

Newsletter of the Bush Dance & Music Club of Bendigo Inc.

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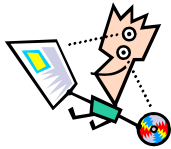


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Newsletter contribution deadline is **Tuesday 7th July** before the Friday Mail-out. I will be doing this Month's newsletter by myself because of the sad death of Peter Ellis. More further on. Mary Smith.



Next Bendigo East Hop – Saturday June 20th 8pm at Bendigo East Prog. Hall Lansell St.
Admission. Members \$5 Non-members \$8 and Children under 16 Free
A Plate of Supper to share is always appreciated and enjoyed.

There is a Theme for this Month's dance Masquerade Dance Please wear a mask and join in with the fun no need to wear fancy dress just a mask of any sort.

Memberships Subscriptions have been due since February. Family \$30 and Single \$18
Membership cards were sent out with the last two newsletters and given out at the dances with a couple more to go in this one. If your membership has not been renewed this will be your last newsletter.



Next General Meeting is Wednesday 24th June 7.30pm at the Bendigo Neighbourhood Hub in the Strathdale Community Centre Crook St. Strathdale. I will send an email asking people to come so please reply.



Email. Please reply to Club emails especially re the meetings.

Birthdays

Happy



June Heather Somerville 4th June. Stan Symes 9th June.
Birthday to you both.



Wedding Anniversaries We don't seem to have any for this month I hope I haven't missed anyone. I apologise if I have.



Reports from the May General Meeting.



1 City of Bendigo Council Grant. On the 7th of May the Club was advised that we were to receive a Grant we had applied for in March, to produce a CD of music for Regency-era dances. Council Officers have advised that we could accept the money and decide later whether to proceed with the project and that is what we have decided to do.

2 Half price entry? We will be keeping the half price entry going for another Month. No one has asked for this discount entry as yet. Remember if you or anyone brings to the dance, a person who has not been before, you will both be admitted for half price. But please ask at the door as Esma might not know.

3. Dinki Di Posters. Dianne Pearse has some ready if anyone would like any to give out, ask her at the next dance. The **Monthly dance Flyers** are also ready to give out.

4 Dance report for the May Dance. There was a good crowd including some people who had not been for a while and it was good to see them back. The music was good with Don Manypenny leading the band while Peter Ellis was unavailable. There was plenty of supper for everyone. Our MC did a good job as usual.

Second Dance Report from a member. The crowd was a little bit down for a while but then our new members Aaron and Nita Hall brought some of their friends with them and a great crowd was at our dance. There were quite a few new faces besides the 12-14 that came as a bring a friend promotion.

Carol did a great job as MC as well as Don in leading the Band. The music really got the dancers moving for most of the dances. Having 4 sets of the Lancers was just great, more than a lot of times. Supper was quite nice with plenty of food for everyone.

We saw a different door person this time as Julie Pearse stepped in for Esma who wasn't feeling very well that night so thanks Julie and we hope Esma is back to her old self for the next dance.

Hoping we can continue getting new dancers coming as we all enjoy it better when there are more dancers on the floor.

Many thanks to everyone who helped and look forward to seeing you at our June Masquerade dance. (Wear a mask). Dianne Pearse.

Retirement Village Dance Displays

The visit to Chum House on Thursday 14th May at 1.15pm was a disappointment as there were only 2 clients and some volunteers to be entertained, it might have the weather.

Freedom Aged Care was cancelled, as no live music available. They will be in touch again.

St Laurence Court K/Flat had a very good crowd and we were well received.

Bignold Park 8-9 people were enjoying the music all went well, and afternoon tea at the finish.

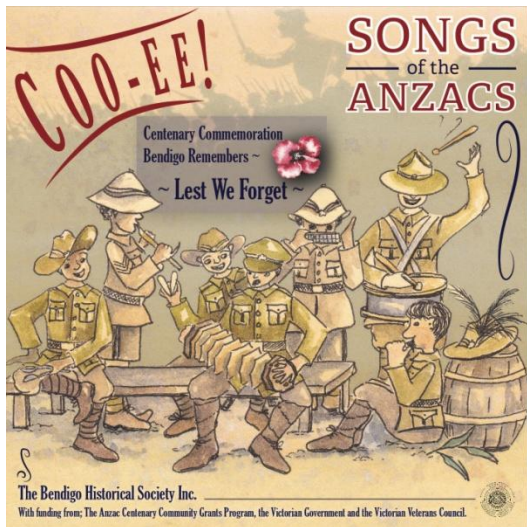
If you are interested in helping at these entertainment displays for the very appreciative elderly, please contact Margaret Dean 5439 6246 or Julie Manypeny 5447 3141 for details. It is now difficult to assemble even a minimum number for a set, so increased patronage for these events is urgently needed and very welcome.

