

Merle Haggard

and "Mama Tried," [passed away](#) on April 6th 2016 - on his birthday, at the age of 79. [Merle Haggard](#)'s health had been failing in recent months, as he battled double pneumonia. He was forced to cancel a number of concerts over the past few months due to his health. The musician's son, *Ben Haggard*, released a statement revealing that his father had actually predicted he would die on his birthday.



"A week ago dad told us he was gonna pass on his birthday, and he wasn't wrong. He took his last breath surrounded by family and friends. He loved everything about life and he loved that everyone of you gave him a chance with his music. He wasn't just a country singer. He was the best country singer that ever lived."

[Merle Haggard](#) was born on April 6, 1937 in Oildale, California, a Depression-era town filled with transplants from the Midwest trying to start a new life. His parents were from Oklahoma, having moved to California just three years before their son was born. The singer's father died from a brain tumor when he was just nine years old, and soon thereafter, [Merle Haggard](#) became a repeat juvenile offender, committing crimes

such as petty theft and writing fraudulent checks. He spent his teenage years drifting throughout the Southwest, hopping trains and taking on odd jobs, meeting a number of colourful characters that ended up influencing his music.

In 1957, at the age of 20, he was thrown in jail for breaking into a road house, and he was transferred to San Quentin Prison. Two years later, he watched [Johnny Cash](#) perform his infamous New Year's Day concert at the prison, a moment which he credited for helping to turn his life around. His first single, which helped introduce the Bakersfield Sound he became famous for, sold just 200 copies, but his second, "Sing Me a Sad Song," landed at #19 on the Billboard Country charts, landing him a record deal with Capitol. He released 38 number 1 hit singles throughout his career, which spanned more than 65 albums, and he had a stretch between 1966 and 1987 where he always had at least one song on the Billboard Top 5. Here's what his long-time friend and country legend [Dolly Parton](#) had to say in her statement regarding [Merle Haggard](#)'s death.

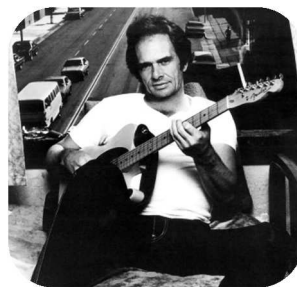


"We've lost one of the greatest writers and singers of all time. His heart was as tender as his love ballads. I loved him like a brother. Rest easy, Merle."

[Merle Haggard](#) also acted in a number of movies, such as [Hillbillies in a Haunted House](#), [Killers Three](#), [From Nashville with Music](#), [The Legend of the Lone Ranger](#) and [Wag the Dog](#). He also had appearances on TV shows such as [The Waltons](#) and [Centennial](#).



"There are no words to describe the loss and sorrow felt within all of music with the passing of Merle Haggard. Thank God for his life and songs." Brad Paisley



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Must see

- A bumper crop of pics full of action shots from our club shows.



A Word From The Editor...

Hi friends and Country Music fans.

This edition is a sad one for me for a couple of reasons. Firstly, we pay tribute to yet another star who is now in heaven - Mr Merle Haggard (the 'Hag'). His songs, and his renowned band 'The Strangers' remain the biggest reason why I discovered Country Music, and why I continue to love it today. He was not only a great singer, but a very talented musician, and a hell of a nice guy with a great sense of humour. An inspiration on many levels.

Secondly, I have been putting off resigning as editor for the club newsletters and website for many months, but unfortunately it is time to step down, so this will be my last newsletter as editor. My various activities in the music industry, and a new job meant that I no longer have the time to give the newsletters and website the attention that they really need and deserve. It has been hard work, but also great fun bringing you all of the industry articles, interviews, reviews, loads of flyers for festivals and special events, poetry and puzzles, tech tips, and especially the various giggles.

I'd really like to thank those of you who took the time to participate in interviews or pass on content for the various media, to those of you who expressed their appreciation and enjoyment in what we do, and especially to the crew on the committee for their hard work. A special mention goes out to our photographer friends Rob Chapman, and Ian Fisk. Keep up the great work everyone. It is appreciated.

The biggest thanks goes to my loving wife and family who are always there to support me.

