

Newport Bush Orchestra

Tunes, Sets and Songs Collection

V10

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The Newport Bush Orchestra has been running now for over 17 years having been started by Greg O'Leary who compiled the original NBO tunes book with Steve Martin in 2006. After Greg retired I took over leadership and made a conscious decision to focus our efforts primarily on Australian composed tunes from our Anglo-Celtic heritage to perform, promote and enjoy the playing of Australian tunes and songs in a community group for the public at large.

Celtic music is alive, well and flourishing world-wide and our particular brand which is uniquely Australian is not as widely played or known of in the general community. Part of my aim in forming the Original Bushwackers Band in the early 1970's was to present Australian Traditional Music in an interesting and entertaining way and get it out to a wide audience.

It is my pleasure to be able to continue this goal now with the Newport Bush Orchestra and to help others through our group to practise, play and perform in public with dances and concerts across the wider community.

We are now pleased to present an updated version of our Tunes Book which reflects our current goals and direction with the selected tunes, songs and dance arrangements. This is a relatively small but growing sample of the hundreds of tunes available through the Bush Traditions Wiki, the Victorian Folk Music Club, Settlers Sessions and other sites.

Play on!

Dave Isom, 2023

The Newport Bush Orchestra acknowledges the peoples of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Owners of these lands and waterways on which we gather together as a community.

We thank you for sharing and caring for the land we learn and play on.

We pay our respects to Elders, and we share our friendship and kindness.

NBO thanks the Newport Folk and Fiddle Club for their wonderful support

Newport Folk & Fiddle Club www.nffc.org.au

Australian Folk Music australianfolkmusic.com.au

Bush Traditions www.bushtraditions.org

Settlers Sessions www.monarofolk.org.au/settlers-sessions

Victorian Folk Music Club www.vfmc.org.au

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Playing note: Chords can vary somewhat from those indicated and still be correct. Different players may add additional chords which they feel enhances the piece they are playing. These chords represent the basic framework and are a good place to start.

Angelina Baker

Tom Walsh from Trentham's version of Steven Foster's song





Greg O'Leary 2022 Tribute to Alasdair McCallum



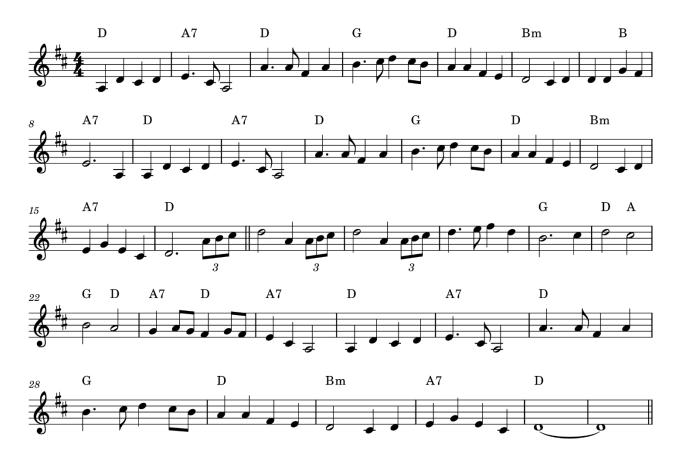
Black Cat Piddled in the White Cat's Eye

Found its way to us via Aboriginal band "The Brown Boys" from Cape Barron Island



Bourke's Dream

Via Dave de Hugard from the Dawsons in Tasmania



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Captain's Fancy

Dave Isom 2020









Cock o' the North

AKA "Aunty Mary had a Canary"







