

Gawler Country Music Club

'The Friendly Club'.

Gawler Country Music Club has been entertaining and providing opportunity to **Australia Country Music Artists** since it began in **Gawler in 1992**. Now operating from the premises at **Munno Para Bowling and Recreation Club...** (from **12 noon to 4.00pm** on the **third Sunday of each month**.) **Gawler County Music Club** has gained recognition in South Australia for its excellent entertainment and friendship.

The ongoing success of **Gawler Country Music Club** and friends indicates **South Australia** has as much talent as any other geographic/demographic region in the big wide world of entertainment. Our club has taken the bull by the horns to clearly display South Australia's significant natural resource of incredible talent, musical flair and the ability to work as a self funded organisation.

What has led to our success?

There are several contributing factors, many at grass roots level.

- Strong and solid leadership with excellent teamwork
- Debating issues to achieve the best results for everyone in our community
- Learning from experience and sometimes getting it wrong
- Providing Club Members and Country Fans with what they want
- Our club members truly enjoy County Music
- Effective financial budgeting and hands-on fundraising
- Everyone involved in Country Music is given a fair go
- The reputation of being 'The Friendly Club'.
- Our funding of professional recording
- We have sponsored young artists over the years to help kick-start their career
- Provided options through our Open Mike for people to hone their performance skills in front of others
- Produced a Monthly Newsletter
- Managed their own website
- Communicated nationally with other Country Music organizations
- Assisted travelling artists to pick up more work other than at our own events
- Managed BBQ fundraisers
- Sponsored artists to travel interstate
- Funded Studio Recording
- Contributed funds to organizations in need
- Awarded Talent Quest Contestants with encouragement, trophies and money prizes.

Our Committee Members and Entertainments Officer jointly select artists by working effectively together. The best of artists are asked back while new artists are also provided with opportunity. Something different is always of interest.

We keep our membership levels healthy, and try to attract young people to our currently mature aged audience. Quality over quantity is important to us.

We welcome everyone to our club. No discrimination. All we ask for is mutual respect and friendly behaviour. We provide the opportunity to all visitors to enjoy quality of life in pleasant surroundings, with good people, drinks from the bar, and food provided via the Bowling Club in pleasant surroundings.

There is no official dress code, clean and tidy and your hair...if you have some, can be any style you wish. Seeing people of all ages from different cultural backgrounds mix in a friendly environment is what makes Australia the Lucky Country.

The reputation of **Gawler Country Music Club** is one of stability, effective teamwork and achieving goals.

The quotation ... **'You will only get out of business what you put in'** is in this case true... Our Committee is hard working, our Club Members are supportive and our Sponsors are loyal.

For that... We thank you all.



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Gawler Country Music Club has provided significant support to many others in our community.

Here are some examples...

- Our club has
- Donated in excess of \$14,000 to the Slim Dusty Foundation
- Donated Walker frames for the elderly to our local community
- Donated to Angel Flight
- Provided entertainment, opportunity and friendship to people with limitations in ability
- Provide option for people of all ages and abilities to participate in playing and learning Country Music
- Members of our committee have helped other organisations to manage their events by providing artists, making donations and providing manpower where and when required.
- We have collaborated with other clubs and organisations in community fundraising efforts
- Our Club Members and Sponsors have donated funding and gifts regularly since 1992

Over recent years Gawler Country Music Club has contributed in excess of \$800,000 into our local economy; provided services to all sectors of our community; presented and managed in excess of 250 events; offered opportunity to artists; awarded prizes and encouragement; bestowed goodwill, friendship and facilitated integration into our community.

A sincere 'Thank You' to everyone, past and present, who have contributed and assisted Gawler Country Music Club to gain the reputation of being 'The Friendly Club'.

New Face at Barossa

Natalie Pearce has for many years fulfilled the role of **Secretary and Entertainments Officer** at the popular **Barossa Country Music Club**. **You've done a great job Natalie! Well done!**

Very often the people behind the scenes are the ones who do the hard work without seeking the limelight...and other people take the credit with their pictures on display in CM publication and websites. You deserve your **Industry Award Natalie... and much much more**, for performing the thankless task of organising events, and for your ongoing contribution to the **Country Music Industry in South Australia**.

Trevor Philbey has now accepted the role of **Entertainment Officer** of **Barossa C.M. Club** who hold their functions at Nuriootpa Bowling Club, Buna Terrace, Nuriootpa on the 2nd Sunday of the month **11am to 4pm**.

Trevor having spent most of his life in the Mallee moved to Evanston near Gawler.

Over the years besides music; his farming, truck driving, and raising a family have taken up most of his time.

Qualified and experienced in Audio Engineering; and a guitarist for many years, Trevor has become recognised as a solo artist. His main influences are people such as **Chet Atkins, Les Paul and Hank Marvin**.

Trevor has his own project recording studio; he played lead guitar with the DV8s, and he now has a PA system with many powerful high quality components. He has been known to help out at many community functions using his skills knowledge and equipment for good causes.

Congratulations on your new appointment Trevor, and best wishes to everyone at the Barossa Country Music Club.

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