



# FRANCES 11th FOLK GATHERING Feb 26, 27, 28, 2010

**It's Folkational Therapy!**

The festival you're *IN*  
not just *AT*!

So where on earth is Frances?  
It's on the VIC/SA border  
Via Horsham or Bordertown

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## Welcome to the 11<sup>th</sup> FFG!

### From the Folk of Frances...

'Friends of the Frances Folk Gathering' welcomes the Folk community to our small but thriving town of Frances. The Frances Community has been busily preparing for the eleventh Frances Folk Gathering. We look forward to the Folk Community coming to Frances in the last weekend in February every year. We hope that while you are here you enjoy our small town and its facilities and services provided for you over this weekend. We also enjoy having the opportunity to meet and mingle with you all!

### From the Frances Co-ordinating Group...

Welcome once again to another great Frances Gathering! This is *your* Gathering - it's what *you* make it and *everyone's* individual contributions add up to make for a fun-filled, relaxing, pleasantly exhausting, long-to-be-remembered weekend.

Take a look through this programme and you'll see what a wonderful range of concerts, workshops, futurefolk happenings, competitions, sessions, and more are lined up for you. We've tried a new venue arrangement this year - those dances are just getting busier! You'll find the wonderful Art Show this year at St Bronca's and we wanted to give futurefolk a better space too - please drop in and encourage all our beginners.

Your Gathering is well recognised now as one of Australia's folk gems and we want to keep it that way. But we need serious help - we are struggling for funds and we need seriously good volunteers so please think carefully about how you can do your bit.

Our thanks go, as ever, to the people of Frances and district without whose generosity and hard work we couldn't hold the Gathering.

Have a great weekend, make some new friends, and sing, play and dance your hearts out! Here's to folkational therapy!

*The Co-ordinating Group*

**Frances 2011: 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> February**  
Drive safely - see you next year!

## So How Does it all Work?

### Guests

Each year we invite a couple of guests, not only to entertain us but also to share their extensive knowledge by talking with folk and by offering workshops on special topics. **Welcome to The Lazy Farmer's Sons, Sonsy and Woody Clarke with students from the Little Yarra School!** Thanks to *everyone* who's given their time whether for a 15 minute blackboard spot or to present a workshop, lead a session, whatever.

Frances is about *contributions* and from all the performances and presentations knowledge is shared and Australian folk grows. Thank you one and all!

### Competitions

To make the competitions better and fairer for all, most entries are now made online, with restrictions on the number of entries in each class.

The main competition marquee is now located opposite St Bronca's Cathedral.

**Competitor check-in and last-minute entries Saturday 9.00 - 11.00** in the Competition Marquee.

Please help us by turning up early for your spot, and making sure you are there for the prize giving.



Folk music survives from generation to generation by being passed on to new performers - mostly young, but not exclusively.

The futurefolk marquee and events are designed to encourage our younger and/or less experienced players. These players welcome an audience of all ages so please drop in and see what's going on.

### Catering

**Welcome BBQ** at the Bowling Club (beside the campsite) Friday at 6pm.

**Breakfasts** at the Footy Club Sat & Sun mornings 7.30 - 10am.

**Meals, snacks and drinks** from the wonderful Café le Folk and the Hotel.

**Farewell Barbecue** Sunday 5pm.

### Blackboard Concerts and Sessions

Blackboard Concerts are a way for ANYONE to have their turn on stage. Sign up at **9am on Saturday morning at the main marquee**, first come first served, for both Saturday's and Sunday's concerts. Due to popular demand blackboard spots will be limited to 15 minutes.

If you are new to the folk scene you may be bemused by the various informal groups playing music together in bars or shady corners throughout the Gathering. Feel free to participate in any of these sessions! Some will be based on taking turns, others may be a particular theme or style of music. Just take note, join in sensitively, and enjoy sharing the music.

More information in the pink Frances Folkiquette sheet at the info desk by the Hotel.

### Children

We have no crèche or childminding facilities. You remain responsible for children in your care at all times.

### Campers

Please pick up a copy of the green information sheet at the Campground or the Info Desk by the Hotel.

## Various Happenings - not by any means a full list!

### Poetry with Mary and Steve Footy Club: Sat 11:00am - 12:30

Join Mary and Steve in a poetry read-around. Bring your favourites, your own works or just sit and enjoy the special atmosphere. This is a great place to air your verse - no pressure and good support.

