

# The Balladeer

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

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

# 1. Acoustic Routes mid-winter blast, Roseneath School hall, Thursday 24 August, 7:30 pm



Join the Jimmies for a mid-winter ceilidh to chase away the winter blues! With some great music and dancing, and a surprise act or two while you catch your breath, it'll be the warmest place in town that night. No need to know the dances, you can learn them on the night, and The Jimmies will keep you in time with their terrific tunes and incomparable calling.

The Jimmies were formed in 1986 primarily as a ceilidh and barn-dance band and have been a core part of Wellington's Celtic music scene. They have also taken their distinctive brand of Irish, Scottish and Kiwi music beyond the city, playing at festivals, clubs and other venues through the North Island.

The current line-up is: Mary Hubble - flute, whistles, vocals; Kevin Ikin - tenor banjo, guitar, mandolin, percussion, vocals; Ann McChesney - keyboard, vocals; Murray Kilpatrick - accordion, banjo, mandolin, guitar, vocals; Susan Ellis – fiddle and Kevin McLoughlin - bass, guitar and vocals.

**Ticket Price:** non-members \$15, members \$10. (Members, if you haven't already signed up for the new year you'll need to do it on the night to get in for members rates.)

## 2. Pres sez

Hi Everyone

My last little missive to you for now! In writing my president's report for our upcoming AGM, I've been thinking about what we've managed to do in spite of being a very small team and having many challenges thrown at us. They say what doesn't break you will make you stronger, so we must be very strong by now I reckon! Nevertheless it's been enjoyable and I'd like to stay on but due to changes in my personal circumstances I have to step down. There are quite a few people keen to carry the torch, so I urge you to join them if you feel so inclined, and help to keep folk music alive and kicking in Wellington.

Arrivederci!

Janette

PS: For all my fellow dulcimer players and fans, imagine my surprise this week while watching "Tonight at the London Palladium" when an international celebrity appeared playing dulcimer!

<http://www.radiotimes.com/tv-programme/e/d42hpw/tonight-at-the-london-palladium-series-1-episode-2/>

### 3. Acoustic Routes AGM, upstairs at the Sprig and Fern, 342 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Sunday 20 August, 3pm

The AGM of the Acoustic Routes club (Wellington Folk Centre Inc.) will take place on **Sunday 20 August at 3pm** in the upstairs bar of the Sprig and Fern, Thorndon. All members are invited to attend and only members can vote. The meeting requires a quorum of 15 eligible attendees. Don't worry if you haven't already signed up for membership – you can do it at the meeting.

Any questions regarding the meeting may be put in advance to the president at the president's email address (see below), or any other current member of the Committee.

### 4. Open Mic, Plimmerton Boating Club, 66 Moana Road, Plimmerton, 10 August, 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. AR Open Mic Upstairs at "The Office", Newtown, Sunday 13 August, 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](mailto:kevin.ikin@clear.net.nz)

## 6. 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](mailto:annemcgregor@xtra.co.nz) or (04) 2338567.



## 7. Balladeer music noticeboard

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

### a) The Downunderdogs, Mainly Acoustic, Mayfair Café, Upper Hutt, Tuesday 8 August, 7:30 pm

The Downunderdogs, Jack MacKenzie, Peter Dyer and Cathy Dyer invite you to join them, along with Kaboodle, Toil and Trouble, Neils Gedge, and Paul Bowden at the Mayfair Cafe, Upper Hutt. <http://mainlyacoustic.co.nz>

### b) Trad Singing Session, Upstairs at the Sprig and Fern, Thorndon, Monday 14 August, 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](mailto:david.barnes@xtra.co.nz)

### c) Gale Force Gospel, Riverslea Retreat, 8-10 September



Join Galeforce Gospel for a weekend of gospel singing, Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. \$190, including meals and accommodation. Singing gospel

arrangements by Carol Shortis, Eric Dozier, and Tony Backhouse. Places are limited, book through [info@galeforcegospel.org.nz](mailto:info@galeforcegospel.org.nz)

**d) TaKeTiNa weekend with Tania Bosak, Thistle Hall, Cuba Street, Wellington, 22-24 September**



TaKeTiNa is a rhythm and singing technique for musicians.

Times		Cost
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7-9.30pm	Full weekend, 20 early bird places \$160 Concession \$180
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am - 6pm	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am - 5.30pm	Full price \$220 \$25 Friday night taster

Places are limited. Enquiries & registrations to Carol Shortis, [info@carolshortis.com](mailto:info@carolshortis.com)

**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](mailto:balladeer@acousticroutes.org.nz)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:publicity@acousticroutes.org.nz)

## 10. 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](mailto:treasurer@acousticroutes.org.nz).
4. 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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Acoustic Routes contacts

**President:** Janette Munneke [president@acousticroutes.org.nz](mailto:president@acousticroutes.org.nz)

**Correspondence:** Emma Hart [secretary@acousticroutes.org.nz](mailto:secretary@acousticroutes.org.nz)

**Treasurer/Membership:** Liz Auchinvole

[treasurer@acousticroutes.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@acousticroutes.org.nz) **Balladeer:** Philippa Boy

[balladeer@acousticroutes.org.nz](mailto:balladeer@acousticroutes.org.nz)

**Acoustic Routes update email:** Janette Munneke  
[president@acousticroutes.org.nz](mailto:president@acousticroutes.org.nz)

**Performance opportunities:** [performers@acousticroutes.org.nz](mailto:performers@acousticroutes.org.nz)

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

**Website:** [www.acousticroutes.org.nz](http://www.acousticroutes.org.nz)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/Acoustic-Routes/89128457590/home](http://www.facebook.com/Acoustic-Routes/89128457590/home)

## 12. 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](mailto:lynne@scott.gen.nz)

Finn's Cafe Open Mic Nights

**When:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 the Pub if you are interested in performing.

#### 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](mailto:bmserendipity@gmail.com)

Website: [www.levin-folk-music-club.org.nz](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:musicandpoetryatthemetro@gmail.com)

Phone (04) 237 9902 or 027 786 5542

[www.facebook.com/music.metrobar](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:bluegrass@paradise.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](mailto:iain@jumbletree.com)