
AGM ... news ... opportunities

The next **FAA AGM is at 12.15 on Saturday 30 August** at the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts. Yes - that's right! - during the conference! As well as voting on a new committee, we will also propose changes to the FAA's Rules which will allow us to set up a Public Fund to receive tax deductible donations. Members will receive details of this proposal in the mail.

The FAA's generous and talented webmaster **Peter Briggs** passed away on 7 July. We express sincere condolences to his family and will miss his kindness and dedication to the FAA. Our Chairman writes: "He was a wonderful man and one of the kindest people I ever met."

FAA Youth Encouragement Award (Yea(h)!) is a new partnership between FAA and the National Folk Festival to encourage and support young folk musicians. More details on this initiative in the next newsletter.

Australia Council Music Board deadlines coming up (www.ozco.org.au)

- ◆ *International Pathways* (8 September) - International pathways supports international touring by Australian musicians performing predominantly original Australian music.
- ◆ *TRACK RECORD - Music Export Development Program* (7 October) - The Australia Council's market development section aims to create more demand for Australian contemporary arts through supporting the promotion of Australian contemporary arts and the development of new markets and audiences, in Australia and internationally.
- ◆ *Skills and arts development, Presentation and Promotion, New Work and Project Fellowships* (15 November)
- ◆ *LIVE ON STAGE - Music International Showcase Program*(no deadline)

The **NAB Songwriting Competition** offers all Australians the opportunity to have a go at writing a song - whether you are an experienced singer, songwriter, musician or just somebody who has ever thought 'yeah, I could write some lyrics'. A range of categories, for broad sections of the community. An experienced panel of judges, music industry specialists, will use their collective knowledge & experience within the Australian music industry to assess songs on originality, individuality, story & appeal. Winning songs in each category will be professionally produced & recorded, then performed at a major live music event to conclude NAB's 150 year commemorations in late 2008. Closing 1 August. nab.com.au/songwriting

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