

The Beat



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Macquarie Towns Music Club Inc Newsletter

Coming Club Events

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Neighbourhood Centre,
West Market St,
Richmond

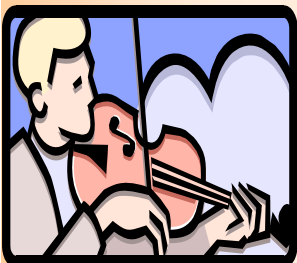
- Sept 15th will be a 'Round Robin' jam session format. Don't miss a fun and entertaining night.
- October 20th. 'Selalu' will feature as a Main Act following a 'Blackboard Concert' and will entertain us in the final hour from 9.30-10.30pm.
- 17th November. Will feature another 'Round Robin' session night.
- December 15th. Club Christmas party Bash & Jam in Hanna Park Nth Richmond. BBQ available, BYO Kids. 4pm start.

Coming Festivals

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Anyone interested in contributing an advert, poem, story, lyrics etc to 'The Beat' contact Dez.

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Welcome

I hope you and your family and friends are well and you are also keeping yourselves and your instruments in tune and active. I have a lot of news for you and I hope you can find time in the coming weeks to read this copy of 'The Beat' that is intended to communicate coming events of interest from September to December 2007 as well as review some past events. I have also added a new section on reviews of new music or poetry you have been listening to lately. Our annual Christmas Party will be held on December 15 and is a wonderful family gathering in the park, BYO & Council BBQ available for use.

The last 4 months have seen some wonderful new acts emerging from the crowd. We are averaging 25+ attendees at each session and the August 'Blackboard Concert' had 32 in attendance and what a great night of variety and entertainment it was that all enjoyed. Don't forget that you are all welcome to contribute to all future issues of 'The Beat'. Just send your news to me...

Annual General Meeting – August 18 2007

The 2007 Annual General Meeting was held at 7pm prior to our normal club meeting on August 18. It was attended by 14 club members. The yearly reports were presented by the club President and Treasurer, nominations

were then taken and elections for office were conducted.

The Executive Committee for the next 12 months is Dez Williams, President; Taia de Burca, Vice President; Selina Rowe, Secretary; Richard

Galluzzi, Treasurer. Club committee members are Patrick Smith, Kathie McMahon & Karen Williams. The minutes of the AGM will be circulated to all and copies can also be also obtained from me if desired.

Resignations

Two very influential and prominent people who have assisted in the development of our music club to what it is today have recently stood down from their involvement in the Club. Ellen Manning and Garry Ragen, who

have both been granted lifetime membership for their roles, have now resigned from their standing and will pursue their own endeavours.

Best wishes to Garry and Ellen... ☺ ☀



Festival Dates for your Diary

7th to 9th September
Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival
Kangaroo Valley Showground
kvfolk@bigpond.com

12th to 16th September
Turning Wave Festival
Gundagai. ph. 9489 5786

28th to 30th September.
Great Southern Blues and Rockabilly Festival
Narooma, ph. 4476 2550

28th Sept to 1st October
(Labour Day weekend).
Uranquinty Folk Festival.
Wagga Wagga ph 6029 2156

19th October
Folk in the Foothills.
Jamberoo Valley Lodge
ph. 1300 887 034

27th to 29th October
Dorrigo Folk & Bluegrass Festival.
Dorrigo Showground. ph. 6657 1229

Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock Concert Review



Another large audience braved the winter chills and ventured into town for this wonderful concert held in June. Although Jim Rush couldn't make it and Quentin had prior commitments; Karen, Martin & Nigel still provided us with a great night of entertaining songs and instrumentals. The band was supported by a variety of club

members including Australian Champion Bush poet Terry Regan, Latitude, Highly Strung (David & Dez), and visiting musicians Johnnie & Tinker Duffy. Karen has promised to bring the full line up back in 2008. Well done to all who contributed their talents and assistance to another successful night of music and entertainment.

Guest Artist 'Selalu' – October 20

Selalu - October 20. 9.30 – 10.30+



Selalu is a 3-piece band performing unique and original music. They take their audiences on a journey with a diversity of songs that are strong, thoughtful, melodic, moving and ... well, just simply beautiful.

Trevor, Kathleen and Tully combine their talents to form the Selalu sound using acoustic guitars, bass, mandolin and great harmonies. *Selalu* is a Malay word meaning

'always' and the group have made this their motto, *always* attempting to remain true to their music. May their songs tell their story?

