

# THE SCOTTISH FIDDLER



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## ***STOP PRESS***

**The Big House is for everyone!**

*Our fundraising for New Zealand is pretty well complete now, and we are raising money needed for the repressing of "reel cool" and the recording and production of the new album: "A Long Way from Home". It would be fantastic to have as many there as possible - gig list is inside newsletter.*

## **PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE**

*promote to all your friends and families – there is no built in audience, so we have to get people there ourselves!*

## **BIG HOUSE GIG!**

*Just when you thought you'd had enough music for one decade, comes the 3rd Big House Big Night Out — a benefit for the (famous) Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club's forthcoming overseas tour:*

**SUNDAY MAY 15 at 7.30pm**

The Big House, 420 Sydney Rd Brunswick

Just \$10 or \$7 (conc) at the door (kids under 12 entry by Freddo Frog or Caramello Bear)

Great chef – dinner bookings welcome on: 8309 9923; Session players from 6pm; Raffle drawn at 9pm; Concert starts at 7.30 & features:

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## **THE DAVIDSON BROTHERS**

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**SET LIST ON LAST PAGE OF THIS ISSUE OF NEWSLETTER!**

## **From Judy**

### **Greetings to our good mate Doug!**

Unbeknownst to the rest of us, while Doug was hoisting b-b-qs at Nunawading (see below) and sizzling sausages all day long, he was also preparing to go under the knife and has just come out of a successful heart by-pass operation – we wish him a speedy recovery and promise not to make him lug gear for at least a month!

### **Hooray for us 1**

For the great day at Bunnings Nunawading on Anzac Day 2005 — thanks in particular to Athalie and Doug for co-ordinating and making it all happen, to our great earlybird team of Sue and Shannon, Pete 'n Shirl as well, and to all the members and supporters who helped out – we made over \$1400 clear, and had a lot of fun.

We have decided this is the way of the future, as on a full day (the store was shut in the morning) you can make close to \$2000. Thanks to Bread Street Bakery in the Mont Albert Shops too, for donating all the bread – great little shop, too.

### **Hooray for us 2**

Fundraising is the flavour of the month it would seem, and we are close to our NZ target and now moving into album fundraising, with:

- May 15** *Big House Benefit Concert with the Davidson Brothers, and Angus' raffle featuring some great give aways from Carlton shops – Judy and Angus in charge*
- May 21** *Bunnings Community Day – we have the chance to win \$1000 (five groups will be drawn from about 40) – need players to be there from 2.30 – 3.30 only – Whitehorse Rd Bunnings, just before Springvale Rd*
- May 22** *Camberwell market stall – see entry elsewhere in newsletter and donate your junk – Louise SK in charge*
- Apr–Jun** *Chocolate Sales – Kate & Shannon O'Leary in charge*
- June 11–12** *Celtfest – chance to sell CDs and books galore – maybe even mugs as well – Sue and who?*
- May–July** *Fiddlers Raffle - books to be distributed at May meeting, draw in Mansfield on July 3 – Judy in charge*
- Aug 14** *Hawthorn Town Hall Farewell Concert – sales opportunity, and donations*

*sought – we could also consider a final small raffle on the day*

**Why not get into it? We are over the \$25,000 mark and closing on our target rapidly!!!**

### **National Celtic Festival Weekend – June 10-13**

As previously advised we are on the program – please keep Saturday and Sunday free that weekend – please attend as many rehearsals as you can in May and June, it may not seem like it sometimes, but the quality of every single person's playing is really important to the group.

### **Mansfield weekend July 1-3**

Planning is progressing now that Kristen from Mansfield has returned from her trip to the UK. All players in the New Zealand tour party are required to attend. Features of the weekend will include the following – still to be finally confirmed

- Friday night gathering for dinner and maybe some tunes, for those who can make it
- Saturday workshop in the morning with Chris Duncan – all in



