

# THE SCOTTISH FIDDLER



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**STOP PRESS**

- 1) *Tassie tour promotion is number one priority this month – email the poster to ANYONE who might be interested please!! Attached to the newsletter below and as a separate PDF file.*
- 2) *Keep free the night of 1 August for a Melbourne concert and the weekend of 2-3 August for recording the new CD*

**MSFC08 CALENDAR EXCERPT – SEE END OF NEWSLETTER FOR FULL YEAR**

JUNE 08	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	15	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Tas rehearsal	19	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athalie's – 4 Morley Cres	<b>Only Tas goers – Tas tune books to be distributed tonight</b>
Tas rehearsal	26	Thurs	7pm	9pm	South Melbourne Trugo Club cnr Park St & Ferrars Place	Only Tas goers

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Non stop fun	5-13	<b>TASMANIA TOUR</b>			All over the island	See poster below – please circulate to all concerned
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CD Rehearsal	31	Thurs	7pm	9pm	South Melbourne	TBA

## From Judy

### Agenda for meeting – Sunday 15 June

#### St Aidan's Uniting Church, Duggan Street North Balwyn

- 12.30 -2.00pm Young players gathering - Jack to lead
- 2.00 – 3.00pm Judy to teach Wheels of Fortune – Bec to help; revise Willie Stuart
- 3.00 – 3.30pm Judy revises Alexander Laing set
- 3.30 – 4.00pm Arvo tea - all share – distribution of Tassie & CD set lists now
- 4.00 – 5.00pm Matt teaches Stool of Repentance set for Tassie

#### Portarlinton report

A goodly crew of players- about 20 all up – made a good fist of two concerts early (11.30am) and late (10.00pm) as well as taking part in the massive ceilidh band, ably led by Matt, and leading a workshop (JT) focused on Islay Rant and the Alexander Laing hornpipe- a great turn up for this workshop, much better than in earlier years, and overall the festival felt more established and better patronized.

A crew of us also managed to fit in a visit to Andrew and Pat Gilmour who send everyone their love and were delighted with the messages of friendship we were able to convey. Pat is retaining her wicked sense of humour in spite of all adversities she is facing, and giving a battery of doctors hell, it would seem! Some of us also bumped into a very tanned and healthy

looking Jim and Margaret (of glow-worm fame) who also sent their love and told of their new life on the golf course. We miss all these old friends and wish them all well.

#### New CD news

The reprint of ALWFH has been ordered and some important changes made to the art work.

Planning for the new CD – *Gates of Gold* – is well underway and so far:

- Lisa has agreed to develop the artwork for us – hooray for Lisa
- Jonesy and Chris Duncan have agreed to play – hooray for them
- JT has moved ahead with planning for a concert the Friday night 1 August preceding the recording weekend, involving all our guests
- Pete has found us a fantastic venue - at Tintern in Ringwood – with a marvelously helpful staff member there to help, Matt Skarajew – all set up exactly as we would need
- We have agreed to give a workshop for Tintern [players and take part in one of their concerts in return for free use of the spaces
- Hugh has agreed to record again – hooray for him – and Evan to help - yay
- Sets and arrangements are close to finalised
- All we need now is for YOU to sign up – see below and copy and paste and email to Judy

### SIGN UP SHEET- RECORDING AND CONCERT – MSFC PLAYERS: PLEASE RETURN

NAME							
	16 <sup>TH</sup> July – Rehearse night	23 <sup>RD</sup> July- Rehearse night	26 <sup>th</sup> July – rehearse- day	31 <sup>st</sup> July- rehearse- night	1 <sup>st</sup> Aug – concert- night	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug – record - All Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug – record - All Day
YES OR NO							

***MSFC's BIG Tassie tour - right around the corner!***

Preparations continue apace for the famous MSFC's Tassie tour. We're pushing the marketing side of things now with an email blitz to a whole lot of contacts, and sending tour posters to our local gig contacts in all the places we're booked to play at. We've done some date-specific flyers and a version with all the tour dates - our trademark blueey-purple colour from Reel Cool looks a treat - very catchy. Ron and Judy are also arranging some radio interviews prior to and during the tour, so we're hoping for some good coverage on that front.

What we need you to do...

We need bums on seats at all of our gigs, especially at the large-venue evening gigs at: Launceston (Sat 5th July), Cygnet (Wed 9 Jul) and Franklin (Thu 10 July), but all the other gigs as well. Anyone living in and around Hobart might be interested in the Franklin and Cygnet gigs as well, as they're not all that far away.

The tour planning group have been emailing contacts left, right and centre, but we need to keep getting the message out. So, if you know of anyone living in Tasmania, particularly in the towns we're playing at, can you please make a point of ringing them or emailing and passing on the version of the e-flyer with all the dates, and encourage them to come along and bring some friends. Ticket at the door will be very reasonably priced.