Cunnamulla Stocking Jig

One of our bush dance standards





De Boatman's Dance

Played in Williamstown c.1850 by Rainer's Ethiopian Minstrels



The Drover's Dream

A creative little story and one of Kerry Duke's favourites



Edgar Lacy's Set Tune



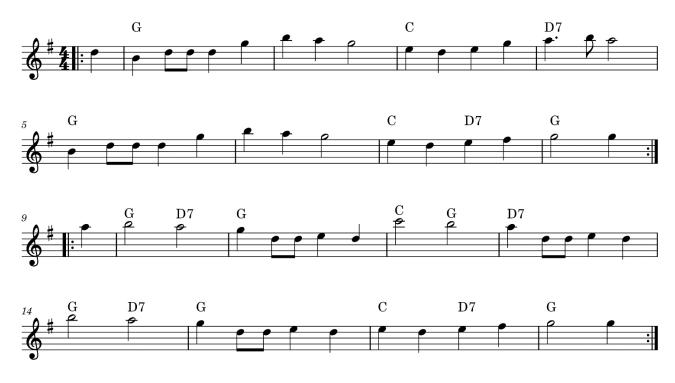
Frank Collins' Polka

A good cross between an Irish polka and a reel $\,$



The Gallopede

A core bush dance tune



George Barlow's Schottische



Gervasoni Waltz No 1

Italian /Swiss Waltz popular around the Yandoit area from 1880s



Gervasoni Waltz No 2

Also known as Elenora Bells









The Girl on the Hill

From the fiddle playing of Tom Walsh



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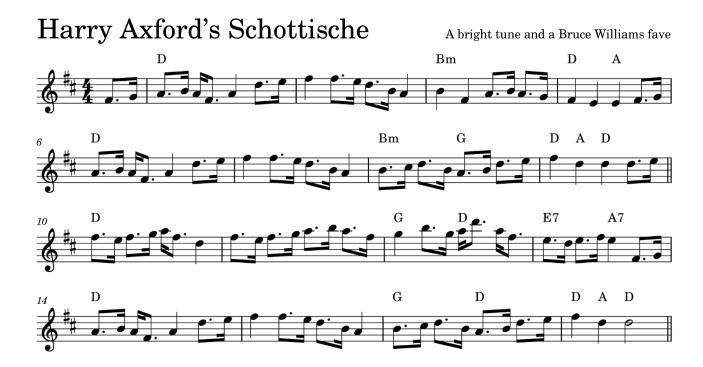
God Bless You and Bugger Me

A tune from Castlemaine with a colourful name



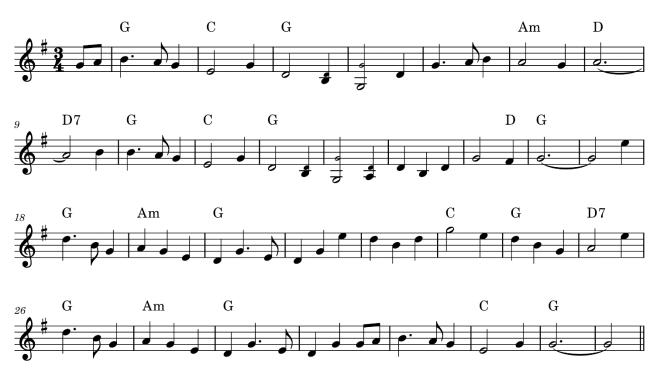
Golden Slippers





Helen's Heart Waltz

Helen McKay 2007



Note: woodwind plays small noteheads

Herb's Jig

Heard on 3DB in the 1930s



Jack & Lil

Written by a local tunesmith to celebrate the steamy affair these two were allegedly having in a caravan at the back of the Managatang racetrack



Jacko's 1st Kiama Hornpipe

As played by Jacko Kevans, a folk

musician from Canberra and one time member of "The Wild Colonial Boys"



Kafoozalum

Also the tune to a bawdy song not for publication here



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The Lyrebird Schottische

 $\label{eq:Robert Petrick 1864} Robert \ Petrick \ 1864$ A challenging tune for violin players



Margaret's Waltz

A lovely waltz by Pat Shuldham Shaw

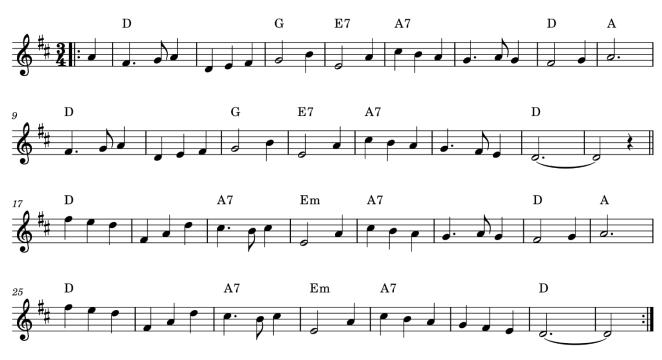


$Moonan \ Flat \ 1st \ Set \ Tune \quad \text{- An 1850s local spinoff of the Prince Imperial Gallop}$



