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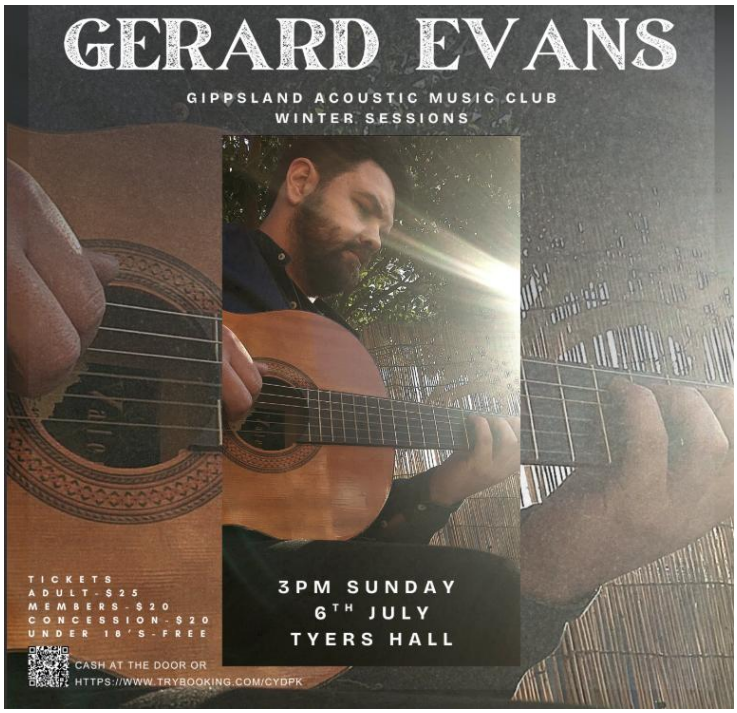
GERARD EVANS

*note the earlier start time for the months of May-Sept

Sun 6th July 2025 3.00pm*

Tyers Hall, Main Rd Tyers



Gerard Evans is a singer-songwriter admired for his ability to breathe life into an acoustic guitar. His music is heartfelt with a timeless sense of guitarmanship that nods to the greats while carving a path with his own delicate fingerpicking and soulful vocals. Playing and making music has been a lifelong pursuit that has arrived at a sound where vulnerability and craftsmanship meet.

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

Support Act: Bonnie Sykes

Bonnie is a local girl who has performed at Boolara folk festival a couple of times. She is also a regular performer at Boolara pub among other venues in the valley.

Tea/Coffee & Afternoon Tea 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:

- ♪ Sat 28th June 10am-12noon Jam session is happening again at Traralgon Masonic Lodge.
- ♪ Sat 5th July 1.30pm – 4pm at Traralgon Masonic Lodge: Saturday Sing-lets with Rhonda Newton. These will continue to run on the first Sat of the month (see below)
- ♪ Weds 9th July 7.30pm at Traralgon Neighbourhood House (Kath Teychenne Centre) 11 - 13 Breed Street: Committee Meeting.
- ♪ Sundays 13th July, then 10th Aug, 21st Sept, 12th Oct & 9th Nov 1-3pm at Traralgon Masonic Lodge: **Banjo group** led by Andrea Hadley. See info below.
- ♪ Sun 3rd Aug: Concert at 3pm- **Olivia Lay** (with support act Tom DeVries & Phil Chadney)
- ♪ Sundays 24th Aug then 14th Sept & 28th Sept 3-5pm at Traralgon Masonic Lodge: **Song Arranging short course** led by Di Stephens. See booking form below.
- ♪ Fri night 29th – Sun 31st Aug: winter camp at "The Barn" Inverloch. See below for booking form and info

- ♪ Sun 7th Sept at 3pm: Showcase Concert (previously known as our Open Mic concert). We are looking for local performers to join our concert, whether it be poetry, dance, vocals or music. It is a great afternoon of celebrating the wonderful local talent of members and other artists. Bookings are essential. Please contact Di on 0428 742 481

Thanks to Ken Bechaz and the "Valley Power Chords" ukulele group

As the "Valley Power Chords" members might be temporarily resting their ukuleles after their rehearsals and recent performance at Hills Ukulele Festival, we extend our thanks to Ken Bechaz for his efforts making this all happen. The group had a lot of fun at rehearsals and at HUF where they received comments about how entertaining they were. Well done team!

See next page for more group music options.

Procedures for Emergency Warnings (bushfires, floods etc): In the event that a "Watch and Act" Warning or an Emergency Warning is listed for Tyers on a day when GAMC is hosting an event (or for other locations where GAMC may be hosting an event), the club event will be cancelled for that day. In such circumstances, we will endeavour to advise members via email, but recommend that you tune into local ABC radio and/or https://emergency.vic.gov.au for warning updates before leaving home.

CURRENT & UPCOMING GAMC GROUP MUSIC OPTIONS:

*Jam Sessions *Sing-lets *Music Camp *(see final page for camp info & bookings)*
*Banjo Group *Song Arranging short course

Banjo Group led by Andrea Hadley

Members of the banjo group formed last year are keen to get back into a banjo routine. New participants are encouraged to join too, whether new to banjo playing or having some experience. Participants will need to bring a banjo. Contact Andrea if you need advice about that.