You'll still see me around, and can get in touch if you need me. Best wishes to the future editor.



Peace to all.

Stewart Ray

Presidents Report

MARCH

G'Day Members and Friends.

*What a good show we had for our last at the Grenville Hub. Good numbers through the door and adjustment to the sound we were off and running. Our band was **Workin' Overtime** and they had the dance floor buzzing. Well done guys. Our April show will be at our new venue. We will be putting other shows together that will run on some Friday's and Saturdays. Keep an eye on the Newsletter. We will also be having a New Years Eve show. The band is yet to be decided on - but will be good. The tickets for this show will be pre-sold. More in our next Newsletter on how our April show went. Our Band for April will be another new one – **Sidetrack**.*

Disclaimer

The club newsletter is a bi-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.

APRIL

G'Day Members and Friends.

*Our April Show was a good day in our new hall. George from the band has rung me to apologize for the poor quality of the sound from the band, but it was fixed in the end. We had great numbers through the door - some new faces, and some that have not been for a while. Great to see them all. Our guest artist was **Taylor Pfeiffer**. This young lady just seems to get better and better each time I see her perform. Great job Taylor. Our May show will be with **Eddie & Friends**. They always do a great job, so don't miss this one.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Newsletter Editor **Stewart Ray** who has decided to step down as his work commitments have changed, and does not have too much time to spare. Stewart has done a fantastic job since taking on the job. Well done Stewart, and we all wish you all the best for the future. Once again Thank You.*

So until next month. Keep it Country.

Regards to all,

Keith Warren

President/Entertainment Officer



March Winners

Raffle

Evelynne
Lois Baxter
Vi
Liz
Anne Day
Jenny
Rosemary Bell
Kim Gavin
Mary Briscoe

Kayleen

Door Prize

Diane

Members Draw

Rhonda Thompson

Lucky Envelopes

Beth Hipkiss
R S R

Junice
Yvonne Clancy

Monte Carlo

Walter and Geraldine



April Winners

Raffle

Mary Roesler
Margaret
Kim Gavin
Jess
Roz Lang (x3)
Margaret Ke
Iris Nash
Leigh
Judy

Liz (x2)

Door Prize

Mel Pressley

Members Draw

Ron Lang

Lucky Envelopes

Sorry, we missed getting the names this time...

Monte Carlo

Lisa Goabee and Margaret Leversey



Birthdays

May

1st Shirley Lomman
1st Kevin Vardon
2nd Tricia Gordon
2nd Tricia Davis
3rd May Jarvis
3rd Vincent Pollard
3rd Nesta Westervelt
3rd Judith Merritt
5th Ian List
6th Ken McIntyre
9th Geoffrey Mattner
10th Cynthia Wasley
11th Kane Mitchell
11th Gibba
13th Margaret Reid
14th Ian Holt
15th Walter Barber
16th Rosemary Bell
16th Earlston Gniel
21st Marie Haynes
21st Elizabeth Hipkiss
23rd Dean Beviss
23rd Joy Humphries
24th Adrian Lutz
24th Jan-Johann
24th Chris Parkes
24th Brian Hipkiss

25th Ron Stephens
26th Keith Atkinson
30th Lois Baxter
30th Maxine Bug



June

1st Patrick Snow
2nd George Dobie
3rd Margaret Schulz
5th Allan Prow
6th Yvonne Clancy
8th Betty Robinson
10th Keven McGregor
11th Jeanette Mold
14th Cindy Clift
4th Una Rowe
15th Norman Foster
17th John Gatt
17th Leoni Boyanton
20th Kevin Merritt
23rd Gary Trenerry
25th Glenice Foster
26th Keith Warren
26th Jennifer Failie
27th Bert Newell
30th James Errock



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information,
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0417 851 609**

May Events

Eddie & Friends



Sunday May 15th 12 - 4 pm

Gawler Country Music Club

Uley Road Hall, Elizabeth Downs

(Entry via Forrestall Road)

