



Palmerston North Folk Music Club (Inc)

Folk Music News

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JUNE -AUG 2014

President's Report

The year continues in fine style, with some great concerts from Jez Lowe and Sandy Brechin & Ronan Martin as well as fabulous music coming out at the club nights from our own members.

Thanks to those who attended the AGM and put forward ideas for the club's future - it's looking good! How can we not succeed with so many great people involved? Congratulations to the committee, who have been re-elected. Keep doing such a great job and we'll have you back next year!

Well done to those who have performed out at events around the area, representing the Folk Club at things like Art on Edge, the Festival of Cultures, and the Esplanade Open Day. You made a fine showing on behalf of the club and audiences really enjoyed us.

It's time to book your summer weekend away: The next **Folk Club Weekend Retreat** at Camp Rangi Woods is the last weekend of **November, 28th-30th**. Mark it in your diaries now! In the meantime, let's make more music!

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Coming up:

Weird Prophets 19 Sept

<http://weirdprophets.co.nz/>



Friday 4th July 2014

**The Federal String
Band**
(alias the 'FEDZ')

Discovering their shared passion for guitar music and cowboy boots, the guitar/banjo duo Frank John and Erin Manu teamed up with mandolin player Cameron 'Dusty' Burnell to form The FEDZ, in the small seaside/mountain town of

New Plymouth, Taranaki.

After recognising they had "a sound", in 2012 they ventured to the Wellington Folk Festival, where they were introduced to bluegrass bass-player Andrew Bicknell, who was then co-opted to fill the lineup.

Originally from Amsterdam, guitarist **Frank John** brings his technical brilliance to the group, which is underpinned by driving rhythm guitar and banjo provided by his wife, local Taranaki gal, **Erin Manu**.

Mandolin and vocalist Cameron **Dusty Burnell**, who grew up in the Far North of New Zealand, has recently rediscovered music after a trip to the mountains of North Carolina. **Andrew** brings a wealth of experience to the group, and is passionate promoter of the Wellington Bluegrass Society, and Americana music.

The band feature tight three part harmonies and sing a unique range of styles, from railroad hollers and gravelly delta blues to country, gospel and the high lonesome sound typical of bluegrass music.

They play a combination of acoustic stringed instruments and bring together a delightful collection of their favourite old and new Americana songs, from the traditional to the alternative. Their sound is heavily influenced by traditional American roots music. They perform in the styles of high energy bluegrass, lonesome blues, heartfelt ballads and country-swing, including rousing standards and their own compositions.

Venue: The Theosophical Hall, 304 Church St (opposite 'Animates' pet shop)

Members: \$15, public \$20.

Complimentary Supper around 9pm



RUAHINE RANGERS

Friday Aug 1st 8pm

A four-piece bluegrass band with three members, the Ruahine Rangers are based in the Manawatu (but of course you could tell that from the name!). Combining great instrumental skills with slick two- and three-part vocal harmonies, they play a mixture of classic and modern bluegrass, with a leavening of old time, folk, and original music. Their repertoire includes bluegrass favourites like *Sitting on Top of the World* and *Gold Rush*, as well as folk music like *Wayfaring Stranger* and *Bayou Noir*. From slow, sweet ballads to toe-tapping breakdowns, they'll make you smile, make you cry, and make you get out of your seat and dance.

The band started entirely by accident. The first time Josh and Rosemary went busking together they were invited to play at the Fielding Rural Day. Realising they needed something extra in their sound, they shanghaied Nikki into the group and put on a performance. It was so much fun playing together as a group they decided the arrangement ought to be permanent.

Josh Campbell was a guitar player before he was given a banjo by a far-sighted uncle and never looked back. As well as playing finger-picking-good banjo, he is the main vocal lead for the Ruahine Rangers. Piano teacher by day, guitar player by night, **Nikki Hooker** also teaches guitar and ukulele. She provides the band's guitar backbone and vocal harmonies, as well as some vocal lead. After beginning training as a classical flautist, **Rosemary van Essen** fell in with the wrong crowd and now plays the fiddle and mandolin for the Ruahine Rangers (though sadly she hasn't yet worked how to play both at once).

