

Illawarra Folk Club Inc.

NEWSLETTER - November 2009



5 PACK CONCERT Perla Aura, CJ Shaw, Rachel Dillon, Nothing But Jam, John Broomhall Trio

plus mystery artist
Fri 6 November 7.30pm
Members \$10, Non \$15

City Diggers Wollongong

Friday, November 6, at the **Wollongong City Diggers Club** will see the Illawarra Folk Club present another one of its now famous five packs. Five artists from places near and far will present their music and songs to the appreciative folk audience.

Perla Aura has performed with many Illawarra groups including Obrobini, Anenome, Big Snore Hammers.

The members of **Nothing but Jam** are well known to the Illawarra Folk Club. Having been part of traditional Latin American Folk bands in the past. The band is now showcasing compositions written by the lead singer Christian Ravello.

Rachel Dillon's music could be described as folk blues with a country edge. Her voice is unusual, with smouldering echoes of Emmy Lou Harris and has been compared to Tracey Chapman, Anne Murray and Joan Baez. Rachel finds inspiration in the landscape, nature, history and people of the Hawkesbury River where she was raised. Her songs transport us through the lives of real people, and places and experiences we can all relate to.

Cj Shaw and the Blow Ins are the missing link between entertainers of old and entertainers of new. Travelling across NSW on the XPT, the duo perform at every small along



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Illawarra Folk Club Inc. will be held on Saturday 21st November 2009 at the Diggers Club Wollongong (Committee Room - if not available auditorium) commencing at 4.30pm.

Nominations for the following positions should be in writing (or email) in the hands of the Secretary by the commencement of the meeting.

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Committee Members (10).

The meeting will consider membership fees for 2010/2011 and basic entrance charges for concerts.

Please forward nominations to The Secretary, Illawarra Folk Club, PO Box 5289 Wollongong 2500 or email to info@illawarrafolkclub.org.au
Ros Sheildhouse Hon. Secretary/Treasurer



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**25th Illawarra Folk
Festival at Bulli
Showground, 14 to 17
January 2009**

**PERFORMER APPLICATIONS
CLOSED 31 July**

www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au

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

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Is Your Membership Due?

Please check your Newsletter envelope - if it is marked 'Membership Due' please use the Membership Form attached to this Newsletter or pay online from www.illawarrafolkclub.org.au

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improvisation they are guaranteed to have you laughing in no time.

Singer songwriter **John Broomhall** originally hails from Broken Hill, but has lived in the Illawarra enough years to become a local. Many of his compositions are based on his intensely personal recollections of his childhood and his love of the desert landscape of Broken Hill. In contrast he spent the last few years as the resident bard on the sailing ship, The Bounty, moored in Sydney Harbour. **Johnny Spillane**, originally from Cork Ireland, has been a stalwart of traditional music playing in many Celtic and Australian flavoured bands. **David De Santi**, in addition to being a member of Wongawilli, has researched and published Australian traditional music since 1990. Together all 3 weave a musical journey through Australia's history.



ILLAWARRA FOLK WEEK 16-21 November

Free Concerts at Wollongong City Gallery and more

The Wollongong Art Gallery will again play host to music and verse when the Illawarra Folk Club launches its first Illawarra Folk Week with a series of free lunchtime concerts from Monday 16th to Thursday 19th November.

Illawarra Folk Week forms part of the Fringe build-up to the 25th Illawarra Folk Festival.

The concerts will feature some of the Illawarras best folk artists and poets and will start at 12.20pm and finish at 1.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available for free, but patrons can bring their own lunches. Tickets for the Festival held in January will also be available at the very low earlybird prices of \$75 for the four days.

THE CONCERTS at the Gallery

Monday 16 November

The theme 'Our Singing Poets' and will feature presentations by **John Broomhall, Alan Musgrove, Emma Hannah, and Claire Roberts**. They will perform works of some of our best loved poets that, over the years, have been put to music. Poets like Henry Lawson, Will Ogilvy,

Kenneth Slessor, Adam Lindsay Gordon, Banjo Paterson and others will all feature heavily.