New Venue



Walkups Welcome

Entry: Members - \$6.00, Non Members - \$8.00

Tea and Coffee - \$1.00 Food and drinks available

Contact Keith Warren for enquiries: 8255 8920

QUORN COUNTRY MUSIC MUSTER

Quorn Racecourse
Friday 13th of May

Walkups 6pm

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your Country music
talent . B.Y.O Chair
No BYO Alcohol
Entry by gold coin
donation

MAIN STAGE EVENT

Sat 14th of May

Gates open 10am

BYO Chair NO BYO

Alcohol, Bar open and
food at event \$10 Entry
contact information

Des 0427895095

Main Stage Event featuring Tamworth award
winning artists : Bev Branson , John Battle , Tony
Roberts, Bluey Mathews : Also Chooka Williams,
Alan & Doreen Berryman, Dee and Me, Myall
Country Duo , Cheryl Lethlean, Jasmine kimber
and many more special artists

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June Events



Sunday June 19th 12 - 4 pm

Gawler Country Music Club

Uley Road Hall, Elizabeth Downs

(Entry via Forrestall Road)



Walkups Welcome

Entry: Members - \$6.00, Non Members - \$8.00
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Broadcaster, actor, director, lounge act, raconteur **Peter Goers** will share amusing stories of show business lore from his 44 years of participation, theatergoing observation and memories. Plus special guest **Taylor Pfeiffer** (The Banjo Girl).

Tickets \$17



Actors, Drunks & Babies Never Hurt Themselves

Date Monday, 20 June 2016 1:30 PM

Place Shedley Theatre - Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth SA 5112, Australia

Telephone 82560338

GCMC Show - March 20th - Workin' Overtime



WORKIN' OVERTIME had fun playing for you with our guest artists **Derani, Cassie,** and **Matthew Sanders**. Derani is always a pleasure to see. We had requests for everything from Dolly, Johnny Cash, to the McClymonts. The Boot Scootin' and line dancing numbers went over a treat. You guys were great. We look forward to playing for you again soon. *Stewart Ray*



Photos: Rob Chapman



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GCMC Show - April 17th - Sidetracked

The gang from **SIDETRACKED** had the honour of playing the first club show at the newly renovated hall on Uley road. And what a great hall it is. It's always tough playing a new room, and they did well. We had a good turnout, with folks taking advantage of the large dance floor and plentiful seating. **Taylor Pfeiffer**

made the day extra special by putting on a great performance, and showing what a talented young star she is. There will be many more great shows to come in the Uley Road hall !!

