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Membership Application Form

Gawler Country Music Club Inc P.O. Box 1132 Gawler SA 5118 Ph: (08) 8255 8920

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*



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**Gawler  
Country  
Music Club Inc  
Newsletter**

**Gawler Country Music Club Inc. PO Box 1132 Gawler SA 5118**

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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**Big Bob From Bondi**

Most **South Australian** followers of **Country Music** will know **Bob Howe** as **Big Bob from Bondi**.

**Big Bob** rattles off the **Gig Guide** each **Saturday Night Country** with the eloquence of a seasoned auctioneer, much to the dismay of **John Nutting** who often struggles to get a word in edgeways.

**Bob** has been part of the music industry for more than 35 years, juggling his careers as a musician, writer and photographer for many well known publications.

Born in Rugby, England in 1956, **young Robert** came to Australia in 1970 as a 13-year old clarinet-toting schoolboy. A year later he switched to playing guitar.

After playing around the fringes of folk music in Sydney, **Bob Howe** began his professional **Country Music** career having been 'discovered' in 1975 by **Desree-Ilona Crawford** and the late **Bill Kelly**.

While still a teenager **Bob** played as a studio musician for **Reg Lindsay** and **Diana Trask**, and later went on to tour with them both.

**Bob** played on over 40 episodes of the Logie-winning TV show, **Reg Lindsay's Country Homestead**. In 1977 he spent a year playing his guitar all over England and then returned to Australia to tour with many artists including spells as Musical Director for both **Lucky Starr** and **Laurel Lee**. He also began producing records in 1979 with **Terry Gordon's... The Last of The Marrickville Cowboys** LP for **Opal Records**.

After playing the part of lead guitarist with **James Burton** in **ELVIS - The Stage Musical** at the **Capitol Theatre, Sydney** and **Her Majesty's Theatre, Brisbane in 1981**, **Bob** moved to Melbourne.

He subsequently toured Australia with **Johnny Chester** and **Hotspur** and **Donna Fisk**; he played on **Ches's Golden Guitar**-winning recording **Rough Around The Edges**.

In 1982 **Bob** was voted **Most Popular Guitarist**, **Most Popular Musician**, and **Most Popular Newcomer** at the **Southern Hemisphere Country Music Awards 1982**. 1984 found **Bob** playing his way across the USA, followed by tours of the UK,



**Bob Howe**

**Australia** and the **Far East** as **Musical Director** for legendary **Australian singing star Frank Ifield**.

He took a break from touring in 1986-87 to perform a critically acclaimed portrayal of **Paul McCartney** in **LENNON - The Musical of the Legend** at the **Enmore Theatre, Sydney**; and the **QPAC Lyric Theatre, Brisbane**.

As a session musician he has played on Gold Guitar-winning recordings by **Allan Caswell**. The list of artists he has played for reads like a 'who's who' of **Country Music**, and includes **Slim Dusty, Anne Kirkpatrick, Pat Drummond, Keith Glass, Donna Boyd, Judy Stone, Sarah Jory, Dale Watson and Kitty Wells**, to name just a few!

Each Saturday night, **Bob (Big Bob from Bondi)** chats with **John Nutting** on **ABC Radio** to deliver the **Saturday Night Country Gig Guide**, relayed across 60 stations nationally, via the Web and Radio Australia.

**Bob** has been honoured as **Variety Vocal/Instrumental Performer of the Year**; He was the special industry award winner at the **Australian Country Music People's Choice Awards** where he was named **Musician of the Year in 2007**.

The inscription on the award reads "...in recognition of your musical skills and how you have brought them to bear over the years for the betterment of Australian Country Music and the artists you work with." .....

**Well done Big Bob! We look forward to listening to you each week on radio, and if you're ever down this way, please feel welcome to call in.**

**Big Bob's** music CDs are available at [www.bobhowe.com](http://www.bobhowe.com)