

Illawarra Folk Club Inc.

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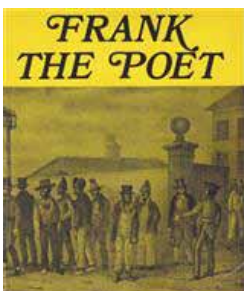
FOLK NOTES & NOTICES

EVENT CALENDARS

PERFORMERS LISTING

**Real life Songs and Poems from
our Convict past
- Bob Campbell, Alan Musgrove, John
Broomhall, Mark Gregory, AMP**

**7.30pm Friday 5 August
CITY DIGGERS WOLLONGONG**



You prisoners of
New South Wales,
Who frequent
watchhouses
and gaols
A story to you
I will tell
'Tis of a convict's



When most people think of Australian verse the names Henry Lawson, Banjo Paterson and CJ Denis spring to mind but in Mudgee 150 years ago this month, the poet who was the precursor of these Bush Poets, died at the age of 50.

Largely unheralded and unknown, the name of Francis Macnamara would not ring a bell in the Psyche of most Australians yet he is an important historical character in our convict past. Only two of his poems were published in his lifetime- the rest have travelled through time via the oral tradition until the advent of folk collectors of the likes of John Manifold and John Meredith who published them.

He is of course known as Frank the Poet, he was subjected to the harshness of repeated floggings and he wrote about the convict era from the point of view of one who was one of the victims of a dark part of our past.

Some of his poems came down as songs such as the hauntingly realistic Moreton Bay and perhaps the defiant Jim Jones at Botany Bay.

Well known folklorist Mark Gregory will be bringing Frank the Poet's life to life on Friday August 6th at the Illawarra Folk Club's August Concert at the Wollongong City Diggers Club. He will be ably abetted by Gulgong author and singer/songwriter Bob Campbell and local singers Alan Musgrove and John Broomhall.

Also on the programme will be a new local group AMP. No they won't sell you insurance but they will sell you on their music.

Anne Lehman, Mark Holder-Keeping and Perla Fefey are all local folk musical legends. They got together at the recent Snowy Mountains Music Festival where they received a great reception.



MEMBERSHIP DUE

Pay Online at folk club store
www.illawarrafolkclub.org.au

or phone with a credit card to
1300 887 034

or post a cheque to **Illawarra Folk
Club Inc, PO Box 5289,
Wollongong, 2500**

or pay cash at a coming concert

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 30 August, 7.30pm
City Diggers Wollongong Boardroom.
All financial members welcome.



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

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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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 30th August 2011
at the City Diggers
Wollongong commencing
at 7.30pm.

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)

Please forward

nominations to The secretary, Illawarra Folk Club, PO Box 5289

Wollongong 2500 or email to info@illawarrafolkclub.org.au

Graeme Morrison

Hon. Sec

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

for folk related adverts

Full page \$120

Half Page \$80

Quarter Page \$50

They decided to stay together as a musical item and give folk club audiences a taste of their eclectic mix of vocal and instrumental delights. With musical Instruments from harp to ukulele, clarinet to mandolin, voice to percussion. They will add a lighter touch to the evening.

BURNS AND BANJO

Humbug, Geoffrey Graham

Saturday 20 August, 7.30pm CITY DIGGERS WOLLONGONG

Members \$10, Non-members \$15



Take a couple of folk musicians, a classical flautist, a 60s rock guitarist and a few community choir singers and you have Humbug!

If you love a bit of Banjo Paterson, a bit of humour, a bit of song, a bit of verse and a bit of old fashioned entertainment then you'll love Geoffrey Graham.

Both Humbug - a nine piece Celtic Band from Canberra and Geoffery Graham a poet, entertainer singer and reciter from the wilds of Victoria will be special guests at the Illawarra Folk Club's concert on August 20th at 7.30 pm at the City Diggers Club, Wollongong.

With Humbug the common thread is a love of Celtic music. Humbug's lively performances feature distinctive vocal harmonies combined with rich instrumental backing, reviving songs rarely heard these days - from the poignant love ballads of Robbie Burns to rousing Irish and Scottish favourites.

