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March Update:

No March clubnight (to avoid clashing with the opening weekend events for the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre).

Further info: <https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/gpac/OPEN>

Upcoming GAMC Events:

- ♪ Tues 8th March at CWA rooms, Hotham St, Traralgon: GAMC AGM then ordinary committee meeting. 6.30pm order pizzas, 7.30pm AGM. **All welcome!! Our committee would love new ideas, volunteers etc. You may like to be nominated as a new committee member. If so, see nomination form below.**
- ♪ Sun 3 April Clubnight: "Stony Six" with support act "Hummingbird Sisters"
- ♪ Sun 1st May Clubnight: Celebrate 40 years of club Support Acts. Blackboard style. BYO talent. 3 Songs or Tunes. Register your act by emailing Barry Stuckey: stuck.cal@gmail.com or ph 0429966130.
- ♪ 5th June: "GAMC Revisit 1982" starting in afternoon then clubnight featuring Rambling Roses, Luke Plumb, Jim Green, Dave Evans. Stay tuned for details.
- ♪ Fri 15th -Sun 17th June: Reunion Camp & catered dinner (Sat night) at Forest Lodge Jack River. All welcome (past & present members, performers and friends) to help celebrate 40 years of GAMC.

GAMC 2022 Annual General Meeting

ALL GAMC MEMBERS WELCOME!

Tues 8th March at CWA Hall Hotham St, Traralgon (next to Woolworths)

6.30pm: Pizzas and/or other takeaway ordered based on numbers and preferences of attendees. Ideally bring small(ish) change to make splitting bills simpler. Alternatively you may prefer to bring your own food from elsewhere. Plates, cups, napkins, tea/coffee provided but you may like to byo other drinks.

7.30pm: Meeting to commence:

This will include appointment of the following positions/jobs: President, Vice President, Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Newsletter Editor/Email circulation, Publicity Officer, Librarian, T-Shirt orders/salesperson as well as ordinary committee members (ie. without a specifically designated role). Any GAMC club members wishing to nominate themselves or another member (over 18 years old) are asked to complete & return this nomination form by Tues 1st March to club secretary Barb Brabets at 21 Hickox St Traralgon 3844. Otherwise email with title "Committee Nominations" to gamc30@gmail.com

NOMINATION FORM FOR GAMC AGM 2022

I _____ (insert name of nominator) wish to nominate

_____ (insert name of person to join the committee)

for the position of _____ (insert position or simply "Committee") on the 2022 GAMC Committee.

Seconded: _____ (or can be given verbally at the AGM)

Accepted by the nominee: _____ (or can be given verbally at the AGM)



Events Elsewhere:

- ♪ Weds 2nd March from 12:30 to 2:30pm: Mirboo Music Jam at Old Grain Store. Led by GAMC founders Lyndal & Strat. All instruments and/or voice & all ages & experience levels welcome. No cost. Further info: see post on GAMC facebook page.
- ♪ Thurs 3rd -Sun 6th March: opening events for the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, Traralgon. See <https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/gpac/OPEN> GAMC Ukulele group will be performing outdoors on Thu 3rd sometime after 6.30pm.
- ♪ 14th & 15th May: Hills Ukulele Festival, Emerald

UKULELE LESSONS FOR 2022

This Sunday (27th Feb) will be the first of the 2022 GAMC ukulele lessons. Three levels are on offer. These are:



1. Beginners – absolute beginner/starting Beginners (those new to ukulele or those with only a few chords and basic strum eg down strum)
2. Beyond Beginners – have 5 -8 chords skill level and have Calypso strum under some control.
3. Intermediate – skill of 10 or more chords and strum and picking techniques under control.

The fee for 2022 remains at \$150.00 for the year (10 lessons @ \$15.00 each).

There is an option to participate in more than one class – for example, Beyond Beginners to consolidate techniques and then Intermediate for a challenge. The second lesson would be an additional fee of just \$100.00 for the 10 months of lessons (\$10 per lesson).

Lessons will be starting on **Sunday 27th February**, and are scheduled for every fourth Sunday of the month for the remainder of the year. All lessons will be held in the new building at the Latrobe Valley Masonic Lodge Centre, Oswald St, Traralgon (up the hill behind Latrobe Valley Funeral Services).

If you wish to join a lesson, please complete the attached form and payment ASAP - return the form directly to dimishka5@gmail.com

Any further enquiries? - please contact Di on 0428742481 dimishka5@gmail.com or Barb on 0431258024 bbrabets@aussieb.com.au

GAMC Jam Sessions

At the close of 2021, the GAMC Committee agreed to take the fortnightly Jam sessions (normally held at the Bridge Club/Greyhound Club) under the club's umbrella. So as from 2022, this group will now be referred to as the GAMC Jam Session. ALL GAMC members are welcome, as are all instruments.

The purpose of this group is to provide opportunities for players and singers to come together to share music. Skill levels vary from absolute beginners right through to those who have been playing for years and love to share their knowledge and skills with others. It's all about fun and creating music together.

The GAMC Jam sessions are fortnightly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday mornings of each month. They run from 10.00am - 12.00pm. You can stay for 10 mins, 30 mins or the full session - the sessions are fluid and relaxed. Location: Sessions will be held in Traralgon in the beautiful new building at the Latrobe Valley Masonic Lodge Centre, Oswald St, Traralgon (up the hill behind Latrobe Valley Funeral Services).

Cost is \$2.00 each session.

Participants are encouraged to bring along one or two songs to share, providing up to 10 copies so that everyone can join in.

If you are interested in coming along, contact Di 0428 742 481 or John 0409 157 120 for further information.

If you haven't yet paid, please be reminded that subs are now due and run from 1 Jan to 31 Dec

GAMC MEMBERSHIP

Family \$20, Single \$15, Conc \$12, Under 18 free

Direct Deposits may be made to Bendigo Bank
BSB Number 633 000 Account Number 163 729 114
Please remember to include your name.

Alternatively, a cheque made out to the Gippsland Acoustic Music Club can be mailed to:
Gippsland Acoustic Music Club, Inc
c/o Barb Brabets
21 Hickox Street
Traralgon 3844
Please also include Name, Address, Preferred Phone Number & Email Address

Vale: Norma Waterson

A landmark UK act in club history was Waterson-Carthy.

In 1995 this folk music family supergroup (Norma Waterson, Martin Carthy and daughter Eliza Carthy) performed at a GAMC concert at the Little Theatre in Traralgon.

Clearly this act influenced a younger generation too, so here's a great reflection from Nicola Strating (who was a teen GAMC member at the time)

In March 1996, Eliza returned with Nancy Kerr as a duo in the Tyers Supper-room.

I sat in the front row with our wee gang of teenage girls, four aspiring folksingers ourselves. Of course, we were all in awe of Eliza Carthy, with her shock of spiky, short, bright purple hair, blue fiddle, and Doc Martin boots. She was everything we wanted to be and we couldn't take our eyes off her! On the other side of the stage was the inimitable Martin Carthy, master balladeer and guitar hero. In the middle, was Norma Waterson. In my memory she stood back and didn't talk all that much, quietly leaving the limelight to her husband and daughter. But when she stepped up to the microphone and sang, she was transformed. The depth of tradition and culture that she carried suddenly filled the theatre through her strong voice and powerful storytelling. The significance of witnessing that iconic trio performing in my hometown is something that will stick with me. What a privilege. When I heard that Norma Waterson had passed away on January 30th, 2022, it gave me cause to reflect on my own development as a musician and the incredible impact that the GAMC had in giving me access to such amazing acts through my formative years. As many of those important musicians leave us, they become even more special memories.

Nicola Strating