

## AROUND THE BUSH MUSIC SCENE

Dec 1	7pm	<b>The Addison Rd Sessions</b>
Dec 2	7:30pm	<b>Becroft Bush Dance, BMC Concert Party</b>
Dec 3	7pm	Songlines Song Session
Dec 5	7:30pm	<b>Playford Dancing at the Hut</b>
Dec 8	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club
Dec 8	7:30pm	<b>Duke's Place, Songs from Lola's Keg Night</b>
Dec 9	2pm	<b>Poetry at the Hut</b>
Dec 9	7:30pm	Gosford Bush Dance, Christmas Social Night
Dec 10	1pm	End of Year Folk Bash
Dec 11	8pm	Pennant Hills Workshop Christmas Party See p9
Dec 14	7:30pm	Sutherland Acoustic Night
Dec 15	8pm	Hornsby Folk Club, <i>Sancha and the Blue Gypsies with Marcus Holden</i>
Dec 16	7pm	<b>Dundas Bush Dance, Southern Cross</b>
Dec 16	7pm	Troubadour Folk Club, <i>Christmas Party</i>
Dec 27 - Jan 1		Woodford Folk Festival
Dec 29 - 31		Gulgong Folk Festival
Jan 8	7:30pm	First Pennant Hills Dance Workshop for 2018—see p9
Jan 13	2pm	<b>Poetry at the Hut</b>
Jan 18 - 21		Illawarra Folk Festival
Jan 19	8pm	Hornsby Folk Club
Jan 26	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club
Feb 2	7pm	<b>The Addison Rd Sessions</b>
Feb 3	7:30pm	<b>Becroft Bush Dance, Ryebuck</b>
Feb 4	7pm	Songlines Song Session
Feb 6	7:30pm	<b>Playford Dancing at the Hut</b>
Feb 8	7:30pm	Sutherland Acoustic Night
Feb 9	7:30pm	<b>Duke's Place</b>
Feb 9	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club
Feb 10	2pm	<b>Poetry at the Hut</b>
Feb 10	7:30pm	Gosford Bush Dance
Feb 16	8pm	Hornsby Folk Club
Feb 17	8pm	Loaded Dog Folk Club,
Feb 17	7pm	Troubadour Folk Club
Feb 18	2pm	Keith's Dance Workshop
Feb 23	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club
Feb 24		<b>Accordion Masterclasses and dance</b>
Mar 3	7:30pm	<b>Becroft Bush Dance, Short Dented Potts</b>
Mar 4	7pm	Songlines Song Session
Mar 6	7:30pm	<b>Playford Dancing at the Hut</b>

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INCLUDING  
**SINGABOUT**



Visiting American bones player Steve Wixson was joined by a number of our members for a session.

Steve is from the *Rhythm Bones Society*. <https://rhythmbones.com>

L-R: Dale Dengate, Walter Bolliger, Steve Wixson, Sharyn Mattern, Anne Maher, Frank Maher.

Photo: Sandra Nixon



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# BUSH DANCES

December—March

## BEECROFT Community Centre

Beecroft Road (opposite Fire Stn)

7:30pm—11:30pm

### December 2 BMC Concert Party

### February 3 Ryebuck

### March 3 Short Dented Potts

Enquiries: Sigrid 9980 7077

Wilma 9489 5594

## DUNDAS Community Centre

21 Sturt St, Telopea

7pm—11pm

### December 16 Southern Cross

Enquiries: 0412 145 262

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

[www.bushmusic.org.au](http://www.bushmusic.org.au)

### Cover:

Session with visiting American bones player.

Photo Sandra Nixon

## Concert Party News

The Monday Music Session continues to draw good attendances with several new members joining in playing and enjoying the music and singing. It is a very busy time for BMC musicians at present with involvement in the following public performances, viz:

Music at The Bower in Marrickville on Saturday 11 November,

Music at Australiana Pioneer Village Wilberforce on 26 November,

December Beecroft Bush Dance and

Christmas Party at Pennant Hills Dance workshop.

Many thanks are due to all the Concert Party members and friends who show such loyalty in attending each Monday evening and providing a joyful and pleasant atmosphere in Hut 44. The Concert Party Xmas party will be held on Monday 18 December in the Hut beginning at 2pm with a BBQ in the area adjacent to the hut.

*Allen Davis*



Concert Party at Beecroft (Dec 2013)

Photo: Mike Young

## The Addison Rd Sessions (Singing Session)

We're a hotchpotch group of folk singers who meet once a month to share songs and we welcome newcomers.

Songs with choruses are popular; unaccompanied is fine, but bring an accompanying Instrument if you wish.