Since getting together in 2007, the band has undergone a few line-up changes and has grown to become Canberra's only Celtic 'big band', playing regularly at the Canberra Burns Club and The Merry Muse folk club. Festival credits include Beechworth Celtic Festival, Music at the Creek, the National Folk Festival,

and the inaugural Snowy Mountains of Music and Tuross Music Festivals.



Geoffery Graham is a poet and theatrical communicator. Geoffery combines music, verse and comedy into a unique format. He has devised several one man shows including a Banjo Paterson impersonation called the 'Man From Iron Bark'.

He has appeared in Neighbours as a gorilla, a Soldier in 'Anzacs' and a car salesman with Danni Minogue. He has performed from Outback Australia and New York to Laos and regales forth on every topic from Lawson to CJ Dennis, bushrangers to the Boer War, gold rushes to Billy Tea, cricket to football and romance to texting.

Still the cheapest Saturday Night out in the Gong- \$10 members, \$15 All the facilities of the best club in the 'Gong' are available and the restaurant and coffee shops are class acts if you want a meal before the show.

Spring Arvo Concerts
The Con Artists
Sun 28 August 12.30pm
WONGAWILLI HALL
Free entry - donation
accepted and raffle!
BYO Picnic Lunch

Over the next few months there will be Folk Club afternoon concerts at the Wongawilli Hall. The first is presented in conjunction with the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music and 'The Con Artists'.

It will be a chance for the large band to play the majority of it eclectic repertoire before heading off to the Turning Wave Festival at Gundagai.

The music starts at 12.30pm with a break for a BYO Picnic Lunch and continues to around 3.30pm.

Entry will be free and a donation will be appreciated as a traditional raffle!

The Con Artists are part of the Concord

Community Band which is one of the longest running community bands in Wollongong. The Band plays traditional concert band and jazz ensemble repertoire and recently has also been exploring the musical traditions of New Orleans second line brass bands, Klezmer, Balkans, and others.

The band is the Wollongong Conservatorium's intermediate level student orchestra. Primarily studying the works of great classical composers such as Beethoven, Mozart and Tchaikovsky, this new venture has given students an opportunity to explore alternative styles of music for wind, brass, percussion and strings.

Well known in the folk music scene; David De Santi, Samuel De Santi, Mark Holder-Keeping and Ann Lehmann bring a boatload of experience to The Con Artists and perhaps even a little street cred . . .

Gypsy orchestra? Cabaret band, Folk ensemble? 'The Con Artists' play Tom Waits, Jean-Marc Zelwer, Italian tarantellas, 1920's Klezmer dance tunes, Mariachi, Québécois folk, Balkan brass and even a little 70s R&B.

They're still not exactly sure what they are . . . please enjoy The Con Artists!

Coming Illawarra Folk Club Concerts

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST- Theme Concert - FRANK THE POET - Alan Musgrove, Bob Campbell , AMP and others CITY DIGGERS WOLLONGONG

SATURDAY 20 AUGUST - Geoffrey Graham, Humbug and more CITY DIGGERS WOLLONGONG

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST - The Con Artists and more, WONGAWILLI HALL



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

Wongawilli Colonial Dance Club Events at Wongawilli Hall

- 8pm 3 August - Wongawilli Colonial Dance Club 24th Birthday Bush Dance music by No Sich Thing
- 8pm 10 August Bush Dance
- 8pm 17 August Bush Dance
- 8pm 24 August Bush Dance
- 8pm 31 August Australian Folk Song and Music Session
- 8pm 7 September Bush Dance music by No Sich Thing

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.

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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



Australia's National Folk Magazine

FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER - FIVE PACK Folk Club Concert - Danielle Karis, Trojka, Alan Blackshaw, Multicultural Women's Choir CITY DIGGERS WOLLONGONG

SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER - Folk Club Concert - Alanna & Alicia and more CITY DIGGERS WOLLONGONG

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER - 'Spring into Bush Music' Concert - Wongawilli celebrates its 24th Anniversary Concert with the Sydney Handsome Young Strangers, WONGAWILLI HALL

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER - Folk Club Concert - Jennifer Hardy, 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

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

THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2012 - **Battlefield Band (Scot) & 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

| 9th folk in the FOOTHILLS | | SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER 2011 JAMBEROO VALLEY LODGE | | | |
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| 17/10/2010 | | | | | |
| | 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 Oliphant | |
| 11:30am | Tattie Jam | Zorba's Kefi | | | No Such Thing |
| 12:00pm | | | | Coolfin 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 | Coolfin Mac | | | Ecopella |
| 3:00pm | | | Dust of Uruzgan | | |
| 3:30pm | | | Fred Smith | Greg 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 | | | |