### Star-gaze at Frances Bowls Club: Saturday 10:30pm

Give your eyes, ears, knees, nose and teeth a rest from the music festival! Get back to the Bowling Club about 10.30 pm Saturday night to see the Frances sky in glorious detail. (Free of "Light Pollution"). Dave Moss (Astronomical Association South Australia) will have his 10" Dobsonian telescope to reveal the wonders of the Heavens. Amazement Guaranteed (If we have a Clear Sky).

### Speakers' Corner with Terry Hewton Crossroads: Sat 11:00am - 1:00pm

Want to get it all off your chest? Got a bee in your bonnet over something? Bursting to have your say on the topical issues of the day? If so, get yourself to Frances Speakers' Corner and have your say. It's soapbox oratory in the time honoured fashion. After the manner of Hyde Park in London - and Adelaide's Botanic Park in days gone by. Politics, religion and that other subject. Speakers and hecklers most welcome. See you there.

### Weighbridge concert

Comps Tent: Sat 10:00 - 11:30pm

Come and rock all over Frances with the Weighbridge Sing-a-long featuring old favourites from The Beatles, The Eagles and more. (We all know the words - whether we realise it or not!)

### fHAIRS & FACETivals Rear of the Main Marquee

Another way of getting into the spirit at Frances! Weird and wacky hairdos above fancy faces. Can you come up with the definitive "Frances Look"?

### Irish Ceilidh Dance with Marie Brouder (Sponsored by Comhaltas) Hall: Friday 8:00 - 11:00pm

A new dance event for the Gathering! Irish set dances and Ceilidh dances to get your feet a'moving. A dance teacher for over 30 years, Marie will teach the formations and steps of these lively dances. It's a traditional style of Irish dance still popular today and great fun! Live music by the Comhaltas musicians.

### Scheffilm DVD's

ORDER YOUR 2010 DVD from SCHEFFILM for \$25.00  
2009 DVD's also available.

### Here's to Friends

Here's to the friends that I've yet to make  
Here's to the friends who have eased my heartache

Here's to those friends past, present & new  
To those now departed, the thought turns anew

Rod Shearman

## Friday 26 February 2010 - Evening

	Main Marquee	Dining Room	Competition Tent	futurefolk Tent	St Bronca's	Hall	Bowls Club		
5.00					<b>Closed today for Art Exhibition set up</b>			5.00	
5.15								5.15	
5.30								5.30	
5.45								5.45	
6.00		<b>Dinner</b>						<b>Welcome BBQ</b>	6.00
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7.45	<b>Opening Concert</b>							7.45	
8.00			<b>The Ad Hoc Show</b>					8.00	
8.15	Sonsy						<b>Irish Dance</b> <small>(Sponsored by Comhaltas)</small>	8.15	
8.30	Bjorn Olav Vatzlavik		<small>Hosted by Terry Bradford</small>	<b>Free for Sessions</b>				8.30	
8.45	Lazy Farmer's Sons							8.45	
9.00	Felicity Williams	<b>The Sing-along Session</b>						9.00	
9.15	Nameless in Frances						<small>Set dancing and ceilidh dances with Marie Bruder</small>	9.15	
9.30	Cowtippers							9.30	
9.45	Comperes: Rita Dalzell & Bob Burke							9.45	
10.00						<small>Live music provided by Comhaltas musicians</small>	10.00		
10.15			<small>Hosted by the Hills FC</small>				10.15		
10.30							10.30		
10.45			<b>Free for Sessions</b>			10.45			
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## Saturday 27 February 2010 - Daytime

