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Membership Application Form

Gawler Country Music Club Inc P.O. Box 1132 Gawler SA 5118 Ph: (08) 8255 8920

Name: (Please Print) _____ DOB (Optional... Day and month only): _____

Address: _____ Suburb/Town: _____ Post Code: _____

Tel: _____ Mobile: _____ Annual Membership Fee: \$10.00 Memb. No. (For Office Use):.....

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Do you sing or play a musical instrument?.....

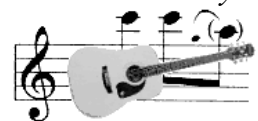
I agree to abide by the constitution and rules of the club: Signature.....Date.....

Please send this form with your cheque or P.O. (Not Cash) to The Secretary at the above address



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Come along and Enjoy

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Country
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Newsletter

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Gawler Country Music Club Inc. is a non profit organisation dedicated to the development of all styles of Country Music. The activities of the club include regular monthly meetings and shows; providing opportunity and encouragement to amateur artists; producing this newsletter and showing support for all other South Australian Country Music Clubs.

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Website: www.gawlercountrymusicclub.com.au

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'Hats Off to Smoky'

Smoky Dawson is recognized as one of the earliest pioneers of country music in Australia.

He made his first recording in 1941, just five years after **Tex Morton** the "Yodelling Boundary Rider" who was Australia's very first Country Music recording star.

In the following six decades, **Smoky** was to become a household name in Australia, and made an impact on the Nashville country music industry in America.

Smoky was, in fact, the first artist to record for the famous Acuff-Rose Hickory label in the States and performed at **the Grand Ole Opry** in the early 1950s.

After returning home to Australia from America, the famous **Smoky Dawson Show** debuted on Australian radio. It ran for the next 10 years.

Smoky was elevated to the **Country Music Roll of Renown** in 1978 and he was awarded an **MBE** for his services to country music in 1983.

In 2004, Smoky and his wife Dot celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Born 1914, Warrnambool Vic

Born in Warrnambool, Victoria in 1913, Smoky Dawson was Australia's first cowboy and a pioneer of Australian country music.

Smoky and his horse Flash were legendary.

An entire generation of young Australians grew up listening to his radio show and abiding by his 'code of the west'.



Smoky Dawson

During the Second World War, Smoky served in the first Australian Entertainment Unit.

It was after a severe illness that he returned from the jungles of Borneo to start **The Adventures of Smoky Dawson** on radio.

At its peak, the show was broadcast nationally on 69 stations.

Smoky has also received the Honour Awards of the **Grand Ole Opry** and the American Country Music Association in Nashville, Tennessee.

Country music has its followers and supporters. It has a history stretching back generations. Let us all ensure that the culture and goodwill of Country Music is also passed on to future generations.

Acknowledgement to: <http://www.countryragepage.com/smoky.htm>
<http://www.australianbiography.gov.au/dawson/bio.html>