

Bush Music Club – E-Newsletter for August 2025

Some Special Items for your Diary!!

Keep Saturday afternoon 27 September free!!

Come join us for a social afternoon organised by the Bush Music Club for members and friends.

Where and When? The **Garraway Shelter** in Parramatta Park on *Saturday 27 September from 12 to 4pm.*

Map Reference: <https://www.parrapark.com.au/assets/Plan-your-visit/Park-Map/PP.ParkMap.30.9.22.png> (entrance close to intersection of Park Avenue and Railway Parade).

What to Bring? Instrument/s, voice, dancing feet, perhaps something to share (BBQ quite close)

Wet Weather? If light rain, there is a shelter.
But, if heavy, call Karen on the BMC number: 0422 411 423



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Goulburn Gathering October Long Weekend – 3rd – 6th October

The long tradition of Gatherings at Goulburn on the long Weekend of October continues in 2025 with The Bush Music Club now behind the event.

Read on for an exciting long weekend of song, music, poetry, yarnning, and more.

Held in the polished wood elegance of The Goulburn Club in Market Street, Goulburn, with its verand overlooking the beautiful Belmore Park. There are rooms for planned events and niches for informal sessions as well as a licensed bar to assuage thirsts.

The underpinning principle of the event is participation so bring instruments and voices and stories and poems to add to the mix. Accommodation in Goulburn is plentiful, including 2 caravan parks, but with the Lilac Festival also on, you are advised to book early. There is very limited accommodation at the Club also.

Tickets are limited in number in keeping with the size of the facilities. They are available online and at the door and are moderately priced to cover the minimal costs of the weekend. Advanced bookings are much preferred as this helps with accurately planning catering. Concession price is available to seniors and members of other folk organisations.

There will be some catering on-site (more detail in the final program) and Goulburn has a diversity of eating options.

It is possible that the available spaces will be booked out. So, avoid disappointment. Book Early!

Bookings - <https://events.humanitix.com/bmc-goulburn-gathering>

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Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival – 17th – 19th October

The Bush Music Club has been successful in their bid to participate in the KVFF and will be presenting Music and Singing sessions over the weekend:

10-11am on Saturday and Sunday at the bar.

Saplings follow us each day, same location.

For more information about the KVFF go to:

<https://www.kangaroovalleyfolkfestival.com.au/>



Regular Events



Beecroft Family Bush Dance in the Afternoon

When: On Saturday, 6th December 2025
2.00 pm - 4.30 pm
Where: Beecroft Community Centre (now air conditioned)
Beecroft Road (Opposite Fire Station), Beecroft
Cost: \$20 non-member / \$15 concession / \$15 BMC Members / \$40 Family
Contact: BMC Phone: 0422 411 335
Note: In 2026, dances will be held on 7 Feb, 2 May, 1 Aug and 5 Dec

The band, for December, will be BMC Concert Party with Don Richmond calling the dances.

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Monday Night Music Workshop & Session - Weekly

When: Mondays
Slow Session - 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm
Concert Party Session - 7.15 pm to 9.00 pm
Where: Tritton Hall - Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre,
142 Addison Rd, Marrickville (the hut is now air conditioned)
Cost: \$10
Contact: John Burch - 0411 195 088

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Marrickville Music Group - Monthly

When: 1st Wednesday of the month
11am – 2pm
Where: Tritton Hall - Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre (now air conditioned)
142 Addison Rd, Marrickville
Cost: \$10
Contact: Sharyn - 0459 146 845
What to Bring:
Music to share and your lunch for a lovely day of music and friendship

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Just Tunes – *New !!!*

When: Last Saturday of the month (Feb-Nov)
2pm - 5pm
Where: Tritton Hall - Hut 44, Addison Rd Community Centre (now air conditioned)
142 Addison Rd, Marrickville
Cost: \$10
Contact: 0422 411 335

'Just Tunes' is a new music session held on the last Saturday of the month from 2pm-5pm in the Hut at Marrickville. These sessions are great for anyone wanting some extra

practice. Bring your instrument and BMC music books, which can be purchased on the day, if needed. There will be a break for afternoon tea so bring a plate to share and don't forget \$10 for the Hall. We look forward to welcoming you and playing music together.

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Pennant Hills Dance Workshop

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

The dances are called and walked through.

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Playford Dancing at BMC Hut – Monthly

When 1st Tuesday of the month
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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Saplings News for September

Saplings will be at the Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival in
September: <https://www.kangaroovalleyfolkfestival.com.au/>

Sat 13th Sep at 11am - 12.00

Sun 14th Sep at 11am - 12.00

Both sessions will be in the veranda area next to the bar

All young musicians are welcome to join in the fun!