	Main Marquee	Dining Room	Competition Tent	futurefolk Tent	St Bronca's	Hall	Supper Room	Footy Club					
10.00	<b>Concert</b> <b>Blackboard</b> (sign up at 9am)	<b>Appalachian Close Harmony Singing</b> Kate Harrison & Alison McAllister	<b>Competitor Check-in</b> 9 til 11am Entries close 11am	2 workshops at once! <b>Rhythm Landscape Art - and - Percussion Making</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Simple Jazz Chord Progressions Under the Pepper Tree</b> Terry Tranter	<b>Clawhammer in One Easy Lesson</b> Don Fogg	<b>Breakfast</b> 7.30 til 10am	10.00				
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10.45		10.45											
11.00										11.00			
11.15						<b>Recorder</b>				11.15			
11.30						Woody Clarke and the Little Yarra School			<b>Poetry Readaround</b> hosted by Mary and Steve	11.30			
11.45										11.45			
12.00			<b>Songwriting</b> Lazy Farmer's Sons	<b>Competitions</b>		<b>futurefolk Competitions</b>	<b>Art Exhibition (til 5.30pm)</b> Official Opening 11am with John Francis	<b>Irish Set Dancing</b> Marie Brouder		12.00			
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1.00											1.00		
1.15		<b>Tips for Singers</b> Vicki Temby	Intermediate Vocal							<b>Performance Techniques</b> John Francis	1.15		
1.30			Intermediate Instrumental								1.30		
1.45	<b>Guest</b> Lazy Farmer's Sons		Open Fiddle								1.45		
2.00	<b>Blackboard Concert</b> continues										2.00		
2.15											2.15		
2.30								<b>Percussion Playing</b>				2.30	
2.45			<b>Going Professional</b> Greg Ruckert									2.45	
3.00									3.00				
3.15					<b>Balloonology</b>			<b>European Folk Music</b> Jane Ruckert	3.15				
3.30	<b>Guest</b>		<b>Competitions</b>	Michael the Balloonologist			3.30						
3.45	Josh Bennett		Open Vocal					3.45					
4.00	<b>Blackboard Concert</b> continues	<b>Playing Traditional Music on Guitar</b> Tony O'Rourke	Open Instrumental (til 5.30pm)	<b>futurefolk Competitions</b> (til 6pm)				4.00					
4.15										4.15			
4.30								<b>Irish Dance for Children</b> Marie Brouder		4.30			
4.45										4.45			

At The Crossroads  
11am-1pm  
Speakers' Corner  
Terry Hewitt

Behind Main Marquee  
FHAIRS & FACETIVALS

## Saturday 27 February 2010 - Evening

	Main Marquee	Dining Room	Competition Tent	futurefolk Tent	St Bronca's	Hall		
5.00	<b>Blackboard Concert</b> continues		<b>Competitions</b> (from 3.30pm)	<b>futurefolk Competitions</b> (from 4pm)	<b>Art Exhibition</b> (from 10am)	Rhythms of Irish Music Beth Knight	5.00	
5.15							5.15	
5.30							5.30	
5.45							5.45	
6.00	Dinner Break from 6pm						6.00	
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6.45							6.45	
7.00							<b>Competition Awards</b>	
7.15							7.15	
7.30	<b>Bandemonium Competition</b>  Comperes: Jane Harding & Mike Cosgriff		<b>South Coast Folk Club's Free Range Frances Frolic</b>	<b>Free for Sessions</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Bush Dance</b>  Maureen Morris with the Frances Orchestra	7.30	
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9.30	<b>Frances Folk Club</b>  hosted by Hills FC						9.30	
9.45							9.45	
10.00			<b>Weighbridge Concert</b>  Rock all over Frances with the Weighbridge Singalong					10.00
10.15								10.15
10.30	<b>Andrew Clermont &amp; Friends</b>							10.30
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**Star-gaze at Frances**  
 Bowls Club: Saturday 10:30pm

# Sunday 28 February 2010

	Main Marquee	Dining Room	Competition Tent	futurefolk Tent	St Bronca's	Hall	Footy Club			
9.45	<b>Naracoorte Highland Pipe Band - marching down the Main Street</b>						Breakfast	9.45		
10.00							7.30—10.00	10.00		
10.15		<b>Traditional Fiddle Tunes</b>	<b>Blackboard Concert</b>	<b>Painting</b>	<b>Art Exhibition</b> Open 11—3.00	<b>Naracoorte Highland Pipe Band</b>	<b>Free for Sessions</b>	10.15		
10.30				Sophie Bird					10.30	
10.45	<b>Fruits of Frances Concert</b>	Linda Rankin							10.45	
11.00								11.00		
11.15				<b>Accompanying Traditional Music on Guitar</b>					11.15	
11.30				Tony Schick & Linda Rankin		<b>Recorder</b>			11.30	
11.45	Comperes: Chris Edwards-Leis and David Milton					Woody Clarke and the Little Yarra School			<b>American Contra Dancing</b> Maureen Morris	11.45
12.00										12.00
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1.15							1.15			
1.30	<b>The Notorious Mixed Grill</b>							1.30		
1.45	Compere: Jane Bower							1.45		
2.00	<b>Farewell to Frances 2010</b>							2.00		
2.15	<b>Toast to Absent Friends</b>							2.15		
2.30	<b>Singing of Rolling Home</b>							2.30		
2.45	All in the Main Marquee							2.45		
3.00							3.00			
3.15							3.15			
3.30							3.30			
3.45							3.45			
4.00								4.00		
	Frances Folk BBQ 5pm til 7pm at Crossroads, then sessions. Will Kevin sing Simon John?									



