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Membership Application and Renewal Form

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

Name: (Please Print)

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Post Code:

(Or change of Address)

Tel: _____ Mobile: _____ Annual Membership Fee: \$10.00 Are you already a Member? Yes my Number is No

My Favourite Country Music Artists are:.....

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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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.

Committee Members

*Kay Dobie, Kevin Vardon,
 Carlene Oliver, Allen Prow,
 Crystal and Veronica Antoniazzi*
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$10.00.

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Songs of Gawler

**FROM AUSTRALIA'S MOST PROLIFIC
 COUNTRY MUSIC SONG WRITER**

It's not very often that a 'Small Country Town' is recognised and featured strongly in the words of a song. However, anything is possible in the world of **Country Music**.

Patriotic Songwriter **Ken Robertson** has written around 3000 songs including **ten Country songs featuring Gawler.**

Born on the 3rd of April 1929 in Hilston, N.S.W.; at the age of three **Ken Robertson's** family moved to Koondrook Vic., where he spent his childhood alongside the **Murray River.**

Following in the footsteps of a family of Poets, **Ken's** love of music & lyrics blossomed, and by 13 years of age he was writing lyrics & singing in his parent's rickety back shed.

Ken left home at 16 year of age, working & travelling his way around Australia writing songs and performing.

In 1953 Ken met & married his lovely wife, **Josephine** and raised a family of four children in **Swan Hill, Vic.** **Ken and Josie** both had a passion for **Country Music**. In between working, they travelled and performed with their family at many country dances, festivals & concerts.

Around 1975, **Ken** set up the rooms of his Swan Hill home as a recording studio where he was to record many of his original songs on cassette. In 1979 he was approached by **'Bear Family Records'** of Germany with the record company pressing and releasing an L.P. album, called **'Ken Robertson's Songs of Australia'**. This album was one of his **first LP's to be released in Europe prior to being released in Australia.**

After years of recording in their home, **Ken** and **Josephine** finally built a soundproof music studio to create the **Studio One Production... Pioneer Country Sounds**. Ken's love of writing and recording songs continues today; with over 35 years of developing his unique collection of Australian History & Country Music.

Ken has written over **3000 songs**, and progressed from cassette & video productions to DVD and CD following today's ever-changing advances in technology.

Ken was inducted into **'The Country Music Hands of Fame'** in **Tamworth** and **Country Music Avenue of Fame S.A.** and he has received countless awards including the **'Norm Scott Award'** for song writing & the **'Mountain Heritage Award'** for his song titled **'The Man From Snowy Rivers Last Ride'**. Ken's songs cover a wide variety of subjects including adventure, ballads, gospel, comedy, love songs and children's songs.

Over 400 of his songs have been recorded by other country music artists both in Australia and Overseas. Some of the well known artists to record Ken's songs include **Dusty Rankin, Rick & Thel Carey, Reg Poole, Bluey Francis, Don Gresham, John R. Williams, Mary Cummins, The Pitt Family and Michael T Wall (Canada).**

Ken has travelled much of Australia researching areas gathering local history, stories and information to write into his songs. **Ken says.....**

"These songs are written for my love and devotion of this great land Australia. This then is my salute to my homeland."

Ken Robertson

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 Robertson**