

BUSH MUSIC CLUB inc.

The Bush Music Club was formed in 1954 to promote awareness of Australian folk traditions. The Club does this by collecting, publishing and popularising our traditional songs, dances, music and folklore. Contemporary compositions in the traditional style are also encouraged.

Workshops: Dance workshops and Instrument workshops are held each week to teach and encourage anyone interested in learning how to sing, play or dance in the bush style.

Bush Dances: Are run monthly at Beecroft and (... less frequently ..., at Ermington. Dances are taught and called and are easy to do ... and fun! Discounts for groups of 20 or more.

Colonial Balls: Several Colonial Dress Balls are held annually. Tickets are often pre-sold (and may sell out well in advance). Generous concessions are available to Club Members.

Concert Party: The Concert Party gives musicians valuable experience in public performance. Concert Party may perform for appropriate charities or community groups for a nominal fee.

Retail: The BMC operates a retail service with books, tapes and records available to members at Club Functions. A mail order service is available. Substantial discounts for Club members.

Publications: The BMC is active in publishing material relating to Australian folk music; songbooks, music, broadsides, dance music, dance manuals and specialist publications. Recordings on CD and cassette are also available. Some of the Club's past publications include: *Singabout* - Selected Reprints; the *Bush Dance* series of Tune Sets, Dance Instructions and CD set and Mike Waters' Dance Book *Ten Years Down the Track*.

Membership

Members of the Bush Music Club are entitled to:

- ***Mulga Wire** - the Club magazine, including **Singabout** - Journal of Australian Folk Lore: a four page liftout in Mulga Wire with songs, dances, tunes and feature articles
- ***Concessions** - at Club functions: including dances, balls, festivals, concerts, etc.
- ***Discounts** - on Club books CDs & retail stock
- ***Tuition** - in Australian styles of playing, singing and dancing
- ***Affiliation** -with NSW Folk Federation, Festivals Australia and like-minded bodies
- ***Opportunity** - to become involved as players, performers, artists and organisers

Bush Music Club Booking Agency

A booking agency specialising in performers who work in the Australian traditional style: bush bands, soloists, reciters, dance callers, dance groups and lots more.

Suitable performers and bands are invited to register with the Agency.

Function organisers looking for entertainment for a party, conference, wedding, concert, birthday, social club function, colonial night, fete or promotion are welcome to discuss their plans with the agent.

Ring: **Pat Bolton 9569 7244**

Membership Application

Post to: **BUSH MUSIC CLUB inc.**

Membership Secretary

Box 433 GPO Sydney 2001

Cheques etc. payable to **Bush Music Club inc.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode _____

Occupation (optional) _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____

Yearly Membership: Aged _____

Single \$22 Family \$30 Pensioner \$12

5 Year Membership:

Single \$100 Family \$130

Donation \$ _____ Chq/Money Order Enclosed \$ _____



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