



APRIL NEWSLETTER

Another successful Healing Walk preceded the annual Lake Bolac Eel festival.



Neil and Porji

At least 16 walkers (including Neil and his dog Porji) completed the trek along the Mount Emu Creek, starting from Mt Emu (40ks west of Ballarat) and finishing at Darlington in 5 and half days on March 25th.

On March 28th Neil Murray performed at the Lake Bolac Eel Festival with a band comprising of John Emery, (drums), Ruben Shannon (bass) Parso (keys, mandolin and gtr) with Rachel Taylor and Amy Saunders guesting on backing vocals. A particularly stirring version of "Tjapwurrung Country" was a highlight. Neil renewed acquaintances with Irish song man Declan O'Rourke- whom he first met in Dublin in the late nineties.



Neil and band



Neil with Rachael Taylor

The new book of lyrics "Native Born" is still being promoted and has only just reached the shops.

Neil heads to Canberra this week for 3 performances at the National Folk Festival, followed by Sydney where he is to commence work with Jim Moginie on recording a new album.

Neil accompanied by Jim will perform at the Heritage Hotel in Bulli on Friday 17th, and a dinner show at Lizzottes in Kincumber on Sunday 19th.

Internet bookings [www.lizottes.com.au/live](http://www.lizottes.com.au/live) or phone bookings call 02 4368 2017.

Just announced is a solo gig by Neil at the Balmain Town Hall as well on Saturday 18th.

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Neil visits Tasmania on Friday 8th May appearing at Brookfield Vineyard and at the Republic Bar on Sunday 10th.

Friday the 15th May he will be making a return appearance to the Piping Hot Chicken Shop in Ocean Grove, Victoria and not to be missed is his final show in Melbourne before heading up north at the Northcote Social Club on Sunday may 17th at 3.30pm. Tickets for this show are available online at [www.northcotesocialclub.com](http://www.northcotesocialclub.com), or at the box office on 03 94861677. John Bedgegood on keys, accordion, mandolin and BV's will accompany Neil on both these shows.

While on his way to the NT, Neil will swing by Adelaide appearing at the Wheat sheaf Hotel in Thebarton on Friday 22nd May and at the Singing Gallery, McClarenvale on Saturday 23rd.

Neil will be catching up with friends and family in the NT. Some NT performance dates are still being finalised. He is confirmed to appear at the Kununurra writers festival from July 24-26th. More to come in the next bulletin.

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