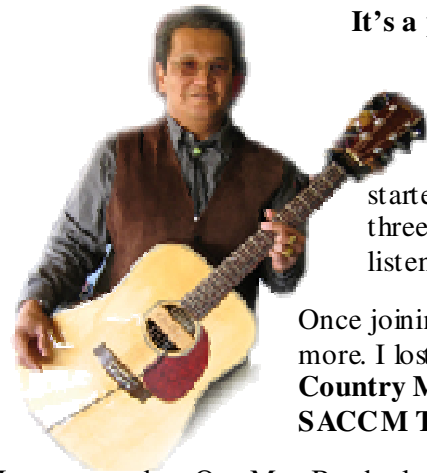


News & Views From Our Committee and Club Members

This page is now devoted to information provided by **Committee and Club Members**



It's a pleasure to hear from the **Gawler Country Music Club Workshop Committee**. Here they give us an insight into their personal experiences.

James Cruz

I started learning guitar at the age of fourteen, while still living in the Philippines; started a band at the age of eighteen playing rock & roll and Beatles. We played for three years at dance venues and restaurants. I can't read music, so I play by ear, listening to songs I like, and practicing 'til I get it right.

Once joining **Gawler Country Music Club Workshop**, I was encouraged to sing and play more. I lost my shyness and gained confidence, consequently taking part in the **Gawler Country Music Club Talent Quest**, winning best male vocal. I was also entered into the **SACCM Talent Quest** coming third place in **Male Vocal, 2010**.

I am currently a One Man Band, playing at private functions and venues. I am still learning as one can never be perfect, however, you can always become better.

Do not be discouraged if you can't read music, you can still learn, as music is in your blood. As I have taught myself to play the guitar, I would like to teach you. If you read music, it is a bonus, but if you don't, it won't stop you from learning. If you are eager and willing to do the work, I can teach you the chords, and show you an easy and fun way to learn. Everyone is an individual, and has a different way of learning. If you don't have a guitar, buy a second hand one, or we can let you use a workshop guitar. If you have ever dreamt of being a Buddy Holly or a Jimmy Hendrix, come and join us and have fun while learning.

James Cruz



Raelz

What a great opportunity to play or listen to music, socialize, dance, laugh, eat, drink, learn and while away four hours or so on the first Saturday of each month.

I was approached by **George**, way back in the 'beginning' to come along and have a look-see. At that stage the Workshop had only been operating for a month or so.

One visit and that was me, hooked!

At that stage it was sort of a boys' club, 'cause the songs were in 'boy' keys. I soon rectified that by doing some 'girl' stuff.

The concept of the exercise was that if one had some expertise then it would be brought to the attention of those attending.

Well, my hand went up for helping those interested in singing. Soon I was given the status of **Assistant Coordinator** courtesy **Fred** and **Brian**. That made me '**Ms. Bossy Britches**' Hahaha! Well, not really, although I do like to be organized.

Many have shared happy times over the years. It's been wonderful to see development of skills within the workshop mode. On a personal level, one of my original students, **James**, became a place-getter in competitions. The 'feather in the cap' for him was an absolute delight for me. I am just so proud of all my students. Some started from basics whilst others just needed a little guidance to hone their singing skills. The idea is to get to where one wants to in their progress. Pressure free... well almost, and heaps of fun.

The class out back has grown. Originally there were two or three at most; now it won't be long before there are about ten folk squeezing in their songs. The way things are going we could end up with a choir! The camaraderie is fantastic too. Those who come along to listen and support often join in with backing and harmonies. Makes for a great session for sure, and the encouragement for students is pleasing to hear/see. Certainly I appreciate those people who do sit in on the lessons. That's what the Workshop is about. We are there to support and encourage each other..... and that's the way it should be.

Raelz

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Just a Thought From Bill Northcott!



The Two Bills... **Bill Northcott** and **Bill Bedford** had a great time when they recently met up at Bill's residence in Canterbury Close Nursing Home, Elizabeth East.

There were around 50 residents in the audience and **Bill Bedford** provided a swag of Country songs which were enjoyed by all, especially **Bill Northcott** who is a **Life Member** of our club, but hasn't attended for a number of years now due to his lack of mobility.

It's good to hear you enjoyed the show Bill.

The visit and entertainment was organised by **Kim** the nursing home Functions Organiser.

Imagine Going Home Legless

A **Gawler Country Music Club** member was so lonely that he decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet.

After some discussion he finally bought a **centipede** (100- leg bug), which came in a little box to use for his house.

He took the box home, found a good location for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to the bar for a drink. So, he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to **Alan's place at Munno Para Bowling Club** with me for a beer?"

But there was no answer from his new pet. This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked him again, "How about going to **Alan's place at Munno Para Bowling Club** and having a drink with me?"

But again there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation. He decided to ask him one more time, this time putting his face up against the centipede's house and shouting, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go to **Alan's place at Munno Para Bowling Club** and have a drink with me?"

A little voice came out of the box: "I heard you the first time! I'm putting my shoes on!"

Iris Nash



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Sunday 15th May
12 'til 4pm



Bernie & The Bandits & Chooka Williams

Dot's Spot!



Gawler CMC Committee Members
Kevin and his wife **Louise** were walking along **Glenelg** beach and met a man walking towards them wearing a thong on only his left foot.

'**Lose a thong mate?**' Asked Kevin quite concerned...

'**No I just found one!**'