The flyer directs people back to an enquiries email through our MSFC website, and Athalie will initially field enquiries. Please rack your brains for any present or past Tasmanian contacts and either forward their details (Name/Email/Phone/Address if known) to Judy, or send them a copy of the flyer.

Please keep asking any questions you may have - to me, Judy, and Louise - we'll do another verbal briefing at the next monthly meeting, and we have some practices coming up later this month, listed in the newsletter calendar.

Some thanks for great work so far...

Many thanks to everyone who has been pitching in with behind-the-scenes work (Sue, Athalie, Louise, Judy, Ron, Jenny and others); we really appreciate the effort you've put in.

Looking forward to a great week early in July.

*Matt Robertson*

*President*

***Baby photo gallery....have a look and make appropriate googling noises of admiration..***



**Battlefield Band – more chances to see them**

Friday 27th June 7.30pm

Melbourne University Victoria

All tickets :\$45.00 Tickets on: (03)8344 5415

Saturday 28th June 7.30pm

Her Majesty's Theatre Ballarat, Victoria

All tickets :\$45.00 Tickets on: (03) 5333 5888

Contact is Barry Gray [www.pipersofdistinction.com](http://www.pipersofdistinction.com)***Contacting NESSIE?***

NESSIE (North East Scottish Strings Including Elbow pipes) meets on the 2nd Sunday of every month. So if you're in the area, drop in and join in the fun! For more information contact Claire on tel: 5963 3277 or Kristen on tel: 03 5766 6282.

**MSFC YOUNG PERSON'S GROUP: CALL JACK TODAY!**

*The new MSFC Young People's Group is up and running. Are you young? Are you cool? (If you play fiddle, you thereby automatically qualify for "cool" status.)*

*So call or email Jack to find out about our new Group!*

**Next gathering will be at 12.30 at St Aidans prior to this month's meeting on June15th.**

**You can contact Jack at: mob – 0424660461 home-03 937 92635**

**email: [coolpeople@melbournescottishfiddlers.com](mailto:coolpeople@melbournescottishfiddlers.com)**

***MSFC CLUB CONTACTS***

***The Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club (MSFC) meets at 2.00 PM 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 9636 4966 or [newdogs@optusnet.com.au](mailto:newdogs@optusnet.com.au)

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mob: 0424 660 461 Email: [coolpeople@melbournescottishfiddlers.com](mailto:coolpeople@melbournescottishfiddlers.com)

**Launceston**

Saturday 5 July 6pm  
Horton Auditorium,  
Performing Arts Centre,  
Scotch Oakburn College - concert

**Burnie**

Sunday 6 July 1.30pm  
Hellyer College - free concert

**Deloraine**

Sunday 6 July 8pm  
Deloraine Community  
Complex - free concert

**Westbury**

Monday 7 July 8pm  
Westbury RSL -  
"session" all players welcome

**Hobart**

Tuesday 8 July 8pm  
New Sydney Hotel -  
"session" all players welcome

**Cygnnet**

Wednesday 9 July 7.30pm  
Cygnnet Town Hall - concert

**Franklin**

Thursday 10 July 7.30pm  
Palais Theatre - concert with  
Tasmanian Heritage Fiddle  
Ensemble

**Port Arthur**

Friday 11 July 6.30pm  
Port Arthur Historic Site -  
theme concert

**Hobart**

Saturday 12 July 7.30pm  
Polish Club - concert with  
Hobart Old Time String Band

Bookings through enquiries@  
melbournescottishfiddlers.com

# The Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club

“The collective energy of this group unleashed connects with the audience, producing high-powered energetic music that reaches from the heart to the feet. A musical force to be reckoned with and National Celtic Festival Favourite.”

Una McAlinden  
National Celtic Festival Director

**...is coming soon!**  
a fantastic performance - don't miss it!

# MSFC 2008 - June edition - looking good!

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AUGUST 08	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Melb concert tbc	1	Friday night	6pm	10.00pm	The BMW Edgeat Fed Square tbc	Taking advantage of all our CD guests being in Melb
Recording	2-3	Sat-Sun	all day	both days	TBC	ALL WELCOME
Monthly Meeting	17	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Boroondara concert - aged care facility	31	Sun	2pm tbc	4pmish	Kew	10-12 players only needed – please volunteer

SEPTEMBER 08	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	21	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME

OCTOBER 08	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Boroondara concert - aged care facility	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
Monthly Meeting	19	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME

NOVEMBER 08	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Session	2	Sun			?	ALL WELCOME
Monthly Meeting	16	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME

DECEMBER 08	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Melbourne concert and CD launch	tbc	Sat	8pm	10pm	tbc	ALL WELCOME
Monthly Meeting	21	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME