

This Bullsheet is for people who have shown an interest in local (Bendigo Goldfields Bush Poetry) BGBP events or bush poetry and Australian music etc.*



***Bendigo Goldfields Bush Poets Inc
Coming ...***

Sun June 19 Newmarket BGBP Concert 2.00 pm-5.00 pm

The Newmarket hotel, Corner of Nolan Street and Charleston road.

A great afternoon of Aussie Entertainment is assured, lots of great poets, fun and music. Walk up bush poets & songsters made most welcome in a most supportive atmosphere. No entry fee. Contact Ken Jones on 03 5441 5121 or e/mail kjones158@gmail.com or Geoffrey 0412 725 470 for more details. Come early and have some great Aussie tucker (12.00-2.00)

Folk News: A roundup of past events ...

April BGBP concert meeting at Newmarket Hotel

The concert on the 17th April was another show with variety.

Besides regular performers and regular audience members we had newcomers as well. They included an old school mate of mine – Rob Gardner and his mate Bernard. Out of context it took a moment to recognise him. We had our regular performers; Ken Jones with his usual bubbly personality, full of jokes and yarns; Mick Coventry with his classic poem *Where poppies grow*; Ken Prato with *Anzac on the wall* from Jim Brown and Eric's classic *No man's land*. Eric Bogle featured again with an extraordinary poem done by Tom Kiernan. Martin Keating was in fine form with his harmonica and Clarky once again hit us with a shearing poem and a song. Colin delighted us with a yarn and the classic *Moreton Bay*; Evelyn and Peter Sheehan gave us a taste of travelling poems and Julie did an extraordinary poem from Kim Eitel, *Taffy*; a newcomer John Prendergast graced us with a war poem and another war yarn – *River rats*. Maggie Brady told us about the Easter rising and reminded us about the commemoration day coming up on 24 April.

One of the highlights of the day was the appearance from Elysium made up of Shez, Shell & Tony. Their harmonies were delicious and we would have had more from them except they were a bit crook. We look forward to another visit from them in the future. Also good to see Lynn and Jim Frederick taking it easy and nearly was back with a smile on her face.

April 29 – May 13 Geoffrey's tour.

Just a brief word on my travels. They started at the Mount beauty music Festival which was an absolute ripper. My first time there and I hope it won't be my last. It is always exciting to perform at a new Festival, i.e. new to me and to see a host of talented performers that I haven't had the pleasure of seeing before. From Victoria I headed up to Queensland and toured through Cunnamulla, Charleville, Morven, Mitchell, Roma, St George, Goondiwindi and Moree. After sharing a cuppa with Jackie Warnock at Narrabri I hightailed it to Portarlington. (Also had two wonderful shows at Cororooke and Barwon Heads April 23 and 24)

May 13 – 15. – Port Arlington-When Bush comes to town

An inaugural festival organised by Christine Middleton and Tim Sheed and what a roaring success right down to the logo with the cockatoos.

A smattering of musos, poets and yarn spinners all converging on a delightful coastal town

most entertaining weekend. Venues used ranged from church halls, the neighbourhood house and local establishments. The performers were a mixture of locals, Melbourne-ites and those from country towns like Yea, Riddells Creek, Corryong and Bendigo. Great to see Jan Lewis strutting her stuff – at Corryong she’s always too busy organising. The weekend comprised poets’ breakfasts, concerts, workshops and sessions. The featured artists included Jill Meehan, Carol Reffold, Freddie Dowling and I did my “Man from Ironbark” show. The musicians included Peter Anderson, Matiss, and Paul and half of the audience often turned out to be performers. The antics of Tony Lambides-Turner & Jan were a scream. Huge congratulations are in order to Christine and Tim for their organisation, vision and talent. A personal thank you for providing Andrew (the roadie) and for superb accommodation.

May 21 – Book launch – “Celebrating Bendigo women”- Editor Brenda Stevens – Chambers. Unfortunately I wasn’t at the book launch – I was in hospital recovering from a cycling accident, however I heard it was a stunning success – to order books or to make contact, email: BendigoWomensBook@yahoo.com.au.

Folk News Snippets

Some of our members are absolute characters. I had a lovely conversation with Tom Bone from Melbourne recently and a couple of other Melbourne members – Tony Lambides-Turner and Jan C Morris will be gracing us with their presence at the next meeting.

Poetry & Short Story Competitions: “The Betty Olle Poetry Award”:

2016 New Written Competition. Contact: Mick Coventry: Mob. 0427 522 097

ABPA. N.S.W. Bush Poetry Championships & Binalong Poetry Prize, 2016.

Binalong N.S.W. 9th -11th September. 2016. Performance Championship. For more info contact: Robyn Sykes Phone: (02) 62 274 377. E-mail: robynsykespoet@gmail.com

2016: Toolangi C. J. Dennis Poetry Competition:

Entry forms & Guidelines: www.thecjdennissociety.com.

Winner announced, at Toolangi “Singing Gardens” on Saturday 22nd October, 1-30 p.m.

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Future Events:

June 10 – 12 Grenfell and Gulgong. Henry Lawson Festival.

Once again it’s that time of the year when the great Henry Lawson is celebrated. Both Grenfell and Gulgong vie for the audiences on the same weekend. This time I’ll be heading to Grenfell which is a double whammy for me. I’ll not only be impersonating Henry; I’ll be seeing my family members to celebrate our ancestral pioneers.



A reminder about the next BGBP date for 2016.

August 21 BGBP concert.

** NB This newsletter is aimed specifically at people who are local or those who have a general interest in Aussie verse & song.*

Thought for the day:

Don’t make excuses, make improvements-Tyra Banks

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