

Illawarra Folk Club Inc.

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ILLAWARRA FOLK CLUB

The Illawarra Folk Club is a non-profit incorporated association with the objective to present and encourage folk music and folk lore as it exists in Australia today, in all its most genuine, and valuable musical, social, historical, cultural and pleasurable forms.

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27th Illawarra Folk Festival at Bulli Showground
12 to 15 January 2012
www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au
General artist applications closed
30 June 2011

Concert - Blue Goose Jennifer Hardy (Ire) Ann Roxborough, Duncan Chalmers

7.30pm Friday 7 October
CITY DIGGERS WOLLONGONG
Members \$10, Non-Members \$15

'GOOSED' In the Nicest Possible Way

The word 'goosed' will achieve a new meaning at the Illawarra Folk Club's concert at the City Diggers Club on Friday October 6th. You'll be grabbed (goosed) alright but it will be by the great music of the evergreen Blue Goose Band. Not only that but you'll be entranced by the wonderful songstresses Jennifer Harding from Derry, Ireland, Ann Roxborough from Bathurst and the rich baritones of Bundeena's Duncan Chalmers.

In the late 1980's Whistling Goose, one of Sydney's favourite jug/folk/goodtime bands, came to an end after more than a decade of entertaining Sydney audiences. **Blue Goose** represents the renewal of the musical relationship between three of the members of Whistling Goose. It combines Sonia Bennett's powerful vocals and guitar with the multi-instrumental musicianship of Max Gregory and Bruce Stavert and Ralph Mitchell on bass.

Blue Goose brings together a broad range of musical experience and skill and a love of music in many guises. Their many original compositions, interspersed with refreshing interpretations of songs of many genres old and new, combine with a whimsical approach to playing that makes them fun and great to listen to.

Jennifer Hardy is a singer-songwriter from Derry, Ireland. She is currently based in Sydney, Australia, having previously spent time living, working and creating music in San Francisco and Edinburgh.

Jennifer has played a variety of international renowned festivals including, The Edinburgh Festival (Scotland), SXSW (USA) and Glastonbury (England) as well as the Kangaroo Valley and St Albans folk festivals here in Australia. She performs her own material on acoustic guitar and piano.



Comparisons include Joni Mitchell, Martha Wainwright, Regina Spektor and Kate Bush.

Ann Roxborough is a very fine singer from Bathurst and a stalwart of the Bathurst Folk Club where he has not only been a regular performer but has been the support for many of the touring overseas performers who have visited the Central west. She is a performer who puts her own interpretation on some of the best songs written in the folk genre over the last 50 years. A bit of John McCutcheon, some Alastair Hulett, a touch of John Dengate, Stan Rogers, and of course Judy Small all pepper her repertoire. Ann says "I've been fortunate to collect some wonderful songs over the years, so look forward to sharing some of them with your lovely audience at the IFC."

Illawarra Folk Club

This newsletter is the official publication of the Illawarra Folk Club Inc.

Folk Club Concerts

Concerts are generally held twice a month at various locations in the Illawarra area.

Folk Club Membership

till June each year is \$15 single and \$20 family. Members receive a monthly newsletter and discount at Folk Club concerts.

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Folk Club Email List

If you would like to keep up to date on folk happenings why not join the Folk Club Email List. Please provide addresses to info@illawarrafolkclub.org.au

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

for folk related adverts
Full page \$120
Half Page \$80
Quarter Page \$50



Duncan Chalmers needs no introduction to the folk audiences of the Illawarra having performed at the club and festival on numerous occasions. Known as the 'Man with the Golden Voice' Duncan plays guitar and sings classic folk songs as well as his own compositions, many of which are about the Illawarra.

Coming Illawarra Folk Club Concerts

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER - Folk Club Concert - Jennifer Harding, Blue Goose Band (tbc), Duncan Chalmers

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER **Folk in the Foothills**, Jamberoo Valley Lodge, 15 acts, 5 venues. rainforest setting. New artists announced - Judy Small, Jan Preston... check website: www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au/page/folkinthefoothills

FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER - Mark Davidson, Snez & more CITY DIGGERS WOLLONGONG

FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER - Illawarra Folk Festival Launch at Midday, Wollongong Mall Amphitheatre

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER - The Hottentots, RAPT & more CITY DIGGERS WOLLONGONG

THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2012 - **Battlefield Band (Scott) & more.** A concert not to be missed! CITY DIGGERS WOLLONGONG

Folk in the Foothills, Sunday 16 October

Sunday, October 16th will see the 9th Illawarra folk in the Foothills one day Festival. This now iconic event is held in the foothills of the Illawarra Escarpment at the beautiful Jamberoo Valley Lodge. It will again be the venue for a big day out for Folk enthusiasts when they gather in its magnificent ambience, to hear music and verse performed by a great array of renowned interstate and local performers.

