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# "THE NEW HIP"

SUN 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2019 7.30pm TYERS HALL, TYERS



Master of puns and funny man Stephen Blackburn is a singing, song writing piano player with long history in television comedy and music. (TV "Fast Forward" and "Australia You're Standing in it" and Choir of Hard Knocks to name a few). He is also known and loved for his wicked take on modern life. Reviewers and fans attest that his lyrics are "sharp" and "hilarious", his rhymes are "prodigious" and his melodies are "sublime".

Touring with him for the second show in 2019 Café Culture Series he is lucky to be joined by two of Melbourne's best musicians. Shane (Twang) Ryall is a sought-after guitarist who plays jazz, funk, rock, Latin and anything with ease and style. Steve (de Man) Temple is a multi-instrumentalist who dextrously doubles (there's one of those puns) on bass and brass with a special interest in Mariachi.

The New Hip will cover a lot of territory, poking fun at moguls, hipsters, nose-jobs in Asia, bollards, privilege, schadenfreude and more, with time to take a breather to enjoy the musicianship. The show is intelligent, insightful and refreshing because Stephen often states what we are thinking, but not saying, when he shares his bitingly honest comedy. His engaging patter from the piano takes the audience through unexpected moments of genuine poignancy spiked with belly laughs.

The Café Culture Series has an emphasis on praising originality and Stephen has a remarkable talent to compose original songs in a dizzying array of musical styles.. Rather than being a devotee of any one style of music, Stephen demonstrates a certain ambivalence to genre, instead focusing on delivering his witty lyrics and concepts. He appears equally comfortable and proficient in the musical worlds of Klezmer, samba, folk or jazz and cherry-picks the genre as a vehicle for the lyrics and the feel of the song.

If you are harbouring frustrations concerning any kind of modern absurdity, (who doesn't?) it's likely Stephen Blackburn has written a song taking the Micky out of it for you. So, come along and share in a cathartic laugh.

**Support Act:** "Me, Him & the Other Guy" (Alex Wilson, Matt Halkett & Clint Warner)

**Club Night Entry:** As this is one of our four Café Culture Series Concerts, many will have already purchased a season ticket, but if not:

**Individual tickets** for this clubnight in advance through [www.trybooking.com/445483](http://www.trybooking.com/445483) or at the door

(cash only): **\$30 members/conc, \$35 non-members, free if under 18 y.o.** (no need to book a ticket for them)

Please note: as this is a "Café Culture Series" Concert, admission costs are slightly higher than our regular clubnights



**"Vocal Nosh" (Singing & soup/bread/fruit dinner):** Tyers Hall 5:30pm (please arrive by 5.15) on Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> June led by Wendy Sellings. **Vocal Nosh Entry:** \$10. Under 18 free

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## Diary:

- ♪ Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June: Committee meeting at Nola & Neil's
- ♪ Fri 21<sup>st</sup> - Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Winter Camp (& winter Christmas Dinner) at Jack River, near Yarram. See attached info & booking form
- ♪ Gippsapella Rehearsals commence Weds 26<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm at Latrobe Special Development School (see below)
- ♪ Sun 7<sup>th</sup> July: Clubnight: act t.b.c.
- ♪ Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Aug: Clubnight: "Canyon" (Café Culture Series)
- ♪ Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Aug: Acapella Festival at Tyers Hall
- ♪ Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Sept: Clubnight Afternoon: Tim Woodz
- ♪ Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Sep: Ukulele Winding, Traralgon

## KEEP WARMING UP THOSE VOCAL CHORDS!

Singers of all ages and abilities are MOST WELCOME.

No experience necessary.



**"GIPPSAPELLA"** (the GAMC Acapella choir) will be reforming once again in preparation for this year's annual GAMC Acapella festival.

We welcome back **Lyndal Chambers & Brian Strating ("Strat")** as our Gippsapella leaders this year. You'll no doubt know that they were founding members of GAMC and of the GAMC Acapella Festival!

