



Merry Muse 2023-24

Merry Muse area of responsibility - goals and objectives

Goals and Objectives: To provide a welcoming space for folk and acoustic live music.

Description of activity:

The Merry Muse meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month (except for January and sometimes Easter) at the Canberra Irish Club from 4pm to 7pm and is generally of the format 2 hours of blackboard followed by a feature act for 45 minutes. This financial year we had some touring acts and also trialled a two feature act (with higher admission prices) with short blackboard format.

The office bearers and membership of Merry Muse group

Merry Muse Coordinator Vacant

PA Coordinator Pierre Sibilant

Raffles Tina Lynam

Publicity Cassidy Richens

Administration Eileen Newmarch - 0412 227 882 eileennew23@gmail.com

Roster Tina Lynam

Door Tina Lynam and Shona Lee

This financial year the Merry Muse ran 10 shows of regular format of blackboard plus feature artist in the year, one show featuring a double feature and two touring artist shows.

The Merry Muse had a very successful year in 2023-24. Attendance at regular shows increased markedly and averaged 50 people per show. The touring artist shows were extremely successful and were sold out – the takings from these shows came close to covering the costs of new equipment purchased for the Merry Muse – the new sound desk and tablet have provided more features and flexibility and improved the quality of the sound – and we also have a condenser mic– a big thank you to the Committee for approving these purchases.

In the coming year we will experiment with some different formats. In November we have George Mann touring from the US – not on the same scale as the shows this year but he will do two sets – and we are intending to have a female singer-songwriter concert in March to celebrate International Women’s Day.

A vote of thanks goes to all those who volunteer to operate the Merry Muse, especially Pierre Sibilant and Bob Jenkins for their work on sound and Tina Lynam and Shona Lee for their work on the door and Tina for organising the raffle and Cassidy Richens for her work on updating the web and Facebook and taking the lead on organising the shows for Andy Irvine and Eleanor McEvoy and doing publicity and other assistance for regular shows.

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Merry Muse 2023-24 Data

<i>Merry Muse 2023-24</i>				
Regular Shows (includes 1 2 feature show)				
Door takings	11	Shows	2267.00	
Raffles			961.00	
Total Income			3228.00	
Expenditure				
Sound				
Performers			2945.00	
MM Expenses			76.84	
Total Expenses			3021.84	
Net Income			206.16	
Banking from previous year			131.30	
Total Banking in Year			337.46	
Float In		531.3		
Total Banking in Year		337.46		
Float out		400.00		
14 Jan 2024 Andy Irvine Concert Net Income to Merry Muse		554.42		
Eleanor McEvoy Net Income to Merry Muse		872		
Total Net Income For Year		1632.58		
With income from previous year included		1763.88		
Plus income to MFS books \$60 from Andy Irvine P/L \$50 plus \$10		1823.88		
Equipment purchase				
-\$1,580.00		Mixer		
-\$664.00		tablet microphones		
-\$2,244.00				

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