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# Bidibids

\*this is not the first Sunday of the month, to avoid clashing with Easter

## Sun 12<sup>th</sup> April '26 7.30pm Tyers Hall

You listen to folk music because you want to hear something that speaks to your heart. A connection from one human being to another. With lush harmonies, intricate arrangements, and beguiling melodies, the Bidibids balance soulful ballads that will tug your heart-strings with upbeat numbers which will get your toes tapping. This trio from Aotearoa New Zealand is built around Sarah August's honest, intimate songwriting, driven by Brendan Scheck's blazing mandolin and guitar, and anchored by Simon Carryer on cello-banjo.



Having played just about every venue they can find in New Zealand, they're coming to Australia for the first time. Don't miss your chance to see the Bidibids!

**Support Act: "Gippsapella"** (GAMC's Acapella Singing group led by Rhonda Newton). They'll be in fine form after their recent "Choirs @ Tyers" festival performance.

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

Pre-purchase through  
<https://www.trybooking.com/DJKDP>  
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, to keep the dishwashing fairies out of a job 😊

**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.

## UPCOMING GAMC EVENTS

- ♪ Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March, 7-8.30pm at Traralgon Masonic Centre: "Valley Power Chords" ukulele group will recommence rehearsals. Further rehearsals on 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> May and possibly 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ukulele_ken@outlook.com)
- ♪ Sat 28<sup>th</sup> March 10am -12 noon at Traralgon Masonic Centre: Jam Session. These will be running monthly this year on the fourth Sat of the month
- ♪ Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April and again on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May "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 12<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm (and again on 10 May & 14 June) at Traralgon Masonic Centre: **Banjo Workshops** led by Andrea Hadley continue. See info below.
- ♪ Weds 15<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm at Traralgon Neighbourhood House (Kath Teychenne Centre) 11 - 13 Breed Street, Traralgon: **Committee Meeting**
- ♪ ~~Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - Sun 19<sup>th</sup> April: Music Camp at Inverloch.~~  
☹ cancelled →
- ♪ Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May 3pm: club concert featuring Mel Pollard
- ♪ Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June 3pm: club concert featuring "Valley Road"

### GAMC Music Camp Cancelled ☹

Sorry to anyone who was planning to go to the Inverloch camp scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> April. Since booking numbers were low, it was decided to cancel this camp. If you have other suggestions for future music-socialising events, please let a committee member know your thoughts or email [gamc30@gmail.com](mailto:gamc30@gmail.com)

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> April from 1.30-3.00pm (with a cuppa/chat break), and again on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May. 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](mailto: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. 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 Sundays 1-3pm: 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 8<sup>th</sup> Mar, 12<sup>th</sup> Apr, 10<sup>th</sup> May & 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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

# Choirs@Tyers

There was a huge turn out to this event last Saturday (21<sup>st</sup> March). Beautiful, harmonised tunes could be heard from the Tyers Hall, rehearsal rooms, adjoining parkland and carparks too! The place was buzzing with enjoyment all day.

Thanks to Leanne Murphy for her preparation, great talent and enthusiasm (and the journey from NE Vic) to lead this workshop & performance.

A huge thanks also goes out to all the participating choirs\* and their tireless leaders, workshop participants, the "Choirs@Tyers" subcommittee (Joan, Lynne, Barb and Rhonda) & helpers, together with family and friends who came to support the concert.

\*Choirs included Gippsapella, Grand Ridge 245, Yallourn Madrigal Singers, Three Bags Full, Stratford Singers, Acoustic Kitchen, Triplicity..... and of course the workshop choir. See you again next year!



## **SAD NEWS ABOUT CLUB MEMBER NOELLE LONG**

After a lengthy health battle, Noelle sadly passed away last weekend. She embraced all things music club, with a particular passion for jam sessions, group workshops and performances....where we were often kept entertained by her quirky sense of humour. She regularly attended club concerts and was an active member of the committee, until her health prevented her from continuing. We also owe thanks to Noelle for introducing her singer/songwriter/guitarist Welsh friend Russell Ashby to the club, which then led to a great concert in 2024.

We send our condolences to Noelle's family and friends, including Russell in UK.

*Pictures here show Noelle in action in GAMC's Drumming Workshop performance, "Ukelicious" and 2023 Open Mic (together with Annie O who is hiding under her wig)*



## **RESULTS OF GAMC 2026 AGM held on 4<sup>th</sup> March at Kath Teychenne Centre (Traralgon Neighbourhood House)**

Again, 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, Geoff Pike, Andrea Hadley, Ken Bechaz, Rhonda Newton, Margaret Azzopardi. And welcome aboard to new committee member Michelle Foster.