The hot news is that **Judy Small** will make a welcome appearance in the Illawarra! Also appearing will be Fred Smith with his Dusts of Uruzgan show.



There will also be a strong overseas presence with the acclaimed Scottish duo Tattie Jam and Alan Johnson from Scotland. Coolfin Mac will provide a strong Celtic influence while the multicultural nature of our society will be represented by that great Greek group Zorbas Kefi and a six piece Latin American Group, Pukara. The Queen of Boogie will be there- the great Jan Preston, together with the eclectic String Contingent. Local groups Az-I-Am, No Such Thing, Welsh Choir, Swingalele Orchestra.

And the poets will be high Rhyming with Australian Bush poetry Champion Greg North:

*"And Gregory North from Linden,
Came down to lend a rhyme
No better rhymester ever penned a poem,
His assonance and meter are perfect all the time
And with onomatopoeia he's at home."*

Jamberoo is about a 2 hour drive from Sydney and Canberra. The Lodge is situated at the foot of the Illawarra escarpment on the Jamberoo Mountain Road.

There will be food and drink available. Tickets will be limited and there will be no individual concert tickets. Ticket bookings 1300 887 034 or over the internet from www.illawarrafolkclub.org.au



Accommodation Offer

The Jamberoo Valley Lodge is offering a special deal to stay at the resort – 02 4236 0269.

Tickets purchased by COB 14th October are just \$35 a saving of \$10.

Buy tickets online from:

www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au/page/FolkintheFoothills
or call 1300 887 034



Illawarra Pub Acoustic Music Venues

- Jamberoo Pub, generally 2pm-5pm, Sundays ph 4236 0270
- Mount Kembla, generally 2pm-5pm, Sundays ph 4271 1119

Sydney Folk Events

- 2nd Thu - **Sutherland Folk Club Concerts**, Sutherland Trade Union Club, Gympie. Come early and enjoy a cheap meal at the bistro. Contact: Jenny 02 9576 2301.
- 4th Tues - **Sutherland Folk Club Session**, same details as above.
- 4th Sat - **Loaded Dog Folk Club**, Annandale Neighbourhood Centre, Sandra Nixon, 02 9358 4886, kxbears@ozemail.com.au



SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER 2011
JAMBEROO VALLEY LODGE

	Wentworth Room	Restaurant	Belmore Room	Carrington	The Grove
0:30am					
9:00am					Poets in the morning Greg North
9:30am			Butcher Boys	Trad on a Sunday	
10:00am	The String Contingent			Alan Musgrove	
10:30am				John Broomhall	
11:00am			Allan Johnston	Dave Olliphant	
11:30am	Tattie Jam	Zorbia's Kefi			No Such Thing
12:00pm				Coolfinn Mac	
12:30pm			Az-I-Am		Swingalele Orchestra
1:00pm	Judy Small	Jan Preston		Tim Lukey	
1:30pm				Kay Proudlove	Kalaya Indian...
2:00pm			Bowralhouse		
2:30pm	Pukara	Coolfinn Mac			Ecopella
3:00pm			Dust of Uruzgan		
3:30pm			Fred Smith	Oreg North	Kalaya Indian...
4:00pm	Jan Preston	The String Contingent			Wollongong Welsh Choir
4:30pm				Allan Johnston	
5:00pm			Tattie Jam		
5:30pm		Judy Small			
6:00pm		Finale with Festival Artists			
6:30pm		Russell Hannah			



Wongawilli Colonial Dance Club Events at Wongawilli Hall

- 8pm 5 October Bush Dance music by No Such Thing
- 8pm 12 October Bush Dance
- 8pm 19 October Bush Dance
- 8pm 26 October Folk Song & Music Session
- All events start at 8pm. Adults \$3, children free. Acoustic musicians and dancers welcome.

Dancing Folk

- Every Wed. **Wongawilli Bush Dance**, ph. Gwen 02 4296 1855 from 8pm, all dances called, musicians welcome. Adults \$2.50 includes light supper!
- Every 2nd Sat. **Marshall Mount Old Time Dance**
- Fridays, 8pm **Bush Dancing**, Illaroo Road School, Nowra, ph Margaret 02 4421 0557

GREAT PRESENTS

22nd Festival CD (2007) - Bulli Bakontrak, 24 Artists, \$25 plus postage

21st Festival CD (2006) - Bulli - The Tradition Continues, 23 Artists, \$25 plus postage

FOLK CLUB COOK BOOK, Vol. 1 and 2 - A wonderful collection of recipes from all sorts of places and people! A must for any half cultured cook. Copies available for \$10 each including postage.

