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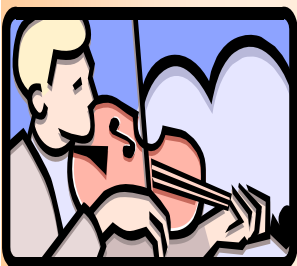
Coming Club Events

- January 20th will be a 'Round Robin' format and don't forget we start at 7.30 pm and finish at 10.30pm (New starting time).
- On February 17th. 'Freshwater' a brilliant duet featuring a harpist/vocalist and a multi instrumentalist & vocalist will be performing as a Main Act following a line up of selected club members as support artists. This will be a 'Concert Format'.
- 17th March. St Patrick's Day will feature an Irish theme and a 'Round Robin' format. Please try and bring along an Irish song to play and to also dress in green (only joking). 7.30-10.30pm.
- April 21st is a 'Round Robin' format and is a normal meeting. It will also conflict with St Alban's Festival... Starting time is 7.30pm.

Coming Festivals

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Anyone interested in contributing to 'The Beat' contact Dez.



Welcome

HAPPY NEW YEAR. It's 2007 and I hope that you have all enjoyed a long Christmas holiday break with your family and friends and are also keeping yourselves and your instruments in tune and active. I've got lots of news for you and I hope you can find time in the coming weeks to read the first 2007 copy of 'The Beat'. Don't forget that you are all welcome to contribute to this newsletter. Send your news to me...

HEY!! Don't forget that our club meetings will start at 7.30 pm in 2007 and finish at 10.30 on the 3rd Saturday of every month. This change was agreed upon following a decision by all club members at the AGM.

Welcome Back – Ellen Manning

Ellen, our Club secretary has recovered from a serious illness and is back on board. Lots of thanks to Barbara Clout, who volunteered to fill in for Ellen while she was

recovering from her illness. Barbara has been a great help and has maintained the role of club secretary while Ellen has been away. **Welcome Back Ellen.**

Summer Edition



Committee Meeting – Dec 4 2006

Our last committee meeting of 2006 was held on December 4 and raised a lot of ideas and discussion.

New members of the committee were welcomed and the role of Treasurer was handed

over to Richard Galluzzi while Taia de Burca stepped into the role of Vice President. Issues raised and discussed:

- Exchange visits in 2007
 - St Patrick's Day meeting
 - Freshwater concert
- The minutes of the

meeting was circulated by Email and copies can also be obtained from me if desired.

All members are invited to contribute any ideas or correspondence that can be discussed by the committee.

Exchange Visit - Troubadour Folk Club

Another great night of music and poetry was performed on the night that Woy Woy came down to exchange our visit to their Club. 40 people enjoyed the night including the 14 from Troubadour.

A wonderful mixed audience was very appreciative of the variety of performers and the assorted styles of performance. Feedback from our members was to make these exchange meetings a regular or annual event.



2006 Christmas Party at Hannah Park

The picnic baskets were out and the eskies shared about. Only half our club members turned out for the club Christmas Party in the Park. It was an excellent afternoon and evening of music with a continuous jam session happening until packing up around 8.30. These sessions included multiple vocalists

and such instruments as mandolin, banjo, fiddle, accordion, guitar and also acoustic bass guitar. Songbooks were passed around and we even sang a couple of Christmas carols to keep up with tradition. Hope you can all make it this year. Remember the more the merrier the merrier the Christmas.



Workshops

Terry Regan

On November 21 poet Terry Regan provided a 'Poetry' workshop. By using the whiteboard supplied by the venue, Terry explained the importance of correct rhyme and rhythm when writing or performing poetry. He also noted the comparison of poetry writing to that of writing lyrics. Although there was

not a large amount of people in the audience, those that did turn up returned some good feedback on the workshop. Terry and his wife Dulcie stayed on for the evening and Terry performed 2 or 3 poems to the delight of the audience and the visitors from the Troubadour Folk Club.



Guest Artists

Freshwater – February 17

Dublin-born Cliona Molins originally studied harp in Ireland. More recently she has set about immersing herself in the Latin harp repertoire from Mexico, Venezuela and Paraguay. Cliona teaches harp and also works with young children as a Kindermusik educator.

Chris Wheeler is an Australian-born singer, guitarist and wooden flute player with a long standing passion for Irish song and dance music.

Playing with Cliona has enabled her to re-establish a connection with South American music that she first discovered more than twenty years ago while living in Melbourne.

Chris and Cliona's repertoire of Irish and South American sounds and instruments can touch every emotion from a wistful melancholy through to that of an all-night party.

A line-up of selected club members will support this concert act.



Member's News

'Latitude' is scheduled to play 3 sets at the Illawarra Folk Festival over the Australia Day weekend. I hope that any members who are planning to visit the festival on that weekend at Bulli Showground can get over and show support for them.

Baby Andrew Thomas Smith was born to Patrick and Jessica on Tuesday 28th November 2006 at 5:41 am.

Jo Bennet was blessed with her first grandchild on 30th Dec, a boy named Maximus Samuel Rayner Abad.





Don't Forget
Club Meetings
3rd Saturday every Month
 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 needs updating only old news on there at present & I don't have the time)



Guest Artist Reviews

Our first 'Blackboard Concert' for a long time was held in September and 'Latitude' was our guest artist. They put on a great show for a very appreciating audience. We had 2 newcomers that night that actually

came because they saw a poster in Windsor Mall. In October Anthony McGloin blew everybody away with his amazing finger and fretboard work on guitar and mandolin. Hear that man play!!!



Festival dates for your Diary

25th to 28th January

Illawarra 22nd Folk Festival at the Bulli Racecourse. Phone Ros: 1300 887 034

23rd to 25th February

Cobargo Folk Festival near Cobargo village on

NSW South coast. Ph: 6493 6758

30th March to 1st April.

Hawkesbury National Fiddle Festival at Hawkesbury Showground. Ph: 4576 7023

5th to 9th April (Easter long weekend).

National Folk Festival. ACT Ph: 6249 7755

20th to 22nd April

St Albans Folk Festival. St Albans village. Tickets: 4958 4033 Enq: 95282193



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