

The Balladeer

Monthly newsletter of Acoustic Routes, Wellington's folk music club

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<http://acousticroutes.org.nz/news/the-balladeer/>

1. Pres sez

Hello everyone

Unfortunately, I have more sad news to impart this month. Our friend and committee member David Fowler passed away during the week. David only came on to the Committee at the most recent AGM, but by then he had already made himself known as being the kind of guy who couldn't help helping out. He was often seen in the kitchen at Roseneath, or helping to put the chairs out or stack them away. Once he was on the Committee, having noticed that the tap was leaking at the hall, he took it upon himself to arrange with the school to go and fix it. He took the role of being on the Committee very seriously, and even quite late in the piece when he must have been quite ill, was still looking for the perfect venue for us. He was very supportive of me in my role as president and I shall miss seeing his lovely grin at meetings and gigs.

David's funeral is on Tuesday at 2pm at the Vogelmorn Hall. We send our sincere condolences and best wishes to David's family and friends.

We were already a rather small Committee – if there's anyone out there who would like to join the Committee or put their hand up to help out occasionally in the upcoming months, we'd love to hear from you, particularly if you can help out on the night of our fourth Thursday concerts. Although May is still to be confirmed, we have some exciting gigs coming up in June, July and August, and the tasks aren't onerous especially if they are shared. Please get in touch at president@acousticroutes.org.nz. Could this be your chance to contribute to keeping folk music alive and well in Wellington?

Janette

2. AR Monthly Concert, Thursday 25 May, 7.30pm

Arrangements for this month's concert are still being finalized – please check the mid-month news bulletin for details.

3. Open Mic, Plimmerton Boating Club, 66 Moana Road, Plimmerton, 11 May, 7 pm



This great night in a lovely venue, hosted by the inimitable Roy McGuinness, is now under the umbrella of Acoustic Routes. Low cost drinks and food, and a sound system. Put this one on your calendar as a regular event.

If you want to find out more, contact Roy on (021) 433-878.

4. AR Open Mic Upstairs at “The Office”, Newtown, Sunday 14 May, 5:30-8 pm



The AR Open Mic at the Office in Newton is a regular feature the second Sunday of each month, with Newtown Acoustic Sound hosting the other weekly sessions.

The venue is the upstairs room at “The Office” bar in Newtown’s main street, Riddiford St, just south of the intersection with Rintoul St. It’s a very good space for live music, with food and drink available from the bar downstairs.

5. Tribute to Phil Garland

This Week

A fantail flew twice into our living room
Did I need to mention 'living room'?
It pirouetted on the heat pump, fanning,
Gyrating the length of the light cord

Tripping along the door jamb and pecking
A spider and fly for measure.
It stayed squeaking and twerking
We sat observing and wondering

Would we hear of an unwelcome death
In the family, or among friends?
Then the news, Phil Garland, the grandfather
Of Kiwi folk music had died.

The fantail, an appropriate messenger of loss
And then Chuck Berry...is that the end of it or
what?

Steve Thomas



6. Balladeer music noticeboard

Where you can advertise your music-related items—lessons, instruments, gigs, band members wanted, etc.

a) Trad Singing Session, Upstairs at the Sprig & Fern, Thorndon, Monday 8 May, 6:30 pm

With Dave Barnes hosting, this session celebrates unaccompanied singing in traditional style. Fine beer and food to be had at the bar. Contact: Dave Barnes david.barnes@xtra.co.nz

b) Reverie Up Close and Personal, Anne and Roy's Home, 21 Gordon Road Plimmerton, Sunday 21 May, 3 pm

Victoria has a spell binding quality to her voice that she weaves into every performance. With a special passion for harmony, her accompaniment on guitar, dulcimer or bodhran is always relaxed and thoughtful. Victoria holds both traditional and classical song at her musical core, and is developing an enviable reputation as a talented young singer/songwriter and vocal accompanist.

Tony is recognised for performances that are liberally laced with strong, emotional melodies and lyrics. A balladeer at heart, he researches and chooses his material with skill and sensitivity. Tony's voice has been described as "hot, creamy chocolate!", and his fingerstyle accompaniment on guitar and six string banjo adds layers of melody as if another voice were in the mix.



Victoria Vigersner and Tony Hillyard

Together they sing and play songs, ballads and tunes drawn from the head, heart and soul of the folk roots movement.

Charge is \$10.00 per head. Tea, coffee and nibbles are provided. Please feel free to bring other drinks of your choice and a plate to share for afternoon tea.

Bookings can be made by contacting me on 0274599376 or annemcgregor@xtra.co.nz

c) Reverie Harmony Workshop, Spring & Fern, Monday 22 May, 7-9 pm



We're so keen to fill the world with harmony that we're running a workshop to share how we tackle vocal blend and harmony choices. There will be something for everyone, whether you have harmony in your bones, or can only just manage a

melody! Using snippets from our repertoire as examples, we'll be talking about arranging songs for multiple voices, how harmony can be used to complement lyric, how to work with your range, and a bit about keeping harmonies interesting and fun for your audience. We hope to see you there!

Victoria Vigersner and Tony Hillyard

Numbers are limited - express your interest by emailing reveriefolk@gmail.com

d) An Afternoon of Gershwin, Anne and Roy's Home, 21 Gordon Road Plimmerton, Sunday 28 May, 3 pm



High tea, bubbles and an afternoon of Gershwin with Don Franks and Jemima, back by popular demand.

Tickets are \$10.00 each.

Tea, coffee, nibbles and a glass of bubbles provided. Bring drinks of your own...

e) Want To Review For The Balladeer?

