

# Age Is No Barrier

EVERY time **Eunice Payne** passes a white cross on the highway her heart aches.

It is not that she knows first-hand the grief of losing someone she loves in a car accident.

She says, "Touch wood, I have never lost anyone like that but I know others who have."

As a mother and grandmother she can imagine the heartbreak of having her child's memorial out beside the bitumen.

It is this somber thought that has been the catalyst for her third - and most evocative - **country music album** to date.

Entitled '**Silent Crosses**,' the title track was written by **Snowy Mountain's** troubadour **Ernie Constance** and is a lonely reminder of Australian road accident victims.

"Yes, the title track is sad and sombre. It is meant to be.

"Every time I drive past a white cross on the highway I think about the people left behind to grieve.

"There are more and more public memorials along our roadways and they remind many of us how fragile life is."

At 65 having suffered a stroke, **Eunice** took up yodelling. However, now the 72 year-old country woman is quick to reassure fans the tone of the album is not depressing.

"There is definitely a mixture of songs; some are upbeat and, of course, I have included some yodelling."

"I started singing and playing guitar as a 12 year old," "I used to sing on the Hillbilly hour on 4WK radio.

"Later I performed with bands and orchestras at dances around Warwick."

At 18, **Eunice** married and the guitar was "stashed under the bed" as children arrived and life became busy.

"At 49 I had a massive stroke and somehow survived and it was only after that I started to make time to play again."

Proving age is no barrier to realising dreams, she worked up the courage to venture into a recording studio in 2005. Her first album *Just A Song and A Yodel* was released the same year. In 2008 her second effort *In the Luggage Van Ahead* also sold well in country music circles.

"I think this could be my last CD," she laughed.

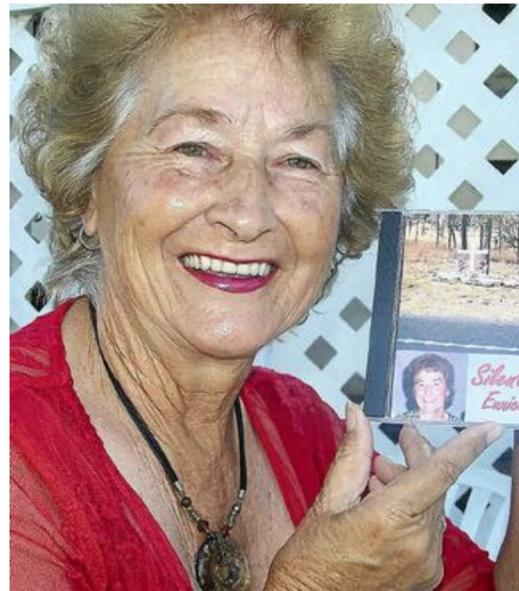
"My husband Bill is waiting for an operation to have a pacemaker.

"We've been married for 54 years and we have four children, 11 grandkids .

"So you could say life has become a little busy again."

For a copy of **Eunice Payne's** third CD **White Crosses** call **07 4667 4958**

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## Wayne Horseburgh and the Howie Brothers

Their November show at **Gawler CMC** included '**I Remember You**' and a bundle of songs from yesteryear.

Their music, guitar, keyboard, bass and saxophone effects blended well with the cool voices of **Wayne and his 'Cowboy' compadres**'. The crowd of 200 plus fans obviously enjoyed the music, the jokes and the interaction of the fab four. A large group of fans travelled from the Barossa with Greenock Coaches and left the show with smiles on their faces. It is no surprise that each of the band members were 'Layed'...Hawaiian style...as they played 'Blue Hawaii'.

Indicators from the crowd; laughing, singing along and swaying from side to side, followed by rapturous applause were enough to show that the show was a great success.



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