Other Folk & Arts Events

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

August at the Jamberoo Pub - 7th The Indigo Children from Melbourne; 12th Friday Award winning alternative/folk duo Nick and Liesl (SWE/AUS); 14th Joe Mungovan; 21st David Christopher; 28th - 19Twenty. More details email erica@jamberoopub.com.au

August at the Gaelic Club - 1st Floor, 64 Devonshire St, Surry Hills, Sydney - 5th August The Black Water Irish Band, 19th Jane Aubourg + Support, 20th Pukara + Support, 26th Nick Rheinberger + Art Rush. Enquiries to book? Call or email Alex 0451 995 177 or alexcarey@live.com.au

6 August 2pm - IPAC - CITY OF WOLLONGONG BRASS BAND - BRASS AT The PROMS Box Office bookings on 4224 5999 or online www.ipac.org.au

6 August 6.30pm - The Kibbutz Ex Volunteer Association (KEVA) and Aviva Sheba celebrates 100 year kibbutz with 10th Israeli Film Festival in Wollongong McKinnon Building, University of Wollongong ALL WELCOME

19 Friday August 7.30pm - Aaron Lyon and the Wild Things River music, Nowra Golf Club, Nowra, Australia 2541 7.30 pm

13 August 7.30pm - 'The Walrus is Back,' Thirroul Community Centre. Satire and Comedy with Funkier than Alice more info - judy@judithstubs.com.au or 0405 143418

18 August - Sonia Bennett at Fentons in the highlands Contact Brian Haydon

bowralfolkclub@gmail.com

3 September - Mittagong RSL- Steve Cheers and, Rapunzel's Party, (featuring harpist Louise Bell - Mystery guest at the Folk Club in July) will be performing at the musical instruments expo at Mittagong RSL.

3 September - Mittagong RSL- open mic session at the downstairs lounge that day.

30 September – 3rd October Bush Traditions Gathering at Goulburn 30 Sept to 3 Oct. Dave Johnson dave@bushtraditions.org, or see www.bushtraditions.org

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 brustring@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

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 Volunteer Management, Camping Management, Stalls liaison role, Volunteer Kitchen and Emergency Plan & Site Safety.

The most important role to fill is the Volunteer Coordinator.

This role entails advertising for the various volunteer positions, taking applicants details, ensuring all information is collected and forwarding on the information to the relevant Team Leader. There will be a number of volunteers to help the Volunteer Coordinator in this role.

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.

General Artist Applications Closed - looking for Youth and Multicultural Artists

General applications have closed with over 490 of them! So as they say we are oversubscribed!

However we will still accept Expressions of Interest to perform at the festival from Youth and Multicultural groups. Go to the website: www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au for the link.

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.

David Hakan (US), Fred Coon and Bill Burke (US), George Kamikawa & Noriko Tadano (Japan), Indigie Femme (US/NZ), Jack Flash (Qld), Judy Small, La Petite Manouche (NZ). Lindsay Haisley (US), Michael Fix, Skipping Girl Vinegar (Vic), The Bearded Gypsy Band (SA), The Beez (Germany) and The Woohoo Revue (Vic).

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.

Want to get involved in the

Festival?

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



WE NEED YOU!!!!

How about this. Our Illawarra Folk Festival is a finalist in Category 4 (Festivals & Events) at the 2011 South Coast Tourism Awards. However there is a **Peoples' Choice Award** and here's how you can help. You can go onto <http://www.awards.southcoast.net.au/vote.asp?bid=37> and cast a vote for the festival. If we all do it we may become famous and win lots of free publicity!

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Ye old rapsallion has been diving into a past Wonderland and says "By my walrus whiskers, that was a tasty oyster."

