



JOHNNY FLORENCE

A few weeks after arriving in Australia in 1957, **Johnny Florence** became engaged in singing arrangements with a charity group of musicians called **The Cavalcades**. One night the bass player, John Warhurst, introduced Johnny to John Noble, owner of the Penguin Night Club in Angus Street, Adelaide where Johnny sang a few songs and was immediately signed up as their "resident vocalist". Other singing engagements followed soon afterwards, in particular on Saturday afternoons at the Beer Garden of the Centralia Hotel on North Terrace. Whilst at the Penguin Night Club, Johnny was approached by Ivan Dayman of Ivan Dayman Dance Promotions, to sing at all of his venues, including the Norwood Town Hall, Hackney Dance, Palais

Royal and Port Adelaide Town Hall, to name a few. He was also a regular at all the Hi-Fi club dances and television shows including **Woodies Teentime** with Ian Fairweather and **Adelaide Tonight** with Lionel Williams and Kevin crease, as well as at many country dances. During 1961, Johnny toured with the **Johnny O'Keefe Spectacular Show** around South Australia Western Australia and Victoria with Dig Richards, Barry Stanton, Laurel Lee, Johnny Chester, Frankie Davidson and Lonnie Lee to name just a few. In 1962 he went to Melbourne for Ivan Dayman\_Dance Promotions for Guest appearances on the then very popular television show on HSV7 called **Sunnyside Up**, as well as all his local dances. Two weeks after returning to Adelaide, Johnny received a telephone call from Jimmie Berrie who worked for Ivan Dayman: Jimmie was also the younger manager of a top vocal group in Melbourne called **The Thin Men**. Jimmie asked Johnny whether he would like to join the group, replacing their former lead singer, Adrien Usher who then joined a female vocalist and had recordings under the name of **Pam and Ade**. Johnny accepted and subsequently moved to Melbourne. The group was very busy with television shows such as **Sunnside Up** every week for more than

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## **Coming Events**

Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> Midnight Special

December 31<sup>st</sup> New Years Eve with EDDIE & FRIENDS

Tickets are available from Helen our Club Secretary

## **2017 Coming Events**

January 15<sup>th</sup> ....Key Country

February 19<sup>th</sup> Creation

March 19<sup>th</sup> ....Angela Eason & Band Guest Artist Dean Bird April 16<sup>th</sup> Juke Box Boys With Guest Artist Tiffney Reynolds

#### **Raffle Winners**

Nester , Heather Kerber , Barbara, Jane Smith , Chris Mountstephen , Betty , Reg, Bernie, Roz , Linda

**Members Draw** 

**Door Prize** 

**Monte Carlo Winners** 

Ron Lill

Margaret Taedrea

Leona & Walter

## **Lucky Envelopes**

Lynette Boyce , Annie Day , Paul & Mandy, George Dobie

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### **Disclaimer**

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## **October Birthdays**

2<sup>nd</sup> Dorothy Fauser 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan Reichelt 4<sup>th</sup> Mary Biscoe 11<sup>th</sup> Yvonne McGregor 12<sup>th</sup> Jennifer McGregor 12<sup>th</sup> Jean Tomlinson 16<sup>th</sup> Helen Payne 20<sup>th</sup> Ray Thompson 20<sup>th</sup> Bernie Heine ....22<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Kennedy....22<sup>nd</sup> Gloria Norman ....23<sup>rd</sup> Shirley Beviss 24<sup>th</sup> Joylene Bell .... 24<sup>th</sup> Mary Ormerod....26<sup>th</sup>Kellie Anderson ....29<sup>th</sup> Neville Hanna ....



As we were without caterer for our November show I would like to thank Munno Para Foodland for their support in our catering needs for our show. They gave us a discount voucher which help us in the purchasing the food needed. Once again thank you Foodland Munno Para for your support.