There has been no change to ticket prices and membership prices.

Thanks to:

- Tony Dickinson for once again auditing the books relating to GAMC finances.
- Anne Pawley for chairing the election of office bearers.
- The late Noelle Long who had stepped aside from the 2026 committee due to health battles. Her efforts and enthusiasm contributed to the smooth running of many club events.
- Ongoing support and efforts by club members and friends.....all essential to keeping this club ticking after 40+ years.

## OTHER EVENTS AROUND THE PLACE:

♪ **Weds 25<sup>th</sup> March 12.30 - 2.30pm: Mirboo Music Jam Sessions** "Jammin' in the Bool" (they happen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Weds of each month). Venue, until further notice, will be 22 Inglis Ave Mirboo Nth . 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](mailto:petermcc@outlook.com)

♪ **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm at GPAC Traralgon: Melbourne Celtic Festival on Tour.** See [https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/gpac/events/The\\_Melbourne\\_Celtic\\_Festival\\_on\\_Tour\\_2026](https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/gpac/events/The_Melbourne_Celtic_Festival_on_Tour_2026)



### Following the runaway success of the inaugural Melbourne Celtic Festival ON TOUR 2025

We're delighted to be back on the road in Feb/March 2026 with the best St Patrick's Day 'Craic'. Theatres across Australia get ready for a full evening of live Celtic music with acclaimed local and international acts.

Direct from Dublin, duo, Ghosts of Erin deliver traditional folk-rock, blending gritty Irish ballads and fast-paced tunes. Australian Folk Band of the Year winners and crowd favourites Austral return with their signature sound — a high-energy fusion of Celtic dance music, didgeridoo, fiddles, pipes, guitar and percussion that's entirely their own. Rounding out the lineup, Australian Youth Folk Artists of the Year, Melbourne-based all-female trio Apolline combine close harmony vocals, fiddle, cello and double bass in fresh, intricate arrangements of Celtic songs and original compositions inspired by Scottish and Irish traditions.

Melbourne Celtic Festival is the only Celtic Music Festival touring Australian Theatres in 2026! With whistles, reels and stomping jigs, it's a full-scale music festival in one evening and the perfect way to mark St Patrick's Day in true Celtic style. Bring your friends, wear something green, and come ready for a night of unforgettable live music.

**FRIDAY 27 MARCH**

**7.30pm**  
**GPAC Main Theatre**

<b>Full Price</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Child*</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Concession - Senior</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Access</b>	<b>\$15</b>

**Buy Tickets**

**Yallourn Madrigal Singers / & Casey Choir proudly present**

*Many Voices, One Song*

**2.00 pm Sunday 31 May 2026**  
**Darnum Memorial Hall**  
adjacent to Princes Hwy, Darnum

**TICKETS**  
\$30 Adults \$5 School Students  
Children under 5: Free  
Book online  
[www.trybooking.com/DKFNP](http://www.trybooking.com/DKFNP)  
or buy at the door (cash or card)

Afternoon tea available for purchase  
Catering by CWA Warragul

[www.yallournmadrigals.net](http://www.yallournmadrigals.net)  
[www.caseychoir.com.au](http://www.caseychoir.com.au)

Bookings open 1<sup>st</sup> April

This is one of many flyers on website for "The Boite" multicultural music organisation based in Abbotsford, Melbourne. See [www.boite.com.au](http://www.boite.com.au) for more events and info.

## Calling all schools in Gippsland!



The Boite Schools Chorus is returning to **Bairnsdale** this year after a long slumber and we are looking for more schools to join!

This year the choir will be joining Ghanaian Master Drummers Mishael Gyabeng, Kofi Kunkpe and Choir Leader Stella Savy to learn and enjoy songs and dances from the West African nation of Ghana. This year's program is titled *Akoma* meaning *heart*.

*Akoma* will bring together playful songs, with vibrant movement and tales that are 1000's of years old with a message of love, endurance, tolerance and peace.

For further information please email [bec@boite.com.au](mailto:bec@boite.com.au)

**YALLOURN MADRIGAL SINGERS**

*Platinum Concert*

**70**  
*Years of glorious song!*

**2.00 PM SATURDAY 20 JUNE 2026**  
TRARALGON UNITING CHURCH,  
PARK LANE, TRARALGON (parking at rear)

Tickets: \$30 Adults \$5 School students.  
Ticket price includes delicious afternoon tea!

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/DKGGY](http://www.trybooking.com/DKGGY)  
or buy at the door - Cash or Card

[www.yallournmadrigals.net](http://www.yallournmadrigals.net)

Bookings open 1<sup>st</sup> April