*"The time has come", someone once said, to think of other things,
Like climate change, and tax reform, and who should pull the strings.
And whether journalist should hack the 'phones of queens and kings.*

*It could not happen, here in OZ, we don't have a queen,
At least, a queen who lives here, upon the local scene.
And our Australian journalists, would never be that mean.*

*Hacking into private 'phones, our press would never do it,
Dinkum Aussie journalists, simply would eschew it.
And anyway, the target would probably say:
"Screw it!"*

*We could talk of businesses, with all their troughs and peaks,
Or the power of the internet, and those computer geeks,
And wile away the boring hours, by reading WikiLeaks.*

*The walrus and the carpenter, if they were here today,
Would they speak of carbon tax, I wonder what they'd say?
They'd just gobble oysters, as they walked along their way.*

*I'm sorry, Lewis Carroll, that I've pinched your three line rhyme,
Please, don't come back to haunt me, for this plagiarising crime.
But it seemed a good idea, when I did it at the time.*

"The time has come", the PM says "To talk of Carbon Tax.

*I've listened to CSIRO, seen scientific facts,
And tapped into the wisdom, that a certain shock jock lacks"*

Mr Abbott, Opposition Leader, says that: "It's appalling.

*Our esteemed Prime Minister, has completely missed her calling,
And I believe in Henny Penny, when she says the sky is falling."*

The country is divided, friend arguing with friend.

*"WE NEED TO SAVE THE PLANET";
"WE NEED MORE CASH TO SPEND"
The never ending argument could send us round the bend.*

Differing opinions rage. "The carbon tax will break us".

"Nonsense" say supporters. "The carbon tax will make us".

We will have to wait and see, where history will take us.

*"The time has come" someone once said, "to change the conversation,
From shoes, and ships, and ceiling wax, to planet conservation".
And now, I must announce this rhyme, has reached its termination.*

BLUE -- the shearer (copyright col wilson) 22/7/11

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Two people who performed at the club in July were Julie and Kat. They performed as Ruby for Lucy and they have a nice turn of phrase when it comes to publicity (moist excretia of the male bovine – as some may call it.) which I remarked on when introducing them. What I didn't know at the time was they weren't old friends from their school days but met over the internet with a common interest in music. I think that's the first time we've had a duo that the internet is responsible for spawning. Anyway they had a great time and wrote to say "Thanks so much for having us on Friday night - what a fun time we had "

We'll hopefully see you again soon!
Splendid day, Julie & Kat (a.k.a. The Bullshitters)

Ruby for Lucy xxx

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Sandra Nixon from the loaded dog writes

to say that More than 800 ukulele players from across Australia and abroad gathered at a Cairns pub, but they fell 40 people short of breaking the world record for the largest number of people playing the instrument together. It's quite scary isn't it? <http://www.abc.net.au/news/video/2011/07/04/3260401.htm>

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With the huge influx of autoharp players queuing up for the festival (they're trying to take over the world) we need some light relief from them. Here's a couple of starters. Please let me know if you have others.

Q: How do you know if there is a autoharp players at your party ?

A: They'll tell you.

Q: What's the difference between God and an Autoharp player

A: God doesn't think he's a Autoharp player.

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Our sympathies go to Peter and Yvonne Butler. Yvonne's father died in July He lived in Dubbo and Peter and Yvonne went to Dubbo for the funeral.

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Due to technical problems Expressions of Interest forms for the Cobargo Folk Festival 2012 are running late but will be on festival's website very shortly. www.cobargofolkfestival.com Applications close 31st August, 2011.

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Apropos of nothing except that I always like stories where the punchline is a misunderstanding.

A man is lying in bed in the hospital with an oxygen mask over his mouth. Soon a young nurse appears to sponge his hands and feet. "Nurse," he mumbles from behind the mask, "are my testicles black?" Embarrassed, the young nurse replies, "I don't know, I'm only here to wash your hands and feet." He struggles again to ask, "Nurse are my testicles black?" Finally she pulls back the covers, raises his gown, holds his penis in one hand and his testicles in the other hand and takes a closer look, and says, "there's nothing wrong with them!" The man then pulls off his oxygen mask and replies, "That was very nice- but, .are... my...test..results...back?"

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While on the subject of Story Telling – Our resident tale teller, the wonderful Lilli Pang who appeared at the club in July (you could have heard a pin drop) is off to Singapore next Month. She is representing Australia

in a major story-telling festival there. It's great to see people who do other things beside play music and sing get recognized. After all story telling is probably the oldest folk art of all and it's been a bit neglected in the modern age. Anyway – good luck Lilli and we look forward to hearing all about it on your return. How about an article for the Newsletter.