Tuesday 17 November

The poets will be given full reign, with a special appearance by the ABC's iconic **Blue the Shearer**. Blue will be supported, among others, by some of the regions best bush poets in **Zondrae King, Thalia and Vivienne Sawyer**.

Wednesday 18 November

Wednesday will see two local bands play with 'Az-I-Am' led by the Mount Kembla Nightingale Chris Wilson supported by the 'Whatsername Duo' of Alan Musgrove and Bob McInnes.

Thursday 19 November

Thursday is a special- when 'A Tribute To Mary' will be presented. Mary of course is Mary Travers of Peter Paul and Mary fame who died a couple of months ago. **Claire Roberts** and **Emma Hannah** grew up on Mary Travers and Peter Paul and Mary and are combining forces to present this very special tribute.

Friday 20 November

If this is not enough the official launch of the Festival Programme will take place in the Mall on Friday 20th when Senator Ursula Stevens (Parliamentary Secretary advising the PM on volunteering and community involvement and David Camble, Minister for Transport and the Illawarra will give it the Governments Blessing.

Saturday 21 November

But wait, there is still more, It's the biggest Celtic Night of the year for the club when it presents Iconic Irish / Scottish Band **The Borderers** and Irish band **Coolfin Mac** at the City Diggers Wollongong.

THE CELTS ARE COMING!

The Borderers, Coolfinn

plus mystery artist
Sat 21 November 7.30pm
Members \$15, Non \$20

City Diggers Wollongong

Multi-Award winning Scottish / Irish / Australian band **The Borderers** formed in 1994 and have released 8 albums, 4 EP's, 2 kids albums and been included on 31 compilation albums all around the world.

The Borderers became a band by accident when Jim was backpacking in Australia in 1993 as part of a round the world trip. He says: "I was just visiting South Australia to meet a friend when I got invited to a recording studio to hear



this band. I loved their sound so much that I eventually co-produced the album, married the lead singer" and bought a house in Adelaide

Lead singer, Alex, was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland and came to Australia in 1987 and lists Annie Lennox and Joni Mitchell as major influences. Jim was born in Glasgow, Scotland and arrived in Australia on Christmas Eve 1993 and is influenced musically by AC/DC, Thin Lizzy, Status Quo and Talking Heads.

The Borderers run their own indie record label - Celtic Records - which to date has combined sales of 68,000 units. This indie approach paid off recently when the band won the Independent Music Award in the US for "Sinner and The Saint" in the Gospel Music category. The song now goes out to 11 million people via Borders Bookstores and eMusic.com

The Borderers are well known performers at many of the world's top music festivals having played Byron Bay Blues & Roots, Port Fairy Folk, Edinburgh and Womad Festivals in Australia and the UK - as well as touring Canada and the USA. They've also supported artists including Tom Jones, The Proclaimers, The Chieftans and Shane McGowan from The Pogues.

What sets the BordererS apart from other bands is their ability to get the whole audience involved.

.....'You must be dead if you're not seen dancing at a BordererS gig'*Jamie McKew - Port Fairy Festival Director (The biggest Folk / Roots festival in Australia*

Coolfinn Mac performs a lively fusion of trad. and contemporary material combining the magic of music from the Celtic nations with Australian and original material, all sprinkled with good humour and a touch of pathos. With diverse instrumentation and a repertoire to



match, the result is an exciting fusion of past and present. Two previous CDs, 'Between Two Shores' and 'Here to There' have already been voted by Trad & Now readers as best Celtic and best Traditional CDs of 2006 & 2007 respectively and the band's new CD, is now available.

Other Folk Music Events in the Area

These concerts and performances may also interest you:

ACOUSTIC MUSIC at the Palm Court Hotel Princes Hwy Corrimal every Sunday 3 to 6pm Listen to some of the Illawarra's emerging and established talent or bring you instrument and join in at the Open Mic & Jam Enjoy authentic Thai Cuisine at Thai Chic Open Mic: Claire 0414 860 080 Restaurant reservations: 4285 7222

Illawarra Folk Festival Update

HERITAGE HOTEL NOT A VENUE!

