

# THE SCOTTISH FIDDLER



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## STOP PRESS

*Portarlington Sunday June 8 – sign up now by emailing Judy*

*Note Tassie & Celtfest rehearsals start in earnest this week*

## Baby news!

*Dear MSFC,*

*Zachary Peter Trinkle was born on the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> of May. He weighed in at 9 pounds 1.5 ounces. Natasha and Zachary are both recovering well. We are very thankful to God for a healthy baby and mother. We are also thankful for all of your prayers and thoughts.*

*With Much Love,*

*Hans, Natasha, Eric and Zachary.*

THIS MONTH WITH THE MSFC – SEE END OF NEWSLETTER FOR FULL YEAR

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## From Judy

Agenda for meeting – Sunday 18 May

St Aidan's Uniting Church, Duggan Street North Balwyn

12.30 -2.00pm Young players gathering - Jack to lead

2.00 – 3.00pm Neil teaches Gates of Gold ( including Gorsaf Y Gof)

3.00 – 3.30pm Matt teaches Neil Gow set for Tassie

3.30 – 4.00pm Arvo tea- bring summat to share

4.00 – 5.00pm Judy goes over Alexander Laing set again and teaches

**Tasmania here we come! 5-13 July**

Tassie Update – gig list pretty well confirmed – thanks Matt! You president reports on Tassie so far...

*We've got a HUGE group going to Tasmania in July, replete with a rhythm section of the highest order, but of course outnumbered by a phalanx of fiddles.*

*Behind-the-scenes planning continues apace, with marketing information being finalised ready for a PR onslaught of the Apple Isle.*

*Our various contacts in the towns we'll be visiting are getting excited (in a Big Kev kind of way) about the tour, so we're hoping for some great audiences at the various venues, some of which are 300+ seaters.*

*Many thanks so far to the energetic and persistent work of the tour planning committee as they follow up on all the various leads for everything from gigs, sessions, workshops, accommodation, bus travel, tourist options, catering, etc.*

*We'll be getting a bit more into gig preparation of the next few weeks, especially once we're into June, so a nice little test of your ear-learning skills awaits, but there'll be dots for new tunes as well — generally, our performance material in most gigs will be taken from what we've been doing over the last year - more from Judy on that in due course.*

*If you have any questions about how things are likely to pan out through the tour week, please see me, Louise, Sue, Athalie, Judy or Ron at the next meeting, or gives us a call.*

*Matt Robertson, MSFC President*

### ***Tassie Trip - Guests***

At this stage there are 38 people getting together to go on tour around Tasmania in July! This includes 25 fiddlers, as well as our wonderful rhythm players and very important support people. A number of guests are coming too, including Jonathan Jones (percussion), Bruce Packard (sound), Lucy Wise (fiddles and vocal), Sarah Davies (fiddle and feet), Evan Davies (flute), Davydd McDonald (feet) and Colin MacLeod (fiddle).

Plans are well under way - some of the accommodation is booked and the coach has been organised. Further details will be given soon.

### ***Tassie uniform update – from Judy***

We have decided that the logo shirt in black or blue is fine to wear on the tour- everyone should have one - if you don't have one yet the club will supply it but you need to let Auntie Shirl know your size at the next meeting or by email – wear any black or blue pants or shirt with it. Also, if you absolutely abhor uniforms, then we will tolerate anything else black or blue that is not too outlandish.

If people would like to order them we can also get some more of the blue and black fleecy vests and jackets – again, please let Auntie Shirl know if you need one - these you will need to pay for though – fleeces will be \$30 for the vest and \$40 for the jacket

Also available to purchase – for this tour only – Tassie Devil shirts in blue from Stringybark Graphics, as modeled at last meeting. See them at [www.stringybarkgraphics.com.au](http://www.stringybarkgraphics.com.au). Let Judy know what size you would like – blue only.

Kids sizes 8/10/12 – short sleeve only - \$20

Sleeveless adult shirt – red or blue - \$25

Short sleeved adult shirt – red or blue - \$30

Long sleeved adult shirt – red or blue - \$36

### ***Tassie marketing- your help still needed***

Ron and Judy are preparing a marketing strategy. We need email addresses for your contacts in Tasmania, so we can do broadcast emails as the time gets closer. If you have any folkie or family friends in Tasmania please ask if they are happy to be added to our email list, and then send the email address to [newdogs@optusnet.com.au](mailto:newdogs@optusnet.com.au)

### ***Our award winners – next year at the Celtic Southern Cross Camp***

We were asked to make our awards early this year as the camp is so full to overflowing, and have nominated Monica Hersburgh and Melody O'Meara – two incredibly dedicated players over the past year, who have travelled far and shown great dedication to

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mastering the tunes – both of them are going to be in the Scottish fiddling classes, learning from Matt, Emma and Chris. Good on both Monica and Melody for putting in so much work.

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Fan Mail!

We received this letter from Booroondara Council:

*Hi Judy,*

*Sorry for the delay in sending this email to you. I just wanted to say thank you for performing at the launch of the 2008 Booroondara Eisteddfod.*

*I was very impressed by your high energy music and will definitely recommend the Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club for future events.*

*All the best.*

*Eli Newton  
Cultural Development Officer*

Thankyou to those who gave up their time and contributed to the opening, and making the event such a success!