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- Saturday after morning tea – workshops with a range of tunes teachers from the clubs
- Saturday – rehearsal of sets for the new album in the afternoon – these sets will be used in NZ too
- The Mansfield Hotel will be home to our traditional Saturday night gathering – dinner then a mega session
- Backpacker and apartment accommodation for all of us in Mansfield – Ron McCoy ([rmccoy@ocean.com.au](mailto:rmccoy@ocean.com.au)) is the co-ordinator of accommodation requirements
- Sunday morning workshop with Chris Duncan – for all
- Sunday morning – rehearsal for the concert in the arvo led by Judy – for all
- Sunday afternoon - Mansfield Performing Arts Centre
- The Mansfield Steiner School will be the venue for Rehearsals



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## The Scottish Fiddler – May 2005

### What you need to do to be part of it:

- You need to get yourself on the email list for updating of all details.
- The sign up sheet will be on the web site from mid May

...see next page

- If you don't have email please advise a FAX number as we may not have time to post stuff to you.
- Canberra, Adelaide or other people wanting to come need to call Judy on 03 9893 6332 BEFORE signing up with Ron McCoy
- This year you pay for your own accommodation at the Hostel DON'T send us any money!

Current accommodation costs are:

- Backpacker @ \$20 pp
- Motel — 2 people \$95 plus \$20 extra third person
- Motel family room up to 6 people @ \$145
- Coming but does not require accom
- Ronald McCoy will be contacting you next week to confirm your booking..

### *Upcoming Other Gigs and Dates*

Please make sure you read the calendar so painstakingly put together by Ron and Louise- it tells you all that is going on – don't miss a gig or a rehearsal through not looking!

### *New dates in calendar:*

- July 16** Loyal Orange Club dinner at Box Hill Golf Club, 202 Station Street, Box Hill South; Small group only – be there at 7.30pm, play 8.00 – 9.00pm; supper provided
- August 14** With Hawthorn Pipe Band, Alex Legg and other guests at the Hawthorn Town Hall – this concert was funded with a grant from the City of Boroondara and will be spectacular – please keep this one free on your calendar – it also looks like being our farewell concert before the NZ trip

***PLEASE MARK THESE DATES  
IN YOUR DIARY NOW!***

***NESSIE...check out these dates..!***

NESSIE (North East Scottish Strings Including Elbow pipes) meets on the 1st Sunday for every 2nd month. SO if you're in the area on , 5/6, 7/8, 2/10 & 4/12 drop in and join in the fun! For more information contact Claire on tel: 5963 3277 or Kristen on tel: 03 5766 6282.

***MSFC members especially welcome!***

***Raffle prizes- can you help?***

*You will notice some advertisements in this newsletter as we have been very lucky to have some generous sponsors. We are still looking for prizes to raffle and fundraise, and if you know of anyone who could donate, please contact Judy, An iPod would be a great 1<sup>st</sup> prize; a dozen bottles of wine a great third..... A night at a hotel in town? Please put on your thinking cap and ask around – feel free to give out Judy's email address or phone number to anyone in business who might make a donation we could raffle.*

***NB This notice appeared in last month's newsletter: for those of you not going to New Zealand, the MSFC may be able to help out with some sponsorship! Write to the secretary or Judy if you are planning go..***

***3<sup>d</sup> Jamberoo Valley Folk Music***

The Illawarra Folk Club Inc. is pleased to present the third Jamberoo Valley Folk Music School, Wednesday 5 to Sunday 8 October 2005, Jamberoo Valley Lodge, SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – 3 to be awarded.

The Illawarra Folk Club is extremely proud and excited to announce three scholarships for the third Jamberoo Valley Folk Music School.

There will be one awarded for a residential student (worth \$490) and two for day students (\$270).

Further information including scholarships:  
www.illawarrafolkclub.org.au/folkmusicschool/information.htm

***APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP  
CLOSES 20 May 2005***

***SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR  
MSFC NEWSLETTER TO RON MCCOY  
[rmccoy@ocean.com.au](mailto:rmccoy@ocean.com.au) tel: 0407 318 911***

***"Bread Street" Bakery***

***22 Hamilton St***

***Mont Albert 3124***

***The MSFC would like to thank the Bread Street Bakery for their donation of 30 loaves of bread for our successful sausage sizzle.***

***THEY'VE SUPPORTED US — IT'S YOUR  
TURN TO SUPPORT THEM!***

***Mmm...yummy bread!***

***A message from the Gilmours..***

*Pat and Andrew sent this onto us...nice to know that we can all help each other – thanks Pat and Andrew*



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April 12 2005

Patricia Gilmour,  
Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club,  
6 Arlington Crescent,  
OCEAN GROVE 3226

Dear Patricia,

The Ocean Grove Fire Brigade wishes to sincerely thank the Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club for the donation of sausages which were given to the Brigade after your recent fund-raiser at the Highland Gathering.