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In October the IRA is holding a workshop: No it's not in Belfast or anywhere as exotic as that. It's right here in Thirroul on the day before Folk in the Foothills at the Thirroul Railway Institute. The workshop will be held at 1pm- 4pm. It'll cost \$10, \$15 and afternoon tea will be provided. Oh! I forgot to tell you- take your recorder. The IRA is the Illawarra Recorder Association. Further info RSVP: IllawarraRecorderAssociation@gmail.com or 4227 5637

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You can rely on John Dengate to put things in perspective with a spot of parody. He's sorted out the climate sceptic

c. John Dengate 2011

CARBON TAX SONG

Tune: Dublin trad. Toora-loora-looraloo

They're looking for monkeys up in the zoo.

First verse and chorus.

*I do not like the carbon tax,
I love the smoke from chimney stacks,
Don't bother me with boring facts,
It just makes me dyspeptic.
Shake your head and cry 'Alas'.
I may be dumb, I may be crass;
Fill the sky with greenhouse gas
For I'm a climate sceptic.*

*The voice of reason I refute,
I think that fossil fuels are beaut,
I don't believe that they pollute,
I favour lots of mining.
I don't like solar energy,
The sun's too far away from me;
My mates on talk-back all agree;
We never stop our whining.*

CHORUS

*I have it on the best advice,
The melting of the polar ice
Has only happened once or twice
And not for quite a while;
The levels of the rising sea
Look perfectly all right to me –
A sceptic I will always be
And I am in denial.*

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A new community choir is starting in July 2011, one of a number of choirs under the SingUp! umbrella.

It's at Parameadows School, 56 Porter St close to North Wollongong station.

TIME : 7 - 9pm Tuesday nights starting July 26. FEES : \$160 per term (10 weeks)

SingUp! choirs are under the overall direction of Stuart Davis, who has been a professional choir director and arranger since 1990. Ph. 9665 8054 mobile/sms 0403 869 405 email singup@optusnet.com.au web www.stuartdavis

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It hasn't taken long. Billy Bragg has written the first song about the Murdoch Scandal. It's called 'Never Buy the Sun,' was written in the wake of the News of the World hacking scandal. It also refers to the Murdoch's Sun sales in Liverpool, which never recovered after its coverage of the 1989 Hillsborough Stadium disaster. You can Play and download mp3 from Union Songs collection <http://unionsong.com/>

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It's welcome back to South African born local singer/songwriter Mignon Lee-Warden. She disappeared off our radar for a while but apparently she has just spent a year in Byron Bay helping run the Brackets and Jam songwriters night at the Bangalow Hotel. She says 'It's good to be back home' and it's welcome back from us.

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Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival is on again from 21-23 Oct 2011 (In Australia's Most Beautiful Valley) and super earlybird tickets are now on Sale. You can get your weekend ticket for a crazy \$65 (full price \$80) until 31 August. (Concession only \$55). Purchase tickets through the secure PayPal shop (you don't need a PayPal account).

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Volunteers Wanted and there's a Poetry Competition and entries are now open Visit the Website (Google it up)

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Alex Carey is the very fine musician from the young group "Get Folked" who have been a great hit at the club and Festival over the last 12 months. He has just taken over the bookings for the Gaelic Club in Sydney and is always on the look-out for acts. You can contact him on alexcarey@live.com.au

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Also a great 'Bon Voyage' to Bob Williams, one of our festival volunteer co-ordinators who is having six weeks or so cavorting around the old dart.

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Russell Hannah, bigruss43@bigpond.com

