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BUSH DANCES

June-September

BEECROFT Community Centre

Becroft Road (opposite Fire Stn)

7:30pm—11:30pm

June 1 **Short Dented Potts**

July 6 **Barangaroo**

August 3 **Currawong**

September 7 **Paddy's River**

Enquiries: Sigrid 9980 7077
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Dukes Place

June 14 **Clark Gormley**

July 12 **Derek Dowding**

August 9 **TBA**

September 13 **TBA**

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www.bushmusic.org.au

Cover:

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC, Governor of NSW and her husband Dennis Wilson, with Sharyn Mattern at the Goulburn Railway Sesquicentenary Ball.

Photo Victor Pickel
vicpic@iprimus.com.au



Welcome to winter, well almost, and to be sure you stay warm come along to the Beecroft Bush Dance on the 1st Saturday of the month - see the BMC calendar for more information.

Bush Traditions' Bundanoon DanceFest is on again and will be held on 7-10th June 2019. This is a weekend of dance, dance, dance to live music so if this appeals to you be sure to check out their website for more information.

Duke's Place is held on the 2nd Friday of the month and presents an excellent, intimate concert with an Australian theme. The next concert is on Friday 14th June with Clark Gormley/Nerds & Music. Nerds & Music consists of two cyborgs (Clark Gormley and Wayne Thompson) assembled by some deranged mechanic in his back shed in Newcastle – be sure to come along and find out what this is all about as it promises to be an excellent evening.

Finally, the Goulburn Railway Sesquicentenary Ball was held on Saturday, 25th May with over 100 people in attendance, including NSW's new governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC and her husband, Dennis Wilson. It was a wonderful evening with magical music provided by the Heritage Ensemble under the baton of Dave Johnson. Thank you to everyone involved in creating this amazing evening. It was truly a night to remember.

Sharyn Mattern

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Worth Noting

One of our members, **Michaela Simoni**, along with Shirley Jenkins and Dona Samson Zappone, is having an Art Exhibition called *Peacock Princesses* at Merrylands RSL, 8-12 Miller St, Merrylands. It opens on 4th June and the **Duck River Band** will be playing at the opening.

The James Maddison Carpenter Collection of traditional folk songs and drama (1928 – 1935) is going on line from August this year. Carpenter was a post grad at Harvard (shades of Frances James Child of Child ballad fame) who took a recording device to England and Scotland collecting folk songs and mummers plays among other things.
<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/elphinstone/carpenter/>

The ABC has reported on the greening of the **Woodford Folk Festival** site called Woodfordia. It has been done by volunteers at a second festival called “The Planting”
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-05-08/how-volunteers-laid-woodfordias-100000-strong-trees/11072754>

The Guardian has an article on the controversy when Morris Dancing in the UK was opened up to women.
<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2019/mar/29/morris-dancing-gender-women>

New reissues from Undercover Music:

Eric Bogle *When the Wind Blows* - digital reissue

John Munro *The Eureka Suite* - a testament to his wonderful musical legacy and life.
<http://www.undercovermusic.com.au/latestreleases.htm>

There is now a completely revised website dedicated to the memory of **Danny Spooner**. Lots of good information and pictures.
<https://www.dannyspooner.com>

Dr Graham Seal AM, Professor of Folklore at Curtin University has a couple of interesting blogs:

<https://gristlyhistory.blog>

<http://verandahmusic.blogspot.com>

Mulga Wire: 2019 Publishing Deadlines

Item Deadline	To Printers	Folding Session
9 August	15 August	20 August
8 November	14 November	19 November

The Addison Rd 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 (June cancelled - long weekend)

Venue: Tritton Hall (Hut 44),
Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville

Cost: Gold coin donation

Contact: Glenys 0419 862 005

Vale Bill Berry

One of our early members, Bill Berry (far right in the photo below), passed away in March this year. He joined Sydney's Unity Singers with John Meredith in the early days and spent much of his life performing our historical songs both at folk festivals and as a busker in the Blue Mountains. He will be greatly missed.



1986 Early Members Reunion. L-R: Bill Scott, Frank Maher, Jack Wright, Jamie Carlin, Janet Wakefield, Alex Bowker, Rex Whalan, Barbara Gibbons, Alan Scott and Bill Berry. *BMC Archives*

Poet's Corner

Hugs

It's wondrous what a hug can do,
A hug can warm you when you're blue.
A hug can say, 'I love you so'
Or, 'Gee, I hate to see you go!'