The Brigade runs the sausage sizzle at the Ocean Grove Market and your donation greatly assisted in making the last market quite profitable.

Again, the Brigade thanks your group for its donation.

Yours faithfully,  
  
Keith Fisher  
Secretary



## *Sausage sizzle Success!*

*Thanks to Michael Kilpatrick for these really great pics of the days.. Send you pics of fiddle club activities to Ronald McCoy [rmccoy@ocean.com.au](mailto:rmccoy@ocean.com.au) for the newsletter*

***THANKS EVERYONE FOR YOUR  
HARD WORK ON ANZAC DAY!***



*Thanks Judy and Helmut!*



*Thanks Matt! Thanks Angus!*

***WE RAISED OVER 1400 dollars!  
ASK HOW YOU CAN HELP  
FUNDRAISING!***



***THANKS SAUSAGE SIZZLERS!***

***AND THANKS FOR  
EVERYONE WHO HELPED,  
ESPECIALLY..***

*Thanks Athalie*

*Thanks Doug (get well soon!)*

### MSFC CLUB CONTACTS

The Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club (MSFC) meets at 2.00 PM on the 14 Nov, 12 Dec 2004 and from then on, the third Sunday of the month at St Aidan's church hall in Duggan St, North Balwyn.

For more information contact:

Musical Director - Judy on 9893 6332 or [tellingtales@bigpond.com](mailto:tellingtales@bigpond.com)

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## Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club Calendar of Events for 2005

Enter these in your diary — NOW!

*NB Items marked \* are yet to be confirmed – keep reading the newsletter!*

May	
Date	What
12	7.00pm Rehearsal –everyone - Westgarth
15	1.00pm committee meeting 2pm Monthly Meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> Deposit for NZ Trip - \$250
15	<b>6.00pm Session</b> <b>8.00pm MSFC concert</b> The Big House, Sydney Rd Brunswick <b>BIG EVENT PLEASE PROMOTE TO FRIENDS</b> <b>SEE FRONT PAGE</b>
15	2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment due for NZ people- pay \$250 today
18	7.00pm Rehearsal –everyone - Westgarth
Jun	
Date	What
2	7.00pm Rehearsal –everyone – Westgarth
8	7.00pm Rehearsal –everyone – Westgarth
10-13	Portarlinton Celtic Festival MSFC Fund Raising Stall
19	Monthly Meeting
19	6.00pm Session The Big House, Sydney Rd Brunswick
1-30	This month small group items will be recorded in Hugh's studio – Kew- dates tba
	Music Program Finalised for NZ
Jul	
Date	What
1,2,3	Mansfield Rehearsal Camp & Concert - with Chris Duncan & Nessie
16	Loyal Orange Club dinner at Box Hill Golf Club, 202 Station Street, Box Hill South; Small group only – be there at 7.30pm, play 8.00 – 9.00pm; supper provided
17	2.00pm Monthly Meeting – final payment due for NZ (price tba expect approx \$400)
17	6.00pm Session 7.00pm Concert- small group The Big House, Sydney Rd Brunswick
Aug	
Date	What
14	<b>2.30 CONCERT HAWTHORN TOWN HALL –</b> <b>SET THE DAY ASIDE PLEASE</b> With Hawthorn Pipe Band, Alex Legg and other guests at the Hawthorn Town Hall – this concert was funded with a grant from the City of Boroondara and will be spectacular – please keep this one free on your calendar – it also looks like being our farewell concert before the NZ trip
17	7.00pm Rehearsal –everyone - Westgarth
21	1.00pm committee meeting 2.00pm Monthly Meeting
21	7.00pm session – The Big House
25	7.00pm Rehearsal –everyone - Westgarth

