News & Views From Our Committee and Club Members

This page is now devoted to information provided by **Committee and Club Members**

At The Drop of a Hat

Clive and I left at twenty past seven Sunday morning to head up to **Barmera**, for what we hoped would be an exciting day of **country music**. While travelling by car we sang along to every song on a compilation Country Music CD, and before we knew it we had arrived at the exhibition hall just outside of Barmera.

Greeted in the car-park by a smiling **Ian Fisk**, he said he was wondering... 'Who are those two ugly blokes?' We thought he must have been talking about someone else.

Having paid our entrance fee, we quickly set up our chairs in a good possy inside the huge shed. Proceedings didn't take long to get going with the finalists of the talent quests competing for the title of **Overall Champion**.

We mingled with the artists as they arrived and had a photo's taken with **The Sunny Cow Girls, Kristy Cox, Charlie McCracken** etc.

The main show included Talia Whittmann, Charlie McCracken, Ferral Swing Katz, Frisk & Cristan, The Rustlers, Olive Bice, Alby Pool and his daughter, Rick Bartlett and a few more. Finishing the day was the Sunny Cow Girls.

As we listened to the great music from the performers, the crowd was clapping and smiling for the duration of the event.

After the great show **Clive** and **I** did some more mingling and a few more photos were taken. We nearly emptied our wallets buying CD's.

When we left *that* venue we headed to the **Barmera Football Club** to see **Rick Bartlett** performing his two hour acoustic show. He was outstanding in all aspects of musical talent and showmanship. Whilst there; we caught up with **Chooka Williams**, and some members of **Gawler Country Music Club**. We enjoyed the show so much we forgot to order our meal.

We stayed to hear **Kristy Cox** and **The Rustlers** we decided to check out the **Marquee Show** at the **Cobdogla Station Caravan Park** run by **Olive Bice.**

The Marquee Show consisted of all types of acts ranging from folk, bush balladeers, country and country rock. The artists ranged from first timers up to the likes of Mark Tempany and Alison Hams. There were thirty-two walk up artists in total... enjoyed by all present.

By this time we had to drag ourselves away from all the activity as my leave pass ran out and we arrived home at One forty five Monday morning.

Ha Ha lucky we didn't go for a week!

Fred & Clive (See pic page 4)

THE MAGIC CARPET

Since his debut album in 1995 the career of **KENNY CHESNEY** really took off with his 2001 hit song **Young**.

"If I had to put my finger on one song that took me to the next level and started this amazing **magic carpet ride** that we've all been on over the last several years, it would be **Young**," reveals **Chesney**.

"It's still my favourite song to do live."
His latest album, **Greatest Hits 2**, takes **Chesney** from that pivotal period and his album **No Shoes**, **No Shirt**, **No Problems** through an amazing collection of hits.

Chesney has managed to shift 25 million units and consistently plays live to over one million fans every year.

He's the biggest ticket-seller in **North America** in any genre of the 21st century.

He has sold in excess of 25 million "It's hard to believe it's been 8 years since we released **Young.**

Young Keven



Gawler Country Music Club Committee Member Keven has been called many things over the years...Now he has earned the right to the venerable title

'Octogenarian'.

Keven accompanied by his wife **Yvonne** walked into **Munno Para Bowling and Recreation Club** on the evening of Saturday **6**th **June 2009** to enjoy a show and to

strut their stuff on the dance floor.

As he walked into the hall, one hundred people shouted in unison... 'Happy Birthday!'

After ten seconds of shock, silence and adopting the posture of a bronze statue, **Keven** managed to catch his breath to utter a few words to the effect of... 'I think I've just survived a heart attack!'

Keven's surprise **80**th **Birthday Party** was a well kept secret organised by his wife **Yvonne** and family.

Good music, good food, lovely cake and a well deserving recipient... **Keven Octogenarian McGregor** ... We hope you enjoyed your special day and if **you** have a **magic carpet** can we please borrow it?



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Just a Thought From Bill Northcott!

Bill wishes to clarify last month's announcement...Mia is Bill's Great Great Grand-daughter ... Born 24th April. Thanks Bill... and BGood..... GGGD!



Young Aussies Get Up and Go! BARMERA 2009

It's great to see our young Country artists putting in the effort to follow their dreams of furthering a career in **Country Music**.

Well done and congratulations to the following artists......

Gospel Junior

12 years & Under 1st Taylor Pfeiffer 2nd Eliza Parker 3rd Breanna Kinloough

13 & Under 1st Gabriella Ballard 2nd Eliza Parker 3rd Taylor Pfeiffer

Songwriter

2nd Tiffney Stroh 3rd Claire Turner

Country Rock

2nd Candy Latham

If you are a position winner and your name is not mentioned above, please email your details to the Newsletter Editor. (See pages 6 & 7.)

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