We had dramatic news last week that the management at Bulli Heritage Hotel are not to be a Festival partner for 2010. There have been changes at the hotel over the past 12 months and they currently believe that the festival does bring any benefit to them.

The previous arrangement, for the past 4 festivals, was the festival arranged and paid for the artists in 25 concerts at the Hotel, paying for the artists. In return the Hotel provided a Sound Operator and 9 rooms for performer accommodation.

It is disappointing to get the late advice let alone the loss of a great venue.

Programming had nearly been completed and was due for release in early November.

It was hoped that a few more artists would be invited being the 25th festival but they won't all fit into the venues remaining!

Despite this there will still be 11 venues, 120 artists and over 250 concerts, dances, workshops and performances making it true 25th Birthday Party!!!

NEW VENUE - THE FORUM

In response to the loss of the Heritage Hotel and to help with the growing need for a more dedicated Blackboard venue a second tent will be established on the centre of the showground at the northern end.

The venue will operate from Friday to Sunday and feature the Youth Folk performances and Blackboard Concerts hosted by Dave Oliphant. This will allow the Nag's Lounge to be available for festival artist concerts.

Folk Alliance Australia is proud to present a fantastic Double CD compilation of 37 original Australian compositions at a special price of only \$25.00 Freight Free! (or \$20.00 for F.A.A. members)

Phone: 02 4842 1887
E-mail: treasurer@folkalliance.org.au

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, Gynea. 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

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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COMING CONCERTS

www.myspace.com/illawarrafolkclubillawarrafolkfestival

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER, 7.30pm
5 PACK CONCERT - CJ SHAW, RACHEL DILLON, PERLA AURA, NOTHING BUT JAM

City Diggers Wollongong, \$10 members / \$15 non

MONDAY 16 - THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 12.15pm
FREE CONCERTS EACH DAY/ BYO LUNCH.

Wollongong City Gallery, FREE

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 7.30pm
THE BORDERERS COOLFINN MAC

City Diggers Wollongong, \$10 members / \$15 non

FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER, 7.30pm
ILLAWARRA FOLK FESTIVAL PREVIEW SHOWCASE - 10 ACTS

City Diggers Wollongong, \$10 members / \$15 non or FREE with Festival Pass

13,14 January 2010 - Illawarra Folk Festival Summer School

TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets are now on sale. Early bird Season Passes by 4 December are \$75 and camping \$20 per adult. Buy online from www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au/store or call 1300 887 034.

PERFORMER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here's the confirmed artists so far for the festival with a short list still of artists to be confirmed pending we can fit them into the programme!

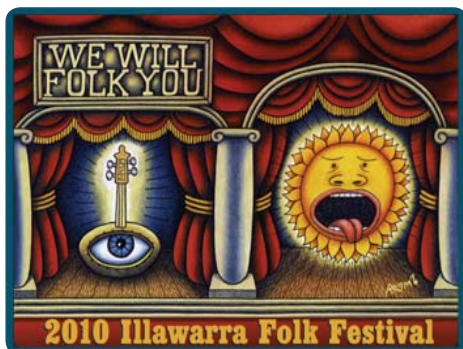
PROJECTS and THEME CONCERTS

A number of theme concerts are planned and projects such as 30th Anniversary Folk Club recording. Work is underway on a number of projects - Folk Music Train, Fringe Festival, Folk Music School and a Guinness World Record.