**Time:** 7pm, First Friday of the month

**Venue:** Tritton Hall (Hut 44),

Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

**Cost:** Gold coin donation

**Contact:** Glenys 4758 7497

## Event Details

**Accordion Masterclasse & dance**, Hut 44, Addison Rd Comm Centre, Marrickville

Presented by the BMC and the Accordion Society.

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

**Beecroft Bush Dance**, Beecroft Community Hall, Beecroft

☎ Sigrid 9980 7077 / Wilma 9489 5594

**Duke's Place**, Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

☎ Sandra 9358 4886 See p8

**End of Year Folk Bash**, Gaelic Club, 1st Flr, 64 Devonshire St, Surry Hills

☎ Margaret 9698 2206

**Gosford Bush Dance**, East Gosford Progress Hall

☎ Anne Maree 0413 588 634 <http://www.ccbdma.org/dance/>

**Gulgong Folk Festival**

<http://www.gulgongfolkfestival.net.au>

**Hornsby Folk Club**, Beatrice Taylor Hall (in Willow Park), Edgeworth David Ave

☎ Barry 9807 9497

**Illawarra Folk Festival**, Bulli

☎ 1300 887 034 <http://www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au/>

**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 p13

**Poetry at the Hut**, Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

☎ Karen 9716 9660 See p7

**Songlines Song Session**, Australian Heritage Hotel, 100 Cumberland St, The Rocks

☎ Jenny 9576 2301

**Sutherland Acoustic**, Tradies, Gymea

☎ Jenny 9576 2301

**The Addison Rd Sessions**, Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

☎ Glenys 4758 7497 See p15

**Toongabbie Music Club**, 17 Whitehaven Rd, Northmead

☎ 9639 7494

**Troubadour Folk Club**, CWA Hall, The Boulevarde, Woy Woy

☎ Michael 4342 6716



We are nearly at the end of another wonderful year but it's not all over yet!

Our Monday night Pennant Hills Dance Workshop will be celebrating Christmas on 11th December with the BMC Concert Party providing the music. Come along and join us as we celebrate Christmas, the BMC way!

There is so much taking place in December including the Christmas Beecroft and Dundas dances which are always an enjoyable (Dundas replacing Ermington this year). Check out all the happenings in the BMC Calendar.

Many happy returns, also, to the BMC Concert Party who celebrated their 60th birthday this year. Congratulations and all the very best for the next 60 years.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year such a success and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and looking to catch up with you all in 2018.

And don't forget to check out Sandra's blog articles on the BMC website.

*Sharyn Mattern*

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## Worth Noting

**Bush Music Club** will be appearing at the Illawarra Folk Festival in January.

Entrants for the **Dengate Parody Competition** to be held at Gulgong Folk Festival need to submit **3 paper copies** of their entries prior to the 19 December deadline. See P10.

A bunch of our members helped form a Concertina Caterpillar at the National Folk Festival. The performance is now on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVXfH-6BoBg>

The Australian Government has a section of their website dedicated to Australian Stories. Of particular interest are the following:

<http://www.australia.gov.au/about-australia/australian-story/austn-folk-music>

<http://www.australia.gov.au/about-australia/australian-story/bush-songs-and-music>

<http://www.australia.gov.au/about-australia/australian-story/austn-folklore>

## Making Direct Deposit Payments (Membership/Shop/Ball)

Direct Deposit details:

**BSB: 062-005**

**Acct: 0090 7524 (Commonwealth bank)**

**Ref: Member's Name**

Email details of payment to treasurer:

**Allen Davis** <allendavis@iprimus.com.au>

Membership forms or ball ticket forms still need to be sent, either by mail, filled out online, or scanned and sent by email.

**New  
Members**

★ Pamela & Bill BRINKWORTH ★

★ Michelle ARGENT ★

★ Stephen McCANN★ ★ Emma SPUTNIK★

★ Theresa HARVEY ★

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Harry's granddaughter Lilian & her family  
*Sandra Nixon*



Session with Dave de Hugard

*Sandra Nixon*

## Playford Dancing at the Hut

Next meetings: **Tues 5th December, Tues 6th February**, 7:30pm to 9:30pm

The Bush Music Club is hosting Sydney Playford dancing in our headquarters, Hut 44 Addison Road Community Centre, Marrickville.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month (except January), and there will be live music as often as possible. Cost \$7.

For more information contact Julie Bishop 9524 0247

## Back to Binalong

Bush Traditions organised this weekend to celebrate the music of Harry & Vera Cotter & their daughter Val Turton in conjunction with a planned Concertina Convergence.