20th Festival JAMBEROO CELEBRATION, 20 years On, Double CD - 41 Artists, \$30 plus postage

JAMBEROO - A DISCOVERY, 19th Festival - 22 Artists, \$25 plus postage

JAMBEROO - A CHANGE OF SEASON - 17th ILLAWARRA FOLK FESTIVAL COMPILATION CD - 19 performers from the Festival - \$25 plus postage.

ORDER OVER THE PHONE: 1300 887 034 with Credit Card

CDs are also available through Trad&Now, with secure online credit card facilities. Go to:

www.tradandnow.com/shopping



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Other Folk & Arts Events

A noticeboard for Music and Arts events . For inclusion contact bigruss43@bigpond.com

Saturday 15th of October starting at 7:30pm, Rachel and "Nothing but Jam" City Diggers, Wollongong Cost: \$20 Support act: "Snez"

21-23 October 2011 Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival features a number of Wollongong artists including Riogh, No Such Thing and The Con Artists. Performance times: Fri 21st Riogh 10.45pm @ The Pavilion, Sat 22nd 12.30pm @ The Marquee, Sun 23rd Riogh 3.30pm @ The Marquee

30th October Sunday House concert with Margaret Roadknight Engadine. Limited to 40, Bookings essential. \$20 contact Margaret on 95206180 or 040393678

Robertson CTC (Community Technology Centre?) have been holding open mic sessions on 2nd Thursday each month, but have gone into recess for August-September. Contact is John Martin, jcmartin@hn.ozemail.com.au

Sun (Every Sunday) Palm Court Hotel Corrimal - open Mic and Talent quest Contact Russell Neil russellneil22@gmail.com or songsonstage@hotmail.com

*The Gaelic Club is in Sydney, 1st Floor, 64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills, NSW 2010, Australia . Information & bookings: Club bar: 9212 1587 Mobile: 0466 454 883

FIRST FRIDAY - (except January and April) **BUSH TRADITIONS SESSIONS** at the Old Goulburn Brewery, Bradley Grange, Bungonia Rd, Goulburn. Contact David Johnson, 4884 4214 or dave@davidjohnson.id.au

WEDNESDAYS - Bush Dance at Wongawilli Community Hall from 8pm - open for dancers and musicians to play.

4th FRIDAYS - Sutherland Acoustic at Gynea Tradies Bluegrass Jam at the Tradies Contact Ian on 0438 830374.

3rd SATURDAYS - Bluegrass Jam Session, Thirroul Neighbourhood Centre next to the post office. 7.30pm to 11pm. Contact Bruce Fumini brustrings@yahoo.com.au 0421 044 124

Illawarra Folk Club Online Store CDs, Books

The Club operates an online store for Club members to sell products.

A number of new products have been added:

FOLK REPUBLIC of BULLI - 2011 Illawarra Folk Festival compilation with 20 artists - Eric Bogle, Ami Williamson , Riogh, Ted Egan, Orange Blossom, Neil Murray, Rough Red, The Handsome Young Strangers, Roger Montgomery, Tracey Bunn, Replay, Junior, No Such Thing, Martin Pearson, Wongawilli, A.J. Leonard, The Pigs, George Mann, The Good Ship, Zumpa

TUNES of JOHN MCKINNON - A collection of Australian dance tunes, by Alan Musgrove and David De Santi, \$20.

SILVER FOLK - 2010 Illawarra Folk Festival compilation CD, \$25

ALAN MUSGROVE - **Behind the Times, The Bagman's Gazette, Songs They Used to Sing, Australian Old Time Fiddle**, \$25 each

JOHN BROOMHALL - **Free as the Breeze**, Broken Hill Miner, Driftin Down the Darling, In The Days When the Anzacs Were New , My Spirit Country \$25

I VIAGGIATORI - **Suitcase Serenata**, music from the film Dall' Italia All' Australia, \$25

How do you sell your CDs here?:

1. You need to be a financial member of the Illawarra Folk Club
2. There is a minimum commission of \$3. Part of this pays for the credit card charge and the transaction cost and admin - website.
3. You are forwarded the online orders you arrange for the postage and packaging as soon as possible. Hopefully within 1 day of receiving the order..
4. You need to advise Dsvid De Santi (info@illawarrafolkclub.org.au) that this has been done with an email confirmation. This should also be emailed to the buyer to let them know it's coming. Remember you are also acting on behalf of the Illawarra Folk Club.
5. You will be paid the sale value plus the standard postage and packaging (usually \$4 or so - depends on the quantity and weight of the product) by direct deposit less the \$3 commission. This would usually happen once a month - depending on the frequency of sales.
6. You need to provide Account Name, BSB, Account Number