02) 4297 1777

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

Sat 30 July Programme hosted by Denis McKay

Artist/Track/Album/Label

- Frank Fairfield; Texas Farewell; Out on the Open West; Independent
- Ken Kolodner & Brad Kolodner; Home with the Girls in the Morning-Sally in the Garden; Otter Creek; Fenchurch Music
- The Battlefield Band; Me N'vin Belek, Na Manac'h (I Won't Go To Belek Anymore); Line-up; Temple
- Tracy Spring; Her Baby Rides a Hog; Looking Forward-Looking back; Independent
- Chuck Brodsky; The Bellyache Heard 'Round The World; Subtotal Eclipse; Independent
- Craig Birkhardt; This Old House; Brother to the Wind; Independent;
- Rodney McDonald; Kate Martin's Waltz; Failte; Cape Breton University;
- Tom Mank and Sera Smolen; Eagle Feather; Paper Kisses; Independent
- Dr. Humbead's New Tranquility String Band; Dubuque; The Young Fogies; Rounder
- Red Molly; Keep Your Lamp Trimmed and Burning; We're All Here Because We're Not All Here; Independent;
- Ann Feeney; A Patriots Act; Make Levees (2008); Hudson harding
- Joan Baez; Gracias A La Vida; In Concert; Vanguard
- Sweet Honey in the Rock; I'm a Stranger Her; Selections 1976-1988; Folkways
- Joan Baez; Manha de Carnaval; In Concert; Vanguard
- Kate Rusby; Who Will Sing Me Lullabies; Little lights; Pure Records
- Tina Louise Barr; Off She Goes (Trippin' Up the Stairs); Breakin' Tradition; Independent
- Triskel; Stronoway; Daou; Keltia Musique
- The Double Decker String Band; Skunk in a Collard Patch; The Young Fogies; Rounder
- Colum Sands and Adrian McParland; The Last House in Our Street; March Ditch; Spring
- Jay Unger; The Tractor Breakdown; Waltzing With You; Angel
- The Highlands String band; Lee Highway Blues; Feed Your baby Onions; Rounder
- The Sidecats; Cow Cat; Makin' Tracks; Independent
- Tom Paxton; Daily News; Ramblin' Boy; Elektra
- Rumillatja; Mujeres y Ninos (Mothers and Children); Wiracocha; Independent
- Tom Fisch; Midnight special (Leadbelly); October Boy; Hudson harding

- The Wheeze and Suck band; Roll up-Winster Processional-Furry dance;Traditional Graffiti; Independent
- Harvest Moon Band;The Schaefer Waltz;The Streets of Forbes;Independent
- The Eucalypto Band;Waltz from Forbes;The Streets of Forbes;Independent
- Danny Spooner;It's On;The Songs of Don Henderson;Shoestring

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0244218848 alan@alanblackshaw.net. www.alanblackshaw.net

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Blue the Shearer , aka Col Wilson - poet, raconteur, prawn deveiner, ABC radio star 02 4751 5998, (Springwood), blushear@well-com.net.au

Bob McInnes, Stringfiddle - Larrikin fiddler, Australian Scottish music band 02 4885 1191 (Robertson), stringfiddle@oceanbroadband.net

Chris Wilson - singer/ guitarist 02 4271 4364

Dave Oliphant - singer/ guitarist, dance caller, entertainer, contact for FIDDLEDANCE Bushband 0419 218926 doliphan@bigpond.net.au

David De Santi - piano accordion, Wongawilli, Zumpa, Big Snore Hammers 0409 57 1788 desanti@bigpond.com

Duncan Chalmers - traditional singer/ guitarist 0418 440 032, chalmdr@bigpond.net.au

Graeme Johnson - performance poet, Australia rhyming verse 02 9874 7653 (Sydney), TheRhymefromRyde@bigpond.com

Johnny Spillane - whistle, dance caller, bagpipes 02 4296 9693, john.spillane@optusnet.com.au

Karen Lynne - singer/songwriter, traditional, original, country, contact for Acoustic Shock 02 4757 3292 (Katoomba), karenlynn@bigpond.com

Kenny Bartley - comedic, Aussie, storytelling singer/songwriter 0431 041 947 kennybartleysemail@yahoo.com.au

Kevin Baker - singer/songwriter 02 4225 8684 kevin.b1@bigpond.com

Mark Holder-Keeping - multi-instrumentalist, member of Cantolibre, We Love You Madly, Big Snore Hammers, Zumpa, Markelle 02 4228 4153, 0405 271 110, markelle@1earth.net

Margaret Bradford - folk singer-songwriter, for children also 02 9520 6180 (Sutherland), mbradford@sydney.net

Perla Aura - African dance, drum musician and teacher, member of Obrobini 02 4274 5658, 0414 641 285. pfefey@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

Simon Kinnas - Greek Bouzouki, Greek folk music and music from the Greek islands. 0412 757 557 zorbaskafi@hotmail.com.au

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