

# Bush Music Club – E Newsletter for June 2026

## HAPPENINGS FOR JUNE, 2026

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> June                   | 5 – 7pm       | <b>Slow Session</b> – come along and improve your music skills at a speed suits virtually everyone. We aim to remove the mysteries of how to “read the dots”, to enhance your awareness of timing and abilities to listen and play along with other fellow musicians. Cost: \$10 (Hut 44)   |
|  | 7 – 9pm       | <b>Concert Party</b> – Join in with other club members in singing, recitation, yarn spinning or playing traditional Aussie collected tunes. Imagine that you’re sitting round a campfire and taking turns to entertain the rest of the mob. Music notation and song sheets are available, and everyone is welcome to share their experiences. As with any party, participation is strongly encouraged. Cost: \$10, free on first visit or if already paid for Slow Session (Hut 44) |
|  | 7.30 – 9.30pm | <b>Pennant Hills Dance Workshop</b> – Join in learning to dance various traditional bush dances. All dances are walked through and called. Cost: \$10 (Pennant Hills Community Centre)  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> June                   | 7.30 – 9.30pm | <b>Playford Dancing</b> – Come along and dance in a stately manner, reminiscent of Jane Austen times, to live music provided by BMC members. All dances walked through and called. The dances are elegant and restrained, unlike the exuberant exhibitions to be found at a bush dance! (Hut 44)  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> June                   | 11 – 2pm      | <b>Marrickville Music Group</b> – Bring music to share (it can be any genre) and your lunch for a congenial day of music and friendship. Tea/coffee provided. Cost: \$10 (Hut 44)   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> June |               | <b>Bundanoon Dance Fest</b> – brought to you by AUSDAM (Australian Social Dance and Music Inc). A long weekend filled full of various types of folk dancing, accompanied by live music. Come along and dance the hours away, or join with other musicians “to be the Pied Piper”. For more details and ticket sales visit <a href="https://ausdam.org">https://ausdam.org</a>   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> June                   |               | <b>Slow Session, Concert Party</b> (Hut 44)<br><b>Pennant Hills Dance Workshop</b> (Pennant Hills Community Centre)   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> June                  | 11am          | <b>Zoom Singing Session</b> – If you live outside Sydney, there’s no excuse for not joining in with other country members and participating in this singing session. Along with songs, there’s also the odd yarn or recipe thrown into the melting pot to liven things up. (Sharyn to advise contact details)   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> June                  |               | <b>Slow Session, Concert Party</b> (Hut 44)<br><b>Pennant Hills Dance Workshop</b> (Pennant Hills Community Centre)   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> June                  | 11am - ?      | <b>Picnic at Henry Lawson Cave</b> – Come along with your favourite poems or songs from “Henry” and join in celebrating one of our beloved poets. Bring a picnic, maybe something to share (Henry was fond of a bottle...) and your instruments. Cost: free (location???)   |

22<sup>nd</sup> June

Slow Session, Concert Party (Hut 44)

Pennant Hills Dance Workshop (Pennant Hills Community Centre)

29<sup>th</sup> June

Slow Session, Concert Party (Hut 44)

Pennant Hills Dance Workshop (Pennant Hills Community Centre)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> May 26 Beecroft Bush Folk Family Dance Report

BMC's < 20 Concert Party Ensemble people played for & Margaret Bolliger walked-through & called the Saturday 2 May, 2026 dances for 33 enthusiastic & energetic, some first-time attendees, who showed their appreciation by acclamation, after each dance & at the slightly, post 4.30 pm conclusion.

The audio sound was capably attended to by Steve Lockwood; his violin player & Ralph Pride & the ensemble was led by Steve in George Bolliger's absence.

BMC gratefully appreciate both the BMC Concert Party musicians & all of the volunteer's efforts in running the BMC's dances. More of the latter & dancers are required for its continuity.

Spot floor prizes were won & light afternoon refreshments were partaken amongst the jovial conversations during the dancing interval & for it being held again, back in the great atmosphere of the ex-School of Arts 1900's period hall.

Not only the dancers, but the BMC Concert Party musicians also enjoyed playing for this dance. The music sounded quite professional, it showed that the Monday evening practices were successful.

The next Beecroft Dance is on Saturday 1 August, 2026 with the Concert Party Ensemble playing & John Short Calling the dancing that both he & Felicity have taught at the Monday night PHDWs'.



## Pennant Hills Dance Workshop April - May 2026

There were 9, 25, 12 and 19 dancers at the four dance workshops held in the April - May period (20Apr, 27Apr, 4May, 11May).

Dances taught included: Berghofer's Pass, Two Fish, Banksia Quadrille (Fig 3), Brudenel Jig, Breakfast Time Jig, Queen of Sheba, Duck for Cover, CHOGM, Kicking Horse, Shed Dance, Love 'n' Kisses, High Country Mixer, Waverley Rag, Dance of the Kites, Flying Doctor, Rosemary Waltz, Circassian Circle, Progressive Gordons, Dashing White Sergeant, Duke of Kent's Waltz, Flirtation Reel, Janet's Delight.

## May '26 Playford

The Sydney Playford Dance Group met on Tuesday, 5th May at the BMC Hut. There were 10 dancers and 5 Musicians in attendance. The program wasn't strictly adhered with us dancing Hey Boys, Up Go We! and Mr Jack's Maggot instead of other dances. We danced Rufty Tufty, Chestnut, Lilli Burlero, Indian Queen and Rose of Rochester. Thank you to all the callers: Margaret, Christine, Alex and Colin. A big thank you to the musicians who play for us every month. It's greatly appreciated by all the dancers.

## May '26 Saplings

**St Albans** The Saplings had a two hour session outside at St. Albans Folk Festival on the Saturday. We had four regular Saplings and two younger ones. Tutors were Tony, Helen, Beck, Chris, Emily, Vanessa and Mark. A fun time was had playing most songs in Book 6 Ray Doran's "jig" is still the favourite.

**Sessionfest** Saplings will be on the programme for Sessionfest. The new organisers are targeting young people advertising so having Saplings on the programme may help obtain participants.

## Marrickville Music Group MMG and Zoom Singing May '26

**MMG** We had 8 at the gathering with 1 apology and there was an excellent variety of tunes presented. We invite more members to participate next month.

### Zoom Singing

We had 4 participants and 1 of them had to leave early, so the session was short.

## BMC Membership

We welcome our new member, Anna. Although Anna is an accomplished pianist she is concentrating on learning to play the English concertina. Anna's progress with the English concertina is progressing rapidly and she will very soon be playing all tunes comfortably and with confidence.

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