

# Illawarra Folk Club Inc.

## NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2010



### FIVE OF THE BEST

## Jim Low, Get Folked, CJ Shaw, Az-I-Am, Kenny Bartley

plus mystery artist

7.30pm 1 October, Members \$10, Non \$15  
CITY DIGGERS WOLLONGONG

Those who lived in the 'Good Old Days' would remember 'Six of the best' - A painful experience for sure. Those days are thankfully past but the Illawarra Folk Club is about to give music lovers 'five of the best'.

There'll be a combination of the new and the old, the familiar and the innovative and the traditional and the contemporary. Folklorist Jim Low will be joined by the wildly exotic Celtic Band, Get folked, while the train travelling poet, storyteller, singer and lover of public transport, CJ Shaw will come face to face with one of the Illawarra's best loved folk bands, Az-I-Am fronted by Chris Wilson. To round of the evening former West Aussie and now Illawarrior Kenny Bartley will present his own brand of finesinging and storytelling



**Jim Low** is a singer/songwriter who lives in the Blue Mountains west of Sydney. It is said that he creates and sings songs that get to the heart of the story, entertain and beg to be listened to again. He has a deep interest in Australian history having written books, articles, and school learning materials on Australian themes. Jim has performed in clubs, restaurants, concerts and festivals and his music has appeared on a number of cds and been played on ABC radio. Above the Creek Bed, his new CD of original songs, also features the talented Chloe and Jason Roweth.



**GET FOLKED** are the new faces of old music. Combining traditional Irish, Scottish and medieval music with other folk influences alongside their own unique style, Get Folked are three odd, folky blokes. From the streets to the stage to the folk session at the pub, they've played their music throughout Sydney and continue to do so, with major folk festivals and the release of a CD in the near future."



**Kenny Bartley** is a singer/songwriter from the northern Illawarra. Originally hailing from Perth W.A he has been performing his brand

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This could be  
your last newsletter  
if you haven't  
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**26th Illawarra  
Folk Festival  
at Bulli Showground  
13 to 16 January 2011**

[www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au](http://www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au)

Artist applications closed **31 July 2010**

## 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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of Aussie folk since the late 90's. His songs are of a story telling nature and are often amusing. Through song Kenny can make you laugh, cringe and cry with personal tales of life.

With a career spanning over 10 years Kenny has supported the likes of Mick Thomas, the Waifs and more recently Jigsaw. As well as playing many a pub and beer garden he has played in the famous spiegel tent at the Adelaide fringe festival, the Nanup folk festival and the 2010 Illawarra folk festival.



**AZ-I-AM** is Chris Wilson and her Gentlemen folk. Bob McInnes, Johnny Spillane, Ray Marshall. Az-I-aM formed in July 2007 for three concerts to be performed at the Illawarra festival January 2008. Such was the reponse, both audience and performers left wanting more, hence we are still around. At this point in time there are no C.D.'s for sale. So the only way to hear Az-I-aM, is to catch them live in concert.



**Cj Shaw** is one of Australia's most entertaining and forward-thinking musicians. Over the past ten years he has moved from strength to strength, performing at weekly residencies, on regional tours and headlining shows in both Sydney and Melbourne. Shaw is as comfortable playing festivals in front of crowds of thousands as he is in intimate venue settings, where his wry humour never fails to engage and entertain audiences. Since his first live performance at the Edinburgh Festival in 2000, Shaw has

developed remarkably as a singer/songwriter. In 2009 Cj Shaw started a regional touring circuit aptly named the TUNESINBLOOM Xpress. The tour exclusively uses public transport to visit regional towns across NSW and Victoria. For this tour Shaw is sponsored by Countrylink, who provide the transport for the tours. So far the TUNESINBLOOM Xpress has visited over twenty towns. These shows are proving to be a hit with the regional audiences and his support is growing across the state.

## HOUSE CONCERT CURRY AND RICE WITH PETER HICKS AS SPICE

4pm Sunday 10 October  
Members \$20, Non \$25  
(includes meal)  
51 Boolwaroo Parade,  
Shellharbour, bookings  
call Mairi 4296 2339

Afternoon concerts behind the frontal dunes at South Shellharbour Beach have a great ambience and Mairi Petersen's front yard is the benchmark for spring folk concerts. Mairi has done enormous work with refugees and they want to help her put on a house concert with Tasmania's great political singer, Peter Hicks who is on a tour launching his latest CD 'The Day The Market Died'.



