

Welcome Aboard



Club member **Marj** works tirelessly in the local community and she also loves **Country Music**.

With her usual delicate charm **Marj** dragged our resident photographer by the shirt sleeve to introduce him to her friends and new club members **Violet, Fay and Betty**. Great to meet you folks and we look forward to seeing you at **Gawler Country Music Club** each month.

We have many new members joining each month now. If you are not **camera shy**, or if you wish to include **articles** in our monthly **newsletter**, please talk with committee members. CU soon.....**Flash!**

Kasey, Beccy, Lee & Keith

Country Music is gaining in popularity with Lee Kernaghan, Kasey Chambers and Keith Urban driving the genre to higher levels of recognition.

Country folks and City folks are joining forces to take **Australian** artists and their songs to the rest of the world.

Talking on the subject of popularity, Beccy Cole says "I remember starting singing in my mum's band when I was a little girl and I used to get spat on at school for loving country music."



Yep the times are a changin' folks.

'Our time will come'.

Gummy Bill

The greatly experienced and illustrious entertainer **Ross Baker** appears at **Gawler Country Music Club** on **Sunday 18th February** on the same billing as the great band **'Us Blokes'**.



Don't miss it folks. Come along and support your **Country Cousins**.

Ross's interest in **Country Music** began at an early age when he lived on the family farm in **Nangarithe** in the **Mallee Country of South Australia**.

It was then that he first listening to a **Hill Billy** shows on radio.

In 1955 after leaving their farm the family moved to **Gawler** where **Ross** bought a guitar and began lessons.

Ross appeared on the **5AD** Saturday morning country program hosted by **Bob Fricker** and also **5KA's Bobby's Community Sing Along**.

In 1957 **Ross** joined a country band called **'The South Aussie Ramblers'**

Ross's first big break came when **Rocky Page** invited Ross to sing on the **5RM "Sunset Trail Shows"**, which was recorded live in the 1950's and 60's. Ross then appeared on stage in **Rocky's charity shows** with many top Australian artists in country towns around **South Australia and Victoria**.

Ross married and **hung up his guitar for 18 years** while the children grew up, but with encouragement from family and friends he took up country music again and created his **"Gummy Bill"** act which has been very successful.

Ross has a string of CDs available. Talk to him at the show for details.

A long time buddy of **Ross Baker** is club member **Ross Ireland** who is looking forward to meeting up again to chat over old times.

Thanks to **Ross Ireland** for the pic of **Slim and Ross Baker**.

I'm sure you **two Ross's** will have many stories to share.



Just a Thought From **Bill Northcott!**

Bill invited a small number of folks around for drinkypoos just before the New Year.

A few beers and a precious measure of rich port poured from a bottle with **Jameson's Whisky** on the label went down as quick as a ferret down a rabbit hole.

As most of you know, Bill has a soft spot for encouraging country music, and his generosity has shown yet again when he quietly slips a small pack of notes into the hand of **Fred Payne**.

Fred went quiet, didn't say much, but said **'Thanks Bill!'**

It turns out that **Bill** has generously donated **\$300** towards a drum kit for the **Gawler Country Music Workshop**.

What can we say Bill?

'Thanks for your thoughts, your goodwill and your generosity.'

In his usual humorous mood Bill asked.....

'What is the difference between a Scotsman and a Coconut?'

'I don't know Bill.

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Answer:

'You can get a drink out of a coconut'

Then he handed out a bottle of wine to each of his guests.

Another nice thought Bill.

Many thanks for being a **True Aussie Mate and a true supporter of Country Music**.

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GAWLER COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB INC.

Venue: **Munno Para Bowling & Recreation Club**
Cnr. Curtis & Main North Roads Munno Para

Sun 18th February

12 Noon 'til 4pm

'Us Blokes'

True Blue Country Show

with **Ross Baker**



Admission: Members \$5: Non Members \$7:
Children under 16 free

Walk Up Artists, Live Band, Dancing & Prizes Lunch & Bar Facilities:
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