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"THIEVING MAGPIES"

Sun 6th April* '25 7.30pm
Tyers Hall, Main Rd Tyers

**don't forget that
daylight savings
finishes on this date*

Thieving Magpies are all vocalists and play music from around the world including Balkans, Scandinavia, Ireland, Scotland, England, Australia and the Middle East, plus original songs and tunes. Vocals, banjos, accordions, guitars, bass, percussion, flutes, whistles, mandolins, autoharps, cavals & kazoo! Audiences love it!

They are:

- *Jane Harding on banjo, mandola & whistles
- *Natasha Mullings on flute, whistle kazoo & percussion
- *Marnie Sheehan on guitar, mando & accordion
- *Graeme Fletcher on double bass & autoharp.



Some past shows include:

- *National Folk Festival 2022
- *Northern Arts Hotel Castlemaine 23/24
- *Guildford Banjo Jamboree 23
- *Cobargo Folk Festival March 24
- *Maldon Market 24

See <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9FFSnTr9bhZjI3AX5Qp5ikiU7F7027i4>
<https://www.facebook.com/janenattiemarnie/>

ENTRY: \$20 members & concession, \$25 adults, free for children under 18.
Pre-purchase through
<https://www.trybooking.com/CYDPG> or cash entry at the door.

Support Act: JAM Trees

Indulging in heartfelt instrumentals Jo, Anita & Mel (J-A-M) conjure & stir emotions & charms listeners.

Tea/Coffee & supper will be available.

Please bring a plate of supper to share.

Please also byo coffee mug, or you may like to buy one of ours (\$15) 😊



UPCOMING GAMC EVENTS:

- ♪ Fri 28th March at Traralgon Masonic Lodge 7pm, then again on Fri nights 11th & 25th April (Anzac Day), and 2nd, 9th & 16th May. Rehearsals for new ukulele group "Valley Power Chords" led by Ken Bechaz, with a planned performance at Hills Ukulele Festival in Emerald on 18th May. No cost (but you'll need to be a GAMC member). If interested contact Ken on ukulele_ken@outlook.com or 0437 798 790.

You may know that after many years, Di Stephens has stepped aside from running "Ukelicious", so Ken will now be leading this new group. Thanks Di for years of efforts!

- ♪ Weds 9th April 7.30pm at Traralgon Neighbourhood House (Kath Teychenne Centre) 11 - 13 Breed Street, Traralgon: Committee Meeting.
- ♪ Sun 4th May Concert: "Rufous Whistler"
- ♪ Sun 25th May 3-5pm (and also on Sun 8th June and Sun 22nd June): Harmonica workshops
- ♪ Sun 1st June Concert: Tim Scanlon

Memberships are now due for renewal

Thanks to those who may have paid already. Membership costs for 2025 are still the same and run from January 2025 to December 2025.

Family \$20, Adult Single \$15, Concession \$12.

Payments can be made online or at a Bendigo Bank branch into the **Gippsland Acoustic Music Club, Inc** account.

BSB Number 633 000 Account Number 163 729 114

If enrolling in any of the lessons mentioned here, membership fees can be included in the same transaction.



Ukulele players (or wanna-be-ukulele players), could this be you?



OTHER EVENTS AROUND THE PLACE:

- ♪ Weds 26 March (and again on 9th April) 12.30-2.30pm: **Mirboo Music Jam Sessions** "Jammin' in the Boo!" (they happen on the 2nd and 4th Weds of each month) at the Baromi Centre at 39 Couper St Mirboo North. All instruments and/or voice & all ages & experience levels welcome. Gold coin donation if possible & great arvo tea. See Mirboo Music Facebook page or contact Peter McCarthy 0417060566 petermcc@outlook.com
- ♪ Sun 30th March at Meeniyan: Singing workshop with Bright Mathonsi from South Africa. See details on later page.
- ♪ Sat 17th May: Singing and Lead Singing workshop at Inverloch. See details on later page
- ♪ Gippsland Performing Arts Centre - There's always lots happening here - see <https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/gpac/events>

Some happy campers at last weekend's GAMC Inverloch camp:



Thanks to all of those who were able to make it there and share in great music, company, food, swims and walks. We're planning to have another one there in winter.

Thanks Barb for organising the logistics and thanks to the Chambers family for offering this great venue.



Choirs@Tyers on 22nd

March: Clearly Gippsland has an appetite for singing, as shown with the huge turnout to yesterday's singing festival! It was an amazing event showcasing wonderful talent from Gippsland choirs.

Thanks to all singers and choir

leaders for hours of planning and rehearsals leading up to the event, and for coming to make the day such a success, with lots of fun on the way. Hearing Spice Girls "Wannabe" sung as an English madrigal was a real winner!

A huge thanks goes out to Barb McFarlane for all of her efforts and contagious enthusiasm in leading the vocal workshop and performance.

Joan Griffiths: We thank you and the team for your passion and organisation to once again make this event happen. Covid couldn't stop our singing festivals for ever!





RESULTS OF GAMC 2025 Annual General Meeting held on 5th March at Kath Teychenne Centre (Traralgon Neighbourhood House)

You won't notice too many changes from previous years. These positions/roles were appointed:
President: Joan Griffiths, Vice President: Fiona Tegart, Treasurer & Secretary: Barb Brabets, Minutes Secretary: Di Stephens, Assistant Treasurers: Di Stephens & Miriam McFarlane, Newsletter Editor/Email circulation: Nola Kirkpatrick, Social Media Coordinator: Fiona Tegart, Committee Members (ie. without a specifically designated role): Trevor Lade, Noelle Long, Geoff Pike, Andrea Hadley, Ken Bechaz, Rhonda Newton, Margaret Azzopardi*

*Margaret gets a special mention as she has rejoined the committee years after having been on the original committee 40+ years ago. Well done and thank you Margaret!