So its song and Curry with the curries (yes - there is a veggie one) being cooked by Mairi's ex-refugee friends from Bangladesh and India.

Turn up about 3pm for a spot of afternoon tea with home cooked cake. Then we'll have Peter doing a couple of sets and about 6pm the curry

# Folk in the Foothills

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER

will be served. You can BYOG or whatever else tickles your fancy.

The cost the three 'C's - concert, cake and curry) is just \$20 (members), \$25 (others). We need to know if you are coming as house concerts have restricted numbers especially if it rains and we move inside. A folding chair would also help. So if you are coming could you please ring Mairi on 4296 2339 or Russ on 4297 1777 or email bigruss43@bigpond.com.

For over 20 years the songwriting team of Peter Hicks and Geoff Francis have chronicled the political times and events of our society. While their songs have a focus on their home country and the politics of Australia, they have a resonance for and cover topics of international significance such as the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and the plight of refugees world wide. Their topical songs were regularly played on Sydney ABC radio in the early-mid '90's. Peter's song The Slimy Patricks Scab is on display in the Maritime Museum as part of the Maritime Union Workers display of protest.

Peter Hicks' new CD features 11 original songs and two covers. There are passionate songs about what globalisation is doing to the ordinary worker and the plight of refugees. Environmental and peace songs share the stage with some sentimental folk ballads. Peter calls on working people to unite and "Take the Power" which is truly theirs not the fat cats and billionaires.

Folk aficionados will appreciate the nod to the tradition of /Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger and the Almanac Singers/ on the song "Union Train" and guest singer Louise Bell performs a heartfelt version of the /Peter, Paul and Mary/ classic "No Other Name".

Further info visit <http://home.austarnet.com.au/glazfolk>

## FOLK IN THE FOOTHILLS Sunday October 17th

**22 Artists / 5 venues / 30 concerts  
from 8.30am to 8pm  
PROGRAMME**

### Wentworth Room

9:30-10:30am	Maria Forde
11am-12pm	The Stetsons
12:30-1:30pm	Riogh
2-3pm	Wheeze & Suck Band
3:30-4:30pm	Vince Brophy

### Restaurant

11am-12pm	Shortis & Simpson
12:30-1:30pm	Zorba's Kefi
2-3pm	Jim Haynes
3:30-4:30pm	The Stetsons
5-5:30pm	Alistair Hulett Tribute
5:30-6:30pm	Wongawilli
6:30-8pm	Finale

### Belmore Room

9-10am	Alan Musgrove & His Watsaname Band
10:30-11:30am	Vince Brophy
12-1pm	Jimmy Governor, The Last Bushranger, Bob Campbell
1:30-2:30pm	JP Hoe
3-4pm	Shortis & Simpson
4:30-5:30pm	Bowralhouse

### Carrington

10-11am	Bob Campbell
11:30-12:30pm	Books Launch - Jim Haynes
1-1:15pm	Youth Showcase - Tim Lukey
1:15-2pm	Youth Showcase

## 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)

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E-mail: [treasurer@folkalliance.org.au](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.tradandnow.com/shopping)



**Australia's National Folk Magazine**

2:30-3:30pm Maria Forde

4pm-5pm JP Hoe

### The Grove

8:30-10am Poets Morning Tea - Jim Haynes

10:30-11:15am No Such Thing

11:45-12:30pm Wollongong Conservatorium Orchestra

1-1:45pm Tribal Jewels Belly Dance

2:15-3pm Wollongong Welsh Choir

3:30-4:15pm Replay

Sunday, October 17th will see the 8th 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.

Already those great satirists from Canberra's, Shortis and Simpson have been booked. There will be real Celtic Music with local band Riogh while travelling up from Melbourne will be Bluegrass Band the Stetson Family. Funny man and Poet, Jim Haynes will kick off the programme in the morning with a poets breakfast, so folks should bring along their poems and 'avago'.

