

The Balladeer

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

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

1. James Wilkinson and Jacquie Walters, Roseneath School hall, Thursday 27 July, 7:30 pm



James was a member of award-winning group Emeralds and Greenstone and is currently a member of Toru. Jacquie made a name for herself as a folk artist in the northeast of England performing, touring, and recording with Kate Bramley.

James and Jacquie have shared concert bills in various band iterations over the past 25 years but this is their first tour as a duo. Jacquie is known for her stunning vocals and moving, topical songwriting. James is one of New Zealand's best guitarists and a mesmerising bass player and will be adding his unique playing style and vocals in support of Jacquie's original material.

Come and enjoy a perfect winter's evening full of some of New Zealand's best acoustic music.

Ticket price: \$15 (non-members) and \$10 (members)

<http://www.jacquiewaltersmusic.com>

2. Pres sez

Hi Everyone

Well, after that fabulously feisty concert in June, you might be wondering how we can expect to follow that! Not a problem – we have the gorgeous guitarist James Wilkinson and superb singer-songwriter Jacquie Walters from the mainland coming up in July. Suffice to say I've been excited about this concert since we booked it back in February.

Unbelievably, it's that time again – the end of the financial year and time to pay the sub for another year. Do join up as soon as possible; as a committee it's great to know we have the support of a keen group of fellow enthusiasts in promoting folk music in Wellington. We've got some great gigs already planned, and opportunities to perform and play music together, like the Riverslea Retreat. You can find out how to join up in this issue, or in the "Join us" section of the website, and help to ...

... keep the music live!

Janette

3. AR Open Mic Upstairs at “The Office”, Newtown, Sunday 9 July, 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.

Contact: kevin.ikin@clear.net.nz

4. Open Mic, Plimmerton Boating Club, 66 Moana Road, Plimmerton, 13 July, 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.



5. Riverslea Retreat, Otaki Gorge Road, 27-29 August

The Riverslea Retreat is an annual highlight of the Acoustic Routes calendar. A great opportunity to drive away the winter blues with warm company and wonderful music.



Located on the Otaki Gorge Road, Riverslea can accommodate up to 37 people, including people with disabilities and mobility problems. The lounge has a cosy log fire - a lovely room to play and socialize in. There is also a great kitchen and dining area.

Tea, coffee and milo are provided and there will be a shared meal on Saturday night. Pillow, pillow case and bottom sheet are provided on the bunks.

Charges are \$48 per night and \$25 for a day visitor. Please contact Anne McGregor to register: annemcgregor@xtra.co.nz or (04) 2338567.

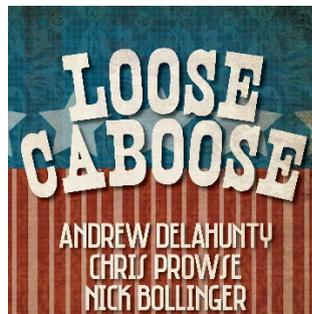
6. Balladeer music noticeboard

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

a) Trad Singing Session, Upstairs at the Sprig and Fern, Thorndon, Monday 10 July, 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) Loose Caboose, Kelburn Village Pub, Sunday 16 July, 3 pm



c) 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. Acoustic Routes membership, July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Single	\$25
Double/family (children under 18)	\$40
Other (Student, life member partners, beneficiaries)	\$15

What being a member gives you

- An annual programme of concerts by top-class musicians
- Regular performance opportunities at a range of other musical events
- Regular communications about what's on - all put together by a Committee elected by you
- a Membership Card that provides:
 - Discounted entry to club events and concerts
 - Discounted entry to participating folk clubs
 - Discounts on selected items at Alistair's Music, Cuba Street
 - Voting rights at the AGM or any subsequent SGM

Payment options

1. Complete this form and post it with a cheque made out to Wellington Folk Centre, P.O. Box 27-191, WELLINGTON 6141
2. Pay by internet banking to 'Wellington Folk Centre Inc.': ANZ account 01 0505 0182241 00 (*ensure your name is included for reference*) and simultaneously forward your details (as below) to treasurer@acousticroutes.org.nz.
3. Hand your form plus payment to a committee member at an Acoustic Routes event.

If you do not already get The Balladeer and email update please register for them on the home page of www.acousticroutes.org.nz

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PLEASE COMPLETE: many thanks for your support

Amount paid: \$_____ Choose one: Single, Double /Family, Other Donation:

\$_____ (Wellington Folk Centre is a registered charity and

donations of \$5.00 or more are tax-deductible. A receipt will be issued.)

Payment has been made by cheque/direct credit/other

NAME(S): _____

POSTAL ADDRESS: _____

POSTCODE: _____ Phone number _____

YOUR CURRENT E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

8. 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

9. 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

10. Acoustic Routes contacts

President: Janette Munneke president@acousticroutes.org.nz

Correspondence: Emma Hart secretary@acousticroutes.org.nz

Treasurer/Membership: Liz Auchinvole treasurer@acousticroutes.org.nz

Balladeer: Philippa Boy balladeer@acousticroutes.org.nz

Acoustic Routes update email: Janette Munneke president@acousticroutes.org.nz

Performance opportunities: performers@acousticroutes.org.nz

Postal address: PO Box 27-191 Marion Square, Wellington, New Zealand.

Website: www.acousticroutes.org.nz

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

11. Other regular folk events/contacts in the region

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