

## Disclaimer

The club newsletter is a monthly publication designed to keep members informed on the activities of the club and other functions. Opinions and views expressed in the newsletter are not necessarily those of the publishers.

## Editors Note

### Hi Folks

We are now into a new year, and with the latest news on **Talia Wittmann's** achievement at **Tamwoth** what a great way to begin 2008. (See Page 6)

Have you ever wondered how a small country town like **Tamwoth** managed to change the **Australian** tradition of heading for the beach in summertime?

The title of 'Country Music Capital' didn't just happen.

In the **1940s and '50s** when **Country and Western** music was booming in the cities, **Tamwoth**, like most other country towns at the time, had a **radio station** with a long tradition of playing 'hillbilly' music in the early hours of the morning.

By the '50s, local artists like **Buddy Bishop**, whose 'Barn Yard Yodel' was a big hit in **1950**, and others including **Geoff Brown** in the **50s and 60s**, had created and maintained an active though relatively small country scene in **Tamwoth**.

In the late **60's** the Queensland based **Modern Country Music Association**, now the **CCMA**, started running a **Talent Quest in Tamwoth** in **January** of each year.

But for years Australian country music had been pushed into the background by 'Rock 'n' Roll'.

From the late 50s for almost a decade only a few nationally recognised artists, like **Slim Dusty**, **Rick & Thel** and **Buddy Williams** soldiered on, travelling the dusty country roads, preserving **Australia's Country Music** traditions.

The modern story of **Country Music**, and **Tamwoth's birth** as **Country Music Capital**, did not begin until the second half of the 1960's.

To be continued in next month's **Gawler Country Music Club's Newsletter**.

*Les Parris* (Editor)

Acknowledgement to [www.historyofcountrymusic.com.au](http://www.historyofcountrymusic.com.au)

## President's Report

### January 2008

#### G'Day Members & Friends.

For those club members who couldn't attend our first 2008 show your committee wishes you a **Happy New Year**.

Our first show of this year featured 'Us Blokes' and guest **David Pearce**.

They attracted the biggest attendances for a **January** show for a many years. A great job guy's. Keep up the good work.

Our walk up's **Steve Liley Rodger Howard & Steve Tripodi** also chipped in with some great songs.

Our next show is set to be a great one with **Talia Wittmann** and **Overdrive**.

We congratulate **Talia Wittmann** who has won the **2008 Star Maker Award in Tamwoth**. Well done **Talia**.

So until our **February** Show.

#### Keep It Country

*Keith Warren*: President



**Shirley & Dean Bevis**  
Monte Carlo Winners  
sure are Winners & Grinners

## February Birthdays

People born in February are fandabadozie!

Neville Potter	1 <sup>st</sup>
Martin Lindsell	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Eleanor Randell	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Barbara Martin	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Lorraine Howard	4 <sup>th</sup>
Neil Mitchell	6 <sup>th</sup>
Carol Trinne	8 <sup>th</sup>
Graeme Hunt	8 <sup>th</sup>
Harold Dunn	9 <sup>th</sup>
Marie Pettifer	11 <sup>th</sup>
Robert McGregor	11 <sup>th</sup>
Barbara O'Daniel	11 <sup>th</sup>
Joan Tuck	11 <sup>th</sup>
Gerald Bischoff	13 <sup>th</sup>
Benjamin Jefferies	14 <sup>th</sup>
John Helbig	16 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Brns	16 <sup>th</sup>
Robin Elbourn	17 <sup>th</sup>
Graham Hein	18 <sup>th</sup>
Cora Snook	21 <sup>st</sup>
Gwen McCade	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Graeme Mold	24 <sup>th</sup>
Frederick Hugo	28 <sup>th</sup>

## Winners are Grinners

### Lucky Envelope

Vi Mitchell  
Steve L  
Val Crispin  
**Members Draw**  
Bill Armstrong

### Door Prize

J McNamara

### Monte Carlo

Shirley & Dean Bevis

### Raffle Prize Winners

Raelene Daniels	Pam Elliot
Flo Thompson	Flo Thompson
Barbara Martin	Kathy Armstrong
Irish Nash	Irene Tripodi

Kaylene Waples



## ADELAIDE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

**Sunday February 3rd**  
**Bernie & the Bandits**  
with special guest  
**Peter Denahy (Vic)**

12.30 to 5.0 p.m  
Slovenian Club Dudley Park Pies Pasties  
Sandwiches Cakes Cheese & Greens etc

**Sunday March 2nd**  
**Jay J Shannon** and  
**Winchester**

## BAROSSA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB



**Sunday Feb 10th**

**Jay J Shanon** and  
**Winchester**  
plus  
**Craig Giles**  
11.0am to 5pm

Buna Terrace, Nuriootpa Tel 8523 1957



At **Gawler Country Music Club** a 'generous' coffee drinker was so desperate for a cuppa he/she left not the usual 50 cent payment, or \$1.00 or even \$2.00...

No No!... Their gratitude was expressed by leaving a donation of paper money!

Not \$5.00. Not \$10 and not even \$20.00....

The artistic joker left a look-alike paper copy of a 50c coin. The culprit may strike again so please be aware of the **artful dodger**....

# GAWLER COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB INC.

Venue: Munno Para Bowling & Recreation Club  
Cnr. Curtis & Main North Roads Munno Para

**Sunday 16th March**  
**12 noon - 4pm**



**Tumbling Dice**  
with guest  
**Graeme Clarke**

Members \$5: Non Members \$7: Under 16's free  
Walk Up Artists, Live Band, Dancing & Prizes  
Lunch & Bar Facilities:  
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