

THE SCOTTISH FIDDLER



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STOP THE PRESSES

1. The Launch – details below – some tickets will be available at the door- please encourage your friends
2. The Launch- extra PA gear needed- see below
3. The Lunch – traditional pot luck Xmas luncheon at St Aidan’s see below
4. Tune comp – the judging happens this meeting- be there to take part
5. Port Fairy not a goer- so buy your own tix if you are planning to go in 09!

DECEMBER 08	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Launch rehearsal	11	Thur	6.30pm	9pm	South Melbourne	All welcome
Melbourne concert and CD launch	13	Sat	NOON	5pm	Hawthorn Town Hall	TELL EVERYONE- 400 SEATS TO FILL!
Post launch party	13	Sat	7pm	10pm	Jennys place	PARTY – BRING FOOD AND DRINK APLENTY
Monthly Meeting	14	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME – party and tunes competition afternoon – welcome back Pria and Lousie

The Launch: Gates of Gold Launch details - Saturday 13 December

TIME	WHAT
9.00am	Bruce’s team arrive for set up in HTH (enter from Burwood Rd unless otherwise instructed)
10.00am	All players arrive for rehearsal in Chandelier Room beside the HTH (same entrance) Coffee there for musos?
11.00am	Support teams arrive now unless otherwise decreed by their captains (!!)
11.30 – 12.00am	Musos relocate to Town Hall in the order decreed by BP and Stage Manager Rod Gregory
12.00 noon	Support teams go to lunch, return no later than 1.00pm to sell tickets etc
11.45 – 12.30pm	Sound check as required by BP and team
12.30pm	CD and CS sound check
12.30pm	Musos go to lunch return no later than 1.30pm to get ready – you are on your own here so bring food if you prefer
1.30pm	All musos gather in Chandelier Room for tuning up etc except keys and drums
2.00pm	Concert begins with MSFC – see separate attachment
3.00pm	Interval
3.30pm - 3.50pm	Chris Duncan and Catherine Strutt
3.50pm – 3.55pm	Raffle draw while fiddlers reclaim the stage
3.55 – 4.35pm	MSFC AND WALK OFF

Hawthorn Town Hall is very close to Glenferrie Station, for the drivers please note there is parking behind the Town Hall available all day.

Uniform and last practice for launch:

The GoG T-Shirts are available for those who ordered them and for our guests- please wear black pants or skirts, and if you did not order or want a new GoG shirt please wear black on top as well. T-Shirts can be collected from Judy and Neil's place at the rehearsal this Thursday – NOTE THIS IS AT OUR PLACE NOT TRUGO HALL – address is 229 York Street !!!!!

Paying for your t-shirt:

Please pay this weekend at the launch – the shirts are a flat \$20 each to members, and \$25 for the public.

Getting your free CD:

The CDs will be ready this week after an urgent reprint was made necessary by (luckily) their mistake. You can collect yours from the rehearsal or the gig or the meeting.

Buying more CDs:

As in the past we are offering a special price to our members of \$20 each or 3 for \$50, 5 for \$75 as you may want to buy some for Xmas Presents! Public sales at \$25, 2 for \$45 or 3 for \$60.

Gear needed – request from the great Bruce Packard:

1. The set-up will need at least 30 XLR cables (aka Cannon-to-Cannon) - I have 17 – who could lend additional cannon to cannon leads?
2. I think if everyone who uses a DI and owns their own brings their own then I think I can easily cope with the overflow
3. Mics - a couple of extra SM58s or SM57s wouldn't go astray.

Some Kind Messages From Some of Our Friends:

Great to hear from you.

Thanks for your generous invitation. I would love to make the concert and meet up with you all again, but am locked in to performing at a local gig here in Deloraine that night.

Thank you for thinking of us. I look forward to future gatherings.

Have a great evening on the 13th. I'm very sorry I can't be there.
Best wishes

Patrick Gambles
Community Development Officer
Meander Valley Council

Congratulations to the Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club for producing their fourth CD

Beth and Mike from Celtic Southern Cross hope you have the most fantastic launch of the CD on Saturday and wish we could be there with you

We are proud to be associated with the MSFC and welcome its members at our Music Under the Southern Cross Celtic Summer School (Email: music@celt.com.au)



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.

Musical Director - Judy on 9636 4966 or newdogs@optusnet.com.au

President - Matthew on 9484 8076 or matt.madonna@bigpond.com

Treasurer - Louise at ask@netspace.com.au

Gig Manager/CD sales - Sue on 9481 7268 or sdarbyoleary@hotmail.com

Secretary - Judy O on 9489 4510 or at j.o@mac.com

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Young person's group contact Gus 0438 318 983

Email: coolpeople@melbournescottishfiddlers.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.

