

Where the Pelican Builds

Mary Hannay Foott 1846 - 1918

THE HORSES were ready, the rails were down,
But the riders lingered still—
One had a parting word to say,
And one had his pipe to fill.
Then they mounted, one with a granted prayer,
And one with a grief unguessed.
“We are going,” they said as they rode away,
“Where the pelican builds her nest!”

They had told us of pastures wide and green,
To be sought past the sunset’s glow;
Of rifts in the ranges by opal lit;
And gold ’neath the river’s flow.
And thirst and hunger were banished words
When they spoke of that unknown West;
No drought they dreaded, no flood they feared,
Where the pelican builds her nest!

The creek at the ford was but fetlock deep
When we watched them crossing there;
The rains have replenished it thrice since then,
And thrice has the rock lain bare.
But the waters of Hope have flowed and fled,
And never from blue hill’s breast
Come back—by the sun and the sands devoured—
Where the pelican builds her nest.

Supplied by **Gawler Country Music Club**
Vice President **Keven McGregor**



Keven has been known to write the odd poem or two.

We may have a **Keven** original for next month’s newsletter.

Thanks for your contribution **Keven**.

Nice to see you setting a good example for other Committee and Club Members by providing information for our Newsletter.

Open House Country

John Hess the club **President** of **Open House Country** recently indicated that he will be discontinuing with the **Open House Country Club** due to health issues.
We wish you good health in the future **John**.
Best wishes from us all.



Monte Carlo Winners

No it’s not de ja`vous... Jennifer and Rob have scooped the prize two times in a row. Small turkeys?

Gawler Country Music Club Newsletter Folding Team

The **Editor** wishes to thank the **Gawler Country Music Club Newsletter Folding Team** for your support throughout 2007.



Kathy Armstrong, Kevin Keepence and Tina Chapman... pictured last month.

George and Kay Dobie, Terry Sheehan, Sandy Keepence and Marjorie Bateson... thank you all so much for your assistance over the past year. It’s been a pleasure to meet up with you at each folding session.

On behalf of our **Club** we express our appreciation for your ongoing assistance and support.



Just a Thought
From
Bill Northcott!

‘Summer is the time when we try to keep the house as cold as it was in winter when you complained about it.’

Aunty Kay’s Question Time

Q. A farmer has a dog, a sack of grain and a live chicken, all of which he must take across a river. The boat will only carry him and one of the things at a time or it will sink. Without the farmer, the dog would kill the chicken, and the chicken would eat the grain. How does he get all three across safely to continue his journey?

Wally’s our Favourite

At the **2007 Radio Adelaide Awards** country music presenter, **Wally Sparrow** was named as the ‘**Favourite Presenter for 2007**’.



It was also acknowledged that **Wally’s Saturday morning** program, **Country Brekky**, was the single biggest earner of listener subscriptions during the same period.

This is a great win for **Country Music** when you consider the amount of diverse programs that **Radio Adelaide** presents.

Wally took on the program three years ago and has worked very hard to make it a success.

Well done **Wally**; we look forward to many more early morning **Country Brekkies**.

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