

Monaro Folk Society Dance Calendar – January to June 2008

Version 1

DANCING WITH THE MONARO FOLK SOCIETY

PO Box 482 Civic Square ACT 2608 (membership provides benefits – join now!)



The Monaro Folk Society (MFS) provides an extensive programme of regular Bush and Contra dances, to live music by top local and visiting bands. You don't have to dress up, you don't need to bring a partner, and you don't need experience as all dances are taught on the night. Except for the Colonial Ball there is no need to book, just turn up in comfortable shoes and casual clothing. A plate to share at supper is appreciated.

The MFS also provides classes/workshops in Bush, Contra & Irish Set dancing throughout the year.

BUSH DANCES First Saturday of the month 8:00 – 11:30 at All Saints Hall, Cowper St Ainslie. Last Saturday of the month 8:00 – 12:00 at St John's Hall, Constitution Ave Reid (except February, which is at St Margaret's Church Hall, Antill St Hackett.)

ADMISSION TO BUSH DANCES is \$10 for MFS Members and Concessions, Non-members \$14. Young Dancers (18-y-o or less) are free. Group concessions may be pre-arranged.

DANCING IN THE PARK provides free, informal and fun bush dancing on summer evenings for all ages. Dancers and musicians of all standards are welcome to join in, on **Stage 88** in Commonwealth Park from 6:45pm until dusk on most Mondays in December and January.

The **COLONIAL BALL** each Spring is the flagship of the MFS dance programme. The 2008 Ball will be held in September (details to be confirmed). Reservations and payments may be made at monthly Bush Dances, at Bush Dance Classes, or by mail, from June 2008.

BUSH DANCE WORKSHOPS: every Monday night (except public holidays) at All Saint's Hall, Cowper St Ainslie, from February to November, 8 pm until 10 pm. Come with friends or on your own.

*** For the latest information on any of the above, contact dance@monarofolk.org.au or check the website ***

FOR OTHER DANCE & MUSIC ACTIVITIES PRESENTED BY THE MONARO FOLK SOCIETY:

Canberra Contra Club: Contact Colin Towns downs@pcug.org.au or 6232-9231

Irish Set Dancing: Contact Paul Wayper paulway@mabula.net or 0422-392-081

Bush Dance Workshops: Contact Bob Hodgson, 6255-2189

The Merry Muse: A wide variety of acts at the White Eagle Club. Contact Guy Gibson 6257-8717

Weekly music groups: Contact John Hewat 6290-1929 (beginner/intermediate) or Bob Hodgson 6255-2189 (experienced)

MFS Dance Display groups: These can be booked to perform at functions, festivals, etc:

Bush Dance Display Group: Contact Lance Court 6161-2426

Monaro Colonial Dancers: Contact Sandra Smith 6242-7550

FOR INFORMATION ON OTHER GREAT LOCAL FOLK DANCE AND MUSIC EVENTS CONTACT:

Earthly Delights: www.earthlydelights.com.au or contact Ayiwen Garden 6281-1098

Scottish Dancing: www.rscds-canberra.org

International Folk Dancing: Contact Carol: 6251-3096 or Ailsa: alawton@ozemail.com.au / 6281-5101

Settlers' Nights are an opportunity through the year for musicians and dancers to work and learn together. Held at the Polish-Australian White Eagle Club, David St, Turner, first Friday most months, 6:30pm for musicians, 8:00pm for dancers. Contact Ray Mulligan 6247-4725

DANCE, AND ENJOY THE GREAT MUSIC AT:

Summer

* **Illawarra Folk Festival** Every January <http://www.illawarrafolkclub.org.au>

* **Numeralla Folk Festival:** Weekend nearest Australia Day. <http://www.freewebs.com/numeralafolkfestival>

* **Cobargo Folk Festival:** Every February. See www.cobargofolkfestival.com

Autumn

* **National Folk Festival:** Easter at EPIC <http://www.folkfestival.asn.au> or 6249-7755

January							February						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5						1	2
6	7 DITP	8	9	10	11	12	3	4 Bush Cl	5 Contra Cl	6 Irish Cl	7	8	9 All Saints'
13	14 DITP	15	16	17	18	19	10	11 Bush Cl	12	13 Irish Cl	14	15	16
20	21 DITP	22	23	24	25 *	26 *	17	18 Bush Cl	19 Contra Cl	20 Irish Cl	21	22 *	23 *
27 *	28	29	30	31			24 *	25 Bush Cl	26 Bush Cl	27 Irish Cl	28	29	23 * # St Margaret's
Numeralla							Family Night – 6:30-10:30pm						
* Numeralla Folk Festival							* Cobargo Folk Festival						

March							April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31 Bush Cl					1 All Saints'			1 Contra Cl	2 Irish Cl	3	4	5
2	3 Bush Cl	4 Contra Cl	5 Irish Cl	6	7	8	6	7 Bush Cl	8	9 Irish Cl	10	11	12 Contra
9	10 *	11	12	13	14	15	13	14 Bush Cl	15 Contra Cl	16	17	18	19
16	17 Bush Cl	18 Contra Cl	19 Irish Cl	20 *	21 *	22 *	20	21 Bush Cl	22	23	24	25	26 St John's
23 *	24	25	26 Irish Cl	27	28	29	27	28 Bush Cl	29 Irish Cl	30			
NFF							* National Folk Festival						
# Albert Hall 80 th birthday dance													

May							June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5 Bush Cl	6 Contra Cl	7 Irish Cl	8	9	10 BDOG Ball	8	9	10	11 Irish Cl	12	13	14
11	12 Bush Cl	13	14 Irish Cl	15	16	17	15	16 Bush Cl	17 Contra Cl	18 Irish Cl	19	20	21
18	19 Bush Cl	20 Contra Cl	21 Irish Cl	22	23	24	22	23 Bush Cl	24	25 Irish Cl	26	27	28 St John's
25	26 Bush Cl	27	28 Irish Cl	29	30 *	31 *	29	30 Bush Cl					

* Irish weekend workshop, including Saturday dance

Saturday Dances

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Contra Dances: American New England style – usually 2nd Saturday alternate months, at St Margaret's Church Hall, Antill St Hackett. \$10 Members and concessions \$14 non-members, children free

Dance Classes and Workshops ("C")

Dancing in the Park: most Mondays in December & January, 6.45pm until dusk. Free of charge. At Stage 88, Commonwealth Park.

Bush Dance Workshops: 8-10 pm Mondays – From 1st Monday in February, All Saints Hall, Cowper St Ainslie. Cost: \$5 for members, \$6.00 for non-members

Contra: American New England style 7.30pm – 9.30 pm, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, at St Margaret's, Hackett. \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members.

Irish Set Dancing: Wednesdays 8-10pm, at Canberra Senior Citizens' Hall, Watson St Turner. \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members; first session free.

For up-to-date information on details of all MFS activities
visit: www.monarofolk.org.au or email: dance@monarofolk.org.au

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