Stewart Ray



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May 2016 Gig Guide

Sunday 1 st 12 – 5 pm	Charlie McCracken and his Band with guest artist Joe Musico Willaston CM Club , Willaston Football Clubrooms, Gawler River Road, Willaston	0415 671 679
Sunday 1 st 12:30 - 4:30 pm	The Jukebox Boys - Guest artists Chooka Williams and Scott Rathman Jnr Adelaide CM Club Inc. , 11 LaSalle St, Slovenian Club, Dudley Park	(08) 8258 7110 0409 692 434
Sunday 1 st 2 pm	Big Jim the Irishman and friend - Glengowrie Uniting Church Hall, 33 Butler Cresc, Glengowrie	
Monday 2 nd 8 - 9 pm	Hillbilly Hoot - Linde Reserve. Nelson St, Stephney	
Monday 2 nd 7:30 pm	Joe Musico - Moonta Town Hall	
Friday 6 th 6:30 pm	Weeping Willows plus Andy and Marta - The Singing Gallery , 133 Masin Rd, McLaren Vale	0413 358 618
Sunday 8 th 11 - 4 pm	Tru Country - Barossa CM Club , Nuriootpa Bowling Club, Buna Terrace, Nuriootpa	0408 763 326
Sunday 8 th 1 - 5 pm	Key Country with guest artist Angela Easson Southern CM Club , Clovelly Park Memorial Community Centre, 16 York Avenue, Clovelly Park	0408 891 512 or 8358 0014
Sunday 8 th 2 pm	Graeme Hugo - Hindmarsh Valley Memorial Hall, Hindmarsh Tiers Rd, Hindmarsh Valley	8555 3219
Sunday 8 th 4 pm	Weeping Willows plus Andy and Marta - The Wheatsheaf Hotel , 39 George St, Thebarton	
Thursday 12 th 7:30 pm	Lindsay Butler , Shaza Leigh , Peggy Gilchrist and Nathan Charlton - Rendalsham	
Friday 13 th 7:30 pm	The Cherry Pickers - Blackwood RSL, 1 Brighton Parade, Blackwood	8278 6253
Friday 13 th 6 pm	Passive Minds (with Guest Artist) - Elizabeth RSL, Crn: Midway & Halsey Rds, Elizabeth East	8255 7670
Friday 13 to Saturday 14	Quorn Country Music Festival - Bev Branson , John Battle, Tony Roberts, Bluey Mathews, Chooka Williams , Alan and Doreen Berryman, Dee and Mee, Myall Country Duo, Cheryl Lethlean , Jasmine Kimber and many more Quorn Racecourse, Quorn SA - Flyer	0427 895 095
Saturday 14th 11 am - 4.30 pm	Gawler CM Club Open Mike We look forward to seeing you on the 2 nd and 4 th Saturday of each month. Entry: \$4.00 per person for all attending. Tea and coffee are provided. BYO Nibbles to share. Everyone is welcome !! Gawler CM Club - Uley Road Hall , Elizabeth Downs (Entry off Forrestall Rd)	Fred Payne: 8255 9248
Saturday 14 th 5:30 pm	Red Faces (at the Arkaba Hotel) - Taylor Pfeiffer , The Borderers, Grace Bawden, and more 150 Glen Osmond Rd, Fullarton	
Saturday 14 th 8 pm	Sandra Humphries in Concert , Fund Raiser for World Challenge Mount Gambier Community RSL, 16 Sturt Street, Mount Gambier	8725 8181
Saturday 14 th 7 pm	The Sherrahs Country Gospel Concert: Music for the Soul. S.A. Sea Rescue Squadron Barcoo Road, West Beach	
Saturday 14 th 7:30 pm	Lindsay Butler , Shaza Leigh , Peggy Gilchrist and Nathan Charlton - Edenhope Golf Club, Edenhope, Vic	0427 228 659
Sunday 15th 12 - 4 pm	 EDDIE & FRIENDS Gawler Country Music Club Uley Road Hall , Elizabeth Downs (Entry off Forrestall Rd)	 8255 8920
Sunday 15 th 1 - 5 pm	The Sherrahs - Railroad CM Club , at S.A. Sea Rescue Squadron, Barcoo Road, West Beach	0413-522-516
Sunday 15 th 1:30 - 5:30 pm	Billy Dee and Friends with Guest Walk Ups 'Come as a Guest - Leave as a Friend' Plympton and Glenelg RSL. 464 Marion Rd, Plympton Park. Meals available from 12:30	8352 4046
Sunday 15 th 6 pm	Lindsay Butler , Shaza Leigh , Peggy Gilchrist and Nathan Charlton Hindmarsh Valley Memorial Hall, Hindmarsh Tiers Rd, Hindmarsh Valley	8555 3219
May 16th to 23rd	Norfolk Island Country Music Festival - Felicity Urquhart , Lyn Bowtell , Kevin Bennett, Luke O'Shea , Tanya Cornish , Jackie Bristow , Neilly Rich , Matthew McNeilly , Amelia Richards , Chet & Melissa	
Wednesday 18 th 1:30 pm	Lindsay Butler , Shaza Leigh , Peggy Gilchrist and Nathan Charlton - N.C.M.A. Afford Rd Pt Pirie	8633 2302
Saturday 21st	The Steve Bartel Band - Nonning Gymkhana - Nonning	
Sunday 22 nd 11 - 4 pm	Palomino Deluxe with guest artist Dean Ettridge Murray Bridge CM Club , Imperial Football Club Johnstone Pk. Murray Bridge	8535 4317
Sunday 22 nd 1 - 5 pm	Al's Pals - The Grenville Hub, 10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth	

