



## A Busy Day at Gawler CMC

Santa made a flying visit to our club for our Christmas show but was overrun by exited adults. Not many children were in attendance and unfortunately some children left the event early due to (I am told) some safety issues on the busy dance floor. I saw Santa leaving the club feeling totally exhausted. Thanks Santa. Hopefully we'll see you again next year.

The busy day included our band for the day Phoenix and Guest Nathan Bruhn. Walk ups included Roger Howard and Tammie and Stewart Ray. Thanks folks for your input.

Our Monte Carlo Grinners this month are our regular line dancers C Roberts & Diana Morsbach

The winner of the Monster Hamper was Kath Bergan Kindly Donated by Roz Lang

And the winner of the Alcheringa Shindig / Workshop Guitar donated by Mt Barker Music Shop was Lyn Thompson. She donated her win to the Gawler Country Music Workshop. Lyn can be seen here handing the guitar over to Fred Payne the Music Workshop Coordinator as a donation.

Thanks for your kind generosity Lyn.

A final **Thank You** to everyone who has supported donated and attended Gawler Country Music Club during 2012. We look forward to enjoying your company again throughout 2013.

## CMSA Champion of Champions

Held at Vogue Theatre, Kingswood November 24, 2012

An excellent event with a good sized crowd produced results that will feature in the history of Country Music in South Australia.

### Senior Champion of Champs:

**Kym Wilson-Neale (Rocky Page Scholarship)**

### Junior Champion of Champs:

**Amy Sherrah (Cindy Shelton Scholarship)**

### Senior Female Finalists:

**1. Kym Wilson-Neale 2. Tanya Cornish  
3. Deidre Reed**

### Senior Male finalists:

**1. Jim McMullen 2. Tristan Newsome**

### 14 - 17 & Under finalists:

**1. Amy Sherrah 2. Stephanie Ward-Wrigley**

### APRA SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SONG OF THE YEAR AWARDS:

#### Traditional Section Finalists

- 1. Nathaniel O'Brien "Never Gonna Go Home"**
- 2. Fiona Karamanlidis "Field Of Sunflowers"**
- 3. Doug Venning "The Nuri Undertaker"**

#### Modern Section Finalists

- 1st : Nathaniel O'Brien "Take Me Back"**
- 2nd : Amber Joy Poulton "Windmills"**
- 3rd : Deidre Reed "All My Life"**

### APRA SONG OF THE YEAR

**Nathaniel O'Brien "Take Me Back"**

**Industry Award 2012 to Natalie Pearce**

## VALUES for MUSICIANS

To all practicing and participating musicians and artists. The following checklist may assist you in avoiding some of the pitfalls experienced by those musos who existed and succeeded before you.

**THE GREATEST HANDICAP --- FEAR**

**THE BEST DAY --- TODAY**

**EASIEST THING TO DO --- FIND FAULT**

**MOST USELESS ASSET --- PRIDE**

**THE GREATEST MISTAKE --- GIVING UP**

**THE GREATEST STUMBLING BLOCK --- EGOTISM**

**THE GREATEST COMFORT --- WORK WELL DONE**

**MOST DISAGREEABLE PERSON --- THE COMPLAINER**

**WORST BANKRUPTCY --- LOSS OF ENTHUSIASM**

**BEST TEACHER --- ONE WHO MAKES YOU WANT TO LEARN**

**GREATEST NEED --- COMMON SENSE**

**MEANEST FEELING --- REGRET AT ANOTHER'S SUCCESS**

**BEST GIFT --- FORGIVENESS**

**SUGGESTION: Put these values as a pin-up in your practice room.**

## Bad Machines [Shane Nicholson](#)

Recently listening to ABC Country, Shane Nicholson's 2011 recording of **Bad Machines** caught my attention. Shane is an Australian singer-songwriter from Brisbane.

He lives on the Central Coast in New South Wales with wife **Kasey Chambers**.

Shane first appeared on the scene through a band formed in his last year of high school, called "**Freak**".

This band went on to win the first round of **Triple J Unearthed** competition in the **Sunshine Coast** division.

The band split shortly after a lengthy delay in releasing an album and Shane decided to pursue a **solo career** and released the critically acclaimed **It's a Movie in 2002**.

It was during the recording of this album with **Nash Chambers** that Nicholson met **Kasey Chambers**, who duetted with him on the lead single "**Designed to Fade**".

He toured in Australia, and made his United States debut at the **South by Southwest Festival**, which prompted his signing with Virt Records and an extensive US tour.

In 2008 Shane joined with wife **Kasey Chambers** for the critically acclaimed **Rattlin' Bones** roots/country album which eventually won an **ARIA Award for Best Country release in Australia 2008**, and also picked up **5 Golden Guitar Awards in Australia in 2009**.

Shane found time between tours to record his third solo album, **Familiar Ghosts** released in November 2008, which was also nominated for an ARIA Award for Best Country Album in 2009.

In recent years, Shane has also moved into music production, working on albums for artists such as **Angie Hart (Frente), Catherine Britt, Beccy Cole, Sarah Humphreys, Nikki Jensen, Israel Cannan and others**.

In March 2011 Shane released his sixth solo album titled **Bad Machines** which gained an ARIA Country Album of the Year nomination and 6 CMAA Country Music Awards of Australia Nominations in the awards held in **Tamworth on 28 January 2012**.

Shane and wife **Kasey Chambers** welcomed a baby girl on 6 October 2011 and named her **Poet Poppin Nicholson**. **On Saturday 28 January 2012, Shane took out the APRA Song of the Year Golden Guitar Award for his song, "Bad Machines"**.