2010 Illawarra Folk Festival Artists

A French Butler called Smith
Alan Musgrove & Whatsaname Band
Albion Fair Morris
Ali & Charlie
Az-l-aM
Ballpoint Penguins
Barry Lake
Bernard Carney and David Hyams
Big Erle
Big Snore Hammers
Black Joak Morris
Blue Mountain Rain
Brian Bell
Bush Music Club Concert Party
Cameron Mather
Cassidy's Ceili
Chloe & Jason Roweth
Cinnamon Twist Belly Dance
Cloudstreet
Collector
Coolgrass
Damian Howard and The Ploughboys
Daniel Champagne
Dave Arden & Band
Dave de Hugard
David Meyers
Dingo's Breakfast Duo
Doc Jones and the Lechery Orchestra
Dog Trumpet
Duncan Chalmers
Emma Hannah and Silver River Band
Enda Kenny Band
Folkaholics with Nano Stern
Frencham Smith
Glenn Cardier
Gobsmacked!
Handsome Young Strangers
Hilal Dance Australia
Illawarra Union Singers
Jan Preston
Jigzag
John Broomhall, Spillane & De Santi
John Dengate
John Egenes
Kenny Bartley
Kim Churchill
King and Queen of Green
Lee Taylor-Friend

Lilli Pilli Tales
Lorraine McCrimmon
Mahri Autumn & The Chameleon Collective
Margaret Bradford & Margaret Essex
Mendala
Merri-May Gill
Michael Fix
Mitch Smith
Multicultural Womens Performing Group
Nathan (Canada)
Nick Rheinberger
No Such Thing
Okapi Guitars
Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne
Percussion Junction
Peter Baxter
Peter Ellis
Rant
Replay
Riogh
Rough Red
Sal Kimber & The Good Ole Boys
Sally Dastey
Shimmy N Sheik Belly Dance Co
Solidarity Choir
Stephen Rowe
Stewart Holt
Stiff Gins
Sydney Irish Dance Ensemble
Sydney Trade Union Choir
TallaTango
Tamnesia
Tapestries of Sound
The BordererS
The Go Set
The Minglewood Mudcats
The Puddin' Eaters
The Rumjacks
The String Contingent
Tom Richardson
Under Black Skies
Wheeze & Suck Band
Wongawilli
Zondrae King
Zorba's Kefi
Zumpa
and more to come





**VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS
OPEN AND CLOSING 15
NOVEMBER - PLEASE HELP!!!!**

Around 160 volunteers are needed to be part of the team. Applications are online from:

www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au/page/Volunteer

If you are a first time volunteer, you are about to discover a wonderful, rewarding experience! By volunteering, you will make new friends and obtain great satisfaction from ensuring everyone has an enjoyable and memorable time at the Festival. On top of all this, we will also give you a free Season ticket if you volunteer more than 12 hours! But wait, there's more.....

- Free camping
- Light refreshments from the Volunteer Kitchen
- Attendance at the Festival Thank You function (Sunday of the Festival) and pre & post festival concerts
- Learn new skills
- References available
- Meet like minded people
- Support a great and unique community event
- Purchase Festival products - CDs & T-Shirts at 50% off

Become a Recycling Team Member and get a special Reg Mombassa Mambo T-shirt!

**GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT
WORLD'S LARGEST TIN WHISTLE BAND**

Back at Jamberoo in 2000 there was an attempt for the Largest Tin Whistle Band in the World On that occasion there were 99! The paperwork was daunting and the record was not officially recognised.

We're going to try again at the next festival. Johnny Spillane will once again assist in getting everyone playing the two tunes required for the record performance - Click

Go The Shears and Molly Malone.

The performance will be during the Festival Finale on the Sunday evening.

There will be various workshops and rehearsals and the hope is for over 100 tin whistlers.

It will cost \$15 per person to register and participate and all proceeds will go to a charity to be nominated. You'll get a whistle if you need it, the music and of course a heap of fun.

Registration will be via the website with details to be finalised in November.

**Whistle Practices
at Wongawilli Hall**

To help get into the swing of playing a tine whistle, Johnny Spillane will hold classes at the Wongawilli Community Hall before the Wednesday Bush Dance on the following dates:



Wednesday
18 November

Wednesday
2 December

Wednesday
16 December

**FESTIVAL T-SHIRT
new design from Reg Mombassa**

Reg Mombassa designer of the festival guitar figurine logo has kindly allowed the festival to select another piece of his artwork for use on the 2010 Festival T-Shirt.