Bob Campbell from Gulgong will be presenting his radio programme on Jimmy Governor as well as his own brand of Australiana in song, tune and verse. Victoria is further represented by the 'Irish Nightingale', Maria Forde and Shantyman, Vince Brophy. The tradition is not being neglected with Wongawilli and the 'No such Thing' band while the Wollongong Welsh Choir, Tribal Jewels Belly Dancers and the Greek band Zorba's Kefi will add a touch of the multicultural. Bowral House from the Highlands and the Con Artists - Wollongong Conservatorium world music band will round off the programme.

Late international booking is JP Hoe, on tour from Canada.

The Folk in the Foothills was the last performance in the Illawarra by Alistair Hulett before his untimely death. It is fitting therefore that a tribute concert is held for Alistair and this will be one of the day's highlights.

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](http://www.illawarrafolkclub.org.au)

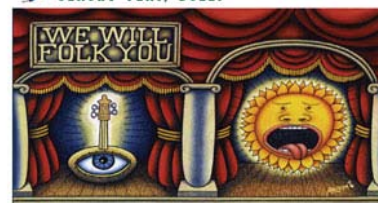
### Accommodation Offer

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

### Tickets

Tickets purchased by COB 15th October are just \$35 a saving of \$10. Buy online from [www.illawarrafolkclub.org.au/store](http://www.illawarrafolkclub.org.au/store) or call 1300 887 034.

## 26th Illawarra Folk Festival Update



### PERFORMER UPDATE

**MORE BOOKINGS, here's just a sample with many more to be announced ....**

Eric Bogle, Ted Egan, Bettina Schelker (Switz), George Mann (USA), Sleepy Lou (USA), Faye Blais (Canada), Chosani Afrique (Senegal), Tracey Bunn, The Go Set, The Barons of Tang, The Tealeaves, Brillig, Pete Denahy, Neil Murray, Dave de Hugard, Martin Pearson, Richard Perso ....

### JOIN THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

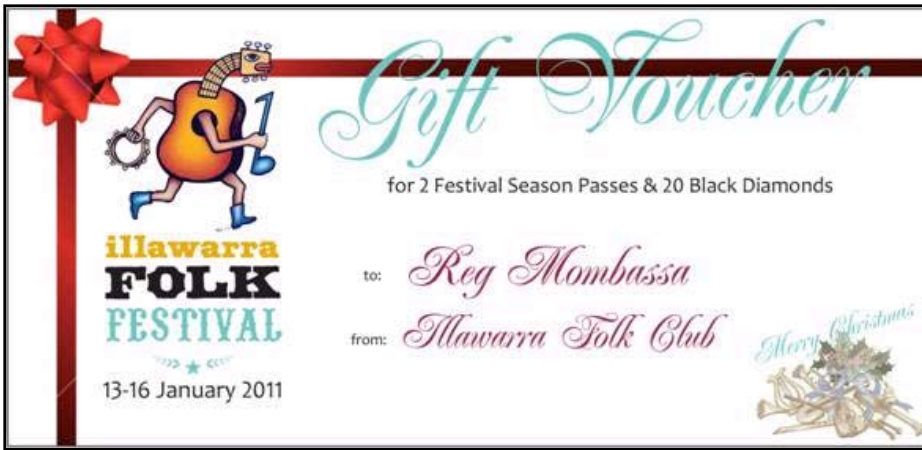
A new organising committee has been formed and has identified some opportunities for people willing to contribute to the ongoing success of the festival.

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to assist with various activities required during the months leading up to the festival.

Of course time spent in doing these pre-festival activities counts towards earning your volunteer benefits which includes a Festival Season pass, entry to various functions and of course contributing to a great community event.

Neil

Festival Project Manager 0437 305 723 [neil@illawarrafolkfestival.com.au](mailto:neil@illawarrafolkfestival.com.au)



Bettina Schelker

**20 FOLK MUSIC SCHOOL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Illawarra Folk Festival is offering twenty youth scholarships to talented and enthusiastic young musicians (18 years and under) to attend the Illawarra Folk Festival Summer School.

The Illawarra Folk Festival Summer School gives musicians of all ages the opportunity to explore a broad range of musical traditions in an open and fun environment. The school provides a rare opportunity to learn from renowned icons. These include musicians of the folk music world such as Eric Bogle (pictured) who wrote the song "And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda."