The format will involve getting together to work on some banjo tunes. If you have been working on a tune or would like to play a tune in a group, then bring it along and Andrea will create a basic arrangement for the group. If you're interested in a specific style, she is happy to work on that too.

The banjo group will begin meeting monthly from July. Just turn up when you can. The cost will be $5.00 per session to contribute to the hire of the venue. You will need to be a GAMC member. (see membership details on final page)

When: The following Sunday afternoons, 1-3pm
13th July, 10th Aug, 21st Sept,
12th Oct & 9th Nov 2025

Where: Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre Oswald St Traralgon

For further details contact Andrea on 0434 843 363

Fancy a little sing each month in Traralgon?

SATURDAY SING-LETS

Come and join us and see how much joyous noise we can generate!
Simple, fun stuff with beautiful harmonies. 😊
Just turn up, gold coin donation at door and byo cup

When: 1st Saturday of the month
Time: 1.30-3.30 pm (with a cuppa/chat break)
Where: Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre, 9 Oswald St Traralgon (same place as GAMC Jam sessions and Gippsapella rehearsals)
Contact: Rhonda Newton GAMC30@gmail.com

Song Arranging short course led by Di Stephens

This course will provide some basic first steps of how to make a song your own by adding your own arrangements. If you are working with a group of musicians or just wanting to create your own style, these sessions will give you a starting point in developing those skills.
We will look at several different songs, listen to their original recordings and discuss ways in which the songs can be reinvented. From picking, to strumming, to lead and chord melody playing, these will be covered throughout this workshop along with some other interesting techniques and using different instruments to support a song.
When: Sunday 3-5pm on 24th Aug, 14th Sept & 28th Sept 2025

Where: Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre Oswald St Traralgon Cost: $60 covers all 3 sessions

If you're keen to participate, please register (see below).

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REGISTRATION: SONG ARRANGING SHORT COURSE

led by Di Stephens

Dates: Sundays 3-5pm on 24th Aug, 14th Sept & 28th Sept 2025
Venue: Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre **Cost:** $60 covers all 3 sessions

To register a place in this short course, please:

1. **Make a payment online or in person at Bendigo Bank of $60 (+ membership*** if you're not currently a GAMC member) to

   Gippsland Acoustic Music Club, Inc
   BSB Number 633 000 Account Number 163 729 114
   Please remember to include your name

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

2. **Send an email** (containing your name, address, email, phone no and amount paid) **to gamc30@gmail.com.** Include a title "Song Arranging Registration".

Any questions? If so, contact Di on 0428 742 481

OTHER EVENTS AROUND THE PLACE:

- Weds 25th June 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 29th June 1-4pm at Moe RSL Club: "Shirazz" * at Moe-Latrobe Valley Jazz Club. Contact Bruce Lawn 0427 743 516 *(* Shirazz will also be performing at GAMC on 5th October)*

- Fri 26-Mon 29 Sept: Rosewood Music Camp in Strathbogie Ranges (music, dance, singing, art & crafts, kids activities, outdoor activities, bushwalks etc). See https://www.rosewoodmusiccamp.org.au

Lots more live music listed on
https://www.liveatthebundy.com.au/gippslandgigguide

GAMC Winter Music Camp:
at "The Barn" 10 Grandview Grove, Inverloch
Fri night 29th - Sun 31st August 2025

The aim of the GAMC camp is to allow people to join in ad hoc music sessions with a variety of instruments in a relaxed setting. The idea of having it over a weekend is to extend the time available for this and to enable people to mingle in several different ways, and get to know one another better. Not everyone has the whole weekend free so coming just for one day/evening or just the day is also an option which may suit some people. The only scheduled item for the weekend is usually Saturday evening tea which we like to have together at about 6:30pm (This leaves us good time to clean up the kitchen and get back into the music !)

As was the case with other recent camps, the venue will be at 10 Grandview Grove Inverloch. There is a large kitchen and lounge space for music. There is limited inside accommodation, but room for tents or vans outside. There is a limit of 30 people for the weekend for meal times. If you wish to stay elsewhere in Inverloch, there are many options.

What to bring: Sleeping gear, towels, instruments, BYO breakfast and lunch food and drink and something to share for Sat night dinner. You might also want to throw in walking shoes in case of a nearby beach walk. Please consider how you are going to take home your recycling.

Bookings are required so that we can make sure there is enough room.

- **Send an email to GAMC30@gmail.com with info as per booking form below AND**
- **Pay required amount into the Bendigo Bank account as shown below**

Alternatively, submit this completed booking and payment at a club event prior to the camp.

BOOKING FORM – GAMC CAMP (Fri night 29th - Sun 31st Aug '25):

Names: _____

Fee if staying at the barn
..... Adults @ ..... nights X $25/night = $.....
..... Children @ .... nights X $15/night = $.....

Total owing $.....

I would like to reserve a bed inside Yes/No

Fee if a day visitor: $15

Direct Deposit to Bendigo Bank
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Please remember to put in your name!