## **WANTED**

We are still looking for a
Newsletter Editor. I am
trying my best to put
something out that is
readable and informative.
If you know of someone or
are willing to do yourself
please contact Keith
Warren
Club President





Come along and have fun with Midnight Special Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> 12noon to 4pm Gawler Country Music Club Inc Uley Road Hall Elezabeth Downs Entry Off Forestall Road

Walkups Welcome: Entry Members \$6.00 Non Members \$8.00 Meals.. Tea Coffee and Drinks and Nibbles Available

## **October Presidents Report**

G'Day Members & Friends, Well our October show was brilliant, the Sherrahs are always good at what they do. With good numbers through the door we were in for a great day. I do apologize to all who ventured out onto the dance floor having to dance around the water patch on the dance floor. I have reported it to the council and have been told it is in there system to be fixed. Well our next show should be a great day, we have not had Graeme Hugo for some time as the facilities we had were to small, but I think the wait will be good. So come and join in the fun. So until then. Keep it Country.

Regards Keith Warren President / Entertainment Officer

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three Years as well as **The Evie Hayes Show** on Channel 2 for nearly six months and **Teene Scene** with Johnny Chester (costarring Olivia Newton-John) also on Channel 2. Whilst with **The Thin Men,** Johnny continued to work as a solo artist at the big local dance including Ziegfield with two big bands, the Coburg, Hawthorn and Preston Town Hall, Canterbury Ballroom, and the **Slim Dusty Show** at the Melbourne Showground. They recorded a couple of single records and backed a few local artists

The Thin Men with Shirley Bassey such as Colin Cook, Bobby Cookson and Johnny Chester

on the W&G Recording Label before moving to Sydney where they recorded a few singles for E.M.I. on the H.M.V. label. They also backed Johnny Ashcroft and Dee Donovan, and did many jingles for television and radio commercials with the Bobby Gibson Band. During this period **The Thin Men** also appeared as regulars on **Bobby Limb's Sound of** 



The Thin Men on Chennel 7

Music (first on Channel 9 and then on Channel 10, all in all for 3 1/2 years until folded) and also did guest appearances on The Mike Walsh Show, The Graeme Kennedy Show (In Melbourne Tonight) The Don Lane Show and Top of the Town with Ricky May, as well as performing as Top Line entertainer in almost every Returned Services League club in New South Wales. Travelling overseas, The Thin Men entertained at the Tropicana Theatre Restaurant in Singapore for three weeks before doing another three weeks as the Dusit Thani Hotel in Bangkok, and back in Sydney they were supporting artist to Shirley Bassey at the Chevron Sliver Spade, Room and then again at the Chequers Night Club to Jerry Lewis, Neil Sadaka, The Mills



Thin Men In Black

Bros, to name a few. After 13 years with **The Thin Men**, Johnny decided to once again go his own way as a solo artist and sang under the name of **Johnny Lawrence**. He was managed by the Alan Ross Agency and later by Johnny Craig's Planet Promotions as the main feature act all around New South Wales. Johnny also performed in Tasmania and Queensland as well as on The Reg Lindsay Show on two occasions. In 1994 Johnny was approached by and signed

up with Don Moir & Associates to do a series of shows named **Rock & Roll Heaven,** singing some Roy Orbison numbers. Johnny also started A Tribute to Roy Orbison Show , which was very popular for nearly 4 1/2 years at several venues mainly at the British Workmen's club for nearly two years. Johnny sings on occasions with Key Country Band who are playing for us in January and might come along with them.

## **November Winners Are Grinners**



## GAWLER COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB INC.



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### **Raffle Winners**

Roz , Anne Day , Judy , Shirley, Liz , Roz, Betty, Alp, Judy , Jill

**Members Draw** 

Gloria Hormax

**Door Prize** 

**Dorothy Davis** 

**Monte Carlo Winners** 

Valda Linnett & R Ramsey

#### **Lucky Envelopes**

Lorrane H , Roz L ,Leona , Barb G

## **November Birthdays**

G'Day Members, A Special General Meeting was held at 10am on Sunday 20/11/2016 to discuss the motion put forward at the AGM held in August 2016 as to whether to change the club name. As we are based in the Playford Council District, it has been suggested we change the name of the **Gawler Country Music Club Inc** to the **Playford Country Music Club In:**, The results of that meeting is as followed. We very good numbers for the meeting. After I had expland a motion was put forward to change the Club name to Playford Country Music Club Inc, this motion was carried unanimously. I Recently had a conversation with Christine Harrison the wife of the late founder of the club and her opinion was that if was to benefit the club it would be fine by her. This will take a bit of time to transfer over, so we are aiming for May 2017.

