



Bush Traditions Gathering

30th September – 3rd October 2022

The Goulburn Club, Market Street, Goulburn

Welcome to the 2022 Spring Gathering. Since the Autumn Gathering in the Goulburn Club was rated a success here we are again. Huge thanks to all the volunteer contributors who have made the programme possible. Feel free to volunteer to help with any of the visible tasks over the weekend and of course immerse yourself in a feast of music, song, poetry, craft and folklore.

Special welcome to Julie Castles and Jeff Lawrie who have travelled from afar to share their passion for this music that we enjoy so much.

Thanks to our hosts at the Goulburn Club. It is a great venue and your keeping this treasure going as a unique music space is appreciated.

Thanks to committee members Ray Mulligan, Moir Holmes and Dave Johnson for all the behind the scenes stuff (and please don't be afraid to *buy them a beer*).

The Main Sessions

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| MC Ray Mulligan | The Welcome Music Session | Kick off the road dust and the layers of covid dust on your instruments and voices and join in with your favourites. And don't forget the session manners of giving everyone a fair go! | Fri 7.30 DR |
| MC Dave Johnson | All In Together Session | This is the event for <i>all the family</i> to get together. A mix of all the weekend's talents brought together in a relaxed demonstration of what the weekend is all about. Great music and friendships. | Sun 7.30 DR |
| MC Richard Ayling | Evening Session | It's Saturday night - let the fun begin. Lots of tunes and the occasional song if that is how the mood takes you. | Sat 7.30 DR |
| George Bolliger & Ralph Pride | A Bawdy Song Session | This is an R++ rated event that caters for the "alternate" words to well known tunes. All will be revealed - and much much more. Note that uncouth words and politically incorrect themes will be presented. Any ex- rugby players are particularly welcome. This is a participatory event and be warned the content may be offensive to some. | Sat 7.30 SR |
| Helen & Tony Romeo and Leigh Brown | Smoko with the Poets | A poet's breakfast at a more civilised time of day. Contributions very welcome. | Sun 2.30 SR |
| Helen & Tony Romeo and Leigh Brown | Poetry and song in the round | A welcome session for those inclined to poetry and song | Fri 7.30 SR |

The Program in Alphabetical Order

With a spiel on each offering. NB:- DR = Durack Room; SR = Stewart Room; DIN = Dining Room

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| Adrian Wilson | Writings from Adrian's Wall | Adrian's experience as a country dance musician goes back many years. This underpins the tunes he composes. | Sat 9.30 SR |
| Alan and Linda Swift | Slow Session | A selection of tunes played at a speed to encourage newer players. If you are an experienced player use the slower speed to work on your instrument technique rather than speeding up. | Sat 9.30 DR |
| Alan Swift | Yarn Space | Like the yarn in material the stories lurch from warp to weft and beyond. You'll be in stitches. | Sat 5.00 SR |
| Brian Gutkin | Australian Connections In Irish Traditional Song | Explore the connections between Irish and Australian song way beyond the obvious Wild Colonial Boy. | Sun 4.00 SR |
| Chris Hayden | Tunes of Val McGinnis | Learn some of Darwin band leader Val McGinnis' tunes and hear them from live recordings to get the nuances of his style. | Sat 2.30 DR |
| Dave Johnson | Tunes from Concertina Players | A selection of tunes collected from Anglo Concertina players. Dot and ear players welcome. C/G concertina mainly. | Sun 2.30 DR |
| Dave Johnson & Cast of 1000s | The Speewah | The Speewah - where the crows fly backwards to keep the dust out of their eyes. And as Crooked Mick once told me... | Mon 11.00 DR |
| George Bolliger | How to keep your concertina alive | John Stanley was the original goldfields Concertina Doctor, today we have George Bolliger to show us how. | Sun 5.00 SR |
| Ian Baxter | Crooked Corner Dance Tunes | Tunes played by the Crooked Corner Band in the Crookwell area for many years. Dot and ear players welcome. | Mon 9.30 SR |
| Ian Hayden | Tunes From Field Recordings | Playing transcriptions of tunes from the recorded players is not enough to get the nuances of style. Listen and play along. | Sat 11.00 DR |
| Jeff Lawrie | Tunes You Won't Hear Every Day | We ask you to join us for some of our favourite collected tunes; some lesser known, and a few beautiful but intriguing odds & sods that aren't quite square. | Sun 4.00 DR |
| Julie Castles , with Jeff Lawrie | Playing By Ear | We will consider what keeps people tied to the dots, and how others manage to play by ear. To prepare please refer to the Bush Traditions website: listen to Greg playing The White Cockatoo (No 743), and practice playing Mick Pilley's 1st Schottische from the written music. | Sat 11.00 DR |
| Jude Stuart | Songs of Sally Slone | Sally Sloane was a remarkable singer with a wealth of songs learnt from her mother and grandmother. | Sat 11.00 SR |
| Leslie Ferrier and Richard Officer | Slow Session | More tunes played at an easy pace to encourage not daunt. Fast players are welcome to play too, but somewhere else! | Sun 9.30 DR |
| Linda Swift | Yarning About Craft | CRAFT Have a chat about your craft projects. Bring a sample or a photo to show the group. Linda's latest interest is woven rag rugs: great for making use of out-of-date material, even old sheets and creates a practical floor mat. | Sat 1.00 DIN |
| Mike Giblin | Mike's Pick of the Crop | Mike is always great to have in a session with his wide ranging repertoire, but what will he select as his "pick of the crop"? | Mon 11.00 SR |
| Moir Holmes | Slow Session | More tunes played at the speed limit set by the leader. Lead footed drivers will be booked and will lose their licences. | Mon 9.30 DR |