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**MORE BABY NEWS!**

*Hi Judy and the MSFC,*

*Sorry for my delay in writing but I was gonna make a big thankyou card with a pic of Ciaran on it and send it to everyone. Due to a very lack of time - this hasn't happened yet!!!! So I wanted to say a big thankyou for the all in one and also to you Judy for the knitted cardi, booties and bibs. They are fantastic and will be well used for sure. It is a lovely gesture from you all and we really appreciate it. (once this card is done, rest assured I'll send you one so you can check him out!!!!!!) bye for now hope to see you soon,*

*Lisa Lenny Liam and Ciaran '*

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*...And a lovely note from our friend Beth in Tassie! She's working hard helping out our Tassie tour and provides some advice for the next Celtic Southern Cross Summer School*

Hi Judy,

Just read your amazing newsletter - the Club is SO GOOD!! Congratulations.

Unfortunately I will miss most of your Tassie tour, but lucky for me I'm off to Canada at 6am on Sunday the 6th. So I can catch the concert on the night of the 5th

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which will be great. I might as well sleep out at the airport as I'll have to be there at 5.15am and I have a 40 minute drive from home - I'll only just get home from the concert and be coming back again.

I'm able to put the flyer around the FolkTas email group if no one else has offered yet. I'm sure Steve Gadd will also do this as his string ensemble are playing the Palais with you.

But send it to me anyway and I can print some out at work and put them around Launceston.

Cheers for now and again, congratulations to you all for a fine club and a fine philosophy towards the music

Beth

Celtic Southern Cross

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### *Contacting NESSIE?*

NESSIE (North East Scottish Strings Including Elbow pipes) meets on the 2nd Sunday of every month. SO if you're in the area, drop in and join in the fun! For more information contact Claire on tel: 5963 3277 or Kristen on tel: 03 5766 6282.

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### Sunday June 8 - Portarlinton gig list – brackets and times yet to be confirmed

	SUGGESTED SETS	LEAD PERSON
1	Gates of Gold/Gorsaf y Gof	Neil/Jack
2	Chris Duncan's Mansfield set - North Bridge from Edinburgh and Brumley Brae	Matt or Gus
3	Da Guisers March/Wedding Reel (ALWFH)/Baak High	JT/Evan/Gus
4	Mrs Patricia Gilmore	Evan
5	Fear na Bhata	Bec
6	Eriskay Love Lilt	Ronald
7	From St Kilda to Kings Cross (Paul Kelly) (ALWH)	Neil & Pete
8	Glen Tilt and Franks Reel (ALWFH)	Jean & Shannon/Evan
9	Jack's Jigs	Jack/Louise/Evan
10	Johnny/Hughie/Billy set	MATT
11	Pria's Mansfield Jig set	Gus
12	Tassie tunes – Alexander Laing set	Matt
13	Reel of the 51st (RC)	JT/Evan
14	Ronald's Gaelic set w Callums Rd & Ms Thompson	Ronald
15	Shetland Set (ALWFH)	Gus/Judy/Jack
16	Young peoples set if ready	Jack
17	Welcome Willie Stuart	Bec
18	Footsteps	Neil

## MSFC CLUB CONTACTS

The Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club (MSFC) meets at 2.00 PM on the third Sunday of the month at St Aidan's church hall in Duggan St, North Balwyn.

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### ***AND NOW DON'T FORGET:***

The new **MSFC Young People's Group** is up and running.

*Are you young? Are you cool? If you play fiddle, you thereby automatically qualify for "cool" status.*

*So call or email Jack to find out about our new Group!*

*Our next gathering will be at 12.30 at St Aidans prior to next month's meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.*

*You can contact Jack at: mob – 0424660461 home- 03 937 92635*

*email: [coolpeople@melbournescottishfiddlers.com](mailto:coolpeople@melbournescottishfiddlers.com)*

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JUNE 08	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Celtic Festival tbc	8	Sunday only	Port Arlington Celtic Festival		Portarlinton foreshore	Will be a one day affair this year
Monthly Meeting	15	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Tas rehearsal	19	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athalie's	Only Tas goers
Tas rehearsal	26	Thurs	7pm	9pm	South Melbourne	Only Tas goers

JULY 08	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Final Tassie rehearsal	2	Wed	7pm	9pm then some	Athalies	Only Tassie goers – followed by a drink to toast our success
Non stop fun	5-13	<b>TASMANIA TOUR</b>			All over the island	
CD Rehearsal	16	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athalie's	ALL WELCOME
Monthly Meeting	20	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
CD Rehearsal	23	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athalie's	ALL WELCOME
CD Rehearsal	26	Sat	12 noon	5pm	South Melbourne tbc	ALL WELCOME
CD Rehearsal	31	Thurs	7pm	9pm	South Melb tbc	TBA

AUGUST 08	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Melb concert tbc	1	Friday night	6pm	10.00pm	TBC	Taking advantage of all our CD guests being in Melb
Recording	2-3	Sat-Sun	all day	both days	TBC	ALL WELCOME
Monthly Meeting	17	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME

SEPTEMBER 08	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	21	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Boroondara concert - aged care facility	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc

OCTOBER 08	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Boroondara concert - aged care facility	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
Monthly Meeting	19	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME

NOVEMBER 08	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Session	2	Sun			?	
Monthly Meeting	16	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME

DECEMBER 08	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Boite concert and CD launch	tbc	Sat	8pm	10pm	tbc	
Monthly Meeting	21	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME