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"Donnybrook Dancing"

JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER



On Sunday 4th May 2025, **Willaston Country Music Club** hosted the ever popular band, **Workin' Overtime** along with guest artist **Christine Clifford** for their Mother's Day Show.

The music was great with several members expressing how wonderful it was to see **Christine** back on the stage again after a lengthy break.

She is not only a wonderfully talented singer, but also an award winning songwriter, now recognised overseas. Great for a local gal.



We welcomed 21 members of the "Middle Pub" (Clare Hotel) Social Club, several of whom left with prizes for the day. This is their 3rd visit to our club as part of their major annual trip schedule. Member **Pam Datson** is the President of the Clare group, and also the sister of **Workin' Overtime** drummer, **Rocky**.

Mothers were treated to a free ticket in the Mother's Day raffle with the winners being: **1st Julie Stanford**, **2nd Ursula Bischoff**, **3rd Lynn Giles**.



~ ~ ~ AROUND THE CLUBS ~ ~ ~

Southern CMC welcomed **Out of Order** from Mount Gambier on Sunday 11th May for their Mother's Day Show. This 3 piece band featuring **Mark, Tracey** and **Wendy** were magnificent.

Most of the Country Music Clubs are now hosting this trio and they do other shows as well.

Due to Mother's Day, and people off doing family things, the crowd was down a little, but the dance floor still had quite a few up there.

Apart from their normal raffle, the club also had a free Mother's Day Raffle with first prize being an air fryer and second prize being a hamper.



(Thanks to **Sandy Smallacombe** for the report and **Robert Chapman** for the photo)

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Barossa CMC in Nuriootpa hosted **Polaris 71** on Sunday 11th May for their Mother's Day Show. The band was very entertaining and everyone had a great time.

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

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**Murray Bridge CMC** hosted **Heartland** on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 (with 2 replacement members, who did a great job). The dance floor was kept full as they played a wonderful blend of Country music.

Members from other clubs were appreciated, as were visitors from all over the state, including Kangaroo Island. About 140 guests were present with lots of appreciative comments from them.

The "Spin the Bottle" for non dancers brought a big group to the floor as did our signature dance "The River Waltz" with both partners and singles participating, and getting better every time!

The next show, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, will feature **Graeme Hugo** with **Workin' Overtime**. Old and new faces always welcome.

*(Thanks to **Gloria Neindorf** for the report. No photo this month.)*

## ~~~~~ OTHER ENTERTAINMENT NEWS ~~~~~



Everyone's good mate and class artist, **Graeme Hugo** recently had a birthday. Happy 71<sup>st</sup> **Graeme**!! A number of **Willaston Country Music Club** members travelled across to Sunnyvale to enjoy his show.

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



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Peter and I have been in Western Australia the last few weeks and we attended the **Kasey Chambers** Backbone Tour show in Esperance, so that was a Mother's Day treat out for me. Kasey's voice is very unique and distinct – she's a self confessed screecher!! A few new songs and some older hits performed. Her songwriting is based on her life experiences. She has also recently written a book.

Her support artist was **Jenny Mitchell** from New Zealand and was very well received. A beautiful singer. She brought out her 2 sisters (twins) for a few numbers and they all later joined Kasey for a set.



The support band included singer/songwriter and producer, **Brandon Dodds** who played various guitars. He is also known by his performing name, **Dingo**, and, he also happens to be Kasey's partner.

~ ~ ~ MAY WINNERS AND SPONSORS ~ ~ ~



**Cherie Honson
&
Sue Castle.**

Cash Winners of the
Lucky Envelopes.



Birthday prize winner
was **Leon Kouflidis**
who won a **Café Sia**
voucher



Membership draw
winner **Lyll Dunn**
won a voucher from
Café Nova



Door prize winner
Joy de Kort won a
voucher from
Coffee & Co



**The roosters laid 20
eggs in the chook
house. The farmer's
wife can only carry 13
eggs back to the farm
house in her apron.
Her little
granddaughter can
carry 3 back. How
many are left in the
chook house?**

**How many said 4??
Wrong. Roosters don't
lay eggs.**



~ ~ ~ WHAT'S NEW? ~ ~ ~

Did you miss a copy of a newsletter? Not to worry. Monthly newsletters from January 2025, now appear on our website. Look for the drop down box under "News".



New email address for Newsletter contributions and mailouts.

news@willastoncountry.com.au

If you do not receive your next Newsletter, check your spam box.

~ ~ ~ HAPPY SNAPS ~ ~ ~

Photos are \$4 each for 10cm x 15cm prints (postcard size) on glossy photo paper. See Sandy.

~ ~ ~ RAY'S CORNER ~ ~ ~

We received a SA Government Grant to assist in purchasing a new automatic Defibrillator. This will arrive soon and be mounted near the entrance door for ready access. There is one in the building already, but it is an older, manual model which will be dedicated to the members' room from now on.





I'm trying to trace a prize that was given out inadvertently last month. It was given as a ticket to **Murray Bridge CMC**, but was actually a written invitation to our Committee to attend their next anniversary event. Could the person who received this contact me please. We will replace it with the correct voucher.



Speaking of prizes, I'd like to thank **June Sparks** for all her hard work as the Prize Coordinator for the past few years. She's retiring from this role and we are on the lookout for a capable replacement. **June** continues as our Entertainment Officer with a phone book of many of the Country musicians across Australia who still call her *Auntie June* or even *Mum*. That's a big comfort for her since husband Bryan passed away earlier this year, and a role we very much need her to keep doing.



Still on the subject of prizes, I'd like to resume the custom we had pre-Covid of each Country Music Club donating entry tickets to other CMCs regularly. These are always well received and snapped up quickly as prizes. As a group we must do everything we can to promote each other for our collective survival.



A note on meals and deserts. When you order your meals or deserts you are now given a raffle ticket with a number that matches your order in the kitchen. That ticket is important to ensure the correct delivery of the order. Bring it with you to collect your meal at the servery, or have it handy at your table if your order is delivered to you. Our young volunteers provide a spark of delightful energy and happiness delivering those meals, so please, please look after them, and have your meal tickets available as needed. You can even try and win a raffle prize with them, but I'm told they are not actually in the draw.



Keep warm – here comes Winter already and the temperate is going down.



Oh! And we're still looking for a President.....

~ ~ ~ **MEDIA** ~ ~ ~

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