The artwork was originally used for the London version of the stage play We Will Rock You with the theme song from Queen. The text has been adapted to 'FOLK YOU' and a violin head in place of the guitar head.

It will be a unique collectors item especially if you appreciate Reg's work.

They will be available at the Folk Club Concerts and online from mid-October.

**FESTIVAL LAUNCH -
URSULA STEPHENS Special
Guest**

The Launch is planned for Friday 20 November at Midday in the Wollongong. Senator Ursula Stephens, Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector, will be the special guest for the launching recognising the volunteer efforts of the Illawarra Folk Club.

FOLK NOTES

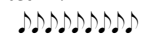
You might have beer tastes but people who attended our September concert got a real taste of Champagne - Daniel Champagne that is. I think most people were taken by surprise at his virtuoso guitar skills and stage maturity (and he's only 20). He went to the Wallaby Creek music festival in North Queensland and sold 200 CDs so if you get a chance to see and hear him don't miss it.

He also wrote us a letter of thanks:- "Hi Russell,

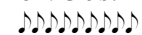
"I've been meaning to get in touch to say a great big thanks for having me at your folk night last week. Fantastic venue with great people and warm vibe...it was a pleasure to be playing there. Keep in touch and we'll be sure to catch each other round the traps sooner rather than later. Still got my fingers crossed for the January festival so hopefully that comes through and i'll be back up that way.

Thanks again, Cheers, Daniel"

Well Daniel can uncross his fingers as he's in the festival team.



Sorry to report that Kath O'Grady is back in Hospital and looks like a trip to Prince of Wales for further treatment. She was desperately sorry to miss Kankaroo Valley and Folk in the Foothills. It's best wishes to Kath for a complete recovery for all of us here in the Folk Club.



As Ken Howard would say 'One of nature's own gentleman' Jonathon Mitchel died suddenly in Brighton UK this month. In the early days of Jamberoo Jonathon was a regular punter and took part in the singing, poetry, yarnspinning and most importantly the partying. His good humour was infectious and he was a great companion. Margaret Walters is holding a wake for Jonathon in Sydney and here's some more details.

"People in far flung parts of Australia will have fond memories of a young giant of an

Englishman who had a huge font of great songs and boundless energy.

Jonathan came to Australia in 1980 and spent more than 17 years in Australia, on and off, much of it teaching west of Alice Springs.

He became a Australian citizen and he popped up in many corners of the folk scene.

He was an unforgettable character and we were sad to learn that he died in his sleep of a heart attack on 21 September just short of his 54th birthday.

The folk scene sent him off in grand style in Brighton and there are people back in Australia who thought it would be good to have a belated wake for the big fella in Sydney.

So - that's going to happen on Friday 6th November from 7pm. The venue is the home of Margaret Walters - 45 Ivy Street, Darlington (behind the Seymour Centre - parallel to Cleveland Street - between Shepherd Street and Abercrombie Street.

It's not far from Redfern Station or a bus stop on Parramatta Road (walk along Shepherd St to just past Cleveland) or a bus stop on City Road. Bring a bottle and a yarn about Jonathan and we'll send out for pizza, Thai, Indian, whatever - and do LOTS of singing.

Phone 9698 2206 mobile 0427 958 788 - or just turn up. If you didn't know Jonathan but he sounds like someone you would LIKE to have known - come too! Anyone from out of town who'd like to share some memories should send email messages that we'll read out. Please pass this invitation on to anyone who may have known Jonathan.

Cheers

Margaret

member of the Ensemble of Fat Bearded Shanty Singers (the name Jonathan coined for us before we became the Roaring Forties)

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This week the old reprobate is feeling sorry for Malcolm Turnbull. I almost feel sorry for him myself when I think of having to put up with Wilson Tuckey. Don't forget 'Blue' will be at the Art Gallery on Tuesday (Lunchtime) 17th November for what is a rare public performance.

He says "You know, this would be a good title for a TV Sitcom"

MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE

My heart goes out to Malcolm. He's in such a bind.

He's searching for solutions, but solutions, he

can't find.

Kevin and his cronies, a fractured Coalition, And Malcolm in the middle. Not a good position.