"With over thirty sessions to choose from the program of the school is designed to cater to a broad range of musical interests including workshops on singing, songwriting, guitar, fiddle, banjo, Irish whistle, accordion and percussion" said Ann Lehmann co-ordinator of the Illawarra Folk Festival Summer School.

The Illawarra Folk Festival Summer School is held 10am-5pm on Jan 12 & 13, 2011 at the Northern Illawarra Uniting Church, Princes Hwy, Bulli, just across the road from the Illawarra Folk Festival.

Applications for the youth scholarships close November 30.

GO TO WEBSITE FOR APPLICATION

[www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au](http://www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au)

**FESTIVAL GIFT VOUCHERS - CUSTOM PRINTED**

If you're stuck for a special present for someone why not get them a Festival Gift Voucher?

It makes an ideal present for Christmas or a Birthday!



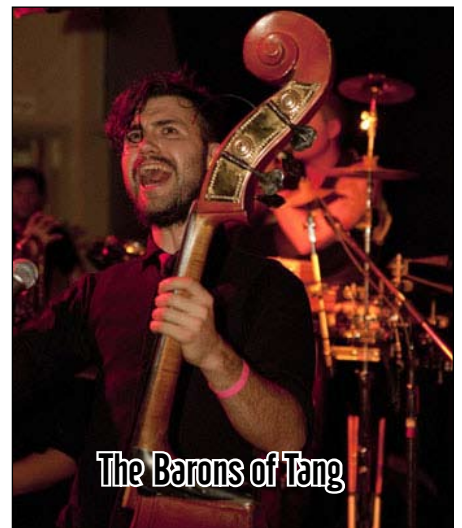
You can order whatever you want to purchase from the Store and then send an email to [info@illawarrafolkclub.org.au](mailto:info@illawarrafolkclub.org.au) or call 1300 887 034 with the following information:

- Name of recipient(s) of Gift Voucher to be placed on the voucher
- Name of gift giver to be placed on the voucher
- Address for the Gift Voucher - either the Recipient or the Giver

You can also buy them some Black Diamond Dollars vouchers in lots of \$5 to spend at the Festival Bar or Festival Product Shop



Chosani Afrique



The Barons of Tang



Brillig



Eric Bogle



The Tealeaves



Faye Blais

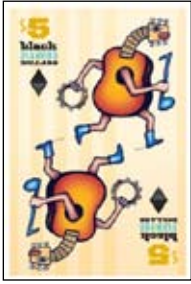


Richard Perso



The Go Set

over the festival period. Most alcoholic drinks are \$5 and CDs / T-shirts range in price from \$15 to \$30.



The festival will then send the custom printed Gift Voucher to either the recipient or the giver as instructed, the festival wristbands and Black Diamond Dollars vouchers

with an information sheet about what to do.

Further enquiries to 1300 887 034 or [info@illawarrafolkclub.org.au](mailto:info@illawarrafolkclub.org.au)

### TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Festival tickets can now be bought on-line - go to the website.

2011 Festival prices:

Early Bird Season, Adult \$80 - Save \$30, buy before 3 December

Season, Youth (12-17) with paying parent \$20

Weekend Pass - (Sat/Sun) from 8am \$85

Friday, all day \$40

Saturday all day \$55

Sunday all day \$45

Friday Evening after 6pm \$30

Saturday Evening after 6pm \$35

Camping per adult, only with purchase of Season or Weekend Pass \$25

(Youth and Children free with paying parent)

## OTHER EVENTS

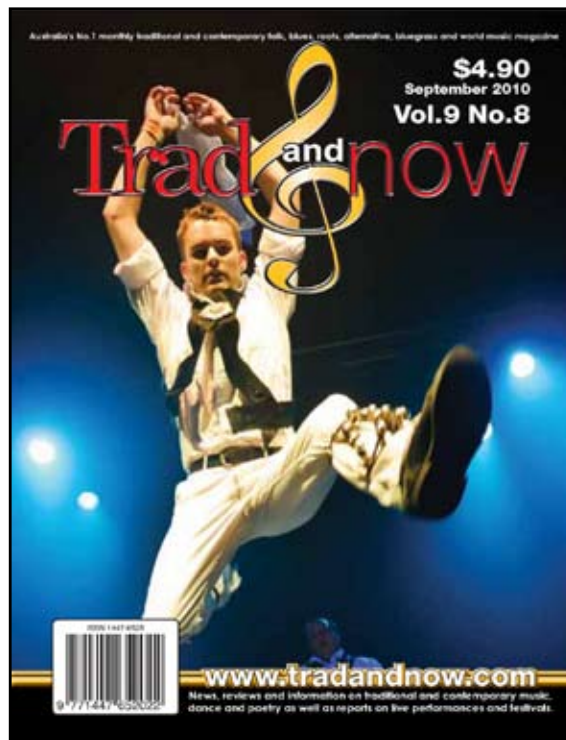
If you are a member of the Illawarra Folk Club you can get a mention in this section.

