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Membership Application Form**

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Name: (Please Print)

DOB (Optional... Day and month only):

Address:

Suburb/Town:

Post Code:

Tel: Mobile: Annual Membership Fee: \$10.00 Memb. No. (For Office Use):.....

My Favourite Country Music Artists are:.....

Do you sing or play a musical instrument?.....

I agree to abide by the constitution and rules of the club: Signature:.....Date:.....

Please send this form with your cheque or P.O. (Not Cash) to The Secretary at the above address

*Dance Sit Listen Chat Play Eat 'n' Sip*



**Come along and Enjoy**

**Gawler  
Country  
Music Club Inc  
Newsletter**

Gawler Country Music Club Inc. is a non profit organisation dedicated to the development of all styles of Country Music. The activities of the club include regular monthly meetings and shows; providing opportunity and encouragement to amateur artists; producing this newsletter and showing support for all other South Australian Country Music Clubs.

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**Gawler Country Music Club**

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**'Crazy' Songwriter!**

At 74 years of age, Willie Nelson has still much more to offer his multitude of fans. The country singer released his latest album 'Moment of Forever' in January 2008.

After leaving high school Willie Nelson served briefly in the U.S. Air Force and then spent some time as a student at Baylor University.

In the mid-'50s, he worked as a DJ in Texas and Washington, and played live music in honky-tonks, continually refining his skills as singer/songwriter.

In 1960, he moved to Nashville and signed as a songwriter with Pamper Music. He joined Liberty Records in 1962, his first major label deal.

It didn't take long for country artists to notice his talent as a composer. In 1961 Faron Young scored a No. 1 hit with Nelson's "Hello Walls." Later that year, Patsy Cline hit it big with Willie's song "Crazy."

It was during the early '70s that Nelson switched from wearing suits and short hair to jeans, flowing locks and the distinctive bandana. "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain" went to No. 1 and from 1975 onward, Nelson's fame as a Country Star rose.

His album Stardust, (1978) stayed on the Country Charts for 10 years. In 1982, his album Always on My Mind won the CMA's Album Of The Year award.

Around this time he won five Grammys for his best-known work, including "On the Road Again," "Georgia on My Mind," and "Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys".

Willie has been showered with honours, among them inclusion in the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame (1973), the Country Music Hall of Fame (1993) and the Songwriters Hall of Fame (2001).

Nelson has been nominated for 43 Country Music Association awards and has won 9 of them, including the Entertainer Of The Year Prize. (1979)

He has recorded albums and hits singles with Jennings, Price, Ray Charles, Roger Miller, Dolly Parton, Merle Haggard, Brenda Lee, Julio Iglesias, Kris Kristofferson, Porter Wagoner, Curtis Potter, Norah Jones, Sheryl Crow, Sinéad O'Connor, and Neil Young.



**Willie Nelson**

Willie joined forces with Waylon Jennings, Kristofferson and Johnny Cash in 1985 for their No. 1 single "Highwayman" and an album and tour of the same name.

In 1990 the Internal Revenue Service presented Nelson with a tax bill for over \$16 million and then seized most of his property to cover it.

Willie managed to turn this setback into a publicity bonanza when he released the fund-raising double album, The IRS Tapes: Who'll Buy My Memories.

For the past several years, Willie has recorded work for several labels.

Willie Nelson co-founded the Farm Aid Music Festival in 1985 with fellow performers, to raise awareness about and funds for America's farmers. He has co-headlined the event every year since its inception.

For a gift or a special why not treat purchase his latest..... 'Moment of Forever'.

Thanks Willie....but I'm sorry to say

Gawler Country Music Club can't quite cover your fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_. Maybe next year.