

# The Balladeer

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

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# 1. AR New Zealand Music Month concert, Thursday 24 May, 730 pm

This month's concert features four Wellington acts celebrating New Zealand Music Month – in alphabetical order.

## Cindy Muggeridge

Cindy is a talented musician, singer, and song writer hailing from a very creative Taranaki family. She has recently made a name for herself playing keyboard and singing bluesy songs with the Raven Mavens, along with Marian Price Carter and occasionally Neil Billington on harmonica. Cindy is a very engaging performer who can be lyrical, witty and delightfully wicked all in one song. She is about to release an album of her own songs and has a wealth of New Zealand songs by others including her brother Alan.



## Don Franks



Don Franks has been playing a variety of music and singing around Wellington for some decades. He is an outstanding jazz pianist, who plays regularly at such distinguished venues as the Pines. He also plays great guitar, banjo, sings and writes a lot of very powerful, clever and direct New Zealand political and social comment songs. He is a very experienced, out-there performer who gets song messages across very clearly.

## Ktoo

Kevin McLoughlin and Kevin Ikin are two folk veterans who hail from Dunedin (where they first played together in the 1980s). They both have family links to the South Island's West Coast, which has stimulated their new collaboration gathering and recording songs and tunes about the Coast and culminating in their CD 'Land of the West', released in December 2017.



They have a highly entertaining repertoire ranging from the serious to the silly, with accompaniment including guitars, tenor banjo, mandolin, ukulele, bass, bouzouki, harmonicas and percussion.

## Simple Gifts



Sue Rose and Philippa Boy - two friends who share a love of harmony singing and very eclectic musical tastes - have performed at various folk venues to appreciative audiences. Expect unusual arrangements of NZ music from the 1830s to 1994, some acapella and some accompanied for this concert by dulcimer and hurdy gurdy.

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

## 2. President Murray's Musings



Hi Everybody

Yes we are heading towards winter. The evenings are getting darker and shorts are disappearing.

A number of successful events took place in the last month.

Our April sing around concert, 'Songs of War and Peace' was very well attended and everybody there contributed to the evening's entertainment. There was not only a great variety of songs, but also a number of readings and some extremely powerful, thought provoking poems. Thanks to everybody who came along and made it a wonderful evening.



Kevin hosted our 4th Sunday of the month Open Mic in the upstairs room of The Office in Newtown. It is amazing, the number of very capable and varied performers who attend and make this such an enjoyable monthly event. Thank you very much Kevin, for running this so well. It is a wonderful opportunity for performers to be heard, and to mix with other musicians and performers.

The monthly Plimmerton Open Mic, hosted so ably by Roy McGuinness in association with Acoustic Routes, always attracts a capacity crowd and a very long list of excellent performers. This event seems to be going from strength-to-strength and offers musicians an excellent opportunity to strut their stuff – many thanks Roy.

On the 22nd of April, Acoustic Routes ran a song writing workshop upstairs in The Office. This turned out to be a very successful and enjoyable event. A varied group of proficient songwriters discussed in turn how they went about writing songs. I left with a very strong feeling that the participants wished to continue with further sessions in the near future. I am also very aware that there are a number of other songwriters and potential songwriters who were unable to attend this event, but would be very interested in participating in the future.

Since my last Musings, Hamsterfest and the Tutira Tradfest have been and gone. I personally wasn't able to attend, but the feedback has been great - both very well run and very enjoyable events.

This month's concert in the Roseneath School Hall will consist of four local acts to celebrate New Zealand Music Month. Performing for us will be Cindy Muggeridge, Don Franks, Simple Gifts, (Sue Rose and Philippa Gander) and Ktoo (Kevin McLoughlin and Kevin Ikin). This promises to be a really wonderful event.

Acoustic Routes is running a web site, a Face Book Page and a Face Book Group, all worth investigating. I would encourage each and every one of you who haven't yet, to join our Face Book Group to keep up to date with what's on and to post any music-related things you would like to share.