Let us be objective. What course should he take?

What's the best decision on the subject he could make?

This emission trading scheme, is really quite a riddle,

Labor rampant, Liberals brittle, and Malcolm in the middle.

He could go with big business. That's a safe approach,

For a Liberal Leader. Then again, maybe he'll broach

Talking to the unions. That could cause dissension,

Or discuss it with Nick Minchen. It's time Minchin had a mention.

Malcolm must be worried. He's the captain of the side,

But, some senior players have created a divide.

The Nationals with Barney, have been anything but loyal,

And Uncle Wilson Tuckey is regarded as a boil

Upon the Turnbull Liberal bum, almost due to burst,

That's if the knives in back brigade, do not get him first.

The Coalition players are creating some pollution

For their august leader. A double dissolution Is weighing on his mind a lot. Hold on to your hat.

Would Kevin take advantage? Nah! He wouldn't do that.

For Kevin is an honourable man, and would not stoop to conquer,

Even if some Liberals are acting like a plonker. He would not take advantage of a fellow politician,

Magnanimity is the watchword of a man in his position.

Still, Malcolm has my sympathy. His mantra is: "oppose",

But I think that means the Government. It's slightly on the nose

Opposing your own colleagues. Quite an ugly scene,

His mates accusing Malcolm of turning slightly green.

He reminds me, does our Malcolm, of an Emperor of old,

Clad in a Roman toga, embroidered round with gold,

Sitting on his Emperor's throne, playing on his fiddle,

Whilst his party burned around him. That's Malcolm in the middle.

Hey diddle diddle, the man in the middle.

Malcolm discovered quite soon,

That you have to be lucky

To survive Wilson Tuckey,

And it's tough reaching out for the moon.

BLUE -- the shearer

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Another Folkie joins the world! Congratulations are due to Ann Lehman and Dan who became proud parents on Friday 15 October. Little Minna was introduced to the world. All doing well. Ann of course runs our folk music school which is held at the start of the festival- Next year it's held on the 13th and 14th January.

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Here's an item from the Albion Park Chamber of Commerce- Newsletter. Our message is clearly getting out to the far flung reaches of the Empire.

"Illawarra Folk Club: Folk in the Foothills, Jamberoo

What a resounding success this event was. The organisers almost doubled last year's attendance.

It goes to show that if you put on quality acts the public will attend. Though located in Jamberoo, the majority of attendees came through Albion Park. What a pity we do not yet have the catering facilities to deal with visitors.

The same organizing committee is hard at putting the Illawarra Folk festival into shape. This year is the 25th Anniversary and the Illawarra folk Club has thrown the budget out the door. The quality and quantity of the acts have never before been seen on the coast. 4 days of fun music, dance eating and singing. Early bird tickets are available online. go to <http://www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au/> and purchase now. \$75.00 for the full length of the festival, a bargain that probably will not be seen again. I mean it too good to be true, and only available till the first 1000 are sold, or until the 4 December.

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The progressive Kiama Jazz Club has a few events that caught my eye in November. If you are omnivorous in your musical tastes then here's a couple of events that may interest you. Friday Evening November 13 Jazz & Blues @ The Sebel Harbourside Kiama.....presented by the Kiama Jazz Club.

Dr Don's Double Dose from 6pm in the Blue Diamond Bar.

Saturday Night November 14 Crickadero @ Berry School of Arts 7-10pm

Come on down to the Bezza School of Arts for shakin' and shimmyin' with Miss Lissa's belly dancing, a shamozzle of drummers getting loud and some music from Daniel Stratti & friends and the absolutely stupendous Big Erle. That's Our Big Erle- Simon Lehman) Only \$10.

Friday Evening November 20

Jazz & Blues @ The Sebel Harbourside Kiama.....presented by the Kiama Jazz Club.

Paul Robert Burton & Andrew Toner are back 6pm in the Blue Diamond Bar. No Cover Charge.