What you need to do

- o Advise the sale price for CD / product (most CDs are \$20/25/30)
- o Weight of the product (standard CDs are 120 grams)
- o Digital image of the CD cover as a JPG file - minimum 150dpi, 6cm wide - usually about 0.5MB is good.

o 100 words or so for the description

Send this information to David De Santi,
info@illawarrafolkclub.org.au

Illawarra Folk Festival Update

Early Bird tickets get folk festival rolling

Early Bird season tickets have gone on sale from 1 September for the 2012 Illawarra Folk Festival – with predictions this year's festival will be even better than last year's record-breaking event that saw more than 10,000 people attend the four day event at Bulli Showground.

The 2012 festival is on from 12-15 January, and Early Bird season tickets are just \$100. That's just \$25 per day for four days and nights of great entertainment, including world class musicians, poetry, folk dancing and musical workshops.

It's also a \$30 saving on the full price season ticket.

Camping Limited - Book Early!

For the first time ever Camping will be limited and more controlled to ensure the maximum capacity is accommodated.

Make sure you book early to get a campsite.

Illawarra Folk Festival Volunteers Needed

The planning for the 2012 Illawarra Folk Festival is well underway and the application for performers has now closed.

For next year's festival, we have made a number of changes, which should make it a more exciting event while at the same time allowing more space for guests.

We will be advertising for general volunteers in September, however we are now seeking volunteers for a number of vital senior roles.

These are Camping Management, Volunteer Kitchen, Emergency Plan & Site Safety.

If you are interested in applying for the volunteer position, or any of the other senior roles, please contact Peter O'Neill on 0429 674 005 or email volunteer@illawarrafolkfestival.com.au.

EARLY ARTISTS ANNOUNCED

Here's a few artists who are coming to the 2012 Festival to whet your appetite! Lots more to come real soon.

The big 2 to announce are Dougie Maclean from Scotland and Peggy Seeger.!



Others include:

A Seated Craft, Andrew Winton (WA), Bernard Carney and David Hyams (WA), Betty Scott (USA), Bukhchuluun Ganburged (Bukhu) (Mongolia), Cindy Harris (US), David Hakan (US), Dennis O'Keeffe (Vic), Donna & Rick Nestler (US), Enda Kenny (Vic), Evelyn's Secret (Vic), Franklyn B Paverty, Fred Coon and Bill Burke (US), George Kamikawa & Noriko Tadano (Japan), Gleny Rae Virus and her Tamworth Playboys, Glover & Sorrensen, Graeme Fletcher (Vic), Gregory North, Half Way Home, Heath Cullen & the 45, Indigie Femme (US/NZ), Jack Flash (Qld), James Fahy, Jay Fraser, Joe Oppenheimer, Jonathan Bob Lynn (Canada), Judy Small (Vic), Karen Lynne Bluegrass Circle, Kazband (Vic), La Petite Manouche (NZ), Lindsay Haisley (US), Lucy Wise and The B'Gollies (Vic), Margaret & Bob Fagan, Melisande (Quebec), Michael Fix (Qld), Mike Jackson & Thom Jackson (Vic), Neil Adam and Judy Turner (Vic), Pete & Keith Daigle (US), Pete Denahy (Vic), Quarry Mountain Dead Rats (Vic), Ricketty Bridge (Vic), Simon Bradley Trio (UK), Skipping Girl Vinegar (Vic), SqueezeBox Boogaloo, Strelley, Sunas (Qld), The Bearded Gypsy Band (SA), The Beez (Germany), The King & Queen of Green, The Woohoo Revue (Vic), Wheeze & Suck Band and many more to come...

INTERNATIONAL AUTOHARP PRESENCE



2012 will be the year of the Autoharp. With many local players now and connections through them with US counterparts, the festival will have a number of US players presenting concerts and workshops as part

of the Folk Summer School. More details of the program and artists to come.

Pictured is Janis Joplin on the Autoharp, sadly she is not available for the festival..

Want to get involved in the Festival?

Contact Neil Rowsell - neil@illawarrafolkfestival.com.au, tel: 0437 305 723

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR KEVIN BAKER

KEVIN BAKER was awarded life membership of the Illawarra Folk Club at the August AGM.



In moving for Kevin to be awarded Life Membership President Russell Hannah said:-

"Kevin Baker is a singer, songwriter, poet, musician and foundation member of the Illawarra Folk Club.

One way or another he has been involved with the Illawarra Folk Club since its foundation in 1979. In 1982 he became Club President a position he held for many years. In fact early club's meetings were always held at Kevin and Beth's place at Mangerton.