(For more information, see <http://ruahinerangers.weebly.com/>)

Venue: The Theosophical Hall, 304 Church St (opposite 'Animates' pet shop)

Members: \$5, public \$8

Complimentary Supper around 9pm

UP THE MOUNTAIN TOUR

Saw Mill
August 2014



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ANDY FITZGIBBON

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10 YEARS IN WEST VIRGINIA

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ANDREW BICKNELL

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- ★ TUES 26:
Napier -
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GALLERY (TBC)
- ★ WED 27:
Hamilton
BIDDY MULLIGANS
- ★ THURS 28
Auckland
THE DOG'S BOLLIX
- ★ SAT 30 Concert
- ★ SUN 31 WorkShops
WELLINGTON BLUEGRASS SOCIETY

FRIDAY 29th August

PALMERSTON NORTH FOLK MUSIC CLUB

8pm \$20 (\$15 members)

Theosophical Society hall,
304 Church Street,
Palmerston North, New Zealand.

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FRIDAY 29th AUGUST

8pm

Venue: The Theosophical Hall, 304 Church St (opposite 'Animates' pet shop)

Members: \$15, public \$20.

Complimentary Supper around 9pm

Doors open 7.30 for ticket sales

Events Calendar June - Aug 2014



Unless otherwise stated, our door charge is \$3, (\$5 non members), school aged kids FREE.

Venue: The Theosophical Hall, 304 Church Street (opposite 'Animates' pet shop).

Complimentary supper approx 9 PM. See us at <http://pnfolkclub.weebly.com/>

JUN Fri 6 th	8pm Whiteboard Concert. Come and play us your latest tune.	Host: Nigel Supper: Ron P Door: Seamus
Fri 13 th	8pm Spooky men and women. "Ghosties, ghoulies, and things that go bump in the night."	Host: Craig Supper: Midge Door: Peter
Fri 20 th	8pm Transport - trains, planes, and automobiles. (And boats, bicycles, skateboards, spaceships...)	Host: Rosemary Supper: Cathy Door: Ron P
Fri 27 th	8pm Songs or tunes with a person's name in the title. (AKA every third Celtic tune ever written...)	Host: Nikki Supper: Keith Door: Andy
JULY 4 th	8pm The Federal String Band (the FEDZ) \$15, \$20 (see separate write up)	Host: Peter Supper: Cathy + Di Door: Nigel Sound: Andy
Fri 11 th	8pm Occupations. Songs of work, from railroad workers to miners to IT professionals.	Host: Lesley Supper: Ron P Door: Bob K
Fri 18 th	8pm Humorous. Come laugh with us!	Host: Di Barker Supper: Cathy Door: Andy
Fri 25 th	8pm Celtic. Tunes from Ireland, Scotland, Brittany, Isle of Mann, and Skye (almost certainly to be in the keys of D or G!)	Host: Nigel Supper: Liz Arthur Door: Peter
AUG Fri 1 st	8pm Ruahine Rangers \$5, \$10 (see separate write up)	Host: Them Supper: Cathy Door: Roy
Fri 8 th	8pm Bluegrass. For a finger-pickin' good time!	Host: Roy Supper: Helena Door: Maurice
Fri 15 th	8pm Australasian. The songs of our country (and that one over the ditch as well)	Host: Bruce W Supper: Rosemary Door: Brian B
Fri 22 nd	8pm Another Sea or C night. Search your music folder for a new gem.	Host: Craig Supper: Peter Door: Jordan
Fri 29 th	8pm Helena Triplett, with 'Up the Mountain' \$15, \$20 (see separate write up)	Host: Peter Supper: Leigh Door: Nigel Sound: Andy
SEPT Fri 5 th	8pm Whiteboard Concert. Show off your latest masterpieces.	Host: Dianne B Supper: Nigel Door: Seamus

ROSTER DUTIES

Please check for your name in the program above, perhaps even highlight your duties.

- If you are rostered for supper duty, please bring milk and two kinds of biscuits (you will be reimbursed on the night)
- If you are rostered for the door on a concert night a float will be provided by the treasurer, BUT please be early as patrons arrive well before the start time.
- If you are unavailable for your duty, please arrange a replacement or, contact the committee.
- Hall phone number is 353 2310 if you need to cancel at very short notice or are running late.
- Concert helper please be at the hall by 7.15 at the latest to help set up AND help AFTER the concert and to help out the organizers.