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| Pete McMahon | Multitrack Recording | The politics of recording using multi-track technique, the mix down and editing. | Sat 4.00 DIN |
| Peter McLaren | A Musical Memoir Part 1 | Peter has long associations with Australian folk music and musicians like Billy Blinkhorn and Bill Scott. You'll have to come along for more... | Sat 5.00 DR |
| Ralph Pride | Tunes of Chris Moore | Chris Moore was a member of the super Bush Band <i>Pinchgut</i> . His prize winning tunes were new and exciting for both musicians and dancers. | Sun 9.30 SR |
| Ralph Pride | Real Folk with Ralph | Listen to actual field recordings made by our great folk collectors. Marvel at how the originals actually sounded and the skill of those who transcribed. | Sun 5.00 DR |
| Ray Mulligan | Tribute to Tom Walsh | Fiddler Tom Walsh was, until his recent demise, a regular at the National Folk Festival. Tom gave us <i>The Old Schoolmaster</i> and many more. | Sun 11.00 SR |
| Ray Mulligan | Split Ply Braided Key Rings | CRAFT Learn how to split and ply twined cords to make a colourful and individualised a key ring. | Sun 9.30 DIN |
| Ron McLaughlin | Setting Poems to Music | Ever read a poem with meter and rhyme that urged you to set it to a tune? Let's look at examples and have a go... | Sat 4.00 DR |
| Ron McLaughlin | Ron's Regular Sunday Session | You are welcome to share the tunes and songs enjoyed regularly by a group meeting on Sunday afternoon at the Club | Sun 1.00 DR |
| Samantha O'Brien | Tunes with My Harmonies | Tunes that Sam has arranged with harmonies that bring out the nuances of the tune. Dots available. | Sat 2.30 SR |
| Sandra Nixon | Folk Craft | CRAFT A quilt, wallhangings & cushions from Dengate & Bolton ties and a banner for BMC's 70th. Plus display of a shoulder bag made by John Meredith, a koala hand puppet & terracotta entry pendants. | Sat 11.00 DIN |
| Sue McMahon | Musical Saw | The eerie magic of the Musical Saw - Listen, learn and try this wonderfully iconic instrument. | Sun 1.00 DIN |
| Tony Stuart | Joe Yates Waltzes | Tony has transcribed much of Sofala fiddler, Joe Yates repertoire. Come and try some of his waltzes. | Sun 1.00 SR |
| Tony and Helen Romeo | Smoko with the Poets | A poet's breakfast at a more civilised time of day. Contributions very welcome. | Sun 2.30 SR |
| Tony & Helen Romeo | Tunes of Bob Rummery | West Australian Bob Rummery has a great feel for the Australian tradition and this comes through in his tunes. | Sat 4.00 SR |
| Tony & Helen Romeo | Lawson Songs Part II | Continuing from Part 1 at the Autumn Gathering and celebrating the works of Henry Lawson on the centenary of his death. Song and recitation welcome. | Sat 1.00 SR |
| Wayne Millar | Contemporary composers of the Illawarra | A selection of tunes from contemporary composers of the Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions. Dots available. | Sun 11.00 DR |