Mudgee Waltz

A popular Australian waltz and Dave Isom favourite, also referred to as "Tom Blackman's Waltz"



Napoleon's March

Another European tune which found its way to us via Tasmania



Ochnee Ochen Sue

A great polka with a curious name



The Old Schoolmaster

A tune not written with Bruce Williams in mind!



O'Leary's Waltz

Peter Somerville 2016

Harmony by Johanna Craven 2023



Planxty Leon Conway

Dave Isom 2023



Note: woodwind plays small noteheads

Railway Hotel

A variation based on an Unaderra tune







Rakes Polka

A local tune possibly inspired by "Rakes of Kildare"









Rita Baker's Polka

A great little Australian tune and one of Greg O'Leary's top 100



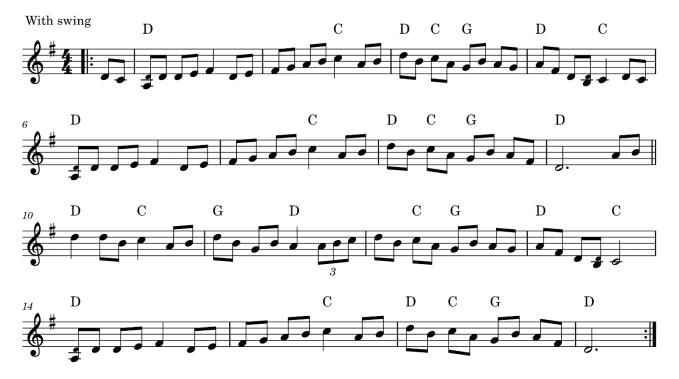
Sally Sloane's Mazurka

Sally Sloane was a major figure in Australian traditional music



Sofala Cuckoo

An Australian version of a very old Scottish tune



Note: woodwind plays small noteheads

Step it out Mary

From Tom Walsh and related to the Irish song and Lapp polka



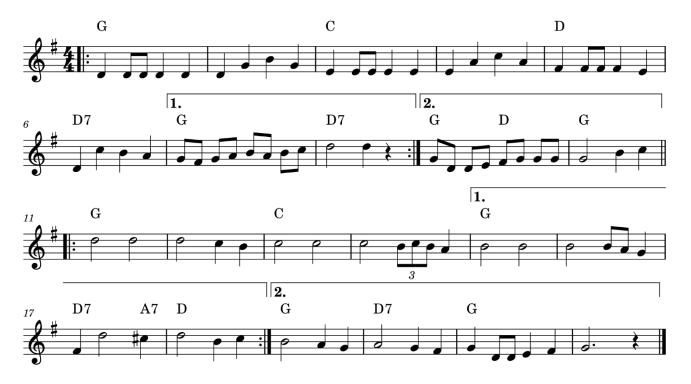
Sweeping the Snow from the Door-

From fiddler Charlie Batchelor, NSW



Syd Briggs' Lead Up

A Forbes barber's take on "Gardenbylaten", the Swedish Brown Jug Polka



Thomas Conlon's Schottische

A tune from the Wedderburn Old Timers



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Troika

A lively Russian dance tune performed in sets of three









Uncle Affie's Tap

Aboriginal band "The Brown Boys" version of Orange Blossom Special

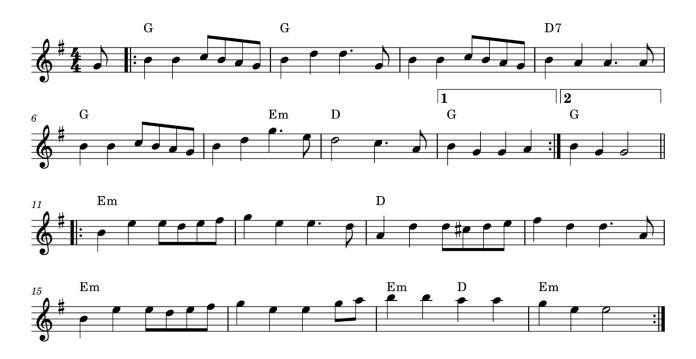


Watching the Cattle

Lawrie Cobley played this tune on harmonica to settle the cattle at night



The White Cockatoo Stan Treacey learnt this from a Guy Lombardo record sold to him by an Indian hawker. Scottish, Canadian, Indian, Australian multiculture 1920s style