Wongawilli Colonial Dance Club September Bush Dances

Sun 7th September

Spring Theme bush dance with Chord-eaux
Heininger Hall, Heininger Street, Dapto
1.45pm – 4.00pm

Sun 21 September

Bush Dance with Southern Cross and Friends
Heininger Hall, Heininger Street, Dapto
1.45pm – 4.00pm

Only \$5 which includes an Afternoon Tea

Contact: Cris 0404 667 614

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Dance Workshops at Pennant Hills Community Centre

When: Sunday (usually the third Sunday of the month, February to November)
2.15pm to 5.15 pm

Where: Main Hall, Pennant Hills Community Centre,
70 Yarrara Rd, Pennant Hills.

Contact: Keith Wood

Phone: 0420 913 934

Email: kbwood.au{at}gmail.com

Website: <http://www.keith-wood.name/danceworkshops.html>

Dance workshops in the following styles: Contra, English Country, and some Scottish and Australian. No partner necessary. All dances walked through and called.

A \$10 donation is suggested to cover costs. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. There will be hand sanitiser available for your use throughout the afternoon. Wear a mask if you feel more comfortable doing so.

Join us afterwards at the Hotel Pennant Hills for dinner.

Keith, Dance Kaleidoscope

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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...

Join Zoom Meeting:

Eric Eisler and Sharyn Mattern are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: BMC Zoom Singing Session

Time: Sep 10, 2025 11:00 AM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Every month on the Second Wed, 20 occurrence(s)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77436849599?pwd=O2TI2dVWY2cYd3B59wfkLWljVFTzR.1>

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77436849599?pwd=O2TI2dVWY2cYd3B59wfkLWljVFTzR.1>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77436849599?pwd=O2TI2dVWY2cYd3B59wfkLWljVFTzR.1>

Meeting ID: 774 3684 9599

Passcode: K24Dd4

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Library and Archives

The Bush Music Club Blog - est. 2012 and still going strong.

Do you know the Club's History - it's the first & oldest folk music club in Australia & was established in 1954 as part of the post-war search for Australian culture to counter the increasing Americanisation of our country.

Want to know more about our history or about important members like our founders The Bushwhackers (1952-1957), or significant members like John Dengate - <https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2023/05/compilation-articles-about-john-dengate.htm>.

Have you wondered why our headquarters is called Tritton Hall (*Duke Tritton was one of the early sources of traditional songs, and a songwriter himself*) <https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/02/compilations-chronologies-duke-tritton.html>

Are you a dancer - <https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2020/05/from-archives-chronology-of-balls-from.html> - or have you been to a Festival where BMC was featured - you might see photos of yourself on the blog (do a browser search on **festival reports** [site:blog.bushmusic.org.au/](https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/) as there are over 100 articles on this subject)

Are you interested in our Saplings program for young musicians - <https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/09/compilation-of-saplings-articles.html> .

Are you interested in the songs our members & other Australians sang in the earliest days - we have Founder Member Fran Shaw's collection of song sheets from the 50s & 60s - <https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2020/06/compilation-early-song-sheets-1950s.html> We also have tune books used by members from the 70s to date, and books published by BMC since 1954. Check out the articles about our **Newsletter** (1955-77), **Singabout** (1956-63) & **Mulga Wire** which started in 1977.

All of the above and much more can be found in the guide to the Blog - <https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/p/guide-to-blog.html>

We also have a Library which is getting closer to being available for use (I just need another cupboard!) We also have a collection of LPs & CDs & a collection of Bob Bolton's photo albums from 1982 - 2006.

and a lot more!

If you have any historical or current items you think we might like to add to our Library & Archives, send me an email - Bush Music Club [<bushmusicclub@gmail.com>](mailto:bushmusicclub@gmail.com) - or pop in, I'm normally at Tritton Hall on Monday afternoons & evenings.

<https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/03/compilation-our-founders-bushwhackers.html>

& their leader John Meredith <https://blog.bushmusic.org.au/2024/04/compilation-articles-about-our-founder.html>

Sandra Nixon - Librarian, Archivist & Blogger

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There is a link to the activities of many folk associations on the Bush Music Club's page, see below.

https://bushmusic.org.au/bmc_links_clubs.shtml

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Also, don't forget that we have a new postal address and mobile phone number.

The club has decided that, due to the reduced amount of snail mail, we would bring the post closer to home. Our GPO Box 433, Sydney 2001 has been discontinued.

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