Big thanks to everyone who came along to Monica and Jean's party - We'll probably do it again next year so anyone else with a B'day in November contact us and join in!

Agenda for our next meeting – Sunday 14 December

St Aidan's Uniting Church, Duggan Street North Balwyn

12.45 – 1.00PM	Set up for lunch – bring a plate to share, your choice – bring your own knife fork plate and one for someone else please
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Long lunch – eat drink and be merry
2.00 – 2.45pm	Judging the tunes comp with our visiting panel of judges
2.45pm - 3.00pm	Presentations
3.00 – 4.00pm	SESSION
4.00 – 4.30PM	Afternoon tea – leftovers from lunch?



Tune competition judging

Twenty original tunes were submitted by our members and friends with one being sent in from Ross Wood from the Blue Mountains, and a panel comprising Sirrocha, Sarah, Lucy and Colin (TBC) will judge the tunes to a series of criteria strictly laid down by Mr President. The audience (you) will also get to choose a favourite. The tunes will be played by a panel drawn from the usual suspects.

Four prizes will be awarded:

Best jig
Best reel
Best slow tune
Audience favourite



Prizes will be presented on the day.

Your chance to join the camp out weekend in February 09 - please let Dave and Di know NOW if you are interested!!! Email: musicman@virtual.net.au

Hi Judy,

Suggested weekend for camp-out is 21st February which will coincide with our local Wirreanda (tall trees) Festival weekend. Unfortunately, it is the same weekend as The Fiddles' Convention which will affect some members. David & I have been asked to provide music for a "bush dance" at Narbethong on the Saturday night- fundraiser for CFA. IF the club are into the idea we would like to make this a Scottish flavoured dance & also have a dance workshop in Marysville on Saturday. Look forward to reply. Love Di

We are hip, funky and way cool – find us on YouTube

Thanks to the efforts of some of our more with it people- here I am speaking of Doug, Neil and Dr Ron – we can now be found on YouTube – thanks to those funkmeisters from the rest of us.

<http://au.youtube.com/watch?v=mnqzIrlc9YU> Richard Klein sings "Song of the Mira"

<http://au.youtube.com/watch?v=t0CHvc9Tg4E> Colin MacLeod leads The Seagull

<http://au.youtube.com/watch?v=Ilp578x5Twg> Lucy Wise sings Wheel of Fortune

<http://au.youtube.com/watch?v=Ilp578x5Twg> Jack Wilson with the MSFC playing Jack's Jigs

<http://au.youtube.com/watch?v=pErRYhpNxME> Judy Turner plays the saw with the MSFC on Gordon Powell's Waltz.

MSFC 2009 draft calendar

FEB	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	15	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Fests rehearsal	18	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athalies place Box Hill	ALL WELCOME
Camp out weekend tbc	21-22	Sat-Sun	ALL WEEKEND		Dave n Di's place Marysville	DEPENDS ON NUMBERS
Fests rehearsal	26	Thur	7pm	9pm	Sth Melb Trugo Hall	ALL WELCOME
MAR	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Fests rehearsal	4	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athalies place Box Hill	ALL WELCOME
BMF	12-22	Brunswick Music Festival				TBC
Monthly Meeting	15	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
NFF rehearsal	26	Thurs	7pm	9pm	Sth Melb Trugo Hall	ALL WELCOME
APR	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
NFF rehearsal	2	Thurs	7pm	9pm	Athalie's	ALL WELCOME
NFF rehearsal	8	Wed	7pm	9pm	Sth Melb Trugo Hall	ALL WELCOME
NFF	10-13	National Folk Festival Canberra				TBC
Monthly Meeting	19	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
MAY	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	17	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Cellfest rehearsal	20	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athalie's	ALL WELCOME
Cellfest rehearsal	28	Thurs	7pm	9pm	Sth Melb Trugo Hall	ALL WELCOME
JUN	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Celtic Festival tbc	6-8	Port Arlington Celtic Festival				TBC
Monthly Meeting	21	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	
JUL	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Rehearsal						
Concert at St A's	12	Sun	2pm	5pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME - confirmed
Monthly Meeting	19	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
AUG	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	9	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
SEP	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	20	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
OCT	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	19	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
NOV	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	15	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
DEC	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	13	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	SUGGESTED DEC ONLY CHANGE!!