*It costs you nothing, you'll be surprised
The love it brings to sad blue eyes.
It's no secret, I tell you true
A hug can mean the world to you.*

A hug is 'Welcome back again'
And 'Great to see you! Glad you came!'
A hug can soothe a small child's pain
And bring a rainbow after rain.

*The love it brings, beyond compare
You know at once you're welcome there.
It says a lot, without a word
Just try it out, you'll be assured.*

A Hug! There's just no doubt about it,
We scarcely could survive without it.
A hug delights and warms and charms;
It must be why God gave us arms.

*Practise it day by day, and
Watch your cares all fade away.
Try it soon; you'll find it's true
A hug will mean the world to you.*

Hugs are great for dads and mothers,
Great for sisters and for brothers.
Chances are your favourite aunts
Love them more than potted plants.

*It's all been said; I've said it twice
So have a hug, it feels quite nice.
When you're down and feeling low
Come on, get up, give it a go.*

Never fret about your store of 'em,
The more you give, the more there is of
'em!
Stretch out your arms without delay
And give someone a hug, today.

*I'll bet you're feeling better now
A hug can do it just somehow.
I'll close now with the words I'll pray
And save it for another day.*

Anon with last 5 verses (in italics) by **Mike Waters**.

POETRY anyone?

Enjoy reciting a poem or sharing one with others? Perhaps writing your own poems?
Performing some 'bush' poetry? If so, you are most welcome to come along. A contri-
bution to go with afternoon tea would be appreciated.

When: Usually **second** Saturday of the month, 2pm to 4pm

Remaining dates for 2019: (**no June meeting**), Jul 13, Aug 10, Sep 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14

Cost: \$5

Where: Tritton Hall, Hut 44, Addison Road Centre, 142 Addison Rd, Marrickville.

Contact: Karen (02) 9716 9660 OR fongs@bigpond.net.au

2019 Goulburn Railway Sesquicentenary Ball



The official party at the head supper table.

Photo: Victor Pickel

Dancers at the end of the Grand March.

Photo: Victor Pickel
vicpic@iprimus.com.au



Heritage Ensemble as seen from the caller's position.

Photo: Don Richmond

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 14th June - Clark Gormley/Nerds & Music

Nerds & Music consists of two cyborgs (Clark Gormley and Wayne Thompson) assembled by some deranged mechanic in his back shed in Newcastle. The Nerds, whose repertoire extends from sea shanties about the National Broadband Network to country rock anthems about lawnmowing, are renowned for their wordy witty songs. They will be featuring all the hits from their newest and soon to be critically acclaimed album *You Can't Polish a Nerd*. Audiences have been rendered dumbstruck by their weirdness, witticisms, wordplay, and alliteration.

<https://www.clarkgormley.com/>

Friday 12th July - Derek Dowding - Singer, songwriter, agitator

A songwriter with a difference, Derek excels as a quirky wordsmith possessing an acute wit and an eye for the overtly absurd and unjust. Irreverent. Ironic. Cognizant. Sardonic. With a catalogue of 180+ original songs, Derek presents a novel selection ranging from satirical pieces crammed with cutting social commentary and off-beat humour as well as lilting tunes accompanying thoughtful, illustrative poetry.

Friday 9th August - TBC

Friday 13th September - Dingos Breakfast

Pennant Hills Dance Activities

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

During May we practiced the dances on the programs of the Gosford Jane Austen dance and the Goulburn BMC Railway Ball. David Potter taught the dances for the Jane Austen event and Wendy Richmond for the Railway Ball. Our thanks to both for their time and expertise.

In June we will be holding the annual dance workshop birthday party and practicing for both the Beecroft and Gosford July dances. The Beecroft dance will feature the World Famous Barangaroo Bush Band while the Gosford dance will feature some of the dances on the Gosford Flannel Flower Spring Ball program. There is also a public holiday in June. A workshop will not be held on this night but look out for a full weekend of dancing in Bundanoon.

In July we will be practicing the dances for the August Beecroft dance. Currawong Bush Band will be playing so a great night is guaranteed.

In August there will be two practice nights for the New Sydney Ball. The last workshop in August and the first in September will be dedicated to waltz and rotary chasses practice.

Plenty of dancing at Pennant Hills, so see you there!