The Programme At a Glance

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| Friday 30th 1700 - 1900 | Session | A get together for the early-birds to brush off the travel dust and renew and make friendships. | | | | |
| | Dinner | The Club's Bass Chef offerings pre-booked online to ensure availability (vegetarian option available) or else forage in Goulburn. | | | | |
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| 2000 - 2300 | | Durack Room | | Stewart Room | | Other Places |
| | | MC Ray Mulligan | The Welcome Music Session | Helen & Tony Romeo and Leigh Brown | Poety and song in the round | |
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| Saturday 1st 9:30-10:30 | | | | | | |
| | Workshop/ Session | Alan and Linda Swift | Slow Session | Adrian Wilson | Writings from Adrian's Wall | |
| | Workshop/ Session | Ian Hayden | Tunes From Field Recordings | Jude Stuart | Songs of Sally Slone | Sandra Nixon displays interesting and historic craft, dining room. |
| 1100 - 1200 | Lunch | | | | | |
| | Workshop/ Session | Julie Castles , with Jeff Lawrie | Playing By Ear | Tony & Helen Romeo | Lawson Songs part II | Linda Swift Yarning About Craft, dining room |
| | Workshop/ Session | Chris Hayden | Tunes of Val McGinnis | Samantha O'Brien | Tunes with My Harmonies | |
| 1430 - 1530 | | | | | | |
| | Workshop/ Session | Ron McLaughlin | Setting Poems to Music | Tony & Helen Romeo | Tunes of Bob Rummery | Pete McMahon Multitrack Recording, dining room |
| | Workshop/ Session | Peter McLaren | A Musical Memoir Part 1 | Alan Swift | Yarn Space | |
| 1700 - 1800 | Dinner | 45 Slow Cooked meals @ \$15. Purchase ticket from the bar before noon Saturday, or else forage in Goulburn. | | | | |
| | | MC Richard Ayling | Music session | George Bolliger & Ralph Pride | A Bawdy Song Session | |
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| Sunday 2nd 9:30-10:30 | Workshop/ Session | Leslie Ferrier and Richard Officer | Slow Session | Ralph Pride | Tunes of Chris Moore | Ray Mulligan Split Ply Braided Key Rings, dining room |
| | Workshop/ Session | Wayne Millar | Contemporary composers of the Illawarra | Ray Mulligan | Tribute to Tom Walsh | |
| | Lunch | | | | | |
| 1300-1400 | Workshop/ Session | Ron McLaughlin | Ron's Regular Sunday Session | Tony Stuart | Joe Yates Waltzes | Musical Saw Sue McMahon, dining room |
| | Workshop/ Session | Dave Johnson | Tunes from Concertina Players | Helen & Tony Romeo and Leigh Brown | Smoko with the Poets | |
| | Workshop/ Session | Jeff Lawrie | Tunes You Won't Hear Every Day | Brian Gutkin | Australian Connections In Irish Traditional Song | |
| 1600 - 1700 | | | | | | |
| | Workshop/ Session | Ralph Pride | Real Folk with Ralph | George Bolliger | How to keep your concertina | |
| | Dinner | Forage in Goulburn, or a table can be booked at the Soldiers Club, indicate your interest at the registration desk. | | | | NRL Grand Final, Soldiers Club with Gavin Holmes |
| 1700 - 1800 | | MC Dave Johnson | All In Together Session | | | |
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| Monday 3rd 9:30-10:30 | Workshop/ Session | Moir Holmes | Slow Session | Ian Baxter | Crooked Corner Dance Tunes | |
| | Workshop/ Session | Dave Johnson and cast | The Speewah | Mike Giblin | Mike's Pick of the Crop | |
| | Lunch | | | | | |
| | | Farewell Session The Inaugural "Rotunda-Down-Under" | | | | |