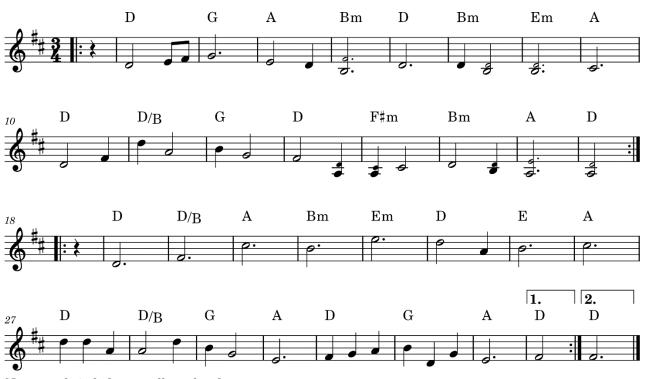


Willy Air

A local air from Dave Isom 2020 Violin harmony by Shelley Heath 2020

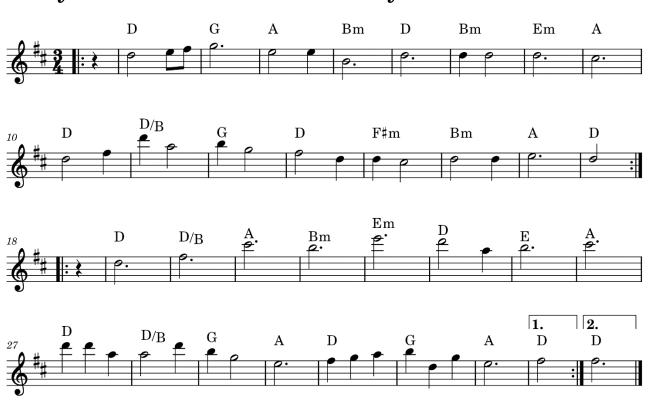


Willy Air – Violin Harmony



Note: woodwind plays small noteheads

Willy Air – Woodwind Harmony



Barn Dance Set



Brown Jug Set



I'll Tell Me Ma x 4 (Depends on the singer)





Brown Jug Polka: As called, speed up last time(s) through



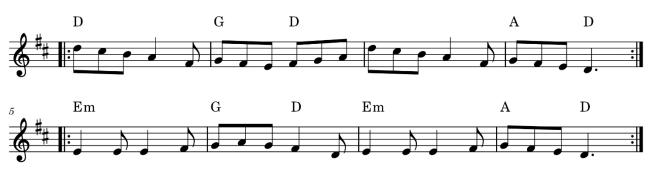
Circassian Circle

Clare Jig x 2





Cunnumulla x4



Clare Jig x 2



Gallopede Set



Harry and Tom's Set

Harry Axford's Schottische



Thomas Conlon's Schottische



March Set

Bourke's Dream



Napoleon's March



Margaret's Set

Margaret's Waltz







Farewell To Devon









Nine Pins Quadrille (Drongo)



Rodoni Set



Le A Le A La





Father's Last September Piggle Nor





Watermelon Vine





Tickets Set

From Con Klippell and the Nariel Old Time Dance Band

Tickets Please



Virginia Reel 1

Reel - Step It Out Mary







Jig - Flash Jack From Gundagai





March - Loch Lomond





Virginia Reel 2

Joe Yates Second Reel



Magpie Jig



Girl On The Hill



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Waltz Set

Gervasoni Waltz No 1



Gervasoni Waltz No 2



Waves of Willy



Bush Dance Sets

Barn Dance

Click go the Shears x2 D

Drover's Dream x2 G

Waltzing Matilda x2 D

Brown Jug Polka

Brown Jug x2 D

Tell My Ma x4 G (depends on singer)

