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*remember the earlier start time of 3pm from May-Sept

"Valley Road"

Sun 7th June '26 3.00pm* Tyers Hall

Long-time friends Bec and Marty (aka Valley Road) appreciate a good harmony, thoughtful instrumentation and quality songcraft. They collaborate in an organic way, creating moments of gentle beauty and magic that often stir the soul. Their songs are rich in imagery, containing echoes of the dry bush and rolling hills of Central Victoria.

Rebecca "could sing before she could speak", and honed her instinct for harmony through years spent in the Australian Girls Choir. She switched her city upbringing for an off-grid life in the Central Victorian bush, where she is

inspired every day by the natural world around her. Marty grew up singing to the sheep on his family farm, with his dad, where he still tends the flock to this day.

The duo released their debut self-titled album in 2023, after they won a Troubadour Foundation Award that enabled them to record with producer Rod McCormack. Since the album's release, Valley Road have been gradually making a name for themselves in the country/folk realm for their distinctive style, which draws on a diverse range of traditional and contemporary influences, but presented in a uniquely Australian way. Their album was a finalist for Best Debut Album at the Australian Folk Alliance Awards and was profiled as "Feature Album of the Week" on ABC Country shortly after release.

"Listening to Valley Road's debut album is like finding a patch of shade from the relentless burning sun. It has a restful, quiet beauty that invites you to linger. Their gentle harmonies weave stories of people and places that seem from another time. It's a distilled kind of beauty. A gently plucked guitar, a simple fiddle line and sweet melodies showcase the essence of their sound." - Vikki Thorn, The Waifs

Support Act: Elspeth Kiddell

Since her GAMC performances some years ago, Elspeth has been working on some original material and performed at Mirboo North Small Halls Festival last year.

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

Pre-purchase through

<https://www.trybooking.com/DJYUK>

or cash entry at the door



Tea/Coffee & Afternoon Tea will be

available. Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share



Please also bring a coffee mug, to keep the dishwashing fairies out of a job 😊 Or buy one of these collector-item GAMC "Spruik the Uke" keep cups. Special price \$5



GAMC's "Valley Power Chords" were a hit at the Hills Ukulele Festival last weekend!

The costumes, the songs, the vibe generated a huge response to a standing room only venue, and the punters were calling for more! I'm very proud of the group. Everyone contributed not just their musical and vocal talents but their inspirations and ideas to build the performance! We are looking forward to next year and already beginning to plan the set. Stay tuned!! *Ken Bechaz*

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 (or can sign up at a Sing-Let session)

When: Sat 6th June from 1.30-3.00pm (with a cuppa/chat break) and again on Sat 4th July. 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

FINAL BANJO SESSION ON 14th JUNE

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: 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

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

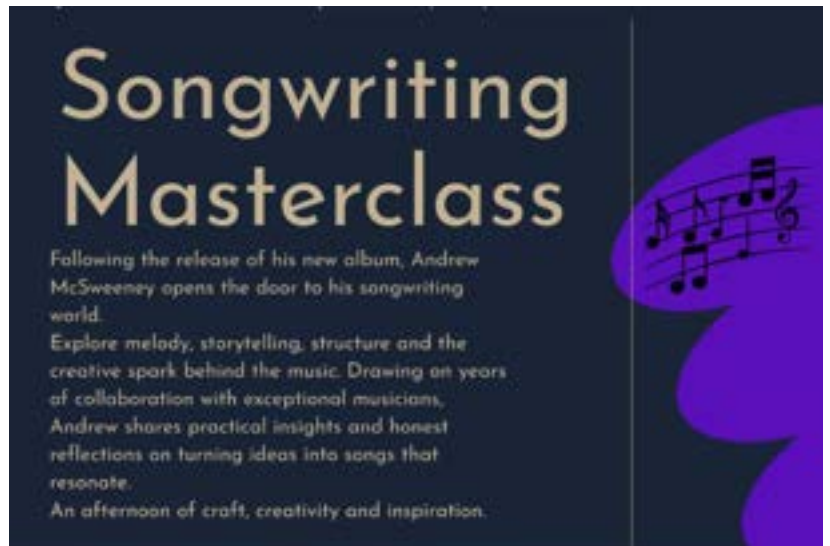
- ♪ Sat 23rd May 10am -12 noon at Traralgon Masonic Centre: Jam Session. These run monthly on the fourth Sat of the month
- ♪ Sat 6th June from 1.30-3.00pm "**Saturday Sing-lets**" led by Rhonda Newton at Traralgon Masonic Centre. Stay tuned for dates for further Sing-Let sessions throughout the year. See info below.
- ♪ Weds 10th June 7.30pm at Traralgon Neighbourhood House (Kath Teychenne Centre) 11 - 13 Breed Street, Traralgon: **Committee Meeting**
- ♪ Sat 14th June at Traralgon Masonic Centre: *the last of the* **Banjo Workshops** led by Andrea Hadley continue. See info below.
- ♪ Sun 5th July 3pm: Gabrielle Parker Concert at Tyers Hall
- ♪ Sun 2nd August : Smiley Doherty Concert at Tyers Hall
- ♪ Sun 6th September: GAMC Showcase Concert