31 musicians attended the session on Tunes of Harry Cotter

*Sandra Nixon*



Dave Johnson with Helen & Tony Romeo

*Sandra Nixon*



*Everyone is invited to-*

## The Pennant Hills Dance Workshop Christmas Party

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
7.30pm to 9.30pm**

**Music by the BMC Concert Party.**

An enjoyable evening of Bush Dancing and traditional music is guaranteed. Our hall is air conditioned.

If you were previously a regular at Pennant Hills but have not danced with us lately, why not come along for this special night.

Tea and Coffee supplied.  
Please bring your own mug and  
a small plate to share.

Entry is only \$7 (Free for first timers).

To be held at:  
The Pennant Hills Community Centre & Library,  
Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills.  
(Opposite the railway station.)  
We are in the downstairs hall,  
enter through the doors in the car park.

## Poet's Corner

### Daisy's on the Track by Helen & Tony Romeo

Out across the Great Divide, 'midst gardens full of blooms  
The sleepy town of Bathurst lies, just where a mountain looms  
And up along that mountain's side, around and down again,  
A road winds up to open views across the western plain

On normal days locals take that road along their way to work  
But at other times the road is closed and the "rev-heads" go berserk  
From all across the land they come to fire up their big V8's  
To squeal around the bends and turns and rocket down the straights

'Twas such a day, some time ago, this incident took place  
the most important meeting of the year, the big Grand Final race.  
The crowds awaited, breathless, the starter's light to flash  
And engines rumbled loudly, all set to make the dash

Meanwhile.....down along the Conrod Straight, at No 53  
Daisy Biggs decided she'd like some scones for afternoon tea  
She gathered her ingredients then found to her surprise  
The only flour that she had left would not allow her scones to rise

Now Mrs Biggs was 87 but took a lot of stopping,  
She was determined to get her Devonshire tea, even if it meant some shopping  
She untied her floral apron and found her old straw hat  
She changed out of her slippers and put out 'Patch', the cat

And as she walked along the path, out to her little car  
She heard a distant rumble, like thunder from afar  
'Sounds like rain!' she thought "I'd better hurry back"  
and, after checking that the road was clear, pulled out onto the track

Now the racers were all underway (you probably had guessed)  
Engines screaming, drivers straining all out to be the best  
There wasn't much between them, all 20 came o'er the rise  
And there was Mrs B!!.....they could not believe their eyes!!

Well, technique went out the window, panic over took the cool  
Let's face it - 'Pensioners cruising at 40K' just isn't covered at racing school  
And so 20 thundering monsters, running a few hundred horses each  
Were suddenly required to brake, tyres began to screech!!

Physicist have a term for it, I think, - "the domino effect"  
But, simply put, the end result was all the cars were wrecked  
They finished in a smouldering heap, all broken bashed and bent  
One stray wheel was set in flight and took out a sponsor's tent

## 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: Brian 0414 565 805

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

### Bush Music Club

#### Dundas Bush Dance



7pm - 11pm *Note start time*  
Dundas Community Centre  
21 Sturt St, Telopea

**Hall is air conditioned**

Cost: \$19 Adult, \$14 BMC Members  
Includes supper

Sat December 16 - *Southern Cross*

### Bush Music Club

#### Beecroft Bush Dance



7:30pm - 11:30pm *Note start time*  
Beecroft Community Centre  
Beecroft Road (cnr Copeland Rd)

Cost: \$19 Adult, \$14 BMC Members  
Includes supper

Sat December 2 - *BMC Concert Party*

Sat February 3 - *Ryebuck*

Sat March 3 - *Short Dented Potts*

Sat April 7 - *BMC Concert Party*

# JOHN DENGATE POLITICAL PARODY SONGWRITING COMPETITION



**GULGONG FOLK FESTIVAL will hold the annual  
John Dengate Political Parody Songwriting Competition  
during the festival - 29 to 31 December 2017**

**This competition, searching for a political satirist after the style of  
John Dengate is open now - closing on 19 December 2017.**

**There is satirical material galore,  
on the Australian and the world stage .....**

**Get Thinking - Get the Irony - Get Creative - Get Writing!**

**Entry forms and Festival Information:**

[www.gulgongfolkfestival.net.au](http://www.gulgongfolkfestival.net.au)

