

The Beat

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Macquarie Towns Music Club Inc Newsletter



Coming Club Events

Richmond
Neighbourhood Centre,
West Market St,
Richmond

7.30 – 10.30

- Sept 20 will be a 'Round Robin' jam session format. Don't miss another fun night.
- October 18 'Karen Lynne & Pat Drummond' will perform as a duo and as Guest Artists supported by a 'Variety Concert' of talented club performers.
- November 15 will feature another 'Round Robin' session night.
- December 20 will be a Christmas Party at 7 Katrina Close, Richmond. Bring your instruments, kids & togs & also your food, your snacks & grogs. Yee Har.

Coming Festivals

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Anyone interested in contributing to 'The Beat' contact Dez or email the info.

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Welcome

Welcome to another 4 month look ahead for Macquarie Towns Music Club and I hope you, your families and your friends are all healthy and happy.

Find time to read this issue of 'The Beat' so you are updated on what's going on between September and December 2008. We are still seeing an assortment of wonderful new acts emerging from our audience and we still encourage learners and new performers to participate in our sessions and concerts.

The 2 concerts and guest artists from June (John Hospodaryk) and August (Denizon) were a great success, especially when considering the time of year and the recent winter being the coldest in 64 years. As new attendees, members of Denizon were delighted with the 'unplugged' venue and also the intimate relationship with the audience.

Our final concert of 2008 will feature 2 well known, award winning soloists performing as a duo. Karen Lynne and Pat Drummond will combine their talents to entertain us on October 18th so spread the word and bring your friends to another night of first class entertainment.

Our club Christmas party will be held on December 20 at the Presidential Palace. This will be a family day out and will include BBQ facilities, swimming, games and of course a jam session in the shade of the carport.

Summer Edition

Annual General Meeting – September 20 2008

The Annual General Meeting of MTMC Inc will be held on September 20 at 7 pm prior to the commencement of our September 'Round Robin'

meeting and all members are encouraged to attend. Annual Reports will be presented by the executive committee and nominations and voting will

be undertaken for the club committee members. All members interested in joining the club committee are welcome to stand for nomination.

Festival Dates for your Diary

12th to 14th September

Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival, Kangaroo Valley NSW kvfolk@bigpond.com.au www.kangaroovalleyfolkfestival.com.au

17th to 21st September

The Turning Wave – Festival of Irish and Australian Music; Gundagai NSW ph. 9489 5786 info@turningwave.org.au or www.turningwave.org.au

26th Sept to 4th October

Coffs Harbour Buskers & Comedy Festival NSW ph. 66528266 john_ile@tpg.com.au or www.coffsharbourbuskers.com

3rd to 6th October.

Great Southern Blues and Rockabilly Festival Narooma NSW ph. 44762550 info@bluesfestival.tv or www.bluesfestival.tv

3rd to 6th October.

Uranquinty 38th Annual Folk Festival Wagga Wagga NSW ph. 60292156 quintyfolk@yahoo.com.au or www.uranquintyfolk.com

24th to 26th October

Seventh Dorrigo Folk and Bluegrass Festival NSW ph. 66571229 or email festival@dorrigo.com or

www.dorrigo.com/festival

31st Oct to 2nd November.

Folk in Broke NSW ph. 65791259 or www.myspace.com/folkinbrokefestival

19th October.

Illawarra Folk in the Foothills NSW Jamberoo ph. 1300 887 034 www.illawarrafolkclub.org.au

7th to 9th November.

Festival of Irish Music – Fleadh Nua Goulburn NSW ph.9181 3365 irishmusiciansssydney@hotmail.com or www.irishmusiciansssydney.com

Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne – October 18

Pat Drummond and Karen Lynne are a singer/songwriting duo from the Blue Mountains and are fast becoming a well known concert act. Together they form a wonderful combination of two very different but complimentary acts.

Both individually and as a duo they have been nominated for and won singing and songwriting awards on multiple occasions.

Pat, a well known festival performer is a strong instrumentalist and a very capable songwriter. He is known as the finest singing

storyteller in Australia whose stories are about everyday people and everyday places and whose work has been described as 'clear-eyed yet compassionate'.

Karen, well known in country and bluegrass circles, joins Pat with her strikingly beautiful voice. She sings her own material and also splendid interpretations of some of Pat's lesser known songwriting material.

Together, while launching their new album 'Long Journey Home', they'll make you think, laugh, cry, clap and sing along. See you there!



Health Benefits of Music

Music is a familiar part of life for people in Australia. They are exposed to recorded music on radio, television, CDs, tapes and now MP3 players. Many still share in making music from school to adulthood.

