

Disclaimer

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Editors Note

Hi Folks

We are now into a new year, and with the latest news on **Talia Wittmann's** achievement at **Tamwoth** what a great way to begin 2008. (See Page 6)

Have you ever wondered how a small country town like **Tamwoth** managed to change the **Australian** tradition of heading for the beach in summertime?

The title of 'Country Music Capital' didn't just happen.

In the **1940s and '50s** when **Country and Western** music was booming in the cities, **Tamwoth**, like most other country towns at the time, had a **radio station** with a long tradition of playing 'hillbilly' music in the early hours of the morning.

By the '50s, local artists like **Buddy Bishop**, whose 'Barn Yard Yodel' was a big hit in **1950**, and others including **Geoff Brown** in the **50s and 60s**, had created and maintained an active though relatively small country scene in **Tamwoth**.

In the late **60's** the Queensland based **Modern Country Music Association**, now the **CCMA**, started running a **Talent Quest in Tamwoth** in **January** of each year.

But for years Australian country music had been pushed into the background by 'Rock 'n' Roll'.

From the late 50s for almost a decade only a few nationally recognised artists, like **Slim Dusty**, **Rick & Thel** and **Buddy Williams** soldiered on, travelling the dusty country roads, preserving **Australia's Country Music** traditions.

The modern story of **Country Music**, and **Tamwoth's birth** as **Country Music Capital**, did not begin until the second half of the 1960's.

To be continued in next month's **Gawler Country Music Club's Newsletter**.

Les Parris (Editor)

Acknowledgement to www.historyofcountrymusic.com.au

President's Report

January 2008

G'Day Members & Friends.

For those club members who couldn't attend our first 2008 show your committee wishes you a **Happy New Year**.

Our first show of this year featured 'Us Blokes' and guest **David Pearce**.

They attracted the biggest attendances for a **January** show for a many years. A great job guy's. Keep up the good work.

Our walk up's **Steve Liley Rodger Howard & Steve Tripodi** also chipped in with some great songs.

Our next show is set to be a great one with **Talia Wittmann** and **Overdrive**.

We congratulate **Talia Wittmann** who has won the **2008 Star Maker Award in Tamwoth**. Well done **Talia**.

So until our **February** Show.

Keep It Country

Keith Warren: President



Shirley & Dean Bevis
Monte Carlo Winners
sure are Winners & Grinners

February Birthdays

People born in February are fandabadozie!

Neville Potter	1 st
Martin Lindsell	2 nd
Eleanor Randell	2 nd
Barbara Martin	3 rd
Lorraine Howard	4 th
Neil Mitchell	6 th
Carol Trinne	8 th
Graeme Hunt	8 th
Harold Dunn	9 th
Marie Pettifer	11 th
Robert McGregor	11 th
Barbara O'Daniel	11 th
Joan Tuck	11 th
Gerald Bischoff	13 th
Benjamin Jefferies	14 th
John Helbig	16 th
Robert Brns	16 th
Robin Elbourn	17 th
Graham Hein	18 th
Cora Snook	21 st
Gwen McCade	22 nd
Graeme Mold	24 th
Frederick Hugo	28 th

Winners are Grinners

Lucky Envelope

Vi Mitchell
Steve L
Val Crispin
Members Draw
Bill Armstrong

Door Prize

J McNamara

Monte Carlo

Shirley & Dean Bevis

Raffle Prize Winners

Raelene Daniels	Pam Elliot
Flo Thompson	Flo Thompson
Barbara Martin	Kathy Armstrong
Irish Nash	Irene Tripodi

Kaylene Waples



ADELAIDE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

Sunday February 3rd
Bernie & the Bandits
with special guest
Peter Denahy (Vic)

12.30 to 5.0 p.m
Slovenian Club Dudley Park Pies Pasties
Sandwiches Cakes Cheese & Greens etc

Sunday March 2nd
Jay J Shannon and
Winchester

BAROSSA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB



Sunday Feb 10th

Jay J Shanon and
Winchester
plus
Craig Giles
11.0am to 5pm

Buna Terrace, Nuriootpa Tel 8523 1957



At **Gawler Country Music Club** a 'generous' coffee drinker was so desperate for a cuppa he/she left not the usual 50 cent payment, or \$1.00 or even \$2.00...

No No!... Their gratitude was expressed by leaving a donation of paper money!

Not \$5.00. Not \$10 and not even \$20.00....

The artistic joker left a look-alike paper copy of a 50c coin. The culprit may strike again so please be aware of the **artful dodger**....

GAWLER COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB INC.

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

Sunday 16th March
12 noon - 4pm



Tumbling Dice
with guest
Graeme Clarke

Members \$5: Non Members \$7: Under 16's free
Walk Up Artists, Live Band, Dancing & Prizes

Lunch & Bar Facilities:
For Further Information
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