He was also the editor of the Newsletter for a number of years as well as fulfilling a number of roles (barperson, doorperson and MC) in many of our early concerts.

Kevin always had a broader view of where the Folk Club stood in the arts community and for a period of time was also president of the Illawarra Branch of the NSW Arts Council. In this capacity Kevin was responsible for the Folk Club being able to access Arts Grants to bring notable performers such as Raglan Road to the club.

Kevin was one of a group of members who were responsible for establishing the Folk Club's Festival at Jamberoo. (Jamberoo

Valley Folk Festival) We initially co-jointly ran a Festival at Wilton in 1985. In 1986 we moved to Jamberoo where we remained for the next 20 years.

Kevin has played at almost every festival since then until recently. His presentation of theme concerts and workshops were always thoughtful, incisive and entertaining. Along with John Broomhall he was responsible for running the first Poets' Breakfast at the festival. (In those days we actually had breakfast in the Youth hall)

Kevin was for a number of years in a group called Currency Folk where he played flute and sang. Currency Folk were regular performers at the club and featured Beth Baker, Joe Brown and John Broomhall. In 1982 Kevin produced the seminal LP, 'The Snowy River Men'. The title track off that was played by Macca on ABC radio and was placed on his first album. It led to the club hosting an Australia All Over concert at the Diggers Club and gave the Club a great deal of publicity.

Kevin later produced with the assistance of the club an LP featuring many of our multicultural club members. Called Beneath the Smoke, A Gathering of Nations It featured The Billabongers (Alan Musgrove), Beth Baker, Gerado deLiseo, Vince Brophy Fernando and Sonia Arancibia, Val Whittaker and Kevin. This was certainly a first for our club and probably a first for any folk club. He later produced an LP, 'I Called Him a Worship Your Bastard' of two other stalwarts of the Folk Scene, John Dengate and the late Denis Kevans.

Kevin has produced six albums and enhanced his folk credentials when in the early nineties he travelled extensively with Alan Scott collecting songs and stories from the oral tradition.

Kevin has always been a great supporter of the club and came back on to the committee when we took the plunge and moved to Bulli 6 years ago. Only ill health has prevented further involvement in the last three years.

His dedication to the club and the folk movement over the last 30 years I believe makes him an outstanding candidate for the award of life membership of the club and I have pleasure in moving that way"

Russell Hannah

President

FOLK NOTES

Great to see our regular members Charles and Olga Wood back on deck after a couple of bad Winter Months with illness. When I didn't see them for a while I thought that they must have nicked off to Paraguay to revisit New Australia.

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Sad to hear of the death of Kevin James. Those who listen to our programme on VOX (Sat 2pm-4pm) would know Kevin as the person who did the music programme for the three hours prior to ours on a Saturday. A most obliging fellow who always covered for me without complaint if I was a wee bit late (which of course was rare) Kevin had held many responsible positions within the station and was something of a thespian. Kevin's death was quite sudden and a shock to all. The sympathies of the folk club go out to Kevin's family.

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On a lighter note, Phyl Lobl has a new knee or at least a reconstructed one. She says she's not up to dancing on tables with it yet but who knows. Anyway best wishes to Phyl for a quick return to normal.

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Good to see Graeme Johnson (The Rhymer from Ryde) is still about winning competitions with his poetry. He has picked up the Original Section of the Bush Poetry at the Brisbane Show (The Ecce) held in August. He also took out the "Bobby Miller Memorial Award" (for best Comedy)END The old rascalion watches too much TV. If you saw his garden you'd know he doesn't spend a great deal of time in it.

He says "My motto is: If you can't mow it, don't grow it"

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GARDENING AUSTRALIA

*Sometimes I find myself staring at TV,
Almost semi-conscious, so I don't know what
I see,
And then I seem to surface, admit then, I'm
a failure,
And I realise that I've been watching
Gardening Australia.*

*I don't do it on purpose, not that I'm
criticising
Gardening Australia, but I do find it
surprising
That one: so many people watch it, eyes glued*

*to the screen,
And two: its longevity. Just how long has it
been?*

*My philosophy for gardening, is 'think before
you grow it',
My theory: do not plant a plant, if you cannot
mow it.
I've never shown much aptitude for digging
or for mulching,
And I've never been an advocate of modern
horticulching.*

*They seem to be nice people, those presenters
with the plants,
Are they chosen for their niceness, or is it just
by chance?
They're all about euphorbia (that's euphoria
with a 'b',
And they just ooze enthusiasm. It's all too
much for me.*

*I can see where garden competitions are
important functions,
And why competitors keep watering their
unctions,
But when it comes to judging, I have my
suspicious,
That competition judges cut their teeth on
inquisitions.*