**Please refer to the 2017 Festival Program for precise competition scheduling.**

**Enquiries: [di.clifford15@gmail.com](mailto:di.clifford15@gmail.com) – 0458 032 150**

**ENTRY is FREE**

Daisy simply motored on, unaware of all the fuss  
A classical example of ignorance being a plus!!  
She signalled early, dropped down the gears and slowly hung a right  
And headed towards the crowded stands – a truly colourful sight  
‘The markets must be on’ she thought as all the scene flashed past her  
while desperate marshals and officials tried to halt the great disaster  
the crowd just watched in disbelief, the little car dodged and swayed  
then they joined in the fun and cheered her on her way  
She saw a mass of people blocking passage up ahead  
Then took what seemed a side-street – and down Pit Lane she sped  
Where the pit crew, trained to respond, to gain the slightest break  
Had her set with fresh fuel and tyres before realising their mistake!!  
Now, with everything considered, it’s all ended pretty well  
They melted down those dead V8’s – made a giant warning bell!!  
And the sponsors have thought it out, Daisy’s filled with glee  
Because each race day she gets a special invite – to attend for afternoon tea!!

## **POETRY anyone?**

Enjoy reciting a poem?                      Sharing a poem with others?  
Perhaps writing your own poems?      Brushing up on performing some ‘bush’ poetry?  
If so, you are very welcome to come along. A contribution to go with afternoon tea  
would be appreciated.

**Where:** The BMC Hut at Marrickville, Addison Rd.

**When:** Saturday 2pm to 4pm - **Dec 9, Feb 10, Mar 10**

**Cost:** \$5 or gold coin donation

**Contact:** Karen (02) 9716 9660 OR [fongs@bigpond.net.au](mailto:fongs@bigpond.net.au)

## **Beecroft Spot Prizes**

At recent 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:

**Renaissance Hair Studio** Westleigh

**La Thai Restaurant** Thornleigh

**Topiary Café** Epping

**The Beauty Salon** Westleigh

**Wilma Lyon Music School** Normanhurst

**Westleigh Quality Meats** Westleigh

# DUKE'S PLACE

**Australian Songs  
in Concert & session**



**Usually Second Friday of  
the Month Feb - Dec**

Doors open 7:30pm  
Concert 8 - 10.30pm, followed by  
singing session  
(gates close midnight)

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

\$10 - Bring a plate - bring songs

## Friday 8th December - Songs from Lola's Keg Night

Presented by the show's creators, PP Cranney and Christina Mimmocchi including songs that didn't make it into the show.

<http://christinapossum.wixsite.com/lola/about>

**Dates for 2018:**

**Friday 9th February**

**Friday 9th March**

**Friday 13 April**

**Friday 18 May (3rd Friday)**

**Friday 15 June (3rd Friday)**

**Friday 13 July**

**Friday 10 August**

**Friday 14 September**

**Friday 12 October**

**Friday 9 November**

**Friday 14 December**

## Mulga Wire: 2018 Publishing Deadlines

Item Deadline	To Printers	Folding Session
2 February	8 February	13 February
11 May	17 May	22 May

## Pennant Hills Dance Activities

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

During September our workshops focussed on teaching and practicing the dances for the Central Coast Flannel Flower Ball, which was held in October. It was a very enjoyable event and well supported by the Penno Dancers.

In October and November we enjoyed some mixed workshops, dancing a range of styles and introducing some new dances to our repertoire.

On 11th December we will be holding our Christmas Party with music provided by the BMC Concert Party. Why not come along and join us? It is always a great night of dancing and music. Bring along a small plate to share if you want. As in all our workshops, first timers are free.

And don't forget, the Christmas Party is not the last workshop of the year. On 18th December we will hold our traditional request night. There is no planned program, the dances being requested by the dancers on the night.

Our first dance of the new year will be held on 8th January. Later in January we will enjoy some Australian dances (such as the Scottish Waltz, Marching Through Georgia and the New French Cotillion) for Australia Day. February will feature some mixed dance workshops with both traditional and recently-written dances.

Lots of dancing at Pennant Hills, in the air conditioned community hall.

*John Short*

## Programme December/January/February

MONDAY 7.30-10.30	THEME/DANCE STYLE
4 December	Practice for Christmas Party
11 December	Dance Workshop Christmas Party with BMC Concert Party
18 December	Request Night. Come along and request your favourite dance
25 December	<b>No Workshop - Merry Christmas</b>
1 January	<b>No Workshop - Celebrate Federation Day instead</b>
8 January	Welcome Back workshop. First workshop in the new year
15 January	Welcome back workshop
22 January	Australian Dances
29 January	Australian Dances
5 February	Mixed workshops, modern and traditional dances
12 February	Mixed workshops, modern and traditional dances
19 February	Mixed workshops, modern and traditional dances
26 February	Mixed workshops, modern and traditional dances