May 2016 Gig Guide—Continued

Sunday 22 nd 1– 5 pm	Bernie & the Bandits with special appearance by John Turner Jnr Kilburn R.S.L. CM Functions , Way Street, Kilburn	8449 4743
Thursday 26 th 7:30 pm	Wayne Horsburgh and the Howie Brothers – Moonta Town Hall, Moonta	0418 830 639 8821 3445
Friday 27 th 6 pm	Passive Minds (with Guest Artist) - Elizabeth RSL, Crn: Midway & Halsey Rds, Elizabeth East	8255 7670
Friday 27 th 8 pm	Lee Kernaghan The Songs & the Stories – Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, MT GAMBIER	8723 8741
Sat. 28 th 7:30 - 11:30 pm	The Hoffmans – Geranium Bowling Club, Geranium	Helen: 8577 2257
Saturday 28th 11 am - 4.30 pm	Gawler CM Club Open Mike We look forward to seeing you on the 2 nd and 4 th Saturday of each month. Entry: \$4.00 per person for all attending. Tea and coffee are provided. BYO Nibbles to share. Everyone is welcome !! Gawler CM Club -Uley Road Hall , Elizabeth Downs (Entry off Forrestall Rd)	Fred Payne: 8255 9248
Saturday 28 th 7:30 pm	Rhynie CFS Fundraising Caberet with The Twilight Zone (The Party Cats) - Rhynie CFS Hall, Rhynie	8847 2037 0414 894 909
Saturday 28 th 8 pm	Wayne Horsburgh and the Howie Brothers – Laura Civic Centre, Laura	
Sunday 29 th 1– 5 pm	Midnight Special with guest Dean Bird – Kilburn R.S.L. CM Functions , Way Street, Kilburn	



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June 3 rd to 13 th	South Australian Country Music Festival , SA Riverland – The Hoffmans plus many more...	0403 008 537
Sunday 5 th 12 - 5 pm	Bernie & The Bandits with Tiffney Reynolds (nee Stroh) as guest Willaston CM Club . Willaston Football Clubrooms, Gawler River Rd, Willaston	0403 008 537
Sunday 5 th 12:30 - 4:30 pm	Creole cowboyZ plus with guest artist from the US Mark Sporer and Roger Howard Adelaide CM Club Inc. , 11 LaSalle St, Slovenian Club, Dudley Park	(08) 8258 7110 0409 692 434
Wed. 8th to Sun. 12th	Blackhats and Friends – Tent show..Barmera Caravan Park	Dave 0400 719 112
Friday 10 th 6 pm	Passive Minds (with Guest Artist) - Elizabeth RSL, Crn: Midway & Halsey Rds, Elizabeth East	8255 7670
Saturday 11th 11 am - 4.30 pm	Gawler CM Club Open Mike We look forward to seeing you on the 2 nd and 4 th Saturday of each month. Entry: \$4.00 per person for all attending. Tea and coffee are provided. BYO Nibbles to share. Everyone is welcome !! Gawler CM Club -Uley Road Hall , Elizabeth Downs (Entry off Forrestall Rd)	Fred Payne: 8255 9248
Saturday 11 th 7:30 - 11:30 pm	City Cowboys for Adelaide Christian Singles West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL/Community Club, 19 Rosetta Street, West Croydon	0401 436 956
Sunday 12 th 1 - 5 pm	Eddie Edwards And Friends plus guest artist Cactus Martens Southern CM Club , Clovelly Park Memorial Community Centre, 16 York Avenue, Clovelly Park	0408 891 512 or 8358 0014
Sunday 12 th 11 - 4 pm	Workin' Overtime – Barossa CM Club , Nuriootpa Bowling Club, Buna Terrace, Nuriootpa	0408 763 326
Tuesday 14 th 11 am	Actors, Drunks & Babies Never Hurt Themselves by Peter Goers plus Taylor Pfeiffer (the Banjo Girl) Out of the Square - Marion Cultural Centre, Oaklands Park	8375 6855
Tuesday 14 th 7:30 pm	Don Costa – Moonta Town Hall, Moonta	
Wednesday 15 th 11 am	Actors, Drunks & Babies Never Hurt Themselves by Peter Goers plus Taylor Pfeiffer (the Banjo Girl) Out of the Square - The Arts Centre, Port Noarlunga - Gawler Street, Port Noarlunga	8326 5577
Thursday 16 th 2 pm	Actors, Drunks & Babies Never Hurt Themselves by Peter Goers plus Taylor Pfeiffer (the Banjo Girl) Out of the Square - Golden Grove Arts Centre - Tenison Place, Golden Grove	8397 7429
Friday 17 th 11 am	Actors, Drunks & Babies Never Hurt Themselves by Peter Goers plus Taylor Pfeiffer (the Banjo Girl) Out of the Square - The Parks Theatre - 2-46 Cowan St, Angle Park	8406 2941
Sunday 19 th 1 - 5 pm	Joe Musico with Cactus Martens – Railroad CM Club , at S.A. Sea Rescue Squadron, Barcoo Road, West Beach	0413-522-516
Sunday 19 th 1:30 - 5:30 pm	Billy Dee and Friends with Guest Walk Ups 'Come as a Guest - Leave as a Friend'	8352 4046