Rehearsal times/dates & venue: 7.30pm on Wednesdays **June 26<sup>th</sup>**, one week break, **July 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>** at Latrobe Special Development School hall, Hickox St Traralgon.

Performances include a set in the evening concert at the Acapella Festival at Tyers Hall on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Aug and also as a support act at the clubnight on Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Cost: \$25 payable at the first session. Participants will need to be members of GAMC (\$15 adults, \$12 concession, \$20 family) and have a club t-shirt for performances. Membership payments and t-shirt purchases can be arranged at the rehearsals.

Anyone interested in participating in the Gippsapella choir should simply turn up to rehearsals. For any enquiries, please contact Joan Griffiths on 0408 747 882

### 2019 GAMC ACAPELLA FESTIVAL, Sat 10<sup>th</sup> August at Tyers Hall from 3pm

- Afternoon workshop led by Jacqui, Dani & Jess Paulson
- Evening concert featuring workshop performers, "Gippsapella" & other local singing groups
- Great selection of dinner options available (catering by Andy & Ann-Marie)

Jacqui, Dani and Jess Paulson are a family that loves to sing. They have performed and led a variety of singing circles and workshops throughout Gippsland as The Harmonizers. Inspired by the concept of a community that sings together, they have been leading Wonthaggi Sing for Fun since June 2013. Jacqui conducts the Wonthaggi Sing for Fun Choir and the Wonthaggi Gospel Choir. Dani and Jess are gifted at improvisation and at arranging music that is both interesting and achievable by the groups which they are leading.

While singing is their passion, community and acceptance is their underlying foundation. Their workshops aim to provide a safe space, where friendships can be formed, laughter is abundant and people are free to explore the gift that is their own song.



## Ukelicious at HUF (Hills Ukulele Festival - Emerald)

The GAMC Ukulele Ensemble - Ukelicious - were amazing at the HILLS Ukulele Festival on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The group performed with honors and the audience loved our set - some even dancing along to the Rock 'n Roll medley at the end.

Special thanks to Jeannie who stepped in for Julie (who lost her voice a few days before the festival) and for the great sound of the bass from Theo. But mostly to acknowledge the wonderful people that make up the Ukelicious family: hours of practice, LOTS of travelling and just such an easy-going people to work with.

We even have a small fan club base now; people who heard Ukelicious at MUF in 2018 & 2019 - and came to listen to us perform again. Well done to all those involved - we held our own with the other groups performing and your dedication to the group is extraordinary. Congratulations.

### Hills Ukulele Festival Awards

And further congratulations to Caylee (Di & Julie) who won this year's HUF Open Mic Awards.

A HILLS trophy and Traveller Ukulele were picked up by the duo on Sunday afternoon. Well done!

## Calendar of Events Around The Place:

- ♪ Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Aug at 6.30pm & Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Aug at 12noon: Yallourn Madrical Singers present "a Serenade to Nature" winter warmer concerts at Century Inn Traralgon. See their facebook page for further info.
  
- ♪ Fri 6<sup>th</sup> - Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Sep: Gippsland Singers Network weekend at Wilsons Prom (Celebrate with singing leaders & their support teams). Email [gippslandsingersnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:gippslandsingersnetwork@gmail.com) or see their facebook page.

# Wild at Heart

Community Arts

## Project Outline - Life Is A Song, Gippsland

**Project Scope:** January 2019 to December 2020

**Partner:** TBC

### Project Aim and Overview

*Life Is A Song* is a two year songwriting project that aims to improve the personal and social well being of people who are marginalised in their communities through mental illness, disability and/or disadvantage.

Our Gippsland workshop program will comprise of 2 x ten week workshop sessions. In 2020 we would seek to develop this model further, based on evaluation of the 2019 project outcomes.

### Program Description

The *Life Is A Song* workshop program provides a friendly, safe group environment in which participants will learn songwriting, music making, recording and performance skills through group based activities and one-on-one mentoring with professional musicians. The process is flexible and responsive to each participant, supporting people from beginners to experienced artists.

