

The Balladeer

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

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

1. New Zealand Music Month Concert featuring 'The Hot Tubs', Kevin Ikin, Don Franks, and 'Sage', Roseneath School Hall, Thursday 25 May, 7:30 pm



The Hot Tubs are a band formed from members of Swing Club Music Group, including Sandra (uke), Lily (bass), Jarrad (guitar), Lynn (uke, guitar), and sometimes Mike (tenor guitar), and Manu (cajon and drums). They play an eclectic music mix of country blues, swing, ragtime and other upbeat genres and their set will include Lynn's classic song 'Send the Boats Away'.

The Swing Club Music group promotes the social and benefits of playing music, and funds raised in the process are donated to local charities.

Kevin Ikin is a singer, multi-instrumentalist and songwriter who hails from Dunedin but has lived in Wellington since 1986. He played with Dunedin's Pioneer Pog 'n' Scroggin Bush Band (The Pogs) and is a founder-member of Wellington dance band The Jimmies, and one half of the duo Ktoo. His songs have appeared on their albums and he composed and performed the Country Life theme heard weekly on National Radio. He is also plays with the Huawai Collective and is a regular performer at The Newtown Acoustic Sound and Plimmerton open mics. He sings mainly his own and other New Zealand songs.



Don Franks has been enthusiastically singing and playing (mostly American) light music for the last sixty or so years. For this occasion, he has done a bit of homework and come up with an eclectic programme of genuine made in New Zealand compositions for your entertainment and delight.

Sage is the duo of Sue Rose and Murray Kilpatrick, who have been singing and playing a very eclectic mix of songs together for over twenty years.



Entry: \$15/\$10 for AR members. Cash only (no eftpos facilities).

2. We Mavericks and Butter Wouldn't Melt Plimmerton Boating Club, 10 Moana Road Plimmerton, Wednesday 10 May, 7:30 pm (no open mic this month)



Presented by Plimmerton Up Close and Personal, *Take Two* is a very special concert featuring **We Mavericks** and fellow Aotearoa Music Awards nominees **Butter Wouldn't Melt**.

<https://www.wemavericks.com.au/>

<https://www.facebook.com/butterwouldntmeltmusic>

Arrive from 6:00pm if you would like dinner and drinks. Concert starts at 7:30pm. Tickets \$25. Please book, either at

<https://www.undertheradar.co.nz/gig/83287/We-Mavericks-With-Butter-Wouldnt-Melt---Live-In-Concert.utr>

or by contacting Annie 0274599376 to book your seat and pay on the night.

This promises to be a truly memorable evening and is the only Wellington concert by **We Mavericks** on their current NZ tour.

3. Newtown Open Mic upstairs at The Office, Sundays 14 & 28 May, 5:15 - 8 pm



Newtown Acoustic Sound's "Open Mic", upstairs at The Office Bar in Riddiford Street, Newtown.

Contact: kevin.ikin@supermail.co.nz, or newtownacousticsound@gmail.com

4. AR monthly singaround, Rimu Room, Johnsonville Community Hub, 33 Johnsonville Road, Monday 15 May, 7:30 pm

Bring songs, tunes or poems to share, or just come to join in. Go into the main room and the Rimu room is on the left. Note the address of the Community Hub.

Tea and coffee provided. Entry \$4. Third Monday of every month.



5. Balladeer music noticeboard

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

a) **The Moon Bar, 167 Riddiford Street Newtown: Aunty Social Thursday 4 & 18 May, Songwriters Showcase Sundays 7&21 May**

- Thursday 4 May: The Godwits (duo)
Don Mackay
8 pm, free show
- Sunday 7 May: The Madillionaires
Rob Whelan and the Heartstrings
Lost Bird
7pm, \$15 door, \$12 Eventfinda
- Thursday 18 May: Shan (Shan Jordan and Giacomo Caleffi)
Don Mackay
8 pm, free show
- Sunday 21 May: Danica Bryant
SONA (Allison and Maddie)
Kenny's First Set (Kenny Charlton)
7pm, \$15 door, \$12 Eventfinda

b) **Up Close & Personal Plimmerton presents present 'We Wayward Divas', 21 Gordon Road Plimmerton, Sunday 14 May, 2:00pm**



Just imagine a musical fusion of Ab Fab, Miss Piggy and the Topp Twins and you've got a pretty accurate idea of what these two are all about. Music ranging from folk, country, blues and self-penned these ladies can deliver. "We take our music very seriously, but we love to have fun too".

Both are famed for their beautiful voices and between them play several instruments. Sometimes separately and sometimes together they've worked with Van Morrison, Richard Thompson, John Martyn, Fairport Convention, Joan Armatrading, Ralph Mctell - the list is endless, and they are too modest (old) to remember them all. Both were born in the UK and have toured the world playing at major festivals and events, but they now happily living in New Zealand.

Arrive from 1:00pm to mix and chat, bring a small plate to share for afternoon tea and your choice of drinks.

Contact Annie 0274599376 to book your seat.

6. Want to perform?

The 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 at performers@acousticroutes.org.nz.



7. About AcousticRoutes

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.

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.

8. Acoustic Routes contacts

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9. Other regular folk events/contacts in the region – please check websites or email for updates

Trad Singing Session with Dave Barnes hosting

When: 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, from about 6.45pm

Where: The Welsh Dragon Bar, Wellington. 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

Ceol Alba Scottish Music Club

When: 4th Friday of the 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

Levin Folk Music Club

When: 2nd Friday of month, 7.30 pm, blackboard concert plus guest artist.

Entry: Members \$5, Non-Members \$10, Children \$3 (includes supper)

Club Night: 4th Friday of month, 7.30 pm \$2 Koha.

Where: Horowhenua Scottish Society Hall, cnr Bartholomew Rd and Middlesex St.

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: Mary Khalil 021 02314505 mary.khalil@xtra.co.nz

Club committee email: info@mainlyacoustic.co.nz

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

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

Pukerua Bay Folk Club

When: 1st Thursday of the month, 8pm (no club night in January)

Where: 9 Donlin Rd, Pukerua Bay

Contact: Murray or Julie Kilpatrick, (04) 239 9951, musicianmurray@gmail.com

Wellington Bluegrass Society

When: 3rd Friday of the month, 8pm

Where: 54 Richmond Street, Petone

Contact: Andrew Bicknell, (04) 477 0069, bluegrass@xtra.co.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