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"Music by the People for the People"

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Dear Folkies, Friends & Fellow-Travelers

Please print out & put the Poster attached up at your workplace or anywhere else you fancy; also please forward the Muse to everyone you know!

NEXT EVENT:

"SUNDAY ON THE RIVER"

A Big Change for 2010! Our first event this year is next Sunday, 21st Feb at the Fitzroy Motor Boat Club, 2-8pm. (see Poster attached)

This is the great little venue on the riverbank in Rocky where we staged BobFest last year. It's right on the riverbank, at 375 Quay St Rock-Vegas. Apologies for the late notice, but we've been busy laying the foundations for exciting changes (like this one) to our program for this year (see below).

XMAS PARTY REPORT

The 2009 club XMAS party was a fun affair with the actual meeting element dispensed with quickly in favour of Guinness, guitars and pizza. Most songs started were in fact ended with a lyric recall success rate of 84.6% which, considering the collective age and beverage intake was impressive. Thanks very much to our hosts Denis and Lori and their Norman Gardens neighbours who didn't call the cops.

PLAY MORE MUSIC!

One of the focuses (foci?) for 2010 is for club members to have more informal jams and get a little more local cross pollination musically happening. If you or your friends/family would like to get more active musically here's a few helpful tips.

- Practicing at home - work on a few songs at home that you are comfortable with - know what keys you can sing and play them in.
- Don't be afraid to get your instrument out and play along in the jams.
- Don't worry too much about just how "folk" the song is- the club has members who play everything from instrumentals to bluegrass, gypsy and rockabilly to rock. Pretty much everything other than Celine Dion can be aired at a jam without too much derision.
- Tell jam hogs like Noel and Damian to shut up for five minutes and let you play a bloody song.
- Feel free to ask other club members for tips on playing songs or styles, don't be afraid to ask.
- See if there is anyone around if there is anyone else in the community looking to jam regularly or informally who might be at a similar level. Playing with other people is the best practice possible.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

We are trying to run more events in different locales this year and really take the music to the people. The degree of help needed in set up, cleaning, promotion and other areas is likely to be variable but if you have a hand to lend please feel free to come forward and help out if you can.

This is just an area of waste space and obvious evidence of poor planning of page layout. Please feel free to use it as an opportunity to meditate on the beauty of music &/or the love we can share when simply given the opportunity to reflect on the wonderful gifts we are empowered to appreciate when there is a little bit of time & space left over from other demands that life thrusts upon us to make most of our waking hours a madding jumble of obligations crying out for our undivided attention and tearing us away from our true nature & all that kind of stuff....
whatever.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - coming up

Wanted: Folk Club Executives- Treasurer and Secretary for May AGM.

No experience necessary. Plenty of perks unlikely other than the eternal promise of Karma and the prospect of an Order of Australia at some point in the very distant future if you don't defraud the club. Also current President Denis Harris is pretty-well past it, so if no one is willing to take over, we need at the very least someone to take on the role of Vice President and to act as understudy so they can take over when he loses interest completely; (as well of course to look after the club Vice...Bom! Bom!). Contact El Presidente himself for further details and the psych testing kit.

BOBFEST 2010

...in Bob we continue to trust and we are looking forward to Bobbing on 22 May this year at a bigger and better venue- the Walter Reid Cultural Centre. Mr. Robert Zimmerman is amazingly a year older so we'll be playing 69 different songs in his honor, with acoustics, jangly electric telecasters, Marine band harmonicas, Ray Bans, Nudie jackets and disheveled hair all welcome. This should be another fun opportunity for members and friends to delight our community with a fabulous night of great music. If you'd like further information on the night or want to play a few songs contact noel@beefaustralia.com.au or dcharris@westnet.com.au.

LOST BOBFEST 2009 VIDEO - the truthineth emergeth

Following a daring raid by Video Wizard Shaune Sinclair, there are rumours editing of the above is virtually complete. All that remains is another (nameless) one to shine the light upon a final tweak, produce some rudimentary artwork & run 'em off. It'll definitely be ready before the next El Zimmo event.

VILLAGE FESTIVAL 2010

The region's biggest and best music and arts festival will be 13-15 august so make sure you are not climbing Everest or knitting a new woolen teapot warmer for Nan that weekend. Artist applications are available from the Festival website.

THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM OF EVENTS

We need to have a meeting about a month before each event to keep the momentum up & do detailed planning; keep an eye out for forthcoming e-mail meeting notices.

Cut this out & bung it on the Fridge:

COOWONGA FOLK CLUB 2010 PROGRAM			
WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	STATUS (at Feb 2010)
Music Event	Sunday, 21 Feb	Fitzroy Motor Boat Club	Confirmed
Acoustic Music Weekend	27-28 March	Byfield (location TBA)	Details to be confirmed
Muso's Recording Session	24-26 April	TBA	Details to be confirmed
BobFest 2010	22 May	Walter Reid Centre Rocky	Confirmed
Winter Music Event	24 July	Cawarral Rec Grounds	Confirmed
Village Festival	13-15 Aug	Yeppoon Pony Club	Confirmed
Music Event	22 Sep	Yeppoon Li'l Theatre	To be confirmed
Xmas Music Event	13 Nov	Cawarral Rec Grounds	Confirmed

SEE YA next Sunday

Regards,
Noel Landry
Hon Secretary

MEMBERS ADS:

(A new Section, not just for the Secretary - You can advertise here too!)

Wanted: Stand up Bass player for seedling Gypsy Jazz band in Rocky/Coast area- love of cigarettes/absynth/garlic preferred but not essential. contact noel@beefaustralia.com.au

For Sale: Fender Twin - Evil Red Knob circa 1993. Plays both kinds of music- Country and Western: or alt furniture item. \$800 contact noel@beefaustralia.com.au