Music is a part of a healthy life.

The music therapist engages that healthy part of the person to help him/her cope with an illness, disorder, disease or other medical crisis which has caused them to be hospitalised.

Music therapy is adaptable to any person, no matter how sick or disabled and regardless of age.

Based on the person's medical and developmental status, music can be employed in structured ways (songs or songwriting) to help contain or clarify emotions and empower the person; or it may be just framed (improvised instrument playing) to allow a totally free, but supported expression of emotion. In these ways a music therapist helps to alleviate tension and anxiety and aids pain control through distraction and/or relaxation.

Hospitalised persons can control music - they can decide if they wish to participate, what they will do, how it will be done and when it will end. Such freedom of choice is not

available in most other aspects of medicine or hospitalisation.



Member's News

Celtic / Australian Music Sessions

Tom Hamilton hosts a session similar to the Macquarie Towns Music Club sessions every **2nd Friday of each month** starting **7.30pm** at **Windsor RSL Club** (corner of Mileham & Argyle Streets, Windsor)

Participants join in a 'Round Robin' session where all others are

welcome to accompany and join in. Although the emphasis is on Celtic or Australian music a little Country may fit it as well. At present there are only small numbers of participants and because of this they have gravitated towards traditional, original compositions and 'a Capella' styles.

Tom notes that his meetings and our club can compliment each other

similar to how it once was in the past because most of his group are members of MTMC anyway. Top class dining is available and also available are club priced drinks and a bus service.

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CD Review

The Stringbeans - Handpicked By John Williams

It is always good when accomplished musicians combine to follow an interest and it is exactly the case with this album. Four talented musicians have got together to play and the quartet comprises of Wendy Jackson, Will Manovel, Leo Kahans and Mike St Clair-Miller.

Their aim was to draw from their various backgrounds of Australian and North American bluegrass, swing and country blues to create their own unique sound.

The tracks are diverse and show the variety of interests of the band members. 'Little Red Wagon' has a

real swing feel to it and yet it also sounds bluegrass as well. Tom Petty's 'I Won't Back Down' is great and the touch of bluegrass makes for toe-tapping listening. 'Top of the Mountain' is my favorite and has a real swing feel to it. As a Beatles fan I really enjoyed the Stringbeans version of 'I've Just Seen a Face'.

There were other great tunes on the CD and some of my favorites were 'Washington County' a strong instrumental and the catchy song 'I Still Carry You Around' is also great listening.

Paul Kelly's 'Our Sunshine' adds a great Aussie flavour to the album. The CD finishes with a Bill Monroe

tune 'Tombstone Junction' which rounds it off beautifully enabling each musician to show their musical ability.

It leaves you wanting more which is the sign of a good CD.



CD Review

Chloe & Jason Roweth – Another Threshing Day By Ian Dearden

This really is music from the heartlands. Most of the songs and tunes on this CD were collected from around Australia. They are sung beautifully by Chloe and Jason whose vocals are backed by Chloe on the mandolin and Jason on guitar (with occasional assistance from Jim McWhinnie on bodhran).

The song choices range from the well-known 'Gentle Annie', 'The Dark Eyed Gypsies' and 'The Kelly Gang' to the obscure 'The Hat Ned Kelly Wore' and also includes a number of tunes that show off Chloe's impressive chops on the mandolin.

The bonus tracks on the album include the self-penned 'Salvation Jane' which was commissioned by the ABC Regional Production Fund (good on you, Auntie, it was money well spent).

Recorded "live at our place" (their words) over two days in August, 2006, this album is a great credit to Jason & Chloe's engineering skills, demonstrating the ease with which superb music can be produced from a home studio and sent out into the world.

The CD artwork is terrific, the comprehensive notes on each of the songs and tunes show both an attention to detail and a deep affection for the tradition, and the whole package is a welcome addition to our cultural heritage.

Find out more about Chloe & Jason at <http://www.rowethmusic.com.au> and look through their extensive back catalogue of recordings under various guises including 'Us Not Them' and 'Collector', not to mention their contribution to the well-known Wongawilli.



Concert Pics





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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More Pictures



Blow your Trumpet

The Denim Agents played a 40 minute spot at The Shack on July 5 to a packed house and received very good feedback from members of the audience as well as the facilitators. Not bad for a group that formed 6 weeks earlier. **Latitude** will be playing the same venue on November 1 so if interested in a good night of entertainment it is definitely worth the trip to Narrabeen.



Our MySpace website – Check out a great assortment of photos and a bit of news at our MySpace Website
<http://www.myspace.com/macquarietownsmusicclub>

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