

Twenty Thirteen

- The foiled Gunpowder Plot that threatened 17th Century England's government consisted of **thirteen** original conspirators.
 - Apollo 13** was the only unsuccessful mission by the United States of America's NASA program to land a mission on the moon, although fortunately all of the craft's crew returned to Earth safely.
 - Traditionally **thirteen** is reported as the number of steps leading up to the gallows.
 - Witches were claimed to gather in groups (a coven) of twelve and during such ceremonies, the devil would appear as the **thirteenth** attendee.
 - On **Friday, 13 October** 1307, Philip IV of France ordered the arrest of the (Christian) Knights Templar and seizure of all of their assets based on accusations of various forms of heresy. Some were later tortured and then burned at the stake. This is commonly believed to serve as the origin for the observance of **Friday the 13th** as an unlucky day.
 - Friday the 13th** is also theorized to originate from the claim that Jesus Christ was crucified on a Friday.
- In some traditions, however, thirteen is a lucky number:**
- In Judaism, **thirteen** is the age at which a boy achieves Bar Mitzvah.
 - Likewise in Judaism, the Torah states that God has **13 Attributes of Mercy** (also shared in some Christian traditions).

FINE FORM BIO See page 11

The band **Fine Form** is quickly becoming a household name in not only the **Country Music Industry** around South Australia, but the general music scene as well. The band consists of **Jodi & Craig Stringer** and **Matt & Kimberley Nitschke**, all of whom are well known in their own right throughout the music industry. In fact, Kimberley has just released a Country solo album which is now available for purchase at any of Fine Form's shows.

Fine Form originally started in 2006. Since then, they have become household favourites at Country Music Festivals around the state because of their talents and entertaining presence. They have an extremely versatile repertoire playing everything from Keith Urban right through to ACDC and just about anything in-between. This versatility makes them extremely popular not only in the Country Scene, but for just about any function or event.

They are regularly chosen for the 'late night party' stint of festivals because of their high energy performance and crowd pleasing songs.

Whilst they do play anything and everything, **Country** is where it all began for them, so they do like to stick to their roots. They play all types of country from traditional favourites right through to the newest country hits – another example of their versatility.

Their talents don't go unnoticed throughout the industry - they are regularly sought upon as a backing band for festivals and subsequent guest artists. Their knowledge of music and flair for quickly learning other artists' styles and music has made them one of the most trusted and respected backing bands in South Australia.

Fine Form take the backing of others seriously as it is still showcasing their talents and it is an honour for them to support others. They have been lucky enough to back **Adam Harvey, Graeme Hugo, Tracy Coster, Matt Manning, Amos Morris, Travis Collins, Sandra Humphries, Grant Luhrs, Shayne Parle** and countless others. Fine Form are also favourites in the outback. They have travelled as far north as Oodnadatta, William Creek and Coober Pedy and enjoy taking their music to towns that aren't lucky enough to get regular entertainment. They are regulars at Rodeo's, Bronco Brandings, Outback Events and of course Country Music Festivals.

WHO'S WHO IN FINE FORM?

Craig Stringer – Lead Guitar
Jodi Stringer – Vocals
Matt Nitschke – Drums
Kimberley Nitschke – Bass Guitar and Vocals

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- The **thirteenth** day following a death is the day on which a memorial feast is held for the peace of the departed soul in Hinduism.
- Thirteen** has special importance in the United States because it was founded with the thirteen original colonies and can be found used in a number of patriotic themes and articles, such as The Great Seal of the United States.
- The **thirteen** lunar cycles led to widespread belief in the number's importance in pagan cultures.

Are you superstitious?

Tell me about it...

Best wishes, and see you soon.

Les Parris Gawler CMC Ed



Just a Thought From Bill Northcott!

Doctor - "What seems to be the problem today?"

Patient - "Well Doc, I've got the farts ... I mean I fart all the time"

Doctor nods, "Hmm."

Patient - "Funny enough, my farts do not stink and you can't hear them. I fart all the time. We've been talking for about 10 minutes or so and I've farted five times. You didn't hear them and you don't smell them, did you?"

"Hmm," says the Doctor, Doc picks up his pad and writes out a prescription.

Patient - "This prescription, will really clear up my farts?"

Doctor - "No," sighs the Doctor, "The prescription is to **clear your sinuses**. Next week we'll get you back for a **hearing test**."

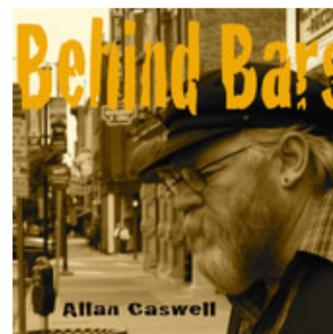
Late Entry

RIP Bill Northcott

Club Member Bill passed away early
Friday 5th April 2013

Our condolences go to Bill's Family and friends.

Allan Caswell continued from page 1.



As a performer, Allan Caswell has always subscribed to the theory that his job is to entertain. His live shows are a potent mixture of "Allan Caswell" songs, classic country and country rock. Whether he is working solo, with his friend and piano

virtuoso **Dave Skinner** (ex **Roxy Music**) or with their band, success is sure to follow.

A Man of many talents.

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