

## Easter Confusion

By all accounts **Vanessa Lea & Road Train** and guest **Nathaniel O'Brien** put on a great **Easter Monday** show at **Kilkenny RSL** West Croydon.



However, some confusion arose as a result of a discrepancy in the timing of the event.

Posters indicated the show as **1.00pm - 5.00pm** while the **Gig Guide** indicated **7.00pm - 11.00pm**.

OK our Easter eggs became somewhat scrambled, and several fans missed out by arriving for the **evening** show, only to find that it was all over.

Well, as **Newsletter Editor** for **Gawler Country Music Club**, I must apologise if I contributed to the confusion, by also including the wrong time in the **Gig Guide** section of our newsletter.

My lifetime observations of situations such as this and of many other unfortunate errors, lead me to say...

Volunteers are often not given credit for the good work they do. Quite often, it is only when something goes **'wrong'** that judgement is made. All the **good** work, the time and effort of volunteers, go by *without* comment.

I often make mistakes, and I admit it. To some extent I am proud of the fact! Why! Because it proves that I am human.

Now that the Easter eggs have all been gobbled up, and the Easter Bunnies are nowhere to be seen; lets be thankful that we have good times to remember, and good times to look forward to in the world of Country Music.

Quote: No one is perfect... that's why pencils have erasers.

I would like to say a big **Thank You** to everyone for their work in organising **Country Music** events and for contributing in whatever way they can to create opportunity for people of all ages to enjoy entertainment, participation, companionship and wellbeing.

**Note: Your Gawler Country Music Club Membership is now overdue for renewal!**



## Musician Jimmy Little Dies Aged 75.



**Jimmy** had been battling illness for a long period before passing away in his bed on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012. The country singer enjoyed a string of hits from 1959 onwards including **Danny Boy, Royal Telephone, El Paso, Baby Blue and One Road** written by **Bee Gee Barry Gibb**. He was inducted into the **ARIA Hall of Fame** in 1999, following the success of the album

### **Messenger.**

That album saw Jimmy cover songs by a new generation of Australian musicians including **Paul Kelly, the Church, Crowded House** and **Nick Cave**.

**Jimmy Little** suffered kidney failure in 2004, receiving a successful kidney transplant before starting **The Jimmy Little Foundation** in 2006.

The foundation aims to increase the life expectancy of **indigenous Australians** in regional and remote areas.

Little was awarded an **Order of Australia** in 2004 for his work with indigenous health and education programs, won **Aboriginal of the Year in 1989**, was named **NSW Senior Australian of the year in 2002** and received the **Australia Council's Red Ochre Award in 2004**.

In 2003 **Jimmy Little** reflected on his career stating "Music is surely the only language truly caressed by every tongue, treasured across every culture, equally by young and old. It has been my greatest wish in life to experience the best of people, across all boundaries and to give the best of myself alike, and so music has carried me softly and naturally into a life where much of this wish has been fulfilled."

## Willie's Statue



Country music legend **Willie Nelson** helped unveil a statue honoring him in downtown Austin by singing his new song "**Roll Me Up and Smoke Me When I Die**" on a date long reserved to celebrate marijuana use.

The event was organised as a tongue-in-cheek reference to Nelson's openness about his marijuana use and advocacy for its legalisation.

The statue stands in front of the Moody Theater, where the Austin City Limits Studio is now located.

Nelson, a 10-time Grammy Award winner who has sold more than **40 million copies of his 150 albums**.

"He is the man who more than other made Austin the live music capital of the world."

Nelson was born in Abbott, a tiny town about 120 miles north of Austin, but he has lived in Texas' capital city since 1971.

Longtime friend and fellow singer-songwriter **Kris Kristofferson** congratulated Nelson, saying he couldn't have imagined the city honoring Nelson during the early days of what became known as the Cosmic Cowboy movement in music.

## Our Travels to Terang

In March, we travelled to Victoria for the **Terang Country Music Festival** and had an excellent time.

The artists were **Tim Farren, Rick Bartlett, Amos Morris, Allan Webster, The Sherrahs, Krsital Collins, Amber- Joy Poulton and Sandra Humphries**.

**Tim** and his band were very good and were also the back- up band for most of the other acts.

**Rick** is very funny and also a talented singer and guitarist. He can play both sections of Duelling Banjo's on the guitar as fast as he can.

**Amos** has come a long way since we last saw him perform here. His voice has matured beautifully and his guitar playing and confidence have improved greatly.

**Allen Webster** was very entertaining with some original songs and anecdotes.

**The Sherrahs, Kristal, Amber- Joy and Sandra** were all at their usual very best.

**Briana Lee** was booked to appear but sadly, her father died in a car accident a couple of days before the show.

**Matt Manning** also didn't attend. We didn't hear why, but it seems **Amos** filled in for him. Several of the artists were accommodated at the local hotel and so put on a free 3 hour show at the pub on Friday night.

On Saturday they played from 11 am till 6pm non- stop. There was then a 2 hour break for dinner which was served in the racecourse dining area. Then from 8pm till midnight the show resumed under cover in the betting ring where we all danced the night away.

All- in - all a very entertaining event. In the 28hr period from Friday night to Saturday night we had 14 hours of great Country songs.....

*Robert and Jennifer McGregor*

## Words of Condolence

On Behalf of **Dot Burke** and **Gawler Country Music Club**, our heartfelt condolences go to club members **Shirley** and **Dean Bevis** on the loss of their son **Mark** who recently passed away.