tractor with an auger to dig a deep hole.
- Power: There is very limited 240V power available.

Cost:

The costs are minimal – just the extra insurance and the cost of additional facilities.
Flat \$30 (\$10 per night) for the weekend or \$10 per night. \$20 Students

Online tickets here: <https://events.humanitix.com/bushmusiccamp>

Spread the Word:

- Word -of-mouth
- FaceBook groups and personal pages

Beecroft Family Bush Dance in the Afternoon

On Saturday, 4th May 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 BMC Ensemble with John Short calling the dances.

Dances in 2024

Please note the small price increase

3rd August 2024 – BMC Ensemble – TBA

7th December 2024 – BMC Ensemble – TBA

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Pennant Hills Dance Workshop

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 with your host John Short.

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Playford Dancing at BMC Hut – 1st Tuesday of the Month

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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Zoom Singing Session – 2nd Wednesday of the Month

*You are invited to the BMC Monthly Singing Session via Zoom
...Feeling cut off? Then make yourself a cuppa, sit back and join in the singing online...*

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77436849599?pwd=O2TI2dVvY2cYd3B59wfkLWLbjVFTzR.1>
Meeting ID: 774 3684 9599 Passcode: K24Dd4

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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, 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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Singabout Session in the Hut – 3rd Wednesday of the Month

When: Wednesday, 20th March
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:
A song to sing alone or with others and your lunch for a day of singing and friendship.

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Monday Night Music Weekly Workshop & Session - Weekly

When: *Slow Session* - 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm
Themed Singing and Music Session - 7.15 pm to 9.00 pm
March – 'Food'
April – 'Immigration'
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 – 1st Wednesday of the Month

When: Wednesday, 3rd April
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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Saplings News

The Saplings have had a busy start to the year with two sessions at the Illawarra Folk Festival.
Many thanks to the parents and grandparents who continue to bring their young musicians to our sessions, and a special thanks to our excellent tutors. The BMC Youth Bush Band have a dance and a concert spot at the National this year, so if you are going to be there please go and cheer them along.
On Saturday 20th April from 1.00 - 3.00pm Saplings will be having a session at Tritton Hall, Marrickville.
All young musicians are welcome.

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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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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.

If anyone has memories of Eddie Sampson they would like added to the blog, please send them to [<bushmusicclub@gmail.com>](mailto:bushmusicclub@gmail.com)

Obit - Death of Eddie Sampson, January 2024

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/01/obit-death-of-eddie-sampson-january-2023.html>

Festival Report - Folk by the Sea, Kiama 2015

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/03/festival-report-folk-by-sea-kiama-2015.html>

Compilation - Our founders, The Bushwhackers (1952-57)

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/03/compilation-our-founders-bushwhackers.html>

From the Archives - Maitland Steamfest, 2011

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/03/maitland-steamfest-2011.htm>

From the Archives - Guest Book, 1981 -1988

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/03/from-archives-guest-book-1981-1988.html>

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