

On the Record!

Greg Semmler.....



Greg has been involved with country music since 1968. His first performance was at the Elizabeth Motel in S.A at the 14 years of age.

In 1973, at Reynella his first group "Country Incorporated" was

formed. He toured throughout S.A. and played at prisons, concerts and cabaret's, his love being the concert circuit.

The band's line up changed over the years and became mainly a family group and Greg went on to play for many years.

He said 'I think we lasted so long because we were a family group and playing the songs people wanted to hear'

'We moved to the Northern Territory, living in Alice Springs for 4 years playing at all of the local venues. We then decided to move to Canberra and changed our name to "Capital Country."

We played professionally, six nights a week and joined forces with **Slim Dusty's** ex guitarist Barry Thornton.

In 1979 we were invited to Tamworth, playing at various venues and secured a recording contract with CM Records at Dubbo. We toured with many overseas artists and did various recordings at the time.

Yes, they were the good years.

Playing so often eventually took its toll and in early 1982 we moved back to the Barossa Valley. The band stayed together until 1992, when unfortunately my good mate and rhythm player Vern Pritchard passed away.

Playing in the group was never the same after that, but we stayed together for another 8 month's then decided that after playing for 23 years it was time to hang up the guitars.

During our time together we had recorded five cassettes and one LP.

Twelve month's down the track another group was formed, all great musicians and more up to date material. We called ourselves "**Heartland**" and played mostly in the Riverland and Barossa Valley.

New Year's Eve 2003 was to be my last performance with the group. I have now retired from the band scene, only doing the odd "guest artist" at a few shows throughout the year. Finally, I am pursuing my lifelong dream of having my own recording studio, SEMDIREC.

My first recording is my own, which will be out in September, called "I am what I am".

I have also produced a CD "**The Two Wanderers**" for duo **George Dobie and Eric Heintze**. They are currently having their songs played on Barossa Valley radio.

I plan to promote young up and coming "country music artists", offering an affordable approach to recording.

With 30 year's experience in the Country Music Industry I hope to use my experience to assist artists achieve their goals.'

Watch Out for..... "**I am what I am**"

To be released at the **Slim Dusty Tribute Show**
Munno Para Bowling & Recreation Club
Sun 17th Sept

For Further Details call SEMDIREC ...08 8251 4982



Tracey Rains

Gawler Country Music Club is actively involved in providing opportunities for new artists to develop their musical career.

After two standing ovations within a few days of each other, we could be hearing a

lot more of this young lady.....What do you think?

Tracey Rains is a vibrant and talented young lady, who has the looks the voice and lively personality that leaves one spellbound.

She has been singing with a passion for several years and it's only recently that she ventured into **Country Music**.

Tracey has won the hearts of audiences wherever she sings. She has been singing in Gospel concerts, numerous charity functions, Carols by Candlelight. For the past two years she has also appeared with Graeme Hugo & Ironbark at the Gawler Country Music Club.

Her love for singing can be felt when she sings, but don't take my word for it, listen and make up your own mind.

This is one of Australia's best up and coming young female performers.

Thanks to Tracey's Parents Karen and Danny O'Brien for this article.

'Monte Carlo'



Raelene and Martin pick the right spot at Gawler Country Music Club. Well done and congratulations. You deserve a win.

Just a Thought From Bill Northcott!

Bill Says!
Question:
What goes "Ooooooo"

Answer:
A Cow with no lips.

Bill Northcott was crossing the road one day when a frog called out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess". Bill bent over, picked up the frog and put it in his pocket. The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a beautiful princess, I will stay with you for one week." Bill took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it and returned it to his pocket. The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you and do ANYTHING you want." Again Bill took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket.

Finally, the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess, that I'll stay with you for a week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?"

Bill says, "Look... I like listening to **Slim Dusty** records, I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog is fine."



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Sun 17th Sept
**The Slim Dusty
Tribute Show**

Murray Mac & True Grit
Tracey Coster
Tom Maxwell
Amos Morris
Greg Semmler
Slim Connors

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

11am to 4pm
Doors open at 10am

First in best seated
Seats may be reserved for bookings of Ten Tickets or More
Admission: \$10

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For Further Information

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