



Our Own Stories

Cloud Buster



In the late 1960's 'Cloud Buster' was a horse who knew how to create clouds and at the same time attract the crowds.

The young man pictured riding 'Cloud Buster' at Marrebel is a Gawler Country Music Club member who rarely misses a show.

Can you identify him?

The lucky person who names him should contact the Newsletter Editor so you can treat him to a free drink!

The anonymous horse rider says he was not fortunate enough to have met Slim Dusty, however, he has provided information for our Newsletter on some celebrities he has had the pleasure of meeting. See the following.....

Johnny Mac

Johnny Mac has worked professionally in the music world since the early 60's.

He appeared on TV shows such as Stairway to the Stars, Teen Time, Adelaide Tonight and Six O'clock Rock.



In 1962 "Pink Champagne and a Room of Roses" was released in America making Johnny the first South Australian to hit the American charts.

Four LP's and numerous singles followed and for six years he was contracted exclusively to Channel Seven in Adelaide. He also performed at interstate live shows and toured Australia with Lorne Green of "Bonanza"

Johnny toured extensive over the years with his Country Band making him one of the most recognised Aussie personalities in Country Music.

In 1978 Johnny was inducted into the Australian Country Music Hands Of Fame.

In 1983 while on holiday in America, Johnny purchased Elvis Presley's 1969 Gold Eldorado Cadillac - for 2 years he travelled all over Australia displaying the car with its collection of Elvis memorabilia.

Chad Morgan



The Country Music Legend Chad Morgan is still going strong, and his sense of humour and down-to-earth attitude is still intact. His unique style has served him well for over 50 years in the business of making people laugh.

Chad's first recording was the unconventional love song; 'The Sheik From Scrubby Creek' way back in 1952 at the age of 19.

He recalls...During his first performance... "I remember it very well. I was so scared...I was dead pan. I wasn't game to smile or move a facial muscle."

"The second time I was singing and I was doing the 'Shotgun Wedding' which goes, 'Oooh ouch'.

I had a cut on the end of my finger, and a guitar string went into the cut and I yelled, 'Oooh ouch'. Everyone laughed and I thought, 'This is alright... I could carry on with this.' So I did."

A FAIR DINKUM LEGEND



Lee Kernaghan Songwriter & Performer says 'Slim Dusty is to Australian Country Music what Hank Williams is to American Country and Elvis is to Rock'n'Roll.'

'Slim's achievements in the Country Music genre are unparalleled and his contribution to Australian

society will continue to resonate for generations to come.'

'Nulla Creek gave birth to a legend, and now the man and his music encapsulate the very essence of what it means to be an Australian.'

THE STORY OF DAVID

The story of Slim Dusty is much more than that of David Gordon Kirkpatrick and his remarkable adventures since his birth on Friday 13 June 1927.

It's the story of the birth of truly Australian country music and the proud sound of the Aussie voice in an era when many performers were singing with fake American accents.

It's the story of a battler who slung sheets of plaster seven days a week and then every night was trying to carve out a career as a singer while supporting a young family.

His honest songs connected with real Aussies, the station hands and factory workers whose prize at the end of the day was a cold one that hardly touched the sides.

It's the story of a genuine, fair dinkum bloke who brought happiness and joy to millions of Australians in cities and in the bush. They, in turn said, "Thanks mate" with an AO, an MBE and more Golden Guitars than you can poke a stick at.

It's the story of a man who discovered wisdom, love and respect for the Aboriginal people years ago. It's the story of a strong marriage to an even stronger woman.

It's a great story for all Australians to experience...and maybe learn a little more about themselves and their great country at the same time.

Acknowledgement to source: www.slimdustycentre.com.au/slim_man.htm

Saturday 1st September

Kapunda Country Music Fund Raiser Show for Cancer

11am till LATE \$12 entry \$10 concession

See www.saccm.com/gigguide/gigguide.htm

Nathaniel's Fundraiser



Coming Soon!

Your chance to obtain a Unique 'Australia's Got Talent' item of Country Music Nostalgia.

For full details read next months Gawler Country Music Club's Newsletter.



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New Venue

Open Mike Country

Evanston RSL Hall
Corner of Gosford/Overway Bridge Rds.



Spread the Word Folks
Everyone welcome to Sing Play or Listen
A Music Event for those who
Love to Perform
Free Entry

12.30pm to 4.30pm
The 2nd and 4th Saturday
of Each Month

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Commencing Saturday 11th August to 27th October