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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

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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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Website: www.gawlercountrymusicclub.com.au

From Farmer to Songster

Well if you attended our recent **Gawler Country Music Club Slim Dusty Tribute Show** you must have been impressed by the quality of performance provided by all artists.

JohnO and his authentic country songs had true blue Country Music fans in the audience listening intently. I'm sorry to say John's songs were difficult to hear above the considerably loud talking in some sections of the audience. A shame, 'cos John's songs are real Aussie Country Songs from his real farming background.

Singer-songwriter **John O'Dea** is a man of passion. Writing songs and watching the effect they have on people is almost an addiction for this former wheat farmer from the South Australian **Flinders Ranges**.

Having played and sung music all his life, in bands and as a soloist, it was only in the past five years that he began to think he could make a career from his lifelong passion.

Spurred on by winning the prestigious **Frank Harding Award of Excellence** twice – for **Old Rusty Ute** and **Woman From Saigon**, **JohnO** leased out the farm and took to the road of song. More awards followed and the title track from his second album became a **top 10 hit across Australia**.

He now regularly travels the outback, teaching music to young people, acting as mentor to many and sharing his passion for music and writing with anyone who will listen.

A diverse audience now enjoys the music of **John O'Dea**.

Tourists from overseas sit around campfires enthralled by his laidback, story telling style. Business people are inspired and entertained by the depth of his talent, his passion for words and that dry, outback sense of humour.

The songs that flow from **John O'Dea's** prolific pen are infinitely relatable. He seems to be able to put into song the very thoughts and feelings of everyday **Australian men, women and children**.

He paints accurate word pictures of your very first car, a magnificent outback sunset, the love of a child, your nanna's garden or all the action of a country rodeo..... and in his road-weary delivery you just know he's lived every word of it.



John O'Dea

John O'Dea is much in demand for appearances at festivals and special events right around Australia and his calendar of corporate functions is a busy one, yet he will always find time to donate his services for a worthy cause.

With two albums to his credit (**If Stones Could Talk** and **Old Rusty Ute**), and sufficient songs for several more, Australia – and indeed the world – will be hearing a lot more from **John O'Dea** in the years to come.

It would be great experience for us **Gawler Country Music Club** members to join you **JohnO** to enjoy the freshness and the peacefulness of the **Parachilna Sunset**.

Thanks for a great show JohnO!

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