## Workshops

Most workshops are an hour long and they are all a great opportunity to dip into something new, or learn more about a whole range of subjects.

### **Appalachian Close Harmony Singing** **Kate Harrison & Alison McAllister**

Sponsored by Folk Federation of SA

*Dining Room: Sat 10:00 - 11:00*

This popular workshop is on again! Kate and Alison (Sonsy) love to share their knowledge and the singing techniques of wonderful old songs from the hills of West Virginia.

### **Rhythm Landscape Art Workshop: Sophie**

*futurefolk Marquee: Sat/Sun 10:00 - 11:00*

Create your own Australian landscape painting. Let music or verse inspire you. Sophie, our talented graphic artist, will guide you. Artwork will decorate the Gathering over the weekend; you can collect it on Sunday after the Mixed Grill. All ages - preferential seating for under 18's.

### **Percussion Making Workshop**

*futurefolk Marquee: Sat 10:00 - 11:00*

Are you up to the challenge? Join our creative team and construct and decorate your own personal percussion instrument. Once completed, you can join the percussion playing workshop later on Saturday where you'll learn to beat out rhythms.

### **Simple Jazz Chord Progressions** **with Terry Tranter**

*At Pepper Tree by Hall: Sat 10:00 - 11:00*

Learn basic chord progressions for songs like 'Somebody stole my gal', 'Please don't talk about me when I'm gone' etc. Must be familiar with F, C7, Bm, B7. All ages.

### **Clawhammer in One Easy Lesson!** **with Don Fogg**

Sponsored by Folk Federation of SA

*Supper Room: Saturday 10:00 - 11:00*

Don says if he can do it anyone can! Currently guitarist with The Bogaduck Band from the Adelaide Hills Don will introduce an easy finger-picking style for guitar. Having long fingernails on your thumb, index and middle fingers will help.

### **Recorder with Woody Clarke** **and the Little Yarra School**

Sponsored by Dale Cleves, Mt Gambier

*futurefolk : Sat 11:00 - 12:00,*  
*and Sun 11:30 - 12:30*

Little Yarra Steiner School students, led by Woody Clarke, will share their original songs and stories and teach you how to play a few tunes. Recorders provided. Enjoy the talent and humour of these fabulous young performers. All ages welcome - preferential recorders for under 18's. Bring your sense of humour!

### **Irish Set Dancing with Marie Brouder**

Sponsored by Comhaltas

*Hall: Saturday 11:15 - 12:45*

Marie will guide you through the sets and formations for this increasingly popular form of Irish dancing. All ages welcome.

### **Songwriting workshop with** **The Lazy Farmer's Sons**

*Dining Room: Sat 11:30 - 12:30*

Where do these fellas get their inspiration from? How do they develop that inspiration into fully-fledged songs?

### **Performance Techniques** **with John Francis**

Sponsored by Folk Federation of SA

*Supper Room: Saturday - 1:00 - 2:00*

What are the secrets of ensemble playing? What is the importance of conveying emotion? How is this achieved? Answers to these, and other questions.

### **Tips for Singers with Vicki Temby**

*Dining Room - Saturday 1:00 - 2:00*

Quick and simple tips to bring out your best voice. Tips that can work instantly!

### **Percussion Playing Workshop**

*futurefolk Marquee: Sat 2:00 - 3:00*

Bring your percussion instrument, or use whatever comes to hand, to join in. Learn how to add percussion to music - learn rhythm and beat!

