



The Program

This year's program welcomes many of our favourites to join us with sessions of songs, tunes, poems and more. Details inside...

Special Features

Friday Night is the regular Goulburn Club OZ Session

Saturday Night is the Lilac Time Bush Dance

Sunday sees the Lilac Time Parade & Concert

Sunday Night is the **DIY Concert**

Tickets

Available online at <https://events.humanitix.com/bmc-goulburn-gathering-2026>

If you have paid online please check your name off at the desk.

Payments at the welcome desk can be by cash or card.



Bush Music Club Gathering					
October 2026 @ The Goulburn Club					
Saturday 3rd		Sunday 4th		Monday 5th	
9.30-10.30	BMC Tunes Slow Session with George Bolliger	Australian Poetry Since 1788 with Alan & Linda Swift	Play YOUR Part with Wayne Steele	Impromptu Slow Session in the Gallery	BMC Tunes Slow Session with George Bolliger
11.00 - 12.00	Multicultural Bush Traditions with Carole & Brigitte	Marrickville Music with Sharyn Mattem	Lilac Time Parade & Concert Float prep & Parade Concert in Belmore Park with Shearing Demo	Songwriters in the Garden with Peter Cahill	Great Australian Folk Songs with Alan Swift
1.30- 3.00	Lilac Time Bush Dance (Rehearsal with Tony Stuart)	Afternoon with the Poets with Helen & Tony Romeo		Goanna 'n' Reeds with Stuart and Doreen	Bundy On Tunes with Bundy On
3.15-4.15	Joyous Jeological Journey with Moir Holmes	The Other Bushrangers with Don Brian	Contemporary Composers with Wayne Millar	What's your Favourite Tune with Mary Booth	Farewell Session
4.30- 5.30	Parade & Concert Rehearsal with Dave Johnson	Show & Tell with Linda Swift	ShipMates Shanty Group	Yarn Space with Alan Swift	Clear the Decks
7.30 -	Lilac Time Bush Dance Jude Stuart (caller) Tony Stuart (bandmaster)	Song Session with Tony & Helen Romeo	Around the Boree Log with MC Mike Martin	Drinking Songs with George and Ralph	Wind Down Dinner

The Details

Don Brian has been exploring <i>Other Bushranger Songs</i> and he would like to give them an airing with your help	Sat
Moir Holmes explores the origins of tunes by region as she takes us on a <i>Joyous Jeological Journey</i>	Sat
ShipMates the shanty group from Bundanoon will have you singing along with <i>Favourite Sea Shanties</i>	Sun
Carole Helmann & Brigitte Stieversen presents a play-along workshop of tunes from <i>Our Multicultural Bush Traditions</i>	Sat
Mike Martin is our MC at <i>Around the Boree Log</i> - the Sunday night DIY concert of songs, tunes, yarns and poems	Sun
Tony & Helen Romeo encourage you to bring your Aussie songs to a <i>Song Session</i>	Sat
George Bolliger has a range of tunes for the always enjoyable start to the morning <i>Slow Tunes Session</i>	Sat & Mon
Wayne Millar presents a favourite topic of <i>Tunes by Contemporary Composers</i> (music for the readers)	Sun
Ralph Pride & George Bolliger want a rowdy session of <i>Drinking Songs</i> so head to the bar and <i>Drink up and Sing Up!</i>	Sun
Alan Swift wants to explore some songs from John Lahey's <i>Great Australian Songs</i> and BYO similar sources.	Mon
Peter Cahill is encouraging the sharing of <i>Contemporary Songs</i> in the downstairs garden	Sun
Wayne Steel is working with George Bolliger to have a session playing parts called <i>What part will YOU play?</i> (music provided)	Sun
Dave Johnson is <i>coordinating the Lilac Time Parade and Concert</i> . Decking out the float, parading through town, then presenting a concert at the park	Sat & Sun
Tony Stuart wants to share his <i>Tune A Day</i> writing experience from a recent trip to Tasmania.	Mon
The <i>Lilac Time Bush Dance</i> with the Gathering Orchestra under Tony Stuart with Jude Stuart calling the dances	Sat
Linda Swift hosts a chat <i>Show and Tell</i> session about your treasures. Antiques Roadshow (sort of)	Sat
Stuart Simms and Doreen present a session of <i>Old Time Dance Tunes Around the Piano</i>	Sun
Helen and Tony Romeo encouraging contributions, either recited or read, at an <i>Afternoon with the Poets</i>	Sun

Alan Swift encourages your stories and memories in the YarnSpace where the topics drift around your whims	Sun
Sharyn Mattern leads some tunes & songs from the Marrickville Music session held at Tritton Hall (music on hand)	Sat
Alan & Linda Swift have a book <i>Australian Poetry since 1788</i> and would like to share readings from it and similar books	Sat

Lilac Time Bush Dance

We are working with the Goulburn Lilac Time by presenting the Saturday Night Bush Dance with Tony & Jude leading. If you want to join them playing on Saturday Night it would be best to attend the daytime practice. Tony will have copies of the music.

Lilac Time Parade and Concert

A float in the Parade has been organised with Divalls EarthMoving providing a truck and driver for us. We will be decorating it and then joining the parade and soon after putting on a Concert in Belmore Park with lots of Shearing Songs and shearing and spinning and weaving demos. If you want to be on the float and/or in the concert you'll need to come to the Saturday workshop in preparation. Dave will have copies of the song and tunes list.

Sessions

There are organised sessions of slow tunes and not-so-slow tunes, of songs and of poems. Plus there are spaces where you can start up a session as you like...

Food

There will be food on at the Club on Friday night.

Please book and pay at the bar. Goulburn has many alternatives for foraging.



The Gatherings continue under the banner of the Bush Music Club so huge thanks to the BMC Committee. It is great to have good music and good friends gathered together for a weekend of shared good times.

Dave Johnson & George Bolliger

Supplementary question: How many workshops and presentations have we had at the Gatherings since 2005? a) 100 b) 400 c) 267

Send your answer wrapped in a \$100 note to BMC c/- Tritton Hall. Winner gets a warm fuzzy feeling.