Our hard working, but rather small Acoustic Routes Committee, would welcome some more people to join our ranks. If you would like to be part of our committee, please contact me at [musicianmurray@gmail.com](mailto:musicianmurray@gmail.com).

Once again, I'd like to thank the Committee, Janette Munneke who often stands in for us, and Philippa who produces such a wonderful Balladeer every month. Last but not least, thank you to all of you who support Acoustic Routes by attending our events. Without you, our club would have no meaning.

Cheers and happy Folving.

Murray Kilpatrick

### 3. Open Mic, Plimmerton Boating Club, 66 Moana Road, Plimmerton, Thursday 10 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. To find out more, contact Roy on (021) 433-878.



### 4. Open Mic Upstairs at 'The Office', Newtown, Sunday 13 and Sunday 27 May, 530-8pm



Newtown Acoustic Sound Open Mics upstairs at the Office Bar in Newtown are now running twice a month, on the second and last Sundays. If you are busting to try out a new song or dust off an old favourite, this is the place to go. This month's Open Mics will be on Sunday 8 April and Sunday 29 April.

Contacts:

[newtownacousticsound@gmail.com](mailto:newtownacousticsound@gmail.com)

[kevin.ikin@supermail.co.nz](mailto:kevin.ikin@supermail.co.nz)

## 5. 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 7 May, 630 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)

**b) Jude Madill, Plimmerton Up Close and Personal Concert, Saturday 19 May, 730 pm**



Don't miss this lovely, talented woman. Anne and Roy's home, 21 Gordon Road Plimmerton.

Contact Anne            0274699377

[annemcgregor@xtra.co.nz](mailto:annemcgregor@xtra.co.nz)

**c) Paekakariki open mic, St Peter's Hall, Beach Rd, Paekakariki, 25 May, 730 pm**



Paekakariki Non-Profit Music Collective presents this new event, featuring talent from Paekakariki, the Kapiti and Wellington regions and much, much further off... Musicians and singers – all welcome! Sign up at the door to perform, or just come and listen. Sound system available.



Admission by koha - please be generous!

Info from [tonyfuell@gmail.com](mailto:tonyfuell@gmail.com) or 021 0231 9547

**d) Old -Time Clawhammer Banjo Lessons with Helena Faust**

Helena has 10 years of experience as a performer and teacher in West Virginia. She is offering lessons on Mondays in the Aro Valley.

- Beginners 6-7 pm
- Beyond beginners 7-8 pm

Private lessons are also available, \$45 per hr. Contact Helena on 021 380 0773

Facebook: 'House of Old-Time'





### 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 offers 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)

## 6. **Want to perform?**



AR Committee would like to hear from you if you are interested in performing at our events, including support acts for our monthly concerts. Contact us [performers@acousticroutes.org.nz](mailto:performers@acousticroutes.org.nz)

## 7. **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 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)

## 8. **Acoustic Routes contacts**

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[musicianmurray@gmail.com](mailto:musicianmurray@gmail.com)

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

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

## 9. 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)

### International Folkdancing

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

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 3-5pm.

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.

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

Bookings: Dale Webb [dalewebb@clear.net.nz](mailto:dalewebb@clear.net.nz) Website:

[www.levin-folk-music-club.org.nz](http://www.levin-folk-music-club.org.nz) Facebook:

Levin Folk Music

### Mainly Acoustic Music Club

When: (Mostly) every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm

Where: Mayfair Cafe, 116 Main Street, Upper Hutt

Contact: Mary Khalil 021 02314505 [mary.khalil@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mary.khalil@xtra.co.nz)

Club committee email: [info@mainlyacoustic.co.nz](mailto:info@mainlyacoustic.co.nz)

Website: <http://mainlyacoustic.co.nz/coming-attractions/>

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/](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 04 568 8635, email [iain@jumbletree.com](mailto:iain@jumbletree.com)