John Short

Programme June/July/August

MONDAY 7.30–10.30	THEME/DANCE STYLE
3 June	Practice for the Dance Workshop Party
10 June	Holiday. No workshop but plenty of dancing at Bundanoon
17 June	Dance Workshop Birthday Party
24 June	Practice for July Beecroft and Gosford Dances
1 July	Practice for July Beecroft and Gosford Dances
8 July	Practice for July Gosford Dance
15 July	Practice for August Beecroft Dance
22 July	Practice for August Beecroft Dance
29 July	Practice for August Beecroft Dance
5 August	Mixed Dance Night
12 August	Practice for New Sydney Ball
19 August	Practice for New Sydney Ball
26 August	Waltz and Rotary Chasses Practice

Playford Dancing at the Hut

Next meetings:

Tues 4th Jun, 2nd Jul and 6th Aug 7:30pm to 9:30pm

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

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month (except January). There will be live music as often as possible.

Cost \$7.

For more information contact:

Julie Bishop 9524 0247

Have you visited the **BMC Blog** recently? There are lots of new articles and photos of our activities over the past year. The address is:

<http://bushmusicclub.blogspot.com.au>

or follow the link from the BMC website.

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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.

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: Aisleen <aisleenevans@gmail.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/SydneySlowSession/>

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 June 1 - *Short Dented Potts*

Sat July 6 - *Barangaroo*

Sat August 3 - *Currawong*

Sat September 7 - *Paddy's River*

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:

Woolworths Thornleigh

La Thai Restaurant Thornleigh

Topiary Café Epping

Westleigh Quality Meats Westleigh

2019 BMC AGM

President's Report

The Bush Music Club has many activities and 2018 was definitely a busy and successful year.

Our volunteers enable the club to run efficiently and effectively and, without you, we would not survive. A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in all the clubs' activities and for all your hard work and to all the members who participated in these activities.

I would like to give a huge *Thank You* to everyone who was involved in the club's activities below:

- BMC Committee and Hut Maintenance Team
- Library and Archives
- Becroft Family Bush Dance
- Duke's Place
- Addison Road Sessions (singing)
- Heritage Ball, Ermington
- Playford Dancing at the Hut
- Pennant Hills Dance Workshops
- Poets' Corner
- Saplings Sessions
- Monday Night Slow Tunes and Song and Tunes sessions
- Irish Slow Session

Thank you, once again, everyone for your generosity, participation and contribution over the past year and we look forward to an amazing year ahead.

Sharyn Mattern

BUSH MUSIC CLUB Inc

Summary of Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 31 December 2018

<i>Income</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>\$</i>
Dances and Workshops	6637.02	Dance Venues	6616.22
Gross 15101.00 Bands & Food (8463.98)		Rent and Expenses	
Hut 44	11374.00	Hut 44 Rent and Repairs	14211.78
Ball	2390.00	Ball	604.80
Membership	4712.00	Insurance	2235.75
Other	146.70	Mulga Wire and Postage	3920.08
		Other	499.98
NET OPERATING INCOME	25,859.72	NET OPERATING EXPENDITURE	28,088.61
Interest	2302.90	Net Profit	74.01
TOTAL	28,162.62	TOTAL	28,162.62

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2018

<i>Liabilities</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>Assets</i>	<i>\$</i>
MEMBERS' EQUITY	125,192.49	FIXED ASSETS	Nil
<i>Represented By:</i>		CURRENT ASSETS	125,192.49
Balance 31/12/2017	125,118.48	Cash at Bank	2023.26
Net Profit	<u>74.01</u>	Stock on Hand	915.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES	Nil	Archives	701.81
		Cash Float	200.00
		Bond	500.00
		Investments	<u>120,852.42</u>
TOTAL	125,192.49	TOTAL	125,192.49

Allen Davis Treasurer

Event Details

Addison Rd Singing Session, Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville
☎ Glensys 0419 862 005 See p5

Beecroft Bush Dance, Beecroft Community Hall, Beecroft
☎ Sigrid 9980 7077 / Wilma 9489 5594

Bundanoon Dancefest
<http://www.bushtraditions.org/>

Duke's Place, Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre, Marrickville
☎ Sandra 9358 4886 See p8

English Country Dancing at the Hut, Hut 44, Addi Rd Com Centre, Marrickville
☎ David 0413 210 789

Gosford Bush Dance, East Gosford Progress Hall
☎ Anne Maree 0413 588 634 <http://www.ccbdma.org/schedule.htm>

Hornsby Folk Club, Beatrice Taylor Hall (in Willow Park), Edgeworth David Ave
☎ Barry 9807 9497

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

New Sydney Ball
<http://newsydneyball.com/>

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

Sydney English Country Dance
<https://englishcountrydancesydney.com>

Toongabbie Music Club, 17 Whitehaven Rd, Northmead
☎ 9639 7494

Troubadour Folk Club, CWA Hall, The Boulevard, Woy Woy
☎ Michael 4342 6716

Concert Party News

The Concert Party has continued to meet each Monday evening with varying attendance numbers, influenced somewhat by the cooler weather and other factors including dance practices for the Goulburn Sesquicentenary Railway Ball.