Another Concert event , this time at the diggers on Sunday Afternoon- It's the VOX FM fundraising concert and is being organized and compered by one of our members, Emma Hannah (Cuz Emma) The action kicks off at 2pm and cost is \$10 prepaid or \$12 at the door.

The acts are:

Chris Parkes -Jazz

Cinnamon Twist- Bellydancers

The Lamplighters

Keith Murphy and Steppin' Out

Robert and Patricia Smith - extraordinary keyboard and vocals

Ron Ah Tong and Friends with Songs of the Islands



While on the subject of Emma she slipped last week and now has a fractured fibula! She says she's on crutches now, but is sure to be mobile enough to do this concert and the two lunchtime spots the following week at the Gallery. I reckon if it wasn't in your leg a broken fibula would be a real pain in the bum.



If you are into drumming then the bloke to contact is club member, Damion Stirling. Damion will be running the drumming workshops and concerts at the Festival.

He's got a workshop coming up on Saturday Nov 7th at SOL Studios, Saturday, November 7th, 1-2.30pm - Dun Dun (Bass Drums), 2.30-4pm - Djembe Workshops. Damien writes:- "Malin Sylla from Guinea, West Africa. Malin comes from a family of griot tradition founded in music, song and rhythms about the history, spirituality

and culture of his people. Malin is a terrific teacher and I recommend this workshop for all skill levels from beginner to experienced drummers. It is a great opportunity to learn traditional rhythms of Guinea from someone who was born and raised with these rhythms as part of their daily life. Bookings are essential by Wednesday the November 4th so call Damion 0416 204 674 OR Email elgroove@y7mail.com cost \$35 each or \$60 to do both.

SOL Studios are at 302 Crown St, Wollongong. 0416 204 674 elgroove@y7mail.com www.myspace.com/elgrooves



Just a note from Penny Larkins who as Potnkettle perfor4med cat the club at our September 5 pack. "It was such a pleasure to come and play in your oh so yummy sound space on friday night. Sorry we had to duck out so early. Saturday was the launch of the syd kid's fest and we were facilitating a choir for that (you may hear about it. :) Simon and Shavi and their kids were part of it) so we had an early up.



2010 NATIONAL FOLKLORE CONFERENCE is on again

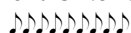
The conference will again be held in conjunction with the National Library of Australia and the National Folk Festival. Next year it will be on the folklorically appropriate date of Thursday, April 1 Graham Seal and the committee are seeking expressions of interest from potential presenters. Please include a title of your paper (20 minutes in length), a brief abstract and a couple of sentences of biography.

The conference organising committee consists of Graham Seal (Curtin University), Rob Willis (AFN), Mark Cranfield (NFF) and Kevin Bradley (NLA). Expressions of interest to g.seal@curtin.edu.au by Nov 30th



Couple of Sad losses to report. Graeme Morrison's Mum died in October. Graeme of course is on the committee, is a programmer for the festival, our licensee for all things alcoholic and keeper of the photographic records of the club. Our thoughts

go out to Graeme and his family and his father Neil. We reviewed Neil's CD of poetry in last months Newsletter.



The folk scene also lost another well known identity when Ken Fergusson from WA died after a long degenerative illness. Ken performed at the club some years ago and produced a show (musical) based on the life

of Sir John Franklin. I remember seeing it at the National Festival and being mightily impressed.



Don Henderson was a great writer of Folk songs. He died maybe 18 years ago but Three and half years ago the Don Henderson Project was launched at the National Folk Festival in Canberra with the mission to raise interest and finance to produce a CD of Don's songs.

The result is a double CD with 40 songs, one CD of Don singing and the second of others singing his songs

Declan Affley, Alex Hood, Gray Shearston, Ann Bermingham, Dave de Hugard, Bill Berry, Danny Spooner, Helen Rowe, Griff Bignell, Geoff Wills, Annette Hood, Mark Gregory, Craig McGregor, Sally Henderson and Tommy Leonard.

The tracks for 'The Songs of Don Henderson' have come from a variety of sources, recordings dating between 1965 and 2007. Among them are studio, concert and home recordings on every medium from reel-to-reel tape, LPs, cassette tape to digital recordings, restored where necessary to the best quality achievable without losing the original atmosphere.

