

That Woz the Day That Woz!

"Low Mongrels"

THE "low mongrels" who stole more than a dozen guitars bearing the signatures of music legends such as **Jimmy Barnes** and **Chubby Checker** left the most valuable instruments hanging on the wall of a Brisbane shed their owner says.

LEONARD "Merv" French, 81, recently returned to his Manly West property to find about half his precious collection missing.

The stolen instruments included guitars signed by the **Eagles**, **Paul Stanley** of **KISS**, **Ted Nugent**, **John Mellencamp** and **Normie Rowe**.

But Mr French said the culprits weren't interested in the most valuable instruments, guitars signed by **Waylon Jennings**, **Willie Nelson** and his favourite musician, **Slim Dusty**.

"To a collector, I wouldn't sell it under \$6000," he said.

Mr French recently appealed on media for the safe return of the guitars.

"I'm not allowed to swear," he said.

"But I thought, 'there are some low mongrels in this world'."

Mr French, a **country music** enthusiast, bought the guitars from a friend two years ago.

"I thought, well, maybe I'll put some money into an investment that will pay off in the next 10 or 15 years," he said.

"If I don't benefit from it, my children will."

Mr French estimated the collection of stolen guitars would be worth \$30,000.

"The only hope they'd have of selling them is to rub all the signatures off them," he said.

"Because without the signatures, they're nothing much really, they're just another guitar."

Constable Tom Buckman said police were monitoring auction sites such as eBay and Gumtree. They had also put out notifications to pawn shops and music enthusiasts.

"Merv" said the theft had left him "down in the dumps" but wouldn't dampen his love of music.

"That's life, I suppose," he said.

"I've had to accept other harder propositions in my life."



Gawler Country Music Workshop Update

At the September Music Workshop **Stewart Ray** provided a very constructive seminar on the subject of **Microphone Technique**. The information included the do's and don'ts of using microphones on stage, and highlighted some of the common errors made by vocalists and MC's at live shows.

NOTE: Due to other commitments, the next **Music Workshop** will be on the **3rd Saturday of the month**. The **18th of October**. ...

Love Is In The Hair

Our September show with **Key Country** and **Kieran Key** was another great show at the **Grenville**.

The band had the dancefloor busy and Kieran has the audience entertained with a variety of songs including some of his old Irish favourites.

Off stage there was action with **The Hair today Gone Tomorrow Shave Off**.

Four guys walked away light headed after **Ros Lang** had gently removed their precious curls.

Full coverage and results will be given on the **baldy heads experience** in next month's newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the CanTeen fundraiser, and thanks also to the other clubs who have joined us in this fundraising journey.

The goodwill initiative continues and will remain active throughout October.



Dot's Spot!

A dog was sitting in the **Gawler cinema in Murray Street** with his owner. The dog stared at the screen intently, growling whenever the villain appeared, wags his tail whenever the hero appears, cries at the sad parts and hides his face during the scary scenes.

Rhonda from Willaston had been watching the dog's behaviour. She turns to its owner and says, **'That's extraordinary behaviour for a dog!'**

'You're right,' says the owner.

'It is surprising – He *hated* the book.'

A Country Lads Perception



When you're from the country, your perception is a little bit different.

A Queensland farmer drove to a neighbour's farmhouse in his Holden ute, and knocked at the door.

A boy, about 10 years of age, opened the door.

"Is your Dad or your mum home?" said the farmer.

"No, they went to town."

"How about your brother, Howard? Is he here?"

"No, he went with Mum and Dad."

The farmer stood there for a few minutes, shifting from one foot to the other, and mumbling to himself.

"I know where all the tools are, if you want to borrow one, or I can give dad a message."

"Well," said the farmer uncomfortably, "I really wanted to talk to your Dad. It's about your brother Howard getting my daughter Susie pregnant".

The boy thought for a moment,

"You will have to talk to Dad about that. I know he charges \$200 for the bull and \$50 for the boar, but I don't know how much he charges for Howard."

Nominations and entries for the **Country Music Awards of Australia 2015** opened on **Monday 8th September** and close at **11.59 pm on Monday, October the 13th, 2014**. The **Eligibility Period** for recordings is **from 1st October 2013 through to September 30th 2014**. Recordings released during this

time frame will be eligible for nomination.

The Finalists in each category will be announced in Sydney on **November 11th**.

Winners of **The 43rd Country Music Awards of Australia** will be announced in **Tamworth at the TRECC on January 25th 2015**.

The CMAA / Tamworth Regional Council partnership will ensure the Awards run smoothly and fairly.

Full details on <http://country.com.au/spotlight-post/enter-the-awards/>

Gawler Country Music Workshop

Anglican Parish Hall 26 Cowan Street Gawler

If You Want to Play

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| ♫ Guitar | ♫ Vocals |
| ♫ Drums | ♫ Bass |
| ♫ Keyboards | ♫ etc... |

Bring your instruments along and learn from the experience of others. Have fun playing along with new friends.

Only \$4.00 entry

Tea and Coffee available

BYO Lunch.

First Saturday of each month

12noon to 4.30pm

CU Saturday **18th Oct** and **1st Nov**

Take Note: 3rd Saturday

For further information

Contact Fred Tel: 0417 851 609



Phill's Open Mike

Everyone's welcome!

We look forward to seeing you on the **2nd and 4th Saturday** each month.

Anglican Parish Hall 26 Cowan Street Gawler
11am 'til 4.30pm

Phill 8276 8020 or 0413 771 095

Enter now for the 43rd Country Music Awards of Australia 2015.