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"Stony Six"

Sunday 3rd April 2022 7.30pm

Tyers Hall, Main Rd, Tyers



Hailing from South Gippsland, the "Stony Six" is a bunch of musicians who together create joyous and buoyant contemporary acoustic music. Their influences are broad and the resulting sound is eclectic and marvellous. Delightful vocal harmonies are the bedrock of the band, with strings, wind and sticks rounding out their sound.

The Stony Six present their own originals as well as recreating covers in new and surprising ways. All members are passionate about inclusive music making. The line-up is Jane Coker (clarinet, mandolin), Jenneke Kijlstra-Shone (accordion, percussion), Tanya Nolan (guitar, ukulele, percussion) Dave Paxton (guitar, clarinet) and Caitlin Pilkington (fiddle, percussion). They all sing!

The band meets in Jenneke's shed in Stony Creek. They were raised on a diet of Enid Blyton and now their dreams have all come true as they have a club house of their own!

Support Act: "The Hummingbird Sisters" (Di Stephens, Jeannie Kokshoorn, Annie O'Brien, Jo Whitelaw & Betty McLaughlin)

Entry: \$20 adult, \$15 member/ concession, under 18 free

Tea/coffee & Supper will be available (with Covid safe arrangements).

Bring a plate of supper to share.

**Please be mindful that it could be a well-ventilated hall ...so bring a jacket or blanket.*



Upcoming GAMC Events:

- ♪ Weds 6th April: Committee meeting at Nola & Neils.
 - ♪ Sun 1st May Clubnight: Celebrate 40 years of club Support Acts. BYO talent. 3 Songs or Tunes. **Register your act** by emailing Barry Stuckey: stuck.cal@gmail.com or ph 0429966130.
 - ♪ Gippsapella Rehearsals start Weds 18th May then Weds 25th May & Weds 1st June. See below.
 - ♪ 5th June: "GAMC Revisit 1982" starting in afternoon then clubnight featuring "Rambling Roses" (Luke Plumb, Jim Green & Dave Evans). Supported by Ukelicious & Gippsapella.
 - ♪ Fri 17th -Sun 19th 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.
 - ♪ Acapella Festival: Sat 13th August
- Note: "Vocal Nosh" sessions are on hold at the moment, but read on for other singing options.

Calling all those who love to sing!!!

After two years of limited opportunities to sing, it's time to warm up those vocal chords again, and join "Gippsapella" (GAMC's Acapella group).

As part of our 40th anniversary, we plan to celebrate all aspects that make our club special. Gippsapella will reform under the expert and fun leadership of Lyndal & Strat in the lead up to our big birthday bash at the Club on June 5th. On that day there will be a singing workshop (mini Acapella Festival) for all to join in. Led again by Lyndal and Strat. Gippsapella will perform at the evening concert.

Dates for "Gippsapella" Rehearsals: Wednesdays May 18th, 25th & June 1st. Venue & time tbc.

'We're getting the band back together' – Ukelicious news

After a couple of false starts over the last 2 years, we're once more getting Ukelicious back up and on the road again.

Ukelicious is the GAMC Ukulele Performance Band and we are beginning rehearsals for another great year of music and fun. Rehearsals begin in 2 weeks. There are 6 rehearsals and 4 performances throughout the rest of the year. See below for dates and venues.

Ukelicious is OPEN to all levels of ukulele playing and we encourage anyone who wants to be a part of something special to join in.

Rehearsal dates:

SATURDAY	2nd	<u>April 10</u>	- 12 am
FRIDAY	8th	April	7 - 9pm
FRIDAY	22nd	April	7 - 9 pm
FRIDAY	29th	April	7 - 9 pm
FRIDAY	6th	May	7-9pm
FRIDAY	13th	May	7-9pm



All rehearsals will be at the Masonic Centre in Traralgon. Please note that a minimum of 4 out of 6 rehearsal attendances are required.

Performance dates are:

- Sunday May 15th HILLS Ukulele Festival (Emerald)
- Sunday June 5th GAMC Anniversary @ Tyers Hall
- Sunday October 2nd Support Act at Tyers Hall
- Saturday October 15th - Spruik the Uke Festival Tyers Hall

While there is no cost to join the band, you must be a current financial member of the GAMC.

Please contact Di (0428742481) Jeannie (0408055247) or Theo (0407341819) if you are interested.

GPAC opening: If you were there at the recent opening of the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, then it's likely you would have heard and seen some great local performers (including many GAMC members) in a wonderful new performance space. Audiences loved it!

Events Further Afield:

- ♪ Weds 30th March (and continuing every 2nd Weds) 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
- ♪ 1st -3rd April: "Cresfest" Music and dance festival in Creswick (Daylesford region, Hepburn Shire). See www.cresfest.com.au
- ♪ 14th & 15th May: Hills Ukulele Festival, Emerald

Outcomes of AGM (held on 8/3/22): Office Bearers and Committee members were elected, and other positions tagged too, as follows:

- President: Joan Griffiths,
- Vice President: Fiona Tegart
- Public Officer/Secretary: Barb Brabets
- Minutes Secretary: Geoff Pike
- Treasurer: Barb Brabets
- Assistant Treasurer: Geoff Pike
- Ukulele Coordinator: Di Stephens
- Newsletter Editor/Email Circulation: Nola Kirkpatrick
- Facebook Coordinator: Annie Pawley
- Regular Committee members: Trevor Lade, Annie O'Brien

Barry Stuckey, although not on the committee, is still busy driving the 40th celebrations.

John Gibson has decided to step aside from the committee this year to free up time for their planned travels. Thanks John for your efforts on the committee and with the uke group & jam sessions.

Membership fees have remained unchanged. Door fees will also remain unchanged (for most clubnights), although can vary based on the act.

For minutes of the AGM, please view them on the website www.musicclub.org.au

Sadly, we have recently lost two people from our GAMC community.

Keith Robertson sadly passed away last month. He was a keen helper at club events, especially in running of the Uke Musters. Keith loved to support his wife Libby in her musical pursuits, and became quite keen at learning the harmonica.

Keith, we'll miss your smile, your joviality, great support and good company.

We send our condolences to Libby and family.

Kate Visser passed away recently. Kate was an active member in her community and did so with a great deal of enthusiasm. She also loved to sing, and was a great supporter of our Acapella Festivals and our ukulele activities. We send our condolences to Kate's family.

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 for further information.