Participants will be supported to write their own original songs, record with a professional sound engineer and bring their work to audiences through local live gigs, radio, social media, streaming services and online.

These sessions provide opportunities for participants to; share their stories and have them affirmed through songwriting, develop their initiative and leadership skills, connect and work collaboratively with others, experience friendship and belonging, and grow in self confidence through creative expression.

Wild At Heart will work with local mental health service providers and support coordinators to promote the workshops, seek participants and build links with the local community.

Gippsland participants will also have the opportunity to connect with the broader Wild At Heart community across our other project sites via social media and online meet ups, gigs, and project-wide activities such as our summer Songwriters Camp and winter Songwriters Campfire.

Local musician Penelope Swales is organising this songwriting program out of Moe Library. She is **needing to recruit local songwriters** who would be willing to come once a week (Wednesday Afternoons) and mentor people to write songs.

Penelope goes on to say that "The students are people living with a disability, mental health issue or otherwise disadvantaged. Over the 10 weeks they get mentored to write at least one song, have it professionally recorded and get the opportunity to perform at the end. The organisation running it is called Wild at Heart and they've been running these programs in the city for the last 15 years.

I went to observe one of the workshops in the city last week and it was really lovely and very inspiring.

There is a small stipend that can be paid to the mentors, and it would be a great experience"

If you are a songwriter or can suggest someone suitable, please contact

Penelope Swales

Email:

Penelope@penelopeswales.com

# 2019 GAMC WINTER CAMP At FOREST LODGE FARM June 21-23

We are having the winter camp at Forest Lodge Farm, Jack River via Yarram. <http://www.forestlodgefarm.com.au/>

Bookings are essential as we are providing the Saturday night Christmas dinner. Christmas dinner is soup, ham & turkey with roast veg, pudding. If you need a special diet, please contact Annie Pawley to discuss it. Deadline for booking is the **Monday 17th June.**

Bookings: Annie Pawley 0407 748 291 or [wapawley@bigpond.com](mailto:wapawley@bigpond.com)

**(Please note Barb will be away until just before camp so all bookings need to go to Annie)**

Bring pillow, sleeping bags, towels, food and drinks etc, and instruments. No pets OR firearms etc!  
Bring food for Friday night, breakfasts and lunches.

## HOW TO GET THERE from LATROBE VALLEY

1. Head south on Hyland Hwy/C482 from Traralgon, via Loy Yang towards Yarram and South Gippsland Hwy/A440
2. At the South Gippsland Hwy/A440 turn right through Yarram and go 17.5kms going through the townships of Yarram and Alberton.
3. Turn right onto Lanes Rd (there is a BLUE sign on the HWY that says Forest Lodge Farm) travel 3.9kms to the end of this road.
4. Turn left onto Gelliondale Rd/Tap Tap Rd and travel 2.3kms. Just before this road starts going up the hill you need to turn right into Forest Lodge Rd.

We are the only property on Forest Lodge Rd. The entrance is half way up this road on the bend. Once you have turned into the entrance go past the small house until you come to the large lodge on the left. You are able to park at the entrance of the lodge to unload your car. Then all cars should be parked at the back of the lodge on the grass area.

There will be a designated area for tents or caravans.

*A suggestion for those intending to set up at tent or caravan: Ideally prop yourselves clear of the picnic shelter so as that can be used as another music venue, but camp near there by all means (so if needing power, then a long lead will be needed). Having a mix of music needs multiple spaces, and another good space is the old theatre room past the pig and other animal enclosures.*

TEAR OFF & RETURN

## BOOKING FORM – 2019 GAMC WINTER CAMP June 21-23

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodation	Dinner Saturday Night
Adults @ nights x \$35/night = \$	Adults @ \$15 = \$
Children @ nights x \$10/night = \$	Sec School Children @ \$10 = \$
	Prim School Children @ \$5 = \$
Total Accommodation = \$	Total Dinner = \$
Total for weekend = \$	

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Cheques made out to "Gippsland Acoustic Music Club."

C/ Annie Pawley

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