**Barry Searle** passed away on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of October after a battle with cancer.

Our thoughts go out to Barry Searle's Family.

# Around The Traps For December

Sunday 4/12/2016 Adelaide Country Music Club City Cowboys With Guest Artist Taylor Pfeiffer Willaston Country Music Club Sandra Humphries & Band With Guest Artist Big Jim The Irishman Sunday II/12/2016 Southern Country Music Club J J Shannon & Winchester With Guest Artist Big Jim The Irishman And Juliet Oliver **Barossa Country Music Club Bev Branson & Trevor Philbey** Saturday 17/12/2016 Gawler Country Music Club Open Mike Sunday 18/12/2016 Gawler Country Music Club Warren Johncock & Midnight Special Railroad Country Music Club Graeme Hugo With Tru Country Murray Bridge Country Music Club Heartland

New Years Eve With Eddie & Friends Tickets Available Ph 08 8255 8920

Saturday 31/12/2016 Gawler Country Music Club

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## November Presidents Report

G'Day Members & Friends

Well here we are one month away from Christmas, boy hasn't this year flown by. I would like to start off with some thank you's to our volunteers. Kevin & Bernie help us every month by manning the bar for us, but this month's show Bernie helped out in the Kitchen along with my daughter & son in-law Fiona & Matthew Parish, as our caterers were not available. What a great job they did. Also the committee who also worked well in making things happen. Well done guys and girls. Once again thank you. Moving onto our show. What a good day it was.

Could have done with a few more people through the door, but that was not ment to be. Gary Daniel & Tru Country topped up with Graeme Hugo as our guest artist. We have not had Graeme for some time as we had too small a venue to cater for good crowds. Moving onto our December Show, We will have Midnight special. Warren Johncock is always a lot of fun. So until then. Keep It Country

Regards Keith Warren President GCMC

## Logo Competition

As you are aware the club name will change in 2017, as we get closer to the change we have decided to run a competition for a new logo as suggested at the special general meeting. It may be that the old logo will do with some slight modifications, or you can come up with a complete new logo, the competition will run for 3 months as we need to put things into place before the May change over. All documentations will carry the new name but will have formally Gawler Country Music Club with its old logo. We are offering one year of free entry to our Sunday

Club shows. This will start with the may show and continue on for eleven more show's. The entries can be sent through by normal mail post Office box 285 Elizabeth Sa 5112, or can be emailed to me at

kwcountry@optusnet.com.au

Regards Helen Warren Secretary

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**Raffle Winners** Dean Beviss , Una , Kay , Carleen , Alene , Kay Dobie , Roz Lang , Gerry , Gerry B , Reg

**Members Draw**: Niel Mitchell **Door Prize**:: Jenny

**<u>Lucky Envelopes</u>**:: Louise Vardon, Junie R, Ann Day, Peter Day

Monte Carlo :: Hartley & Robyn Lymn

## **September Presidents Report**

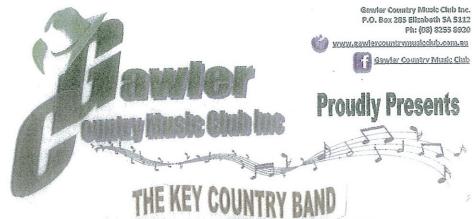
G'Day Members And Friends

Well Bernie & The Bandits didn't let us down they always plays the right music and have a lot of fun doing it. Well done guys we all had a ball. Our guest artist was Juliet Oliver. This young lady had certainly put in the hard yard with her performing. What a big improvement since the last time we saw her. Keep up the good work Juliet and good luck with going to Tamworth in January 2017. Well our October show will be another great day as we have the Sherrah's. They are doing a double header with their Gospel show on the Saturday and back again on the Sunday for our club show. Our New Years Eve show is with Eddie & Friends is on sale ticket are available each month from Helen our Secretary. This also will be a great show Eddie can mix the music up very well. So come along and join in the fun.