Report from a Member.

Anzac Eve Concert at Capital.

The Anzac Concert went very well especially with not much room on the stage for the dancers. The theatre was about 75 per cent full. Dianne thanked all our participants for being there and also for the effort of dressing up. They looked good. Words for the songs would have been good as not everyone knew all the words.

CDs are available through the Bendigo Historical Society outlet at Specimen Cottage Hargreaves St on



1 - Coo-ees March 5:22	21 - On the Banks of the Murray 3:46
2 - This Bit of the World Belongs to Us 2:44	22 - Roses of Picardy 4:59
3 - The Year of the Drum 3:39	1 - When We Were Two Little Boys 3:57
4 - Goodbye Melbourne Town 1:18	2 - Freedom Called 4:06
5 - Belgium Put the Kibosh on the Kaiser 4:41	3 - Medley 3:02
6 - Australia Fair & Australia Will Be There 3:16	4 - Anzac Parodies 3:30
7 - For Auld Lang Syne Australia Will Be There... 3:12	5 - Suvia Bay 2:48
8 - The Battle of the Somme 2:28	6 - Maori Battalion Hymn 2:57
9 - Anzac ditties 4:38	7 - Land of the Long White Cloud 1:18
10 - Battle of the Lone Pine 1:55	8 - The Lancers 11:56
11 - The Trail of the Lonesome Pine 2:28	9 - "Hic Jacet" 4:38
12 - No Man's Land 6:24	10 - Pokarekare ana 2:17
13 - Rose of No Man's Land 3:00	11 - Advance Australia Fair 1:08
14 - Die heilige Nacht (Silent Night) 2:37	12 - And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda 7:00
15 - Çanakkale Türküsü 3:46	13 - Farewell to Anzac 4:29
16 - Kemal Atatürk's Tribute to the Anzacs 1:52	14 - The Last Post 1:54
17 - Nun danket alle Got 1:49	15 - The Ode 0:49
18 - Ich Hatt' einem Kameraden 1:16	16 - Po Ata Rau 2:57
19 - Yarrowonga 4:00	----
20 - Let the Rest of the World go By 2:57	----

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to 4pm.

New Members. Welcome to our newest members Nellie Biggs and her family who joined the club on the last dance night. We are pleased that you have joined our club and hope to see you at the next dance.



HELP WANTED.

I am writing to ask our Club members to step up as we need help.

As you all will be aware by now that Peter Ellis passed away suddenly on Monday 18th May. As Peter was our newsletter editor, we now need someone to take this job on.

Mary helped Peter with the last one and is doing this one but is unable to continue to do it. If you think you are able to help please phone Mary on 5442 1153 or Dianne 5442 1715 or see us at the dance.

As if someone doesn't step up there might not be a newsletter.

Help is also required at some dance nights, as well as the coming ball so members please help our (your) club.

Dianne Pearse (President).

If you have any complaints with this Newsletter take them up with the Fill-in-Editor Mary Smith.

TSDAV functions coming up: - The **TSDAV** conducts a series of monthly dance workshops, under the name of - “**Dancing at the 11th Hour**” and continues for this year. Dates are the **1st Sunday of the Month**: - the next being **5th July** at the Eleventh Hour Theatre Hall cnr Gore & Leicester Sts Fitzroy 2.00-5.00 pm. Enquiries Norm Ellis 9888 5332 or <http://tsdav.vicnet.net.au/>

VALE - PETER NICOLAUS ELLIS, OAM.

27 March 1946 – 18 May 2015

Our much admired and respected Club member passed away suddenly on 18 May.

He was a founding member of the Bush Dance and Music Club, becoming its first President in 1979. Peter was a leader in keeping the set dances going in Bendigo, e.g. Lancers, Alberts etc.

He was a great dancer, training debs for 6 years, calling dances and teaching many people to become better dancers and MCs.

Through Peter's many contacts, club members have been invited to participate in dance displays in various parts of Australia.

He produced a number of CDs for the club as well as the Merry Country Dance Book which is a reference book for dancers, callers and anyone interested in dance and social history.

The Emu Creek Band started in 1981, with Peter as band leader. Under his leadership, the band gave their time to various organisations over the years, with Peter leading the band, calling the dances and MCing the night.

Peter was instrumental in organising for dances to be filmed and uploaded to youtube, then linked to the Club's website. 128 dances have been uploaded and Peter said there were still more to do!!!

Peter was made a life member in 1989 and received his OAM in 2012 for services to the arts through the collection and preservation of Australian folk history and heritage.

He will be greatly missed by us all as he was our National Treasure.