We have a handful of willing writers who regularly get shoulder tapped to review AR concerts and we are very grateful to them. The AR Committee is offering a free concert ticket to anyone who reviews a concert for the Balladeer. It is great to hear a range of voices and opinions, so if you are interested please contact Philippa balladeer@acousticroutes.org.nz

7. Are you ready to perform?



Are you interested in performing at Acoustic Routes events, including support acts for our monthly concerts? Contact us performers@acousticroutes.org.nz

8. About Acoustic Routes

Acoustic Routes (Wellington Folk Centre Incorporated) is a club for people who enjoy playing and listening to folk and acoustic styles of music.

The fourth Thursday of the month generally features a concert, usually with a visiting artist and support acts from amongst our membership. Check the website or the Balladeer for updates about the venue.

Membership of Acoustic Routes costs \$25 a year for individuals, \$40 for couples or families, or \$15 for students and beneficiaries – and as we're now into the second half of the financial year, all membership rates are now only half price to join from now until June 2017. Membership entitles you to door-charge discounts at Acoustic Routes events, at events put on by most other folk clubs, and at Alistair's Music. Members get priority access to performance opportunities, and can have input into the club's activities. To join, email treasurer@acousticroutes.org.nz.

Acoustic Routes publishes this newsletter (The Balladeer) at the start of every month, and also an acoustic gig guide for the Wellington region (Acoustic Routes update). You can [subscribe online](#), or contact publicity@acousticroutes.org.nz

9. Acoustic Routes Contacts

President: Janette Munneke president@acousticroutes.org.nz

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/Acoustic-Routes/89128457590/home

10. Other regular folk events/contacts in the region

Americana Jam Session

When: Upstairs room of The Third Eye – the Tuatara temple of Taste, 4th Sunday, from 4 to 6:30 pm. Join Richard Klein and friends and enjoy some of the Wellington region's finest players and singers of country, blues, Cajun, old-timey, boogie-woogie and all-around good-time American music, and it's an open session so you can join in.

Ceol Alba Scottish Music Club

When: 4th Friday of month, 7.30 - 9.30pm. A club for playing and/or listening to (mostly) traditional Scottish music. Sheet music supplied or downloadable.

Where: Lower Hutt.

Cost: \$5 per night

Contact: Lynne Scott, 04 565 0164 lynne@scott.gen.nz

Finn's Cafe Open Mic Nights

When: 4th Wednesday of the month, 7.30 pm. This is a really popular night and a great way to meet other musicians. Hosted by Danilo.

Where: Finn's Cafe Bar, 2 Beach Rd, Paekakariki.

International Folkdancing

When: Every Wednesday from February to December, 7.30 to 9.15

Where: Tarrant Dance Studios, 125 Cuba St, Wellington

Contact: Cashy Yates (04) 569 1618 cashy@ihug.co.nz

Kapiti Live Music Club

When: 2nd Wednesday of the month, an acoustic social evening for listening and/or singing and playing, from 7:30.

Where: Paul and Kimbra's; 3 Jade Lane, Paraparaumu. Off the east end Mazengarb Road as it changes name and turns toward Kapiti Road.

Contact: enquiry@klmc.org.nz and <http://www.klmc.org.nz>

Kelburn Pub Live Music

When: Live music every Sunday 3-5 pm.
Sunday Roots on the first Sunday of each Month, 4-7pm. Hosted by Pip Payne and featuring a different guest artist each month. Details 'Sunday roots' on Facebook.

Contact: Pip Payne if you want to perform - 027 654 5419.

Levin Folk Club

When: 2nd Friday of month, 7.30 pm, blackboard concert plus guest artist.
Entry: Members \$5, Non-Members \$10, Children \$3 (includes supper)
4th Friday of month, 7.30 pm, acoustic night. \$2

Where: Horowhenua, Scottish Society and Pipe Band hall, cnr Bartholomew Rd and Middlesex St.

Contact: Barbara Lucas bmserendipity@gmail.com
Website: www.levin-folk-music-club.org.nz

Mainly Acoustic Music Club

When: (Mostly) every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm
Where: Mayfair Cafe, 116 Main Street, Upper Hutt
Contact: Kevin & Sue Meehan (04) 970 4008
For enquiries or newsletter email harrier@paradise.net.nz

Morris dancing: Dave Barnes <http://www.morrisdancing.org.nz/>

Music and Poetry at the Metro

When: Second Sunday of the month, 3.00pm to 5pm
Where: Metropolitan Restaurant and Bar Lydney Place Porirua
Cost: free
Contact: Phil McConnell: musicandpoetryatthemetro@gmail.com
Phone (04) 237 9902 or 027 786 5542
www.facebook.com/music.metrobar

Pukerua Bay Folk Club

When: 1st Thursday of month, 8 pm
Where: 9 Donlin Rd, Pukerua Bay
Contact: Murray or Julie Kilpatrick, (04) 239 9951, julmur@paradise.net.nz

Wellington Bluegrass Society

When: 3rd Friday of month, 8.00 pm
Where: 54 Richmond Street, Petone
Contact: Andrew Bicknell, (04)477 0069, bluegrass@paradise.net.nz
[http:// wellingtonbluegrass.net.nz/](http://wellingtonbluegrass.net.nz/)

Wellington Scottish Fiddle Club

When: Varies, but mostly monthly around the first Sunday
Where: Depends on who is hosting it this time! A club for learning tunes in the traditional "by ear" style, it welcomes fiddlers of all levels.
Cost: Mostly free
Contact: Iain Matcham, ph 04 568 8635 email iain@jumbletree.com