*Maybe it's one reason so many watch the
show.
What interests me the most is how passions
start to grow
In all of the presenters, who start dancing to
the tune
Of exquisite excitement, when they get the
chance to prune.*

*They become so animated. In their eyes I see
a hint
Of fanaticism, terrorism, some extremist glint
With their weapon of mass destruction,
clutched firmly in their hand,
Those who have not pruned dead wood, they
would not understand.*

*Secaters, or secateers? I admit to some
frustration,
I do know how to spell it, but the
pronunciation,
Seems to cast a shadow, sparks some verbal
fears,
I find it far more simple just to call them
pruning shears.*

*The presenters wax so lyrical on when and
how to prune,
They just love to see a garden that's gone to
wrack and ruin.*

*"Let me at it with my shears" you can almost
hear them scream,
All that dead wood to remove, it's the
pruner's favourite dream.*

I am told some pruners use a chainsaw for

their hacking.
That seems to me quite brutal with all sense of
finesse lacking.
I concede they could be useful in another
sphere of action.
Like Qantas, or the Government, to remove
their dead wood faction.

Maybe I should think again, and keep an open
mind
About gardeners, their program, and really
try to find
Excitement and enchantment.
With chainsaw wielding pruners, at their
pruning peak.
There's just a chance I might tune in, and
watch their show next week.

BLUE -- the shearer
(copyright col wilson)
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Honouring David Meyers

The late David Meyers – a great friend of
the Folk Club and regular at our festivals
(and most other festivals for that matter)
now has national recognition.

Following its Annual General Meeting in
Adelaide at the beginning of August, the
Federation of Australian Historical Societies
has announced that one of two annual Merit
Awards for 2011 has been given to the late
David Meyers.

The citation read in part "The late David
Meyers made a meritorious contribution
to the work, including their respective
administrations, of the Canberra and
District Historical Society (CDHS) in the
ACT and Queanbeyan Historical Society
and Museum (QHSM) in New South Wales.

In addition, he made a significant
contribution to the history of music and
the folk culture of the Australian Capital
Territory and of the Monaro Region of New
South Wales.

Good on you Dave – Well deserved to a
good bloke.

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If you want to have a bit of a squiz at the
grand ball at the Turning Wave Festival two
weeks ago then go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSqqq1M6Zg> If you are
allergic to autoharps and accordions I'd
advise you to give it a miss.

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Kangaroo Valley organizers have written
to say that they still need more volunteers
to join their happy band. For a mere 6
hours volunteering you can enjoy the
whole festival for free! They have enough
people for setting up and packing away
but need people during the festival for jobs

such as ticket office, wristband checking
at venues, MC, waste management, gate/
traffic control. If you have already bought
your ticket we will happily refund it if you
volunteer. Visit our website to find out
more and to download an application form.
Enquiries: Mish Shea 0424 505354

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Our old mates Penny Davies and Roger
Illott will be making a welcome return to
our area when they perform at the next
festival. They were regulars at the club
before moving to Stanthorpe over 20
years ago. Anyway if you want to see a
young Penny and Roger (as they were in
the 80s) go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBgfEZLecqw> and hear them play
the beautiful and moving Arlo Guthrie
song VICTOR JARA (live at Maleny Folk
Festival, 1987)

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Ever heard of "metafolklore" – I hadn't
either but apparently it's folklore about
folklore. I got this one on email which
is where they almost all come from. It's
apparently a send-up of another urban
legend that floats around about Alligators
in the sewer.

*Subject: FW: Danger FYI "Warning. Terrorist
plot on 28th."*

Don't go to the bathroom on October 28th.

CIA intelligence reports that a major plot is
planned for that day. Anyone who takes a
poop on the 28th will be bitten on the ass by
an alligator. Reports indicate that organized
groups of alligators are planning to rise up
into unsuspecting American's toilet bowls
and bite them when they are doing their
dirty business.

I usually don't send emails like this, but I
got this information from a reliable source.
It came from a friend of a friend whose
cousin is dating this girl whose brother
knows this guy whose wife knows this
lady whose husband buys hotdogs from
this guy who knows a shoeshine guy who
shines the shoes of a mailroom worker who
has a friend who's drug dealer sells drugs
to another mailroom worker who works in
the CIA building.

He apparently overheard two guys talking
in the bathroom about alligators and came
to the conclusion that we are going to be
attacked. So it must be true.