Keep It Country

Regards To All

Keith Warren President GCMG



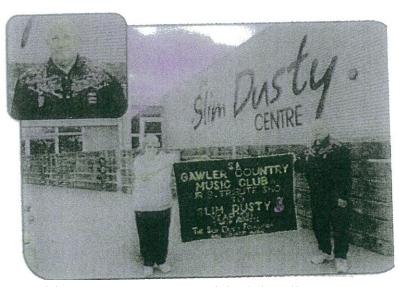


### **Gawler Country Music Club Inc**

Uley Road Hall Elizabeth Downs (Entry Via Forrestall Road )
Walkups Welcome

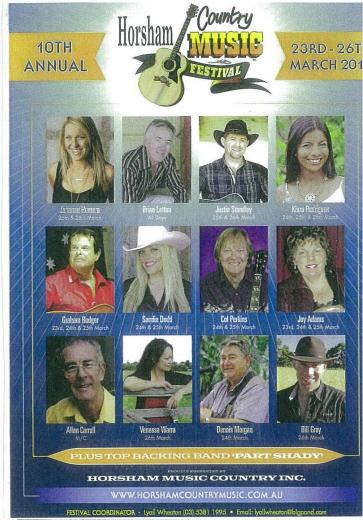
Entry :: Members \$6.00 Non Members \$8.00 Tea & Coffee \$1.00 Food & Drinks Available

## SLIM DUSTY MATES' PAGE



Helen & Keith Warren Mate #1350 visited the Slim Dusty Centre (SDC) showing us their wonderful Gawler Country Music Club Slim Dusty tribute banner and specially designed shirt.









#### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December 8pm -1am

Tickets \$17ea show only Meal Deal \$35ea Meals from 6pm to7.30pm Fancy Dress If You Like

Uley Road Hall Elizabeth Downs Please enter from Forrestall Road

Contact Keith Warren for enquiries: 8255 8920 P.O. Box 285 Elizabeth SA 5112



Held in the Uley Road Hall Elizabeth Downs 11am to 4.30pm Only \$4.00 Entry Tea & Coffee available BYO Nibbles.

Everybody's welcome to get up and sing a song or two or just sit and relax and enjoy time with family and friends.

December 17<sup>th</sup>

2017

January 14<sup>th</sup> February 18<sup>th</sup> March 18<sup>th</sup>
April 15<sup>th</sup> May 20<sup>st</sup> June 17<sup>th</sup> July 15<sup>th</sup>
August 19<sup>th</sup> September 16<sup>th</sup> October 14<sup>th</sup>
November 18<sup>th</sup> December 16<sup>th</sup>

