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Nick Charles

Sun 1st March '26

7.30pm Tyers Hall



Nick Charles is Australia's preeminent exponent of acoustic roots and blues guitar music. It is a spellbinding journey through a massive career of twenty albums, thirteen US tours and every major award in folk and blues this country has to offer including Port Fairy Folk Festival Artist of the Year, Twice Winner of the Australian Song Contest.

In 2025 Nick was awarded "Best Solo Guitarist" at The International Blues Challenge in Memphis.

The AGE has labelled Nick as "Australia's Virtuoso of Acoustic Roots and Blues" and The Sydney Morning Herald says, "he plays guitar like an angel".

Stay tuned for a genre jumping performance of folk, blues, magical instrumentals and eclectic songcraft.

Support Act: Andrea Hadley

Andrea has been playing banjo for around 14 years. Along the way she has collected some vintage and reproduction vintage instruments that lend themselves beautifully to classical and classic styles of music. This performance will include pieces by Bach and American composers from the 1920s.

ENTRY: \$20 members & concession, \$25 adults
free for children under 18

Pre-purchase through
<https://www.trybooking.com/DIYGR>
or cash entry at the door



Tea/Coffee & Supper will be available. Please bring a plate of supper to share. Please also byo coffee mug.

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.

Memberships are now due for renewal Thanks to those who may have paid already.

Membership costs for 2026 are still the same and run from January 2026 to December 2026.

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

UPCOMING GAMC EVENTS

- ♪ Fri 13th, 20th, 27th Feb, 6th, 13th, 20th March 7-9pm "**Gippsapella**" Rehearsals (GAMC Acapella singing group) in preparation for "Choirs at Tyers". See info below.
- ♪ Sat 28th Feb 10am -12 noon: **First Jam session for the year to take place at Victory Park, Traralgon** (weather permitting). Meet under shady trees behind Monomeath Senior Citizens Centre. BYO instruments, chairs and maybe a picnic lunch for afterwards. Music booklets will be provided. For further info call Di: 0428 742 481
Jam sessions will only run monthly this year on the fourth Sat of the month (back at Traralgon Masonic Centre from March onwards)
- ♪ Weds 4th March 7.30pm at Traralgon Neighbourhood House (Kath Teychenne Centre) 11 - 13 Breed Street, Traralgon: **Committee Meeting and AGM**. Details & nomination below.
- ♪ Sat 7th March and again Sat 11th April "**Saturday Sing-lets**" led by Rhonda Newton 1.30pm - 3.00pm at Traralgon Masonic Centre. Stay tuned for dates for further Sing-Let sessions throughout the year. See info below.
- ♪ Sunday 8th March 1pm (and again on 12th Apr, 10 May & 14 June) at Traralgon Masonic Centre: **Banjo Workshops** led by Andrea Hadley continue. See info below.
- ♪ Sat 21st March at Tyers Hall: "**Choirs @ Tyers**". See info below.
- ♪ Fri 27th March, 7-8.30pm at Traralgon Masonic Centre: "**Valley Power Chords**" ukulele group will recommence rehearsals. Further rehearsals on 10th, 17th, 24th April, 1st, 8th May and possibly 15th May too. If you're keen to join and want to get on the email circulation list, please email Ken on ukulele_ken@outlook.com
- ♪ Sun 12th April: "**Bidibids**" **Concert** from NZ (not the first Sunday due to Easter clash)
- ♪ Fri 17th - Sun 19th April: Music Camp at Inverloch. See booking details below.



2026 Gippsapella 😊



GAMC's A'Capella singing group "Gippsapella" will soon be ready to ~~swing~~ sing into action in preparation for "Choirs@Tyers". All are welcome to join.

- Rehearsals, led by Rhonda Newton will be on Friday nights 7-8.30pm Feb 13th, 20th, 27th Mar 6th, 13th & 20th and perform on Saturday 21st Mar at "Choirs@Tyers".
- Rehearsal Venue: Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre, Oswald St Traralgon
- No cost to members. If you're not a GAMC member, you'll need to join (see membership details above).
- If you're keen to sing with Gippsapella, get yourself on the email circulation list by emailing Rhonda rhondanwtn@yahoo.com.au

Let us know your thoughts regarding possible other music workshops for later in the year. Pass your ideas onto a committee member or send an email to gamc30@gmail.com



Choirs@Tyers

Saturday 21st March 2026

10:30 am to 5:30 pm

Tyers Hall, Main Road, Tyers

This festival is for everyone who likes to sing. You don't need to be a member of a choir to participate. Come along to the workshop and enjoy singing in a group.