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If you travel with musical instruments
and have trouble with airlines then Virgin
have just introduced a new policy that may
be of interest. Check it out at - <http://>

www.pagesdigital.com/virgin-australia-announce-flight-deals-musicians

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Here's a note from Chloe and Silas who
came to the club on Saturday 17th Sept.
A lot of our members were at Gundagai
enjoying dogs, Irishmen and tuckerboxes.
A great little Festival but bad planning on
my part to miss the line-up we had. Chloe
wrote to rub it in - "You missed a great
night! While you were busy no doubt
having a fabulous time at the festival (I've
heard good things), we had a fantastic time
at the club. Loved Andrew & Carol, and
how good are Alana & Alicia? Sorry you
couldn't be there - I think you would have
had a ball. Thanks again for having us,
and for being a part of the Our Backyard
competition.

We draped an Our Backyard/ABC Illawarra
washing line across the stage... Looked
fab. There really should be more spotty
underpants and stripy socks at folk clubs."

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I wish people would stop sending me
pornographic emails - next it'll be auto harp
walking frames:



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If you are big into Poetry and the spoken
word (Accordion and autoharp players stop
reading now) then there's only one place
to be between Friday 28th till Sunday 30th
October 2011 – regardless of the weather
(there's plenty of shelter) and that's the
Hunter Poetry Fest. at the W.E.C. Camp &
Conference Centre Morisset NSW. Cost: For
the whole weekend, it's \$100 per person which
includes accommodation and all workshops,
entertainments and activities.

A full program will be on this website as soon
as final arrangements are confirmed. And of
course all meals, food, tea/coffee etc. will be
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festival)

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the town, well set up and maintained and is
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bushland. Every facility is wheelchair friendly.

Already award winning poets Carol Heuchen Frank Daniel, Milton Taylor, Paddy O'Brien and Greg North will be there but it's big on participation so take your poems.

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Denis McKay writes to report the death of Wade Mainer, banjo pioneer at 104



Courtesy of the Mainer family. - Wade Mainer and the Sons of the Mountaineers, circa 1937 - top: Wade Mainer (banjo), Steve Ledford (fiddle), bottom: Clyde Moody (guitar), Jay Hugh Hall (guitar). Wade Mainer, 104 years old banjo player and bluegrass innovator, died Sept. 12.

Wade Mainer, 104, a show-stopping banjo player from North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains who was a vital link in the evolution of bluegrass music, died Sept. 12 at his home in Flint, Mich. He had congestive heart failure.

Mr. Mainer, widely known as the grandfather of bluegrass, was one of the last of a generation of rural string-band musicians who recorded during the Depression. Because of his prolific career on radio, disc and stage, he earned an invitation to the White House to play for President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Bluegrass lovers can read more at http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries/wade-mainer-banjo-pioneer-dies-at-104/2011/09/13/gQA5sU0PK_story.html?hpid=z3 End The Illawarra Folk Festival has been selected as one of Ten Semi Finalist's in the Regional Achievement and Community Awards- Events & Tourism Award to acknowledge the outstanding achievements and contributions they make to their local community. With just over 300 nominations received this year, your nomination and the quality of all the nominations received this year has reinforced the extraordinary commitment and dedication our people and groups in regional and rural NSW and the ACT are making towards their communities. Sadly we didn't make the finals but in the top ten of 300 wasn't bad.

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Radio News

Illawarra Folk Club Programme 2-VOX FM Wollongong 106.9 Saturdays 3pm to 5pm Presenters are: Denis McKay, Yvonne O'Grady, John Broomhall, Russell Hannah. CD's and MP3s for review and airplay encouraged - contact Denis McKay - dl@mckayassociates.com.au or post to: 17 Doncaster Street, Corrimal 2518, NSW Australia

September 3rd with Denis McKay

- **Artist;Title;Album;Label**
- The Retrospectacles;Night on the Moor-Cherry Tree Reel-The Reconciliation;5 Miles From Town;Independent
- The Robert Bobby Trio;One Meatball;A Brief History of Time;I Like Mike
- Disappear Fear;No More Songs;Get Your Phil;Independent
- Steve Earl;Every Part of Me;Acoustic Rainbow #39;Poetman
- Dirty Stay-out Skiffers;Stealin'-Creole Belle;Jeffersonville Mainstreet;Independent
- The Outside Track;The Jubilant Goat- The Rambling Sailor-The Taur Polka-The Goat's Polka;Curious Things Given Wings;Lorimer
- Ken Kolodner & Brad Kolodner;Frenchie's Reel;Sun Rise;Otter Creek
- The 23 String Band;Bees Knees;Catch 23;Independent
- Ceilidhonia; Waltzes;Circadian Rhythms; Brechin All Records
- Billy Bragg; The price of oil;Spread the Word;Yep Roc
- Jim Kweskin Jug Band;Never Swat a Fly;Greatest Hits;Folk Era
- Colum Sands; Going Down To The Well With Maggie;The Note That Lingers On;Spring Records
- Colcannon;Planxty MacAleese;Three days in May;Oxford Road
- Judy Collins;Last Thing on My Mind;Acoustic Rainbow #38;Poetman
- Frank Wakefield and Friends;Get up John;Bean Blossom Festivals;Independent
- Flatt and Scruggs;Salty Dog Blues;Bluegras at Newport;Vanguard
- Bela Fleck;Texas Barbecue;Bluegrass Mountain Style;Rounder
- Kirk and Sam McGee;Brown's Ferry Blues;Wild and Reckless Men;CMH Records
- Grandpa Jones;Down the Old Plank Road;Wild and Reckless men;CMH Records
- John Reishman and the Jaybirds;Goin' Across the Sea;Vintage and Unique;Independent
- Stan Rogers; So Blue;Turnaround;Fogarty's Cove
- Alan Musgrove;Boozing;The Bagman's Gazette;Independent
- Martin Pearson;The Word Museum Song;Folk Republic of Bulli;Independent