No change to ticket prices and membership prices.

And the pizza was good!

Thanks to:

- Tony Dickinson for once again auditing the books relating to GAMC finances.
- Barry Stuckey for once again chairing the election of office bearers.
- Kathy Shelton and Liz Xuereb who have stepped aside from the 2025 committee. Thanks Kathy for your great work in getting the recorder group happening and performing to a great standard. Liz, you've been a great asset to the committee too.....and did a fine job at coordinating our fundraising bbq last year.
- Di Stephens, although still busy wearing other hats on the committee, has stepped aside from the huge job of organising "Spruik The Uke" festival, and leading the "Ukelicious" group. Thanks for those amazing ongoing efforts which have enabled so many people to learn and master ukulele skills and polished performances....with lots of fun along the way. Thanks to Ken Bechaz who has put up his hand to lead a new ukulele group, "Valley Power Chords". See above (page 2) for details
- Continuing committee members, club members and friends for ongoing and tireless efforts in "all things music club".

**SINGING WORKSHOP WITH BRIGHT MATHONSI FROM SOUTH AFRICA
AT MEENIYAN HALL**



SUNDAY MARCH 30 2025 10.30am – 12.00

Cost \$25 (\$15 concession). Book here: (bookings now open) <https://www.ticketebo.com.au/.../singing-workshop-with...>

If you love singing you won't want to miss this! Sing your heart out with the fabulous Bright Mathonsi, all the way from Soweto, South Africa, in the acoustically beautiful Meeniyhan Hall. This event is hosted by Jane Coker and Tanya Nolan, who sang with Bright in South Africa in 2024. They fell in love with him and are very excited that he will be visiting our region in March/April. Bright has a fabulous warm personality, an outstanding voice and years of experience leading group singing. South African harmony singing is totally uplifting and huge fun.

You can see Bright in action here: <https://vimeo.com/921836265...>

For more info email jane.coker@bigpond.com

(As well as this singing workshop, Bright will also be leading RAISE YOUR VOICE - a Vocal Masterclass on April 5/6 on the Mornington Peninsula. All the details for that event are here: <https://events.humanitix.com/raise-your-voice-masterclass...>)

A GIPPSLAND SINGERS NETWORK WORKSHOP

Paths and processes for confidence to

Sing and Lead Singing

This workshop explores both singing leadership skills and developing confidence in your unique singing voice. Led by skilled and experienced singing leaders Sue Curtis and Jane Coker. Sue will take us on a unique vocal exploration, in a safe and supportive environment, which will help us all to step into our unique voices. Jane will help us to explore our strengths as leaders and facilitate singing leadership practice. Together these activities will bring us further along our singing journeys and bring greater confidence and skill to those who are considering leading or who already lead singing groups.

Sue Curtis: Sue has a deep passion for connecting to voice through the heart and with freedom of expression. She has been creating and facilitating workshops for 25 yrs to explore deeper ways to claim your unique voice, to feel safe and free to sing on your own or in groups with wonderful and often surprising outcomes.

Jane Coker's work with Community Music Victoria has given her 20 years of experience of empowering and supporting ordinary people to set up and lead singing groups. Her motivation is the principle that when we sing together, we and our communities are healthier.

Sat May 17th 10am - 3pm

Warrabee Club, 22 A'Beckett St, Inverloch

\$40 (\$30 conc)

Bookings: email gippslandsingersnetwork@gmail.com

For info call Jane on 0400 053 266



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Booking Form for Music Workshops/Lessons

Please provide the following details:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Preferred Phone No: _____

I would like to book for **Harmonica led by Ken Bechaz**

Sundays 3-5pm 25th May, 8th & 22nd June Cost (includes all 3 sessions) \$60.00 Venue: Traralgon Masonic Centre
Participants will be required to provide their own harmonica – recommended a C (details to be provided later)

Later in the year you'll also have a chance to book in for **Song Arranging** workshops
Sundays 3-5pm 31st Aug, 14th & 28th Sept.

Sub Total Cost for lessons _____

If you are not already a member of GAMC, you will need to join. If you need to update your membership, please include your 2025 payment. Cost of 2025 Memberships is:

Family \$20, Adult Single \$15, Adult Concession \$12, Under 18 Free _____
(Membership runs from 1 January to 31 December).

Grand Total _____

Payment may be made by cheque, direct deposit or cash. Cheques should be made out to the Gippsland Acoustic Music Club and may be mailed to:

Gippsland Acoustic Music Club
c/o Barb Brabets, 21 Hickox Street, Traralgon VIC 3844

Direct Deposits may be made to Bendigo Bank, either online or in person. **Please remember to include your name.** If you pay by Direct Deposit, please email this completed form (or an email containing name, address, email, phone no, selected workshop(s) and amount paid) to gamc30@gmail.com. Include a title "Workshop Registration". Forms can otherwise be given to in person or via post to Barb Brabets.

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Cash payments may be given to the Treasurer, Barb Brabets

SINGING DAY
SAT APRIL 26 AT MEENIYAN HALL
WITH A CAPPELLA SINGING GROUPS
AKASA & MAKEPISI



WORKSHOPS AT 11AM \$40 (\$25 CONC)
CONCERT AT 2PM \$25 (\$20 CONC)
COMBINED TICKET \$55 (\$35 CONC)

BOOKINGS AT
WWW.TICKETEBO.COM.AU/AKASAANDMAKEPISI



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