### **Fun Dances for All the Family** **with Maureen Morris**

*Hall - Saturday 2:00 - 3:00*

Simple dances with the emphasis on fun, for young and old. Experience the enjoyment of country dancing with your children. Anyone can do it and you'll be in good hands!

### **Going Professional with Greg Ruckert**

*Dining Room: Saturday 2:30 - 3:30*

There are many talented musicians but very few can make a full time profession out of their talents. This workshop will provide some of the tools and a plan to move towards success.

### **Balloonology** **with Michael the Balloonologist**

*futurefolk Marquee: Saturday 3:00 - 4:00*

Create a creature! Make a hat to wear or a bike to ride!

### **European Folk Music with Jane Ruckert**

*Supper Room: Saturday 3:00 - 4:00*

Just back from 12 months studying and performing in Europe Jane will demonstrate an eclectic approach to playing folk music with a focus on hurdy gurdy and nyckelharpa.

### **Playing Traditional Music on Guitar** **with Tony O'Rourke**

Sponsored by Folk Federation of SA

*Dining Room: Saturday 4:00 - 5:00*

Tony uses Standard Tuning: EADGBE. However, DADGAD players may find Tony's comments on right hand picking directions of some benefit.

### **Irish Dance for Children: Marie Brouder**

*Hall: Saturday - 4:15 - 5:00*

Simple Irish dances for the young ones. Adults welcome!

### **Rhythms of Irish Music with Beth Knight**

Sponsored by Folk Federation of SA

*Hall: Saturday 5:00 - 6:00*

Beth explains and demonstrates the different rhythms and how to get that "Irish sound." Participation is a key ingredient. All instruments welcome!

### **Traditional Fiddle Tunes: Linda Rankin**

*Dining Room: Sunday 10:00 - 11:00*

Linda will teach 2 or 3 tunes suitable for beginner to intermediate fiddlers looking to learn tunes rather than how to play the fiddle. Accompanists (guitar, mandolin etc) welcome.

### **Naracoorte Highland Pipe Band**

*Hall: Sunday 10:15 - 11:15*

Come and hear the music, learn about the band's history and the technical side of playing the Scots pipes as well as the snare and bass drums.

### **Accompanying Traditional Music on Guitar** **with Tony Schick and Linda Rankin**

*Dining Room: Sunday 11:15 - 12:15*

Tony & Linda team up again to teach a couple of easy tunes with accompanying guitar cords and simple bass runs. Workshop will culminate with a session.

### **American Contra Dancing** **with Maureen Morris**

*Hall: Sunday 11:30 - 1:00*

Contra dancing is enormously popular in Australia and around the world. Take the opportunity to try this exciting dance style in a friendly environment. No partner needed so come and join in. All ages.

## Supporters and Volunteers

The Frances Folk Gathering is run entirely by volunteers. There are two main groups, one based in Adelaide and one in Frances. We would very much like to welcome more Victorian volunteers, and perhaps even a Victorian group, who could meet regularly and liaise on the general running of the event.

Within the groups we have teams dedicated to different aspects of the event, and could always use extra hands in most areas but particularly Future Folk, Infrastructure, Sponsorship and Publicity. Tasks range from year-round organisation to specific one off jobs.

Please either leave your details in the tub at the Info desk, or contact us via the website if you would like to help. If you have previously offered but we have not contacted you, our apologies and we would love to hear from you again now that we have better follow-up systems in place.

**A great big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have contributed to the first ten years of the Frances Folk Gathering!**

### Feedback

We rely on your feedback to guide us in constant improvement of the Gathering. **Please complete one of the yellow feedback forms at the info table outside the Hotel and post it in the tub.** Last year's feedback has been an invaluable resource and while we have not been able to address everything at once, we hope you will notice subtle improvements!

### Preferably no Dogs

If you bring your dog it must be under total control at all times and all droppings must be cleaned up. Dogs are not allowed in any venues or licensed areas including the streets around where events take place.



## Our Valued Sponsors – major and local

*To all our sponsors - we simply could not do this without your support. It's a struggle every year to get the funds we need and we value every cent you put in. You have our sincere thanks.*

**This year's major sponsors are:** Coopers; Arts SA; Country Arts SA; Multicultural Education Committee.

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