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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**

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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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Additional copies of the Newsletter may be obtained at club functions or by contacting the Secretary on 8255 8920.

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Franky becomes 'Slim'!

It's not every day that one has the pleasant opportunity to meet up with a successful entertainer who is modest, polite, easy going and sincere.

If you happen to bump into **Slim Connor** on your travels, do have a chat with him. You are sure to be impressed with his friendly nature. Multi award winning song writer and popular singer **Slim Connor** is one of the most pleasant characters around.

Born **Francis Michael Connor** he's been called **Slim** from an early age by everyone who knew him because of his love of **Slim Dusty's** songs.

He grew up in a musical family on a farm in the small town of **Lake Boga** just out of **Swan Hill** where he remembers having many musical nights with friends and neighbours.

Over the years as a growing child his mum would sing and his dad played the accordion, his brothers and sisters all sang too. There was always music in their house.

His love of country music came through listening to the '**Hill Billy Hour**' on **Radio 3SH**.

When milking the cows he would get the cows in early so he wouldn't miss out on any of the program.

He loved the lyrics and stories of people and places in the country. **Country Music** was his life and **Slim Dusty** his idol.

Slim can remember his dad making him an old guitar from a tin can, tie wire and a piece of timber. It was pretty rough but he used to bash on it and sing along.

He also had a small toy guitar and dreamt of one day being on stage singing **Slim Dusty** songs and yodelling.

He still has that guitar to this day. It hangs in his music room along with the many other trophies he's received over the years.

Slim mostly taught himself to play guitar. He also learned from friends of the family such as **Bluey Francis** and **Ernie Heath...** picking up ideas from **Country Music shows** whenever he could. He still remembers the day when he walked 5 miles to see **Buddy Williams** performing.

When **Slim** was 16, he appeared in several **Slim Dusty** shows. He also performed with **Buddy Williams** many times over the years, and with **Chad Morgan, Dusty Rankin** and **Kevin Shegog**.



Slim Connor

Slim has been invited to appear at many country music festivals by popular demand. He writes and sings many of his own songs and he also sings many of **Slim Dusty's** numbers.

For a lad who struggled with schoolwork in his childhood years, **Slim Connor** is an inspiration to others to follow their dreams. To develop interests and personal strengths and to use them to the best of their ability.

Hey! If you know of any youngsters who become easily bored and don't know what to do with their spare time; tell them to take a leaf from **Slims Connor's** book. Advise them to listen to **Wally Sparrow** each **Saturday morning on Country Brekky 6am to 9am** and... Tell them to '**Hurry up with milking the cows!**'

Or why not advise them to come along to the **Gawler County Music Workshop...12 Noon to 5pm** the **First Saturday of each month...**

See Page 9 for details.