



It's party time at The Bush Music Club !!!

This year we turn 70 and the celebrations have begun!

The next celebration will be the club's 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!

AND

Don't forget to buy your BMC 70th Anniversary badge!!!

Let us know if you would like to come along by emailing **Karen:**
bmcmail1954@gmail.com



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 Concert Party 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 Workshops

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 5th March 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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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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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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Monday Night Music Weekly Workshop & Session

When: *Slow Session* - 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm
Themed Singing and Music Session - 7.15 pm to 9.00 pm
February Theme "Travel/Transport (horse, mechanical, nautical, air, foot)"
March Theme "Food"
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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Singabout Session in the Hut - Wednesday, 20th March 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
Subject: Food
What to Bring:
A song to sing alone or with others and your lunch for a day of singing and friendship.

New !!

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BMC Zoom Singing Session – Wednesday, 13th March 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=O2TI2dVY2cYd3B59wfkLWLbjVFTzR.1>

Meeting ID: 774 3684 9599

Passcode: K24Dd4

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Saplings News for February ...

Saplings is about young people tapping into the vast resource of collected Australian music and songs.

Starting in April Saplings will be having regular sessions at Tritton Hall. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

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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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>

Chris & Virginia Woodland Collection - Miscellaneous photos

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/02/ciris-virginia-woodland-collection.html>

Compilations & Chronologies - Duke Tritton

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/02/compilations-chronologies-duke-tritton.html>

Festival Reports - Illawarra Folk Festival, 2024

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/02/festival-reports-illawarra-folk.html>

Festival Reports - BMC @ Illawarra Folk Festival, 2024

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/02/festival-reports-bmc-illawarra-folk.html>

From the Archives - Bob Bolton Collection - Paying a Debt (by Socius)

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/02/from-archives-bob-bolton-collection.html>

From the Archives - Barbara Gibbons' Music Book, 1980s

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/02/from-archives-barbara-gibbons-music.html>

Festival Reports - Saplings @ Illawarra Folk Festival, 2024

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/02/festival-reports-saplings-illawarra.html>

Festival reports - Dale & John Dengate Parody Cup, Illawarra Folk Festival 2024
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/02/festival-reports-john-dengate-parody.html>

Festival Reports - Illawarra Folk Festival 2024, Sharyn Mattern collection
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/01/festival-reports-illawarra-folk.html>

From the Archives - 1984 Committee Flow Chart
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/01/from-archives-1984-committee-flow-chart.html>

BMC turns 70 this year & we have plans!
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/01/bmc-turns-70-this-year-we-have-plans.html>

2 new (old) songs by Duke Tritton as published in Mulga Wire, no. 260, Summer 2023 with a review of Time Means Tucker
<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/01/2-new-old-songs-by-duke-tritton-as.htm>

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Bush Traditions – Autumn Gathering in Gunning **23 - 25 February 2024**

This is a gathering for those interested in Australia's settler heritage, of song, music and word.

It is relaxed and informal with minimal programming. We do organise the odd session.

- Arrive at your pleasure!
- The hall will be available from Friday afternoon.
- You are invited to a soup and bread roll meal on arrival.
- For campers some fridge space is available in the hall kitchen over the weekend.
- A breakfast of egg and bacon sandwiches is included (until the eggs and bacon run out or the cook calls time) .
- The cafe does lunches and the pub does a decent takeaway steak sandwich for dinner or you can book a table in the dining room.
- Basic bathroom facilities are available in the camp ground.

This is a low cost weekend: \$20 covers the cost of hiring the hall, soup and bacon & egg sandwich for breakfast.

Relax, play music talk, sing, go for a walk.

Accommodation

- Camping is available on the Showground. It is plentiful and free. Look for a shady tree in the area behind the main hall.
- Gunning boasts one small motel of about 10 rooms. Yours for the asking.
- There is a pub and a cafe but no bakery or supermarket.

It happens on the weekend before the Cobargo Folk Festival.

This offers participants the chance to coordinate travel arrangements and link festival dates.

Ray Mulligan <https://www.bushtraditions.org/>

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Happenings at Wongawilli Dance Group

Bush Dance Lessons

When: Sunday 10th March
Sunday 24th March

Time: 1.00pm for lesson
2.00 – 4.00 for bush dance with afternoon tea

Entry: \$5.00

Where: Heininger Hall, Heininger Street, Dapto

Contact: Cris 0404 667 614
wongawillibushdance@gmail.com

Music Song and Dance

Singalong, Bush Dance and Dance Display
Chord-eaux and Southern Cross Bush Band

When: Thursday 21st March

Time: 1.30 for 1.45pm

Entry: \$5 includes afternoon tea

Where: Heininger Hall, Heininger Street, Dapto

RSVP: 0404 667 614

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