1 October - 6pm to 9pm - Pearle Noire, Sebel Blue Diamond Bar, Crn 31 Shoalhaven and Minnamurra Street Kiama

1-4 October - BUSH TRADITIONS GATHERING at Goulburn Brewery, Bungonia Road. Dances, sessions, concerts with details on website [www.bushtraditions.org](http://www.bushtraditions.org)

1-4 October - URANQUINTY FOLK FESTIVAL, Uranquinty Folk Festival is a small, family-orientated festival, 12 kilometres south of Wagga Wagga southern NSW. Formed in 1970 by the Wagga Wagga Folk society, it is one of Australia's oldest folk

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festivals. Artists include Franklyn B Paverty, Simone and Craig Dawson, Stiff Gins, Spirit of the Glen, Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club, Tin Shed Rattlers, Den Hanrahan and the Roadsiders, Helen Begley, String Theory, Badja River Quartet, Mary Firkins, Jane Harding, Luke R Davies, Tracey Harris, Derek Bruce, Captain Pete, Paterson's Curse, Jack and Steve

2-4 October - FORBES BEN HALL FESTIVAL, many events are free - Concerts with Collector, Jason and Chloe, Greg O'Leary, Peter Ellis, Emu Creek/Gay Charmers Dance Band, Al Musgrove, Christina Mimocchi and Chris Wheeler, Richard Evans and the Goldfields Brass Band, No Such Thing and heaps more who are coming just for the fun. Go to [www.forbes.nsw.gov.au](http://www.forbes.nsw.gov.au) to download a programme

4-6 October - SPECIAL - PEACE TRAIN: THE CAT STEVENS STORY. Darren Coggan and band will be coming to IPAC October 4-6 with his amazing tribute show to Cat Stevens. The show sold out performances in 2008. So be quick to buy tickets. [www.merrigong.com.au](http://www.merrigong.com.au)

9 October, 5-9pm - Country music fundraiser at Wurrimbirra Sanctuary with Garry Tooth,, Doug McIntyre, Merri Winter and others. Book tickets from Wurrimbirra because of lack of parking. (Fundraising for koala sanctuary).

21 October - Bowral Folk Club 8pm at Fenton's - free entry.

22-24 October - KANGAROO VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL [www.kangaroovalleyfolkfestival.com.au](http://www.kangaroovalleyfolkfestival.com.au)

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30 October - Picton Music Festival (ALL types of music), all day, artists are booked for this year. Buskers opportunities with prizes for 2 categories. Advise Merri Winter at merriwin@yahoo.com and she will provide more details.

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31 October - Open mic/ jam Jamberoo Pub 2-5pm

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SUNDAYS, 3pm-6pm - Imperial Hotel Corner Bong Bong & Bundaroo Sts Bowral NSW 2576 Ph: 02 4861 1623. Come and warm yourself in front of the fire and listen to the world music, Jazz from the eclectic Rick Falkiner Trio.

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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

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TUESDAYS - Mittagong Hotel, Acoustic music at the restaurant of Mittagong Hotel. Contact brian@haydons.com for further info.

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

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4th THURSDAY, 7.30pm - Jamberoo Open mic will run on throughout the winter months. TClare Roberts.

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

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FRIDAYS - Bubbly on the Balcony 12 noon at the Corrimal RSL

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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

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## 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:

**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

If you are a member of the Illawarra Folk Club and interested in selling online then contact info@illawarrafolkclub.org.au

## FOLK NOTES

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MEYERS, David (Dave). Peacefully in Canberra on Thursday, September 23, 2010, after a short illness. Loved and loving partner of Susan. Much loved brother of Colin, Stephen, Craig, Wendy and their families.