The performance by Selalu will be preceded by a Blackboard Concert from 7.30 to 9.00pm and a 30min break. The Blackboard Concert will feature short performances by a variety of our multi-talented club members & friends. See you there.

What music are you listening to?

This will be a new regular section to the newsletter (suggested by committee member Patrick Smith) and will present reviews of new music we are currently listening to. The following album reviews are from Patrick.

Kila and Oki: *Self titled* (2006). A good album by one of Ireland's top contemporary folk groups who have teamed up with a cool Japanese folk muso called Oki. A bit of a

rootsy, laid back feel, with great musicianship as expected with Kila. If you find that you're struggling to understand the lyrics it's most probably because they're in Irish or the in Japanese dialect of Ainu.

Best track: 'Topattumi'

Neil Young: *Living With War* (2006). A great protest album from one of the best, it is raw, open, in your face and rocking out. This album features plenty of electric

guitar and a bit of trumpet for a nice twist. **Best track: "Let's Impeach the President"**

Jethro Tull: *Live At the Isle Of Wight 1970* (2004). This is an okay live album that represents the music of the time. The sound quality is average but the energy contained makes up for it. I found the numerous solos (flute, guitar, drum, bass, piano solos) got a bit much; even for me. **Best track: "To Cry You a Song"**

Member's News

Club member, **Terry Regan** has brought home another interstate trophy after being crowned '**Overall Champion Poet**' of the **2007 Bundy Muster** held at Bundaberg, Queensland. Terry was 1st in Open Original, 1st in Open Modern & 2nd in Open Traditional. Terry also brought home a trophy from the **Gulgong Henry Lawson Heritage Festival** when he came 2nd to Lisa Quast in the Leonard Teale Memorial Performance Poetry section. Well done Champ!

Club Vice President **Taia de Burca** is off to **Ireland** next month for about six weeks to meet up with her cousin from the Isle of Man who then plan to travel together to meet a couple of their mothers' first cousins in Westport, Co Mayo. Taia is also looking forward to hearing some good Irish music while on the trip. Have a safe & fun trip, Taia!

Club members **Latitude** are on the programme to perform at **Dorrigo Folk & Bluegrass Festival** (26-28 Oct) and **Kathie McMahon** will be

conducting a workshop on techniques for presenting local history to school aged children by way of music. If you are going up to the Dorrigo Festival then try and get over and support these members.

Club President **Dez Williams** has had an article printed in the latest edition of the *Natural Health & Vegetarian Life* magazine (2007 Spring edition with Jackie Love on the cover). The article was a 2004 University research assignment and is called *Diet & Health* pp.24-26.



Club Meetings

3rd Saturday every Month
Richmond Neighbourhood
Centre, West Market St.
Richmond.
7.30 -10.30pm

Newsletter Contributions

We invite all members of the Macquarie Towns Music Club to contribute information, news or articles relevant to our club's interests.

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(Sorry, our website probably needs updating)



Pictures from August Blackboard Concert



Blow your Trumpet

'Sound Direction': Botobolar Winery, Old Cooyal Road Mudgee
1pm - 5 pm Saturday 22nd September. This gig is an annual event for Dez & Kaz and is part of the Mudgee Wine Festival, held throughout September each year. Entry is free. Enquiries **Dez – 4578 5215**

'The Bushrangers & 34th Parrallel': Bushdance, 27th Oct
Bushdance, Kurmond Public School Nth Richmond Community Centre; 28th Oct Scarecrow Festival; 3rd Nov Bushdance, Seven Hills Nth Public School; 10th Nov Concert, Wellspring Cafe Queens St, Auburn; (next to police station) 24th Nov Bushdance, Baulkham Hills Public School. Enquiries **Garry - 4572 1863**

FOR SALE: Hundreds of LP Records: Jazz, Blues, Country, Bluegrass, Instrumental, Classical, Rock & Pop & more. 50c each
Enquiries **Dez – 4578 5215**

'Latitude & Sound Direction': Club members will be performing at various times throughout the Kingswood Park Primary School Market Day on 15th Sept (off Kaluah Ave). These markets are in aid of the school and will run from 11am to 3pm. The day will feature stalls, comp, food & various musicians. Enquiries **Richard – 4730 4785**



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