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"Donnybrook Dancing"

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Willaston Country Music Club turns 16 this month.

Come and celebrate with us.

Don't forget our new times: 11.30am to 4.30pm

~ ~ ~ AROUND THE CLUBS ~ ~ ~



On Sunday 2nd February 2025, **Willaston Country Music Club** hosted **Workin' Overtime** with feature artist **Graeme Hugo**. Two of our great favourites together for the first time.

It was a hot day with air conditioners working hard to keep us all cool. Numbers were a little down, more than likely due to the heat.



The music was brilliant and interspersed with jokes and funny little stories. We are all feeling for the poor RAA man. No, sorry, that was bass player **Tammie** who did the feeling!! **Tammie** still had her wrist in plaster so played the tambourine, with **Rod** stepping in to very ably do the bass playing.

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Barossa CMC in Nuriootpa hosted **Cross Town Connection** on Sunday 9th February for a great day.

It was the club's 34th birthday and members celebrated with lots of dancing and a beautifully made cake.

*(Thanks to **Elaine Guymer** for the report and photos)*





Southern CMC hosted **Mystic Blue Band** from Mount Gambier on Sunday 9th February, 2025. A popular band who feature once a year at **SCMC** and keep the dance floor full.



The club, which was started by **Judith Waugh** and her band **Key Country**, celebrated their 37th birthday, distributing lovely cupcakes to all attendees. **Judith** is now the Patron of the Club.

The Marion RSL Club is their new venue and proving to be a huge success.
(Thanks to **Sandy Smallacombe** for the report and **Robert Chapman** for the photo)

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Playford CMCC hosted **Highway One** on Sunday 16th February. No report received.

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Murray Bridge CMC hosted **Polaris 71** and **Cooka Williams** on Sunday 23rd February, 2025. 80% of the music played by **Polaris 71**, was chosen from a playlist formed from a club audience survey from 2024. It was a great day.

Guest artist, **Chooka Williams**, chose long time favourite songs that members know and love.

SCMC Signature Dance "The River Waltz" occurred during the band break, and following the Monte Carlo, non dancers were invited to participate in Spin the Bottle. This fosters a friendly, inclusive atmosphere, which is well received.



The free double entry tickets donated by **Willaston CMC** for the raffle (thank you Willaston), were snapped up quickly.

(Thanks to **Gloria Neindorf** for the report and photo)

~ ~ ~ **HAPPY SNAPS** ~ ~ ~

My photos, with sale profits going to the club, are now available on request. Members can check out the slide shows in the **members lounge**, find their photo, then let me know what you want printed. They will cost \$4 each for 10cm x 15cm (postcard size) on glossy photo paper.

~ ~ ~ **LIFE MEMBERSHIP** ~ ~ ~



CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHY TRANKALIS

At the 2024 AGM, **Kathy Trankalis** was awarded Life Membership for her 15 years of membership and service to the **Willaston Country Music Club**.

Kathy's involvement with the club has been since its foundation with a long term sitting as Admissions Doorkeeper, and 11 years as Secretary. She now accompanies sister **Sue Castle**, and partner **Earlston Gniel**, among others, in the Life Membership Club.

Well deserved **Kathy**. Thank you for all you have done, and we hope to see you continue your support of the Club for many more years.

This is the last of the catch up items from 2024.

~ ~ ~ WINNERS AND SPONSORS ~ ~ ~



**Vicki Ross
&
Ronnie Walter.**

Cash Winners of the
Lucky Envelopes.



Spin the bottle
winner **Bob
Neindorf**, with
wife **Gloria**,
won wine, plus
smallgoods
from **Lyndoch
Fine Foods**



Membership
draw winner **Liz
Kibbler** won a
voucher from
Café Nova



Door prize winner
Marie Purcell won
a voucher from
Coffee & Co



Birthday prize
winner was **Jan
Priestley** who
won a **Café Sia**
voucher

~ ~ ~ RAY'S CORNER ~ ~ ~



Function Times:

From this month our functions will run from 11:30am to 4:30pm.

This will allow patrons to get home before it gets too dark.

We'll monitor this over time and decide if it stays or we choose another option.

Volunteers' Dinner:

Once a year we take our volunteers out for a meal to thank them for all their efforts over the year.



Last Sunday we had lunch at the Gawler Arms Hotel and most volunteers were able to attend.

Great day had by all.

And my personal appreciation of all the little things people do now to make the Club more efficient and friendly.

WCMC is really a great organisation and yes, we really do *have the most Fun*.



Seating: Allocations, Tags, Favourites and Mischief.



We have for many, many years allocated fixed seating for many people.

There are reasons for this including medical, regular social groupings, space management and general fairness.

It is particularly important during shows with high attendance levels to try and ensure that *everyone* gets a chair.

We manage this by placing name tags/labels on tables rather than relying on a master layout that is more difficult to read.



Over the years we have found that allocated seating helps the show run much more efficiently and comfortably.

I'm aware that patrons start to presume "ownership" of their chair from month to month, such is human nature.

However, I'm now getting word that people are moving the name tags to usurp what they think is a more "favourable" position.

That's just not on. And if it affects a patron adversely I'll be very cranky with the culprits.

Bottom line: If you don't like where you've been allocated come and talk to us first so we can find a positive solution. Otherwise there may be adverse side-effects. Warning delivered!

Parking Areas:

Don't forget the area immediately near the main door is a Drop-Off/Pick-Up area only with no parking.

Hate for anyone to get on the wrong side of our trusty Parking Inspector!



First Aid Course update:



We've only got a couple of names for this course so far. Any more before we lock it in?

Would be a couple of hours on a weekend and will focus on the things we can do, such as using a defibrillator.

And everyone is invited to attend free-of-charge.

Even if you've done it before, it never hurts to have the reinforcement.

Call or email me directly (or any Committee member) if you are at all interested.

Cake & Coffee:

Some of you will have noticed a plate of cake near the tea and coffee area lately.

This started out as a bit of additional fundraiser and has proven moderately popular.

THIS MONTH ONLY you can get a piece of cake *AND* a cup of coffee for just \$2.00.

We'll see how popular this combo is



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