

Merelyn's Music Workshop

The proposed **Carter and Carter Workshop** was unfortunately minus one **Carter** at the **November Gawler Country Workshop**, held in conjunction with **Junior Country Crossover**. (JCC).

Sadly **David Carter** was unable to attend due to illness.



However, **Merelyn Carter** saved the day by conducting the workshop with the aid of only a big white flip chart, her effervescent personality and her trusty acoustic guitar.

Contrary to **'Leap Before You Look'...** (the title of **Cater and Carter's** recent album)... **Merelyn** provided advice to listeners on how to... **'Look before you Leap'**.

Merelyn believes that 'Performing on stage relies on 10% **Talent** and 90% guts.'

Our young **'Australia's Got Talent'** semi-finalist **Nathaniel O'Brien**, who was present at the Workshop, was possibly not in full agreement on this particular statement. However, point taken, self confidence is important.

Merelyn discussed what artists **love** about performing and what they found **scary**. She then went on to discuss the issues of building skillsThe advice? If you want to create the **'WOW Factor'**...**Be Prepared**...!

The next section on **Singing** was a dynamic experience for almost everyone who attended.

Tonsils, diaphragms, tummies and tongues were put into action... Some people couldn't stand the pace; others were in hysterics with laughter... **'Stand up Danny!'**

At a slightly more serious level; participants learned the singing techniques of **'Slur, Laser and Vibrato'**.....Yes! The laughter continued.

Fisherman's Friends, Apple Cider Vinegar and Honey, and gallons of drinking water were identified as the 'Cure-alls' for sore throats. No mention of Bundy Rum and Scotch. Hmm...

A section on **Song Writing** followed and a crazy list of brain stormed key words made it almost impossible to create a song with sensible lyrics.

However, miraculously **Gawler CMC** member **Raels** came to the rescue, managing within a few minutes, to write two verses.... **Watch out Raels!** ... Your song may become the next **Carter and Carter** best seller.

The **Music Workshop** was a fun day, and the majority of those who attended, gained benefits from their experience.

A special mention must be given to **Tammy-Lee Latham, Candy Latham** and their guest **Georgette from Berry** who performed walk-ups. Lovely voices... well done. And also, 'Well done **Eliza**'. We hope to see much more of you in the future.

Thanks to the **South Australian Council for Country Music (SACCM), Junior Country Crossover. (JCC), Gawler Country Music Club** and all others involved in organising the workshop. Your support and teamwork is appreciated..

A special **'Thank you Merelyn'** for appearing under very difficult circumstances. Your song title **'Chameleon'** sums up your versatility.

We look forward to future developments, new initiatives and new partnerships to assist young and not so young musicians to enjoy and participate in music at all levels, and... **'Keep it Country'**.

Corrections in November Newsletter

* Wannetta *

'Forever in Our Hearts'

The CD recently released in memory of **Wanetta** of 'Wanetta's Country Plus'. **Wannetta** wrote the last two tracks of the 17 songs on the 'Forever in Our Hearts' CD at the age of 14. Copies are available at your club. **Cost is \$20. Contact 8250 3458 or 0410 343 624**

Note: Club Member **Caroline McIntyre** wishes to point out that last months article 'How Did We Do It' was provided by **Caroline** with permission from the **President of SA Genealogy and Herald Society**.

Ma's Country Kitchen



Ma has included this recipe because it is yummy and it's easy.

Date and Walnut Loaf

½ lb Dates
1 cup Boiling water
4oz Butter
1 cup Sugar
½ teaspoon Salt
1 Egg
1 cup Plain Flour
½ cup Chopped Walnuts
1 ½ cups of Self Raising Flour

Chop dates roughly, add to boiling water, boil for 3 mins.

Stir in butter, sugar, and salt.

Blend until butter just melts.

When cold, stir in sifted flours alternately with beaten egg.

Stir in nuts.

Spoon into greased 9in x 5in-loaf tin.

Cover loosely with foil to allow for expansion, press foil firmly round rim of tin to seal completely.

Pierce top of foil once with skewer.

Bake in moderately slow oven 1 ½ hours.

Remove foil, bake further 15 mins.

Thanks Ma!

A Note from 'Our Josie'

Thanks everyone for your kind wishes and thought for my daughter **Julia**.

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