

# The Balladeer

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

*Acoustic Routes*

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



Note: no AR monthly concert because of Wellyfest

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

## 1. Open Mic, Plimmerton Boating Club, 10 Moana Road Plimmerton, Wednesday 11 October, 7pm

Second Wednesday of the month. Spread the word.

Same Ole MC.  
Roy McGuinness 021433878



## 2. Newtown Open Mic upstairs at The Office, Sundays 8 & 29 October, 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](mailto:kevin.ikin@supermail.co.nz), or  
[newtownacousticsound@gmail.com](mailto:newtownacousticsound@gmail.com)

## 3. AR monthly singaround, Rimu Room, Johnsonville Community Hub, 33 Johnsonville Road, Monday 16 October, 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.



## 4. Announcing the Winners of the 2023 Joan Prior Awards



Acoustic Routes has had a strong response to the Joan Prior Award again this year. Seven young performers will receive the award - five solo performers and one duo.

Our 2023 awardees are:

- \*River Hann-Ellen - Singer-songwriter, Folk, Americana, Pop.
- \*Catherine Bullock - Singer-songwriter, Folk, alternative-folk, indie-pop, pop.
- \*Dee van Wel - Singer-songwriter, Folk, Alternative, Rock, Blues, Jazz, Funk, Indie, Pop.
- \*Ella Doty and Toby Sussex - Folk Americana Pop/Rock.
- \*Fergus Cardwell-Dray (Fergus CD) - Indie Folk Rock.
- \*Abbey - Vietnamese singer-songwriter, R&B.

The award winners will receive full weekend passes to Wellington Folk Festival at Labour Weekend, where they will feature in a Young Performers concert on the Saturday.

Following the Festival, the JPA winners will appear in a special Young Performers Showcase at the Moon Bar in Newtown, on Sunday, November 5. It will be hosted by Don Mackay, who runs the popular Songs6021 concerts there. Newtown Festival will also be supporting the Showcase again this year.



Our thanks to Don and Wellyfest for helping to promote the Joan Prior Award.

## 5. **WELLYFEST 2023, Brookfield Outdoor Education Centre, 526 Moore's Valley Road, Wainuiomata, 20-23 October**



Thanks to the hard-working Committee another fabulous festival awaits us!

The gate opens at 3pm on Friday, with events running over Friday evening, all day Saturday through to Sunday evening. A new attraction this year is an exciting Youth Programme – see below.

You can come for the weekend, for a day, half day, or an evening. A weekend pass entitles you to camp onsite and there are also a limited number of bunks available for sale. Based on past experience, it can get pretty cold overnight up the valley, so bring some extra layers.

Please remember - Brookfields is a nature reserve, so no pets.

For more information  
[latest news click here](#)  
[www.facebook.com/Wellyfest/](http://www.facebook.com/Wellyfest/)

## 6. WELLYFEST 2023 Youth Gathering

Are you 5 – 18 years old?  
Are you currently learning music, or would like to?  
Are you excited to learn more about folk music and jump into a weekend of playing, learning, collaborating and performing? Nau mai, haere mai to the Youth Gathering 2023!

### What's happening?

The Youth Gathering is a brand-new youth programme catering for both 5 - 12 year olds, and 13 - 18 year olds. A full weekend for children and teenagers including workshops and guided music learning with specialised tutors and musicians, a celebration concert on the Sunday, closely followed by the Ceol Sausage Sizzle for all participants of the Youth Gathering!



Thanks to the Walker Traditional Folk Music Trust, this year there will be a marquee style tent specially dedicated for our youth and children to gather and indulge in a weekend of making music and friends!

*Karen Jones, for the Wellington Folk Festival Committee*

## 7. Walker Trust Youth Awards at WELLYFEST 2023

Also courtesy of the Walker Traditional Folk Music Trust, the Wellington Folk Festival Committee is excited to offer another award for younger folk in 2023. The [Walker Trust - Youth Performance awards](#) of \$200 each will be given in two age categories, Youth aged 13 - 18 years and Young Adult aged 19 - 25 years, for performances in the genre of traditional folk song or tune.

Entrants can register ahead of time and can also register at the festival.

To enter, and for more information, contact [walkertradtrust@gmail.com](mailto:walkertradtrust@gmail.com)



*Tony Burt, for the Wellington Folk Festival Committee*

## 8. Balladeer music noticeboard

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

### a) Songwriters Showcase, The Moon Bar, 167 Riddiford Street Newtown: Sundays 1 & 15 October, 7pm

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| 1 October  | Scott Pilgrim vs the modern pop, No Mans Heath, Agatha Pantha, Christopher Marshall<br>Presales \$12 from Eventfinda or \$15 at the door |
| 15 October | Alan Galloway, Greta O'Leary, Terry Shore, River Hann-Allen<br>Presales \$12 from Eventfinda or \$15 at the door                         |



**b) Auntie Social's Thirsty Night Music Club, Auntie Social Lounge, 4 Rintoul Street Newtown: Thursday 7 & 21 September, 8pm (free)**

5 October Jane Cameron, and Don Mackay

## **8. 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](mailto:performers@acousticroutes.org.nz).



## **9. 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](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 contacts**

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

*Trad Singing Session with Dave Barnes hosting*

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:david.barnes@xtra.co.nz)

*Ceol Alba Scottish Music Club*

When: 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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: 4<sup>th</sup> 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](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: 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/>

*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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:iain@jumbletree.com)