A service for DAVE will be held in the chapel of Norwood Park Crematorium, Sandford Street, Mitchell ACT, on Friday. (October 1, 2010), commencing at 10.30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to the ACT Cancer Council would be appreciated. Envelopes available at the service.

Dave was a frequent solo poet / performer at the Illawarra Folk Festival as well as a member of the Shiny Bum Singers. He played at the Diggers earlier in the year and Janet Barnes saw him at the Bungendore festival just a few weeks back.

He will be sadly missed.

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STOP PRESS - Here is the official word on the Illawarra's littlest folkie from his father Danny Priestley from Riogh.

"All is well, Lisa had a baby boy on Monday 20th Of September at 1.39am, he was 3.3kg. We were about to leave our billet's place on Sunday morning around 11.30am. We were going to meet the guys to discuss our set list for our final gig at 2.30pm. We hadn't quite left and Lisa had gone to put on her shoes.... 10 minutes later I went to see what was keeping her. Her water had broken.

We sped to Gundagai Hospital where we were informed that indeed her water had broken. "Where are you booked in?" the doctor asked "Wollongong" she said....."Wollongong.?!" he said.....He advised us to leave....'now'.

We were told there were hospitals at Yass then Goulburn and then Bowral and at every exit I'd

ask Lisa "you right?" ..... "yep" .... and on we'd speed to the next exit. The wattle and windmill were but a blur.

By the time we'd gotten to Robbo (and stopped for a pie!, no kidding!) we knew everything was going to be OK. We finally made it to Wollongong hospital.....and they sent us home..... But not to have travelled all that way for nothing we went back a few hours later and the newest member of Riogh was born early the next morning, 'Shay Anthony Kevin Johnny Alan Lindsay Leigh 'Gundy' Priestley'.

What a name young Shay is going to have to be pretty strong to carry the weight of all those names.

Congratulations from us all.

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While on the subject of poets...

If you have not renewed your membership you are likely to feel a flush of shame. That irascible old poet, Blue the Shearer, traditionally the last to renew each year has coughed up a bit earlier. We mostly make him write a verse as a cover note and he's so used to it he's enclosed one with his cheque, even though it's early (for him)

*Since I'm more or less on time  
With my dues, this year no rhyme.  
If you like, next year I'll pay them later,  
As befits a true procrastinator.*

And of course he's somewhat bemused by all the cooking shows and the controversy surrounding some of them

## COOKING THEN AND NOW

Bugger politics. Let's discuss something really important.

*With all these cooking programs in absolute profusion,*

*I'd have to say, that I am left in cuisinic confusion.*

*Which recipes should I adopt? Which chef should I follow?*

*Whose advice should I accept on which food I should swallow?*

*A plethora of cooking shows, and they are multiplying,*

*Some of those strange recipes are almost death-defying.*

*The viewing public loves its chefs and cooks on television,*

*And follow every recipe with blind faith, and precision.*

*With steak and kidney, eggs and bacon, you knew where you were at.*

*And no one seemed to mind if there was just a bit of fat.*

*I know that's going back in time, but that simple food was good,*

Recipe books were simpler, and could be understood.

A shake of salt and pepper, and a little splash of relish,

Was enough for meals in the past. Now you must embellish

Everything that you prepare with every kind of sauce,

And then subject yourself to a herbal tour-de-force.

Meat and veg and gravy. That was good enough for us,

We didn't need to worry about all this kitchen fuss.

There is nothing better than scrambled eggs on toast,

And as for a Sunday dinner, you just can't beat a roast.

That was then. These are modern times that I must contend with,

And I would like to find a message I can end with.

With all that is on offering, I must seem a dismal voice,

It's just that it's so difficult to make a bloody choice.

First you have to choose between a woman and a fella.

Do I watch Jamie Oliver, or should I prefer Nigella?

Huey's always down to earth. Is he the way to go?

Would the Cook and the Chef be better, or should I stick with Poh?

All those exotic recipes, from every different culture ,

Native foods from kangaroo, to mountain goat and vulture.

