

7th Feb Celebrity Birthday



Happy Birthday to all our **Gawler Country Music Club Members** who share the same Star Sign as **Garth Brooks** the fastest-selling solo artist in music history. **Garth Brooks** sold in excess of **100 million albums** in just ten years, now topping **105 million**.

'**Garth Brooks** has taken country music further than any other performer. He has reached the widest possible audience, gained phenomenal success, yet still retained the basic ingredients of country music.'

His love of music, ranges from working class blues and honky tonk to bluegrass. He has had an unprecedented run and has opened the doors for many more country artists to follow.

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Smoky Dawson

Legendary country singer and DJ **Smoky Dawson** Was recently recovering from a hip injury while in hospital.

Born **Herbert Henry** in **Melbourne** in **1913**, **Smoky** has been making music since the **1930s**.



Smoky has attended almost every **Tamworth Festival** since they first began in **1973**.

His wife **Dot** recently turned **100**.

A quote from **Smoky**...

"My wife is suffering from dementia, and I can tell you I've had plenty of weeping nights. But what keeps me going today is **Country Music**."

Sincere wishes to you both **Smoky and Dot** from all **Country Music** fans in **South Australia**. As ambassadors of **Country Music** you have inspired countless numbers of people to follow in your footsteps.

Thanks from Josie!

Club Member Josie thanks everyone for their cards and wishes for her and her daughter over the festive season.

Sorry Eliza!

Eliza Parker... I the **Gawler Country Music Club**... **Newsletter Editor** do hereby publicly apologise to you **Eliza** for saying in last month's **Newsletter** that you were **8 years of age** when in fact you were **9 years of age**.

The latest news folks is that **Eliza** is now **TEN years of age**. **Yahoo!** **Hope you had a Happy Birthday Eliza!**

If you would like to sponsor **Eliza**, you may purchase badges from her at our monthly shows.



Ma's Country Kitchen



Cheese Twists

Ma has been providing a few tips to her **Grand-daughter Chelsea**.

With supervision your grand-kids could have your mouths watering.... and the whole family shouting.... 'More, more, more...'



It's really easy. My Papa just loves 'em!

INGREDIENTS:

2 Sheets frozen puff pastry
3 tablespoons tomato sauce
1 cup grated tasty cheese

PREPARATION:

Defrost pastry, turn on oven to 220c and grease oven tray.
Spread pastry sheets out, using pastry brush.
Spread tomato sauce over one sheet of pastry.
Sprinkle cheese on the top the tomato sauce.
Place the other pastry sheet on top. Press pastry sheets together, by rolling with a rolling pin.
Pour a little milk into a saucer, and brush over the top of the pastry.

Cut into sixteen strips, and then cut each strip in half, so you have a total of thirty- two strips.
Twist each piece several times to make a twisty shape and place in oven for 10-15 mins until golden brown. Leave to cool for 10 mins then serve.

Hands off Papa!

Australian of the Year 2008

Country Music friends were quick to congratulate **Lee Kernaghan** on being named **Australian of the Year**.

Troy Cassar-Daley said "Lee Kernaghan is deserving of the title. I have known Lee for over 20 years and his heart has always been in Australia."

Top 50 Country Singles of 2007

The **Lee Kernaghan/Adam Brand/Steve Forde** hit **Spirit Of The Bush** – spent seven weeks at number one on the weekly **Country Tracks Top 30** singles chart – and topped the **Country Tracks Top 50** for **2007**.

Troy Cassar-Daley's Everything's Going To Be Alright and **Tania Kernaghan's** Life Don't Get Much Better Than This (both four weeks at number one) have come in at two and three, respectively; on the Top 50 while America's **Brad Paisley** is at four with She's everything.

Carter & Carter's The Best Things In Life Are Free is at five, **Tim McGraw's** Fly Away at six and **Melinda Schneider's** Stronger at seven.

Sara Storer's Land Cries Out (the current number one on the weekly chart) is at eight while **The McClymonts' Save Yourself** (currently at two) is at nine on the Top 50 and **Keith Urban's** I Told You So is at 10.

Australian songs made up 78 percent of all tracks on the Top 30 in 2007. There were a total of 119 chart entries, 93 by Australians, the remainder by foreign acts.

A total of 88 artists were represented, 16 of whom were debut hitmakers, including Australians

Sharon Benjamin, Rob Black, Lou Bradley, the Davidson Brothers, Steve Eales, Morgan Evans, Fiddlers Feast (with Graeme Connors), Shea Fisher, Nicki Gillis, Amber Lawrence, Markus Meier, John O'Dea, Anita Ree, Brendon Radford (with Casey Watt) and Matt Scullion.

There were **13 Australian number ones** during the year...
Baby's Gone Home by **The McClymonts**, **The Best Things In Life Are Free** by **Carter & Carter**, **Big Black Cloud** by **Felicity Urquhart**, **Everything's Going To Be Alright** by **Troy Cassar-Daley**, **Land Cries Out** by **Sara Storer**, **Life Don't Get Much Better Than This** by **Tania Kernaghan**, **Love Shack** by **Lee Kernaghan**, **I Told You So** by **Keith Urban**, **Run Away** by **Carter & Carter**, **Spirit Of The Bush** by **Lee Kernaghan, Adam Brand & Steve Forde**, **Stepped Right In It** by **Gina Jeffreys**, **That Changes Everything** by **Adam Brand** and **Walking Away** by **Troy Cassar-Daley**.

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