For more information Contact Fred

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DECEMBER				
Thur 1 8.30pm	The Wilson Pickers + Emily Davis	Wheatsheaf Hotel, George St, Thebarton		
Fri 2 8 - 11pm	Country Rockin Blues Night	The Grand Bar, 2 Jetty Rd, Glenelg		
Sat 3 doors open 6.30pm	PAUL KELLY & CHARLIE OWEN – DEATH'S DATELESS NIGHT Heavenly Sounds Tour	Flinders Street Baptist Church, Adelaide	ticketmaster	
Sun 4 12.30 to 4.30 pm	City Cowboys with guest artist Taylor Pfeiffer	Adelaide CM Club Inc., 11 LaSalle St, Slovenian Club, Dudley Park	(08) 8258 7110 0409 692 434	
Sun 4 12-5pm	Sandra Humphries and her Band with Big Jim the Irishman as guest artist	Willaston CM Club, Willaston Football Clubrooms, Gawler River Road, Willaston	0415 671 679	
Mon 5 8-9pm	Hillbilly Hoot	Linde Reserve, Nelson St, Stepney		
Tue 6 7pm	Keith Urban	Adelaide Entertainment Centre	Ticketek	
Fri 9 8-11pm	Gary Daniel Christmas Party Everyone invited	Sunnyside Hotel, Port Broughton	Phone for Dinner reservations. 8635-2100	
Fri 9 8 - 11pm	Country Rockin Blues Night	The Grand Bar, 2 Jetty Rd, Glenelg		
Sun 11 1 to 5pm	Jay J Shannon and Winchester plus guest artist Big Jim the Irishman and Juliet Oliver (Christmas Show)	Southern CM Club, Clovelly Park Memorial Community Centre, 16 York Avenue, Clovelly Park	0408 891 512 or 8358 0014	
Sun 11 11am to 4pm	Bev Branson, Trevor Philbey	Barossa CM Club, Nuriootpa Institute, Murray St, Nuriootpa	0408 763 326	
Sun 11 2-5pm	Heartbeat Concert	NCMA, 28 Afford Rd, Port Pirie	8633 2302	
Mon 12 8-9pm	Hillbilly Hoot	Linde Reserve, Nelson St, Stepney		
Fri 16 8 - 11pm	Country Rockin Blues Night	The Grand Bar, 2 Jetty Rd, Glenelg		
Sat 17 11am- 4.30pm	Gawler CM Club Open Mike Everyone's welcome! We look forward to seeing you on Saturday prior to the Club day Entry \$4.00 per person for all attending Tea, Coffee provided. BYO Nibbles to share.	Gawler CM Club, Uley Road Hall, Elizabeth Downs entry off Forrestall Rd	Fred Payne 8255 9248	
Sun 18 1-5pm	Graeme Hugo & True Country Christmas Show <b>note band change</b>	Railroad CM Club, at S.A. Sea Rescue Squadron, Barcoo Road, West Beach	0413-522-516	
Sun 18 1.30-5pm	Billy Dee & Friends with Guest Walk Ups 'Come as a Guest - Leave as a Friend' XMAS SHOW		8352 4046 meals available from 12.30	
Sun 18 11am- 4pm	Heartland	Murray Bridge CM Club, Imperial Football Club Johnstone Pk	8535 4317	
Sun 18 12noon - 4pm	Midnight Special	Gawler CM Club, Uley Road Hall, Elizabeth Downs entry off Forrestall Rd	8255 8920	
Mon 19 7-9pm	Hillbilly Hoot Xmas Party	Linde Reserve, Nelson St, Stepney		
Fri 23 8 - 11pm	Country Rockin Blues Night	The Grand Bar, 2 Jetty Rd, Glenelg		
Mon 26 8-9pm	Hillbilly Hoot	Linde Reserve, Nelson St, Stepney		
Fri 30 7pm	Taylor Pfeiffer	Carrieton Rodeo, 235 Almerta Road, Carrieton		
Fri 30 8 - 11pm	Country Rockin Blues Night	The Grand Bar, 2 Jetty Rd, Glenelg		
Sat 31 8pm to 1am	Eddie and Friends Ticket Available from Helen in July flyer	Gawler CM Club, Uley Road Hall, Elizabeth Downs entry off Forrestall Rd	8255 8920	
Sat 31	The Hoffmans NYE	Railroad CM Club, at S.A. Sea Rescue Squadron, Barcoo Road, West Beach	0413-522-516	
Sat 31 7.30 to 12.30am	Dave & the Blackhats plus Joe Musico NYE	Southern CM Club, Clovelly Park Memorial Community Centre, 16 York Avenue, Clovelly Park	0408 891 512 or 8358 0014	



## Pass this on to your friends Membership Application and Renewal Form

Gawler Country Mus	sic Club Inc P 0 Box 285 Elizabeth SA 5112	Ph 8255 8920		
Name ( Please Print )	DOB Day & Month Only			
Address	Suburb	Postcode		
(Or change of Address)				
Tel: Mob: Annual Membership Fee \$10.00 Are you already a Member Yes/No				
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 payment to The Secretary at the above address				

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Come along and Enjoy



#### Gawler Country Music Club Inc P O Box 285 Elizabeth SA 5112

Gawler Country Music Club Inc is a Non profit organization 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

General Committes Member Kevin Vardon ... Margaret Brogan

Annual Membership \$10.00

President / Entertainment Officer... Keith Warren

Vice President.. Fred Payne 0438 074 886 Secretary ... Helen Warren 8255 8920 Treasurer... Louise Vardon 8254 3440 Public Relations Officer Allen Prow Newsletter Editor.... Vacant

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