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Sunday 19 th 12 - 4 pm	 The Blackhats 	8255 8920
Monday 20 th 1:30 pm	Actors, Drunks & Babies Never Hurt Themselves by Peter Goers plus Taylor Pfeiffer (the Banjo Girl) Out of the Square - Shedley Theatre - Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth	8256 0338
Tuesday 21 st 2 pm	Actors, Drunks & Babies Never Hurt Themselves by Peter Goers plus Taylor Pfeiffer (the Banjo Girl) Out of the Square - Star Theatres - 145 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Hilton	8234 1800
Thursday 20 th 11 am	Actors, Drunks & Babies Never Hurt Themselves by Peter Goers plus Taylor Pfeiffer (the Banjo Girl) Out of the Square - Murray Bridge Town Hall - Bridge Street & Sixth Street, Murray Bridge	8539 1420
Friday 24 th 11 am	Actors, Drunks & Babies Never Hurt Themselves by Peter Goers plus Taylor Pfeiffer (the Banjo Girl) Out of the Square - Prospect Town Hall - 126 Prospect Road, Prospect	8269 5355
Friday 24 th 6 pm	Passive Minds (with Guest Artist) - Elizabeth RSL, Crn: Midway & Halsey Rds, Elizabeth East	8255 7670
Saturday 25 th 11 am - 4.30 pm	Gawler CM Club Open Mike We look forward to seeing you on the 2 nd and 4 th Saturday of each month. Entry: \$4.00 per person for all attending. Tea and coffee are provided. BYO Nibbles to share. Everyone is welcome !! Gawler CM Club - Uley Road Hall , Elizabeth Downs (Entry off Forrestall Rd)	 Fred Payne: 8255 9248
Sunday 26 th 11 am - 4 pm	Tru Country with guest artist Maxine Kluske Murray Bridge CM Club , Imperial Football Club Johnstone Pk, Murray Bridge	8535 4317
Sunday 26 th 1 - 5 pm	Green River - Kilburn R.S.L. CM Functions , Way Street, Kilburn	8449 4743

A special thank you to **Ian Fisk** for taking care of the Gig Guide.

Phone: (08) 8296 3350 or visit here

<http://country.ianfisk.org/gigguide/gigguide.htm> for updates.



Songs For Seniors

Some of the artists of the 60's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate aging baby boomers.

Bobby Darin - Splash, Splash, I Was Havin' A Flash

Herman's Hermits - Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker

Ringo Starr - I Get By With A Little Help From Depends

The Bee Gees - How Can You Mend A Broken Hip?

Roberta Flack - The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face

Johnny Nash - I Can't See Clearly Now

Paul Simon - Fifty Ways To Lose Your Liver

The Commodores - Once, Twice, Three Times To The Bathroom

Procol Harum - A Whiter Shade Of Hair

Leo Sayer - You Make Me Feel Like Napping

The Temptations - Papa's Got A Kidney Stone

Abba - Denture Queen

Tony Orlando - Knock 3 Times On The Ceiling If You Hear Me Fall

Helen Reddy - I Am Woman; Hear Me Snore

Leslie Gore - It's My Procedure, and I'll Cry If I Want To

Willie Nelson - On the Commode Again



Norfolk Island Country Music Festival

16 May 2016 - 21 May 2016



Fans say there's a reason they keep coming back to Norfolk Island. The island is petite and the Country Music experience is up close and personal. Throughout the week there's plenty of opportunity to mix and mingle with performers including a special platinum pass lunch with a performer hosting your table.