SAVE the date: 2026 GAMC Showcase Concert

We're gearing up once again for the annual GAMC Showcase concert.... a great opportunity to show off some of our amazing local talent!! If you are interested in performing at this event, please contact Di on 0428 742 481 dimishka5@gmail.com

OTHER EVENTS AROUND THE PLACE:

- ♪ Weds 27th May 12.30 - 2.30pm: **Mirboo Music Jam Sessions** "Jammin' in the Boo!" (they happen on the 2nd and 4th Weds of each month). Venue is now back at The Baromi Centre 38 Couper St 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



- ♪ Sat 30th May at Travellers' Rest Hotel & Distillery Thorpdale: Song Writing Masterclass. For further details and ticket purchase, see <https://www.travellersresthotel.com/event-details/song-writing-masterclass>
- ♪ Friday 19 June: 7:30pm at Wesley of Warragul. DAVE HOLE TRIO: BLUES SELLING FAST! <https://events.humanitix.com/dave-hole-bluesman/tickets>



One of the world's finest Blues slide guitar exponents brings his electric sound to Wesley! Dave Hole is Australia's premier internationally successful bluesman and highly acclaimed slide guitar virtuoso. He burst onto the international scene when his first album, "Short Fuse Blues" was picked up by America's most prestigious blues label, the Chicago-based Alligator Records. He has since released a further nine critically acclaimed albums and is an Australian ARIA award winner. Dave's explosive live show and innumerable tours of the U.S. and Europe have solidified his stature as one of the very best blues guitarists playing today and have earned him accolades from around the globe. He has headlined festivals in America and all across Europe.

♪ Sat 27th June at 7.30pm: Meeniyah Town Tavern Night

<https://www.ticketebo.com.au/meeniyah-progress-association/meeniyah-town-tavern-night-june-2026>.



MEENIYAH TOWN TAVERN NIGHT
Meeniyah Hall, Saturday June 27th 2026 at 7.30pm
(be seated by 7.15pm)

◆ Olive & the Peanuts - Meeniyah's next big band

◆ Three Bags Full - harmony trio ◆ Travelight - harmonies and guitar
◆ Jazz Funtet - voices, horns & more ◆ The Black notes - jazz trio
◆ Highly Strum - trio with great song ◆ The Treble F's - vocal ensemble
◆ The Lunettes - quirky originals ◆ With MC: Jo Whitelaw

 Artists donate their time to raise funds for the town.
\$15 entry including door prize ticket. BYO nibbles, drinks, glasses and cuppa.
Bookings necessary. Online preferred (BF) at
<https://www.ticketebo.com.au/meeniyah-progress-association/meeniyah-town-tavern-night-june-2026>
Tarnya 0427 647473 or email meeniyahprogress@gmail.com



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A cuppa is available after the concert

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PARK LANE, TRARALGON (parking at rear)

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Ticket price includes delicious afternoon tea!

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