

# *Fiddle music in the Hills*

The regular workshop & session continues in 2011 on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 7.30 – 9.30 pm

Players of fiddle, whistle, guitar, string bass, banjo, mandolin, accordion, etc. welcome.

## **Dates for 2011:**

**February 23**

**March 23**

**April 27**

**May 25**

**June 22**

**July 27**

**August 24**

**October 26**

**November 23**

No sessions September or December (school holidays)

**At:** the DRMC community music centre, Upwey High School, 1451 Burwood Hwy, Upwey.

**Cost:** \$10 per session. (Pay at the door) Light supper included.

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Traditionally, fiddle tunes are passed on by ear, including style, ornamentation, variation and improvisation that cannot be easily shown in written music. Tunes are learnt and swapped at sessions. We play old-timey dance music from the Appalachian mountains of America and from rural Australia, along with tunes from the older Celtic traditions. We explore the art of playing chords and back-up. The first hour is a teaching workshop; after that everyone is encouraged to lead a tune or two. Players of all ages and stages are welcome. Sessions can be recorded.

The workshop is convened and often led by Maggie Duncan. Maggie plays in a number of Melbourne dance bands, and in the old-timey bands, Appalachian Heaven, and the High Times String Band. Well known as a teacher of traditional fiddle, she pursues a love of Irish, Scottish, American and Australian traditional fiddle music. She can be found playing, calling dances and teaching fiddle at the Yarra Junction fiddlers convention, Blackwood fiddlers convention, Kelly Country Pick, etc. With fiddler Norm Adams, she created the book and CD set 'Introduction to Old Time Fiddle' for their students, now in its fifth printing. Maggie studied classical violin and piano and DIY folk guitar. She holds a graduate diploma in music education, and teaches instrumental music in schools.

**Private lessons in violin technique and fiddle styles are also available.**

Cost: 30 minute lesson: \$30; 45 minute lesson: \$45; 1 hour lesson: \$55.

Venues: DRMC Community Music Centre, Upwey, or Montrose home studio.