With regards to the latter, 20 musicians are to perform at Goulburn on 25 May 2019, a large percentage of which is represented by Concert Party members.

The BMC Concert Party has members in many bush bands. One of the original intentions for creating the Concert Party by the Bush Music Club was to encourage other bush bands to be formed and perform both in public and at BMC events such as the Beecroft Dance. This objective has been achieved over the years and continues today.

Allen Davis



Concert Party play for the Beecroft Dance, with Margaret Bolliger calling from the floor.
Photo: Mike Young

**New
Members**

★ Rob DAVIDSON ★
★ Gaye SMALL ★ ★ Colum HICKEY ★
★ Holly & Stephen COTTERELL ★

AROUND THE BUSH MUSIC SCENE

Jun	1	7:30pm	Beecroft Bush Dance, <i>Short Dented Potts</i>
Jun	2	7pm	Songlines Song Session
Jun	4	7:30pm	Playford Dancing at the Hut
Jun	7-9		Bundaoon Dancefest
Jun	13	7:30pm	Sutherland Acoustic Night
Jun	14	7:30pm	Duke's Place, <i>Clark Gormley/Nerds & Music</i>
Jun	14	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club
Jun	15	2:30pm	Sydney English Country Dance
Jun	15	7pm	Troubadour Folk Club, at Everglades Club, <i>Trippy Hippy Band</i>
Jun	16	2pm	Keith's Dance Workshop, <i>Contra - Rerun</i>
Jun	18	7:30pm	English Country Dancing at the Hut
Jun	21	8pm	Hornsby Folk Club
Jun	22	7:30pm	Loaded Dog Folk Club, <i>The Convict Voice ReCollected + Cap in Hand</i>
Jun	22	7pm	Troubadour Folk Club, <i>The Water Runners</i>
Jun	28	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club
Jul	2	7:30pm	Playford Dancing at the Hut
Jul	5	7pm	Addison Rd Singing Session
Jul	6	7:30pm	Beecroft Bush Dance, <i>Barangaroo</i>
Jul	7	7pm	Songlines Song Session
Jul	11	7:30pm	Sutherland Acoustic Night
Jul	12	7:30pm	Duke's Place, <i>Derek Dowding</i>
Jul	12	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club
Jul	13	2pm	Poetry at the Hut
Jul	13	7:30pm	Gosford Bush Dance, Social night with <i>John Short</i>
Jul	16	7:30pm	English Country Dancing at the Hut
Jul	19	8pm	Hornsby Folk Club
Jul	20	2:30pm	Sydney English Country Dance
Jul	21	2pm	Keith's Dance Workshop, <i>Contra - Zesty</i>
Jul	26	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club
Jul	27	7:30pm	Loaded Dog Folk Club, <i>Jason & Chloe Roweth + Buck & Deanne</i>
Jul	27	7pm	Troubadour Folk Club, <i>Witches Leap + Lisa Richards</i>
Aug	2	7pm	Addison Rd Singing Session
Aug	3	7:30pm	Beecroft Bush Dance, <i>Currawong</i>
Aug	4	7pm	Songlines Song Session
Aug	6	7:30pm	Playford Dancing at the Hut
Aug	8	7:30pm	Sutherland Acoustic Night
Aug	9	7:30pm	Duke's Place
Aug	9	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club
Aug	10	2pm	Poetry at the Hut
Aug	10	7:30pm	Gosford Bush Dance, <i>Southern Cross</i>
Aug	16	8pm	Hornsby Folk Club
Aug	17	2:30pm	Sydney English Country Dance
Aug	18	2pm	Keith's Dance Workshop, <i>My Dances</i>
Aug	20	7:30pm	English Country Dancing at the Hut
Aug	23	7:30pm	Toongabbie Music Club
Aug	24	7:30pm	Loaded Dog Folk Club, <i>Shiny Bum Singers + Witches Leap</i>
Aug	24	7pm	New Sydney Ball, <i>Short Dented Potts</i>
Aug	24	7pm	Troubadour Folk Club, <i>Kejaffi</i>

See page 14 for more details of these events