

## Us Blokes

In the beginning there were four blokes, all from different parts of the world. Magical forces brought them together and they are now all members of **Gawler Country Music Club**.

Another interesting fact is that **Gawler Country Music Club** has played a significant role in the development of a new SA act. A band named **'Us Blokes'**. **'Us Blokes'** play a mix of pop, country, 60's...Yep! and almost anything else.

**GCMClub member Guitarist, Vocalist Brian** has talents as a musician and vocalist. A big heart and a voice that is bigger than most vocalists would wish for.

**GCMClub member Rhythm Guitar and Vocals Fred** became actively involved in music as a teenager. He played tuba in a community Brass Band for 15 years. Now converted to playing guitar Fred likes to play all styles of music but his main influence is **'Country'**.

**GCMClub member Lead Guitarist and Vocalist Errol** has performed in bands over many years. He is a **Rock and Roll** and **Buddy Holly** fan and the **Mavericks** certainly have an effect on his musical preferences.

**GCMClub member and smiling Bass Man Les** learned to play guitar as a teenager in Scotland. After a short break of 30 years.... **He is Back! A born again Bass Player.**

**OK, not a GCMC member, but experienced Drummer Lindsay** plays anything from **Rock to Country to Gospel**. Playing with bands such as **Heartland** he has years of experience.



**'Us Blokes' are organising a Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation Fundraiser 'W&CH It!'**  
It's All Happening on  
**Saturday 26th Aug at Munno Para Bowling Club**  
9.30am to 11pm  
See website <http://www.usblokes.com/>

**Us Blokes, Tiffney Stroh, Nathaniel O'Brien, Greg Semmler, The Wanderers, Finnegan's Irish Band, Mr Tambourine, Compare Terry Sheehan, Adelaide Rock 'N' Roll Club, DLK Brass Band, Scottish Pipe Band, and more.... Please help us make this event a success. Fundraising assistance from members would be appreciated. See you soon and remember 'W&CH It!' Saturday 26th Aug.**

## Country Music Fundraising Success for the RSB

The **Royal Society for the Blind Country Music Fundraiser** advertised on posters at our venue and in the **Gawler CMC Website** was a great success.

Country music fans from all around South Australia attended the event and....

**Lorraine Howard** a founder member of **Gawler Country Music Club** who played a significant role in promoting this **RSB fundraising** event said...



'Thanks to everyone for your backing. The event raised in excess of \$2000 and we appreciate the support we received for this worthy cause....'

Lorraine goes on to say 'Thanks to **Munno Para Bowling Club** for allowing us to use your venue ...and to the entertainers...also a big thank you.'

The entertainment provided by **Rob Edwards, Charlie McCracken, The Suede Country Band,** and **'Our Pam'** was brilliant..... And surprise special guest **Penny Burke** was **'Yes.... something very special...'**

Well done and thanks to each and every one of you for a great show... To those behind the scenes... organising, catering, making sure everything ran smoothly **THANKS** to you all.



When the show is advertised next year, please book your tickets early. It is likely to be sold out.

And if you happen to see any flashers.... Don't ignore them... join in flashing..... The **Royal Society for the Blind** sells their eye-catching flashing badges to raise funds.

So if you want a flasher....contact **Lorraine**.

## John Turner and SaddleTramp

If you are a follower of country music there is no doubt that you will have heard the name **John Turner and Saddletramp**.

**John Turner** was raised in a droving family in outback Queensland. He spent his early years there experiencing a lifestyle that was to shape his future and lead him on the adventurous pathway to country music.



As a long time admirer of songs by **Stan Coster** and **Slim Dusty**, John's songs speak of the life, and hardship, joys and concerns of people on the land.

**Saddletramp** is an **Adelaide** based band formed in 1997 around singer/songwriter John.

The band plays a wide range of material from gentle ballads to hard-driving country rock, with

numbers from the early days of country music to the latest foot-stomping songs from Nashville.

John has been President of **Adelaide Country Music Club** since 2004.

Come along to the **Gawler Country Music Club show at Munno Para Bowling Club** on **Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon** start. **John Turner and Saddletramp** will be there to entertain you. You may also wish to purchase a copy of John's CD.

Info based on...

[www.saccm.com/artists/saddletramp/saddletramp.htm](http://www.saccm.com/artists/saddletramp/saddletramp.htm)

## Nicole Kidman to Marry Keith Urban

Oscar-winning actress **Nicole Kidman**, ex-wife of actor Tom Cruise, is engaged to marry country music star **Keith Urban**.

Confirmation of the engagement ends months of speculation about the couple, both of whom are 38 and were brought up in Australia.

They met in January 2005 at an awards dinner held by the Australian government in Los Angeles honouring both of them

Urban spokesman Paul Freundlich said he has no further details about the couple's engagement or their wedding plans.

People magazine said Kidman was photographed in November wearing a ring on her wedding finger while walking arm-in-arm with Urban in Boston.

Kidman, a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations Development Fund for Women, was born in Hawaii but brought up in Australia. **Urban**, a singer and guitarist, was born in New Zealand and grew up in Australia. He won a Grammy in 2005 for best male country vocal performance on the song **You'll Think of Me** and was named entertainer of the year for 2005 by the **Country Music Association**.