

That Woz the Day That Woz!

15th January 2011

Eddie and Friends

We had a great start to the 2012 Gawler CMC shows. Eddie and friends had the crowd dancing, clapping, swaying and hand jiving. Their popular mix of Country, Rockabilly and Rock & Roll was enough to have some people asking when we will have them back. 'We are Australian' towards the end of the show had many of the audience standing and singing along.



Robert's Artistic Flare

At the Adelaide Country Music Club's January show, I (Les) met many interesting people and familiar faces. Great to see you all folks!

Have you ever met a person who really stands out from the crowd?

Standing at the bar I met up with Rob McMahon. He had his measuring tape and toolkit attached around his anatomy. I thought...he must be a bit of a handyman...I'll have a chat with him.

He is one of the most interesting characters I've met for many a year.

Over a couple of glasses of Ouzo this is what I learned from renowned Artist R.F. McMahon.

Born 1939, I travelled around the country of Australia.

I am now in the middle of writing my book which includes a glossary of my life experiences and adventures.

I met up with **Smokey Dawson**, as a young bloke. We cracked whips together. Can you just imagine us larrikins having fun and laughter doing this?

I had the good fortune of meeting overseas stars, like **Gregory Peck** when he made the movie "On the Beach" in the 50's and it went on from there.

I met country blokes, like Rodeo Rides and singers **Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash** and all the **Highwaymen** I had a drink with them.

Charlie Pride, Slim Dusty, Johnny Mac and many others. I remember most clearly when I was a kid meeting **Hopalong Cassidy**, that was a big thing for me, he gave me a gun and holster and a badge which I still have today.

Also meeting up with movie stars, many of them Australian actors and overseas ones too. I think I met the best!

In the past I did have a lot to do with local bands, getting them into Venues to play. Even got **Jimmy Barnes and Cold Chisel** their first gig in Adelaide 1973 at the Reepham Hotel. I then moved them onto the pub called Largs Pier Hotel; they played there for quite some time.

Now I am having a bit to do with the Slim Dusty Centre, I want to see that go ahead, for all to see. This is why I love country Music and I love helping others, if I can.

Just love smiley faces, makes my day.

From a legend, yours truly Robert F Mc Mahon.

PS: Also my friend who now has passed away the great Giant Reg Lindsay. TV Star.

I also painted Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson portraits.



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Tribute to Reg Lindsay

Country Music legend **Reg Lindsay** will be honoured with a life-size bronze statue to be erected in **Cessnock**.

Reg passed away in 2008, aged 79, and his widow **Ros** said she has received numerous fan inquiries about honouring Reg for his achievements in the music industry.

Reg recorded more than 65 albums, won three Golden Guitars and wrote more than 500 songs in his career. He also had two long-running television shows (the **Reg Lindsay Country Hour** and **Reg Lindsay Country Homestead**) in the 1960s and '70s and tasted success in the United States.

With **the Lindsays** calling Cessnock home since 1989 (the year after they married) and the annual **Reg Lindsay Rodeo** staged at Cessnock Showground for the past 18 years, it was decided the statue would be placed in Cessnock.

An **Order of Australia Medal (OAM)** recipient in 1989, Reg was posthumously inducted into the **City of Cessnock Hall of Fame** in 2009.

Ros is planning a series of concerts to help raise funds to build the statue, the first of which will be held at East Cessnock Bowling Club on Saturday, February 11.

The concert will be headlined by Australian country music's great **Adam Harvey** and features the **Crosby Sisters, Allan Caswell, Wendi Jackson, Bruce McCumstie, Donita Dey and Reg Lindsay Homesteaders Showband members** including **Steve Newton, Eddie Fisher, Alan Tomkins and George Boyer.**

Up for auction will be a pair of **Reg's stage boots**, one of **Reg's rodeo saddles** and an **Outback Club** hat donated by **Lee Kernaghan.**

An 18-track CD of **Reg Lindsay classics, titled No Stone Unturned**, will be released on the night and will be available at major outlets or through Reg's web page, www.reg Lindsay.com.au.

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