The relaxed island vibe is nothing short of enchanting for fans and headliners alike.

Plus organisers invite upcoming Australian and New Zealand stars to battle it out for the Trans-Tasman Entertainer of the Year Award. 2016 will be the 22nd award.

Fans are thrilled with the calibre of Trans-Tasman Entertainer of the Year competitors as Australian and New Zealand performers compete head to head for what has become a prestigious stand-out title. The competition sure stirs the crowd and those patriotic Aussie and Kiwi visitors.

FROM AUSTRALIA:

Country, Heart & Soul are Felicity Urquhart, Lyn Bowtell and Kevin Bennett - three of Australian Country's finest singer/songwriters drawn together by their mutual love for earthy, authentic contemporary Country Music, a passion for singing and the craft of songwriting.

Luke O'Shea – Yes, the 6 time Golden Guitar Winner, 2015 Male Artist of the Year and 2012 & 2014 Independent Country Music Artist of the Year will be on the Norfolk Island stage for our pure enjoyment!

Tanya Cornish is on fire! Winner of last year's coveted Norfolk Island Country Music Festival Trans-Tasman Entertainer of the Year Award, she's also won the 2015 National Talent Quest. If you haven't heard her sing before, you are in for a real treat.

FROM NEW ZEALAND:

Now living in the USA, **Jackie Bristow** has a huge following, performing and touring all over the USA, including later this year opening and touring with Tommy Emmanuel! A truly talented singer-songwriter.

NeillyRich are Matthew McNeilly and Amelia Richards. With a youthful and energetic style that also pays homage to the greats of country music, they best channel the spirit of Johnny Cash and Loretta Lynn. They are sure to be a hit on Norfolk Island!

Chet and Melissa are a dynamic musical duo. Chet is one of the best guitarists in New Zealand, and Melissa's remarkable voice makes people sit up and take notice. Fabulous performances guaranteed.

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WELCOME to the "38th Annual" South Australian Country Music Festival

The **South Australian Country Music Festival** will be held throughout the SA Riverland from 3rd June to the 13th June 2016.

The **SA Country Music Awards** will be held on the 10th - 11th -12th June 2016 there will be 12 sections held over three days in three Venues. Winners of all Sections will compete for the **SA Award of Excellence** at the **SA Sunday Spectacular** on Sun 12th June at Barmera Monash Football Club

The **South Australian Country Music Festival & Awards** has for the past 38 years remained the Biggest and the most Prestigious of its kind in the State.

New and Young Talent is discovered every year and Presentations will be made at the **South Australian Awards Concert** at 7pm on Sat 11th June at the Cobdogla District Club - for Bookings please phone **Barmera Visitor Information Centre** on **08-85882289**

Known as the "**Friendly Festival**" it also boasts a **Country Music Hall of Fame** and a **Hands of Fame Park**. The **SA Sunday Spectacular** will be held in the **Barmera Monash Football Club** and is another highlight with beautiful Lake Bonney as a backdrop to the day long show. National artists along with the best South Australian talent will appear at some ninety shows over ten days in twenty venues and shows are held indoors or in heated marquees.

Thousands of visitors from across Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand make the trip to the Riverland to enjoy ten days of fun and Country Music, each year fans visiting Australia from places as far away as Sweden, England and the USA have stayed to attend this wonderful event, many visitors come to every Festival and catch up with old friends, and many come for the first time and make new friends, one thing is certain they all continue to come back, and the month of June is the perfect time to visit the Festival with days spent in the winter sun that filters through and crisp cool nights in warm cosy Venues. Quality accommodation is available in Hotels, Motels, Caravan Parks and B&B's, surrounding towns a short distance away have Venues that present Live Entertainment , [check out our accommodation page](#) or phone **Barmera Visitor Information Centre** on **08-85882289**

The **SA Country Music Festival** is now the biggest and most important Event on the South Australian Country Music Circuit and one of the **Riverland's Major Events**.