Cooked in every different way, with all those herbs and spices,

In all the old utensils, and all the new devices.

There's a far more pressing problem, what's for tea tonight?

What recipe should we choose to spark taste bud delight?

We've racked our brains to find one, and what we'd like the most,

(It makes us sound like philistines), but --- it's that scrambled egg on toast.

BLUE - the shearer

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A note from Maureen O'Brien who played with the Novacastrians, 'Women in the House' in September. "just a big thank you for having us at the IFC on friday night ....I always enjoy coming down there and friday was no exception.....you're a great lot of people, warm and welcoming, and I really appreciate it."

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If you are a John Dengate Fan then six of his latest songs/poems have been added to the union website by Mark Gregory. Song for Julia at <http://unionsong.com/u685.html>

The Mad Monk at <http://unionsong.com/u686.html>

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Recession Song at <http://unionsong.com/u690.html>

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Riogh played on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Turning Wave Festival at Gundagai. Their Saturday Evening gig was a triumph at the Old Gundagai Theatre.

Unfortunately, their Sunday gig was a big win and a big loss, Just before walk-on Lisa, the piano player went into labour which meant her and Danny had other things on their minds. We understand it was a baby boy and will provide more details as they come to hand went into labour just before walk-on so the the 5 piece became a three piece band. Congratulations to Danny and lisa- always good to see another 'folkie' join the scene.

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Peter Butler after 120 years service to the court system the last 98 at Albion Park Courthouse seems to be calling it a day. He is about to start pursuing his part time loves in a full time manner. He will be travelling around Australia a bit, picking up snakes as is his wont (They don't call him Harry Butler in the Wild' for nothing) pursuing his great love of eating and drinking fine wines and gourmet foods and, of course, coming to folk festivals and concerts. We of course wish him well but for the sake of our health will avoid him as much as possible.

## VOX REPORT

Here is the new releases that I have received over the past 6 weeks.

- Bill Price With the Eye of a Sceptic
- Grant Dermodey Lay Down My Burden\*
- Mark Stepakoff Some Assembly Required\*
- Pauls Creek Band Pauls Creek\*
- John McVey Unpredictable
- Pesky J. Nixon Monkey Business

& Mislaïd Hopes

- Nils Olof Soderback and Peter Michaelsen Kvarnresan – Journey to the Mill-Ruralo Swedish Fiddle music\*\*
- Leon Rosselson & Robb Johnson The Liberty Tree- A celebration of the Life and Writings of Thomas Paine\*\*
- Hanneke Cassel For Reasons Unseen\*\*
- Twangtown Paramours Twangtown Paramours
- Paul Kamm & Eleanore MacDonald From the Fire\*
- Sherry Austin Love Still Remains
- Greg Klyma pianomandonation
- Jay Gaunt Harmonicopia
- Steve Deasy People Once Were Welcome Here
- Craig Sonnenfeld Angels, Lovers and Fools
- Stuart Kabak No Matter Where You're Going
- Jim Page and the Spokes Ghost Bikes
- Ward Irish Music Archives The Francis O'Neill Cylinders
- Ernie Hawkins Whinin Boy
- Neptunes Car Strawberry Moon
- Fred Carpenter and Tim May Carpenter and May
- Terrence Martin The Last Black and White TV
- Doug Adams Bernardo's Serenade

### Picks of the Bunch

The Liberty Tree

A celebration of the Life and Writings of Thomas Paine is a double CD produce to celebrate the bicentenary of British philosopher, Thomas Paine. The show is wrapped around a song, and after each verse there is a quotation from either Paine or his detractors, a song about the subject under discussion and then another verse of the song. Very clever and very effective. A must-have for the politically-aware amongst us.

The Francis O'Neill Cylinders

If you are a lover of Irish music (especially if you own O'Neill's Irish Fiddle Tune Book), then this is for you. This is a collection that the said O'Neill recorded on Edison cylinders between 1902 and 1904. The quality over-all (with some exceptions) is surprisingly good. Of particular interest

is the opportunity to see how the "folk process" has changed some tunes over the years (especially because of the difficulty of portraying tunes in notation).

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Cassel, Soderback and Michaelsen, Mark Stepakoff and Ernie Hawkins Cds are also on my play-list.

Denis McKay

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