The 'The Songs of Don Henderson' is released through Shoestring Records and release is planned for 15 December.

The CD will be launched at a special concert on 28 December at the Woodford Folk Festival.

For more information please visit the project website at <http://donhenderson.com.au>



One of our members is the very talented Judy Stubbs. Judy plays in a Cabaret Group called "Funkier Than Alice" (You'll have to ask her how they got that name)

As well she has just produced a soundtrack of a gret Documentary about Coal Mining called Beneath Black Skies. They performed in Wollongong a few weeks back and if you missed it you missed something special. Well they have moved to Sydney for a performance and here's some info.

Funkier Than Alice - award winning cabaret act described by the critics for their recent sell out performances at the Adelaide Festival and Mumbai Arts Festival as:

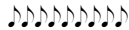
'The most intellectually and emotionally awe-inspiring cabaret act ever... the interweaving harmonies are to die for' (db Magazine Adelaide)

'Full of rib-tickling moments...absolutely

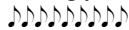
ingenous' (Time Out Mumbai)

AND...a live performance of Judy Stubbs' moving soundtrack of Beneath Black Skies - Why Documentaries' acclaimed film on the history of coal mining and of the men and women who made faced disaster and danger to make Australian coal mining among the safest in the world! Check out the website at <http://www.beneathblackskies.com.au/>

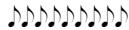
ONE NIGHT ONLY - 8pm on 7 November at Chapel-By-the-Sea, 95 Roscoe St Bondi Beach - Entry \$10 . And if you can't get to Sydney you can catch them at the festival at Bulli.



Racz'nWaters, the trio of young women who so impressed the audiences at Folk in the Foothills won Australian Song of the Year at the Australian Songwriters Awards and were invited to sing the winning song (The Dreaming) . Congratulations and undoubtedly we'll be hearing a lot more of them in the coming years.



Has Eric Bogle retired? The Herald a couple of weeks ago had an article that said he had. Unfortunately I can't find any one whos game enough to take my bet that we'll still see more of the little Scotsman. We all remember Dame Nellie.



If for some strange reason you were unable to make Folk in the Foothills then all is not lost. Bill Robertson from Artsound FM in Canberra has recorded (with the artists permission of course) 5 CDs of: Ted Egan, Ami Williamson, Doc Jones and his Lechery Orchestra, Pugsley Buzzard and Chloe and Jason Roweth with Jim McWhinnie. Well give them a run - or some of them at least on vox on our Saturday Afternoon programme in the coming months. Bill says he hopes we enjoy listening to them as much as he enjoyed listening to them. Thanks to Bill.



John Broomhall and his trio has been having an interesting couple of months. In September he played at so many funerals that he was thinking of calling his group; John Broomhall and the Undertakers. But a greater indignity was to befall him at the Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival two weeks ago.

John was waxing lyrical to the organisers on the need for performers to volunteer for festivals to help keep them afloat. He said he was volunteering and he'd be happy to do anything even clean the dunnies.

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When John turned up to play he was given his volunteering task- you guessed it - he was the official dunny cleaner for the weekend. It wasn't the cleaning that he found so bad - it was the smart arse comments that he got from the likes of Johnny Spillane and Tim Kendall who threatened to go in with a bad aim after a good curry to give him something to do.

Be that as it may the most recent reports out over the Valley indicate that the toilets were the cleanest they have ever had down there. Well done Kenny, I mean Johns - and we've got a vacancy for an experienced person in that are at Bulli.



My old mate Lola Wright from Morundah came to Folk in the Foothills. It was great to see her back in the illawarra after many years away. She has a great memory for things she learnt in her childhood (eighty

years ago) Here's a little verse she sent me this week.

*"The thunder god went for a ride,
Upon his favourite filly,
'I'm Thor' he cried
The horse replied,
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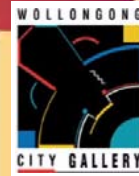
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