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ROUND MOUNTAIN GIRLS • HILLBILLY GOATS • DOUG BRUCE • JONNY TAYLOR
HALFWAY • WARREN EARL BAND • INNOCENT EVE • HOO8HOO • THE JAY SEENEY BAND
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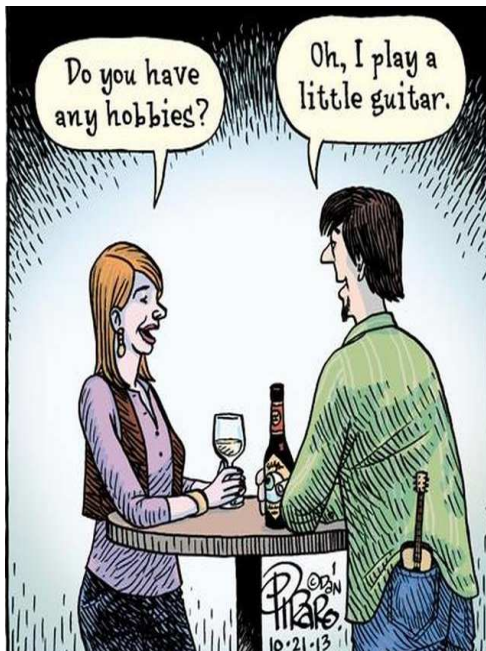
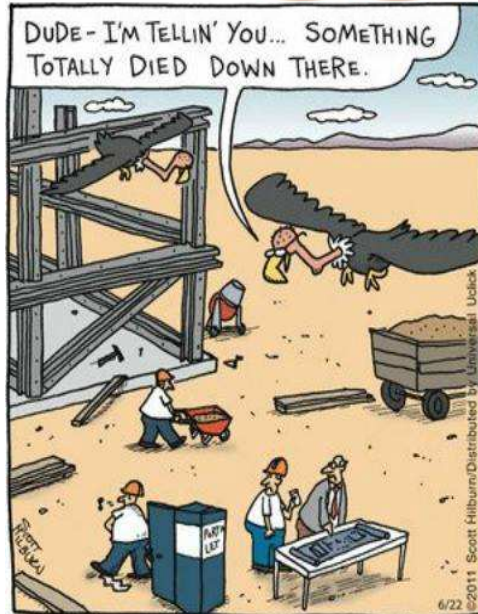
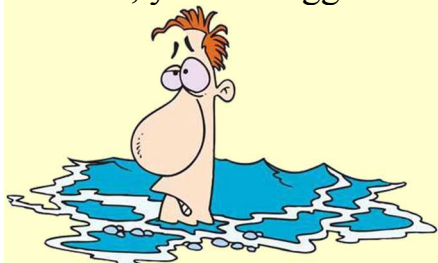
Dave had long heard the stories of an amazing tradition in his family.

It seems that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 18th birthday.

On that special day, they'd each walked across the lake to the pub on the far side for their first legal drink. So, when Dave's 18th birthday came 'round, he and his fiancé Mabel took a boat out to the middle of the lake where Dave stepped out of the boat... and nearly drowned!

Mabel just barely managed to pull him to safety. Furious and confused, Dave went to see Dad. "Hey Dad," he asked, "It's my 18th birthday, so why can't I walk 'cross the lake like you, Grandad, and Great Grandpa?"

Dad looked deeply into Dave's troubled eyes and said, "Because me, Grandad, and Great Grandpa were all born in winter when the lake is frozen over, and you were born in summer, ya daft bugger."



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In the following years, Hats Off continued to be a major focus with, first, the CMAA organising annual tribute concerts and more and more local venues joining in to increase the quantity and range of entertainment.

In recent years, Hats Off has been put together, organised and promoted by a small band of volunteers. This has now been expanded to include executive members of the Tamworth Country Music Festival Stakeholders Group.

In 2013, the Stakeholders Group made a decision to take responsibility for the event and is now developing a five year plan to make sure Hats Off continues to grow and develop in the future.

<http://www.hatsofftocountry.com/program.html>



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