

BMC Members' and Friends' Reunion - Sunday 26th May 2024!!



*The Bush Music Club's 70th year celebrations have arrived ...
Come to the Goulburn Club on Sunday 26 May*



BMC reunion at Goulburn is fast approaching!

We are looking forward to the Bush Music Club's reunion on Sunday 26 May at the Goulburn Club (19 Market Street, Goulburn).

It promises to be a great opportunity to catch up with BMC friends old and new with a cuppa or beer overlooking Belmore Park.

There will be talks about some aspects of the Club's history by a number of the members followed by a Music and Song session with Ralph Pride.

Ralph has been busy selecting some pieces from Singabouts throughout the years. After lunch, there will be an opportunity for all present to sing a song, play a favourite tune, recite a poem, tell a yarn or just enjoy listening.

Why not join us? To register and find out more, email Karen on the BMC email bmcmail1954@gmail.com and for catering purposes, let her know if you would like a meat or veggie stew (\$12 payable at the bar).

Regards,

BMC 70th Anniversary Committee

Later in the year we will have...

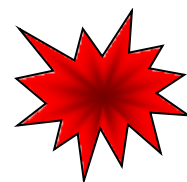
- On **Sunday 27 October**, there will be a **lunch and special afternoon dance** for members and friends at **Petersham Town Hall** in Sydney. The day will involve:
 - Welcome at 11am with opportunities to enjoy a slide show through the years or play music with others.
 - Delicious buffet-style lunch 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: bmcmail1954@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.

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**Beecroft Family Bush Dance in the Afternoon
On Saturday, 3rd August 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 Margaret Bolliger calling the dances.

Last Dance of 2024

7th December 2024 – BMC Ensemble – Christmas Special

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**Pennant Hills Dance Workshop
Christmas in July – Monday, 22nd July 2024**



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 Louise 0409 394 126

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=O2TI2dVY2cYd3B59wfkLWLbjVFTzR.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, 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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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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BMC Podcast from 90.5 fm

The Bush Music Club on Alive 90.5 fm Australian Spectrum Show (Episode 790) performing live to air and talking about their 70th Anniversary activities. If you missed the show you can hear a podcast of the show again online at;

<https://omny.fm/shows/australian-spectrum-show/australian-spectrum-show-7-5-2024>

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Saplings News for May ...

We will be holding a Saplings Session in Goulburn for any young musicians coming to the Bush Music Club Reunion the weekend of 25/26 May.

Please contact Helen (helenromeo.romeo@gmail.com) if you are coming.

Saplings will be at SessionFest again this year:

SessionFest is held on the June long weekend at Morisset Showground
10 - 13 June organised by Newcastle and Hunter Valley Folk Club and more
information is available on their website.

All young musicians are welcome to join in the fun!

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Happenings at Wongawilli Colonial Dance Club

Mad Hatter's Afternoon Tea Dance

When: Sunday 19th May

Time: 2.00 – 4.00pm for bush dance – music provided by **Southern Cross & Friends**

Doors open at 1.45pm

Entry: \$5.00 which includes afternoon tea

Where: Heininger Hall, Heininger Street, Dapto

Wear your favourite hat!

All proceeds for this dance will be going to the Cancer Council as part of their Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser.

Regular Bush Dance (1st and 3rd Sundays)

When: Sunday 2nd June

Time: 2.00 – 4.00pm for bush dance – music provided by **Chord-eaux Bush Band**

Doors open at 1.45pm

Entry: \$5.00 which includes afternoon tea

Where: Heininger Hall, Heininger Street, Dapto

Contact: Cris 0404 667 614

wongawillibushdance@gmail.com

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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
May – 'Mining'
June – '

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, 5th June
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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Bush Music Club Blog – <https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/>

From the Archives - The Merro Scrapbooks - a very incomplete collection of articles by John Meredith found in other publications

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/05/from-archives-merro-scrapbooks-very.html>

From the Archives - John Meredith's Old Bush Songs series in The Bulletin, March - May 1955

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/05/from-archives-john-merediths-old-bush.html>

From the Archives - Tales from the Upper Murray - John Meredith's original field notes & typed copy

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/05/from-archives-tales-from-upper-murray.html>

Beecroft Dance - May 2024

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/05/beecroft-dance-may-2024.html>

From the Archives - BMC @ Albion Park Folk Festival , 2003

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/05/from-archives-bmc-albion-park-folk.html>

From the Archives - Railway History with Brian Dunnett & Friends, 2003

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/05/from-archives-railway-history-with.html>

St Albans Folk Festival 2024

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/05/st-albans-folk-festival-2024.html>

John Burch's memories of John Meredith

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/04/john-burchs-memories-of-john-meredith.html>

Saplings Session @ The Hut Saturday 20th April 2024

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/04/saplings-session-hut-saturday-20th.html>

National Folk Fellowships 2004 to 2024

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/04/national-folk-fellowships-2004-to-2024.html>

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Finally, we say a sad goodbye to Julie Grace who passed away on 1st May.
Julie was a vibrant personality, who loved dancing and with her husband, Graeme, were
regulars at our various dancing sessions.
Vale Julie...keep dancing.



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Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/BushMusicClub/>

Meetup - <http://www.meetup.com/Sydney-Bush-Music-Club-Meetup/>