Sep	
Date	What
11	Final meeting and rehearsal NZ people
17	Depart for New Zealand
18	2.00pm Monthly Meeting led by Colin ?? – for those not going to NZ

Sep NZ Itinerary (draft)	
Date	What
Saturday 17	Arr Auckland concert
Sunday 18	Auckland dance
Monday 19	Waipu combo
Tuesday 20	Wangharei combo
Wednesday 21	Napier/Hastings combo
Thursday 22	Wanganui combo
Friday 23	Wellington concert
	Wellington workshops & dance CD leaves early
Saturday 24	fly Q'town - sightseeing
Sunday 25	Sightseeing Milford Sound
Monday 26	Invercargill - combo
Tuesday 27	Dunedin – day off
Wednesday 28	Dunedin Gig tba
Thursday 29	Dunedin Gig tba PSK leaves
Friday 30	Dunedin workshop tba
Saturday 1st	Ch'church concert
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Depart ChChurch for Melbourne

Oct	
Date	What
16	2.00pm Monthly Meeting
16	7.00pm Session The Big House, Sydney Rd Brunswick
19*	7pm – rehearsal Westgarth - all
23	2pm – small group at Judys
28-31	Maldon Folk Festival - tbc

Nov	
Date	What
12-13	Recording of CD venue yet tbc
20	2.00pm Monthly Meeting
20	7.00pm Session The Big House, Sydney Rd Brunswick
27	St Andrews Day gig -McCrae Homestead – Mornings Peninusal

Dec	
Date	What
7*	7.00pm Rehearsal –everyone - Westgarth
15*	7.00pm Rehearsal –everyone - Westgarth
18	2.00pm Monthly Meeting & Tune competition (?)
18	6.00pm End of year concert and session – The Big House - everyone

# ***BIG HOUSE GIG! — SUNDAY MAY 15 at 7.30pm***

## **Schedule for May 15 meeting, session and Benefit Concert!**

***PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE*** promote to all your friends and families

***there is no built in audience, so we have to get people there ourselves!***

The Big House, 420 Sydney Rd Brunswick

Just \$10 or \$7 (conc) at the door (kids under 12 entry by Freddo Frog or Caramello Bear)

- 2.00pm***            ***Run through all sets for the Big House Gig tonight (see below)***
- 2.30pm***            ***Divide into groups – rhythm, small group players, big group players – work on items***
- 3.30pm***            ***Arvo tea - please bring something to share***
- 4.00pm***            ***All together – 3 new Songs - From St Kilda To Kings Cross, Millions of Stars and Put a Light in Every Country Window***
- 5.00pm***            ***Finish on the dot***
- 6.00pm***            ***Session for all interested at The Big House***
- 6.30pm***            ***Dinner available at the Big House***
- 7.30pm***            ***Depeche Trois (20 mins)***
- 8.00 - 8.35***        ***Fiddle Club***
- 8.50 - 9.20***        ***Davidson Brothers***
- 9.20 -9.30***        ***Fiddle Frenzy Finale***

<b>SET</b>	<b>FEATURING</b>	<b>GROUP</b>
Glen Tilt/Franks	<i>Evan</i>	all
Da Guisers & Wedding Reel	Big Matt and Little Matt	all
MSFC Originals Set	JT, Jack, Matt, Pria	all
Mrs Patricia Gilmour	Two fluters - Winnie & Kate	all
Ron & Pria gaelic feet	them	?
New Shetland Jigs & Merryns Reel	JT, Pria, Angus & Jack	all
Millions of Stars	Neil, Winnie, Gus, small group	small
New Oz tune set	Helmut	all
Dinghie's Howe Dancers	Walk out onto street again	all
<b>FIDDLE FRENZY FINALE</b>		
Cunningham Set	Hamish & Lachlan; Angus & Tom; Shannon & Kate	all
Flowers and Atholl	Two pipers Geoff & Evan with Hamish and Lachlan	all

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***STOP PRESS — THANKS!***

***Brenton Fyfield of the Violineri 500 Bridge Road has donated 4 sets of violin strings up to value of \$90 each! Keep an eye out in the next MSFC newsletter for a story about Brenton and the Violineri! You can contact the Violineri on tel: 9428 4115. THANKS BRENTON!***