\$20.00 for the Workshop
(includes afternoon concert)

Guest Workshop Leader: Leanne Murphy



Singer-songwriter Leanne Murphy has been leading community choirs since 2011, most recently co-ordinating the 2024-25 Yackandandah Folk Festival Community Choir!

GAMC is delighted to have Leanne share her love of community music with us, planning a wonderful workshop for this event.

All attendees will have the opportunity to perform in the afternoon concert to celebrate our shared love of singing.

See more about Leanne on <https://www.leannemurphy.com.au/>

Bookings at <https://www.trybooking.com/DIRZO>
or cash at the door.



For more information, contact Joan on 0408 747 882

Hands up to sing each month in Traralgon with us!

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. You'll need to be a GAMC member. See page 2 of newsletter.

When: Sat 7th March from 1.30-3.00pm (with a cuppa/chat break), and again on Sat 11th April. Stay tuned for dates of following monthly Sing-lets sessions.

Where: Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre, 9 Oswald St Traralgon

Contact: Rhonda Newton GAMC30@gmail.com

Banjo Group led by Andrea Hadley

Members of the banjo group formed in the past two years 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 meet on the second Sunday of the month at 1pm at Traralgon Masonic Centre Sunday 8th Feb 1pm (and again on 8 Mar, 12 Apr, 10 May & 14 June). 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 page 2 of this newsletter)

When: The following Sunday afternoons, 1-3pm
8th Feb, 8th Mar, 12th Apr, 10th May & 14th June 2026

Where: Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre Oswald St Traralgon Further details: Andrea on 0434 843 363

GAMC 2026 Annual General Meeting

ALL GAMC MEMBERS WELCOME!

Weds 4th March at Kath Teychenne Centre (Traralgon Neighbourhood House), 11/13 Breed Street, Traralgon

6.00pm: Pizzas ordered based on numbers and preferences of attendees - provided by the club. 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.

7.00pm: AGM to commence:

This will include appointment of the following positions/jobs: President, Vice President, Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Newsletter Editor/Email circulation, Merch orders/salesperson, Social Media Coordinator 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 **Weds 25th Feb** to club secretary Barb Brabets at 21 Hickox St Traralgon 3844. Otherwise email with title "Committee Nominations" to gamc30@gmail.com

7.30pm: ordinary committee meeting to follow

NOMINATION FORM FOR GAMC AGM 2026

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 2026 GAMC Committee.

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

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



OTHER EVENTS AROUND THE PLACE:

- ♪ Saturday 21st Feb at 7.30pm: Meenyan Town Tavern Night with 8 different local acts (including "Deep South Brass 8" who recently performed at GAMC). Details are on their facebook page or contact Jane Coker 0400 053 266
- ♪ Weds 25th Feb 12.30 - 2.30pm: **Mirboo Music Jam Sessions** "Jammin' in the Bool!" (they happen on the 2nd and 4th Weds of each month). New venue being negotiated. 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 0417 060 566 petermcc@outlook.com

GAMC Inverloch CAMP – 10 Grandview Grove Fri 17th - Sun 19th April 2026

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 our last few 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 your walking shoes or bicycle as there are great paths for walking/riding and the beach is nearby....but probably too chilly to swim). Please consider how you are going to take home recycling.

BOOKINGS:

1. Send an email to GAMC30@gmail.com to confirm names of those wanting to attend, which nights (Fri and/or Sat or a Sat day visit only), and whether you'd like to reserve a bed inside.
2. Pay the appropriate amount to the Bendigo Bank account (and include your name)

Alternatively, complete the form below and forward it together with payment to Treasurer Barb Brabets at one of our club events prior to the camp.

We do need you to book so we can make sure there is enough room.

BOOKING FORM – GAMC CAMP

Fri 17th - Sun 19th April 2026

Names: _____

Fee if staying at the barn

..... Adults @ nights X \$25/night = \$.....

..... Children @ nights X \$10/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!