- Warren Fahey, Tony Suttor, Andy Saunders, Dave De Hugard, Mike Jackson;When we get our Tuppence Back;Man of the Earth;Independent
- John Dengate;The Trifecta Song;Bulli-The Tradition Continues;Independent
- Us Not Them;Salvation Jane;Jamberoo- A Change of Season ;Independent
- Bernard Bolan;Basingstoke;Bushwackers and City Slickers;Larrikin
- Cloudstreet;The Broken-Down Squatter;The Circus of Desires;Independent
- Bizerka;Kangaroo Sausages;Cobargo 2010;Independent
- Alex Nolf; Afton Water;Zither Down Under ;Independent

September 24th with Denis McKay

- **Artist;Title;Album;Label**
- Popo Murigande;Urugendo;Gakondo;Borealis
- Phil Passen;Quince Dillon's High D- Bragg's Retreat;Tramp Tramp, Tramp- Songs of the Civil War on Hammered Dulcimer;Independent
- Abbie Gardner;Break it Slow;Hope;Independent
- James Hill;Indecision Rag;Man with a Large Heart;Borealis
- Pharis and Jason Romero;My Flowers, My Companions and Me;A Passing Glimpse;Independent
- Coty Hogue;Up the Waterfall;To the West;Independent
- Mark Grobner and Ken Kolodner; Forvantan;Sun Rise;Independent
- Lehera;Tat Tvam Asi;Acoustic Rainbow VOL 35;Poetman
- Kashmir;Wine And Alchemy;Acoustic Rainbow VOL 35;Poetman
- The Outside Track;Le Voyage;Curios Things Given Wings;Lorimer
- Joan Baez; Love Is Just A Four Letter Word;The Best of Joan Baez;Vanguard
- Jim Kweskin & The Jug Band;Ukelele Lady;Greatest Hits;Folk Era
- Ken Kolodner and Brad Kolodner; Liza Jane-Sandy Boys- Hangman's;Otter Creek;Independent
- Frank Hutchison;Worried Blues;Okeh 78 Single;Okeh
- Dave Zobl;And So It Goes;Acoustic Rainbow VOL 35;Poetman
- Booger Hollow String band;Marmadukes Hornpipe;Where the Pavement Ends;Independent
- Andy Cohen; New Gravy Waltz;Ridiculous Instrumentals;Riverlark;1:53;A9
- Andy Cohen;Shuffle Rag;Ridiculous Instrumentals;Riverlark
- Rawhide;Shut De Do;Not Too Strictly;Strictly Country
- Pete Seeger;English is Cur-Ray-Zee;Acoustic Rainbow VOL 37;Poetman
- Count Ridicula;The Vampires Lament
- Kate and Anna McGarrigle and Martha Wwainwright;Winter Lady;Kate and Anna McGarrigle
- Judy Collins; Anatheia;Recollections;Elektra
- Premier Accordion Band;Jaqueline Waltz;Go

Scottish;Prism

- Lindsay Haisley;The Islesboro March;String Loaded;Independent
- Bushwackers; Beneath The Southern Cross;Beneath The Southern Cross
- John Dengate and Denis Kevans;Sporting Suicide;I Called Him a Worship, You Bastard;Independent
- Allan Walsh; Midnight Waltz; Naturally;Independent
- Louis McManus;Roisin Dubh - Rhil Na Max;With a Heart and a Hand; Independent
- Jim Haynes;Don't call Wagga Wagga Wagga;It's Nothing Serious; Independent
- Priscill Herdman; Reedy River; The Water Lily; Philo
- Harvest Moon Band;Joe Cashmere's Waltz cotillon;In Some Old Shed;Independent

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