Forty Pound Float x2 D

Brown Jug x1 D (or 2 as required)

Circassian Circle (Stockyards etc)

Clare Jig x2 G

Herb's Jig x2 A

Cunnamulla x4 D

Clare Jig x2 G

Gallopede

Gallopede x1 G

Gallopede x1 D

Black Cat x2 G

Railway Hotel x2 G

Railway Hotel x2 D

Gallopede x1 G

Repeat as required

Hokey Pokey

Hokey Pokey G

Nine Pins Quadrille (Drongo)

Cock of the North D (stop as called)

Sid Briggs G

Rita Bakers D

Ochnee Ochen Sue D

Jack and Lil D

(or any lively Aus tunes)

Preferably play with each tune only once for each part of the dance.

Progressive Barn Dance

Click Go the Shears x1 D

Drover's Dream x1 G

Waltzing Matilda x1 D

Click Go The Shears x1 D

Waltz

Gervasoni 1 x2 D

Gervasoni 2 x2 D

Gervasoni 1 x1 D

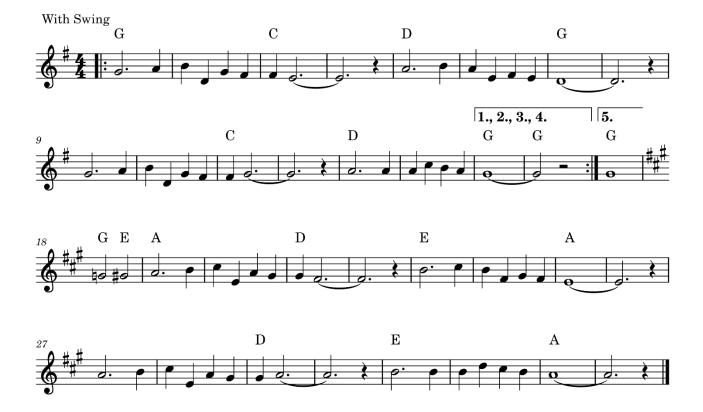
Waves of Willy

Waves of Willy x2 D

Spotswood Ladies x2 D

Lime Juice Tub x2

Farewell Dan and Edward Kelly



Farewell Dan and Edward Kelly, Farewell Stevie Hart and Joe Byrne too. With the poor, your memory lingers, Those who blame you are but few.

Thirty policemen did outdo you, In a manner I am told. Thirty policemen did pursue you, For a paltry sum of gold.

Thirty policemen did besiege you, In a hotel owned by Jones. Then they captured you and hung you, Nothing left you but the bones.

Instrumental

Key Change to A
Farewell Dan and Edward Kelly,
Farewell Stevie Hart and Joe Byrne too.
With the poor, your memory lingers,
Those that blame you are but few.

Gum Tree Canoe



I'll sing you a ditty a sweet little song
It will just take a moment it wont keep you long
I will sing of the days when our love was so new
And we sailed down the Murray River boys
In a gum tree canoe

Chorus

We rowed we rowed o'er the water so blue Like a feather we would float along In a gum tree canoe

My hand on my banjo my toe on my oar I sing to my love as we glide past the shore At night time I turn to my Julia so true And we sailed down the Murray River boys In a gum tree canoe

I once left the river and went on the land To set myself up as a cocky so grand But the life didn't suit me it made my heart sore So I went to the Murray River boys And my Julia once more

Springtime it Brings on the Shearing

Springtime it Brings on the Shearing



The springtime it brings on the shearing And it's then you will see them in droves To the west country stations all steering A-seeking a job off the coves

Chorus

With my raggedy old swag on my shoulder And a billy quart-pot in my hand I tell you we'll astonish the new chums When they see how we travel the land

From Boonabri up to the border Then it's over to Bourke, there and back On the hills and the plains you will find them The men on the Wallaby Track

Chorus

Instrumental

And after the shearing is over And the wool season's all at an end It is then you will see the flash shearers Making johnny-cakes round in the bend

Chorus

Mudgee Waltz

