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"Donnybrook Dancing"

MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER



On Sunday 6th April 2025, **Willaston Country Music Club** hosted **Peter Coad and the Coad Sisters** and the **Jim Hermel Band**. The combination of the South Australian band players was derived from 4 people, all related, either by birth or marriage and mixing them up. Regardless of which combination was on stage, the day saw a lot of great music.

To add to all the player combinations, the artists constantly changed instruments, showing how versatile they are. Then there was the yodelling. Duelling banjos was a big hit as **Virginia and Jim** (husband and wife) played off against each other.



These musos brought in a full house, with a few pairs of rockers in the patron midst. It was great watching them dance away at the rock songs.

Sitting amongst the audience was Port Pirie entertainer **Cactus Martens** who was encouraged to hop onto the stage and join the band for a little impromptu spot.

There were three rounds of bat sales for lucky prizes during the day and the big surprise was a visit by the **Easter Bunny** and his kind helper, giving out Easter Eggs to everyone.



The **Royal Flying Doctor crew** popped in for a brief moment to sell some donated **Slim Dusty** memorabilia and to auction off a full collection of over 100 **Slim Dusty** CDs. There was a bit of an auction battle between 2 ladies for this collection and it now sits in a popular member's man cave. The **RFDS** raised approximately \$500.



It was a super fun day with very few people leaving early, which hopefully proves that our new times are working well. Starting earlier and having a full house, saw the kitchen crew under the pump. But they did a fantastic job as usual and no-one was left hungry. A big cheer to all the committee and volunteers who were involved in the many aspects of putting on the show. Well done.



This Sunday, 4th May, is our Mother's Day Show. Let's celebrate all of the beautiful Mums to the music of Workin' Overtime and feature artist Christine Clifford.

~ ~ ~ AROUND THE CLUBS ~ ~ ~



Southern CMC welcomed **Heartland** on Sunday 13th April. This 5 piece magnificent band is always popular at **SCMC**.

With Darryl and Tracy singing, Vince on keyboard, Anthony multitasking on guitar and sound, and finally Danny on drums.

Danny still misses the huge BBQ at **SCMS**, however expert chef Anthony keeps everyone very happy with his great mains and sweets menus.

A huge crowd with the dance floor full all day. Everyone enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of the day.
(Thanks to **Sandy Smallacombe** for the report and **Robert Chapman** for the photo)

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Barossa CMC in Nuriootpa hosted **Midnight Special** on Sunday 13th April. It was a lovely day with good music and lots of dancing.

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

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Murray Bridge CMC hosted **Heart-Beat** with guest artist **Tracey Allen** on Sunday 27th April, 2025. This was Tracey's first solo performance outside of Mount Gambier. She was well received and entertained the crowd with lots of well known favourites.

Heart-Beat played an enjoyable variety of music including a very popular 2 step bracket. Highlights of the day included David Schache taking over the drums from his grandson Cooper for a bracket, to the delight of the audience. Also 90+ year old Rob Lucas from the old band "The Jaymen"(which started in 1962) playing keyboard.

Although Tracey and the band had not played together before, they showed their ability and experience to have the 120 patrons calling for an encore.

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

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ SMOKING ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Individuals have a right to choose whether or not to smoke, but as smokers move more to the minority and the masses are living healthier lives by not smoking, there is still a problem with passive smoking. To ensure the public is protected from unwanted second-hand smoke, laws are in place to assist.



It is very nicely requested that smokers do not smoke immediately outside of doors and open windows at the club. The breeze can send the smoke and its smell inside, with the risk of it affecting patrons, especially those with breathing disorders. Generally, public establishments have a **10 metre** buffer zone from doors and windows.



The other noticeable aspect to smoking is the litter of butts that seem to accumulate, not quite making an ashtray!

Thanks for your co-operation.

Q. If an electric train is traveling south at 10 miles per hour and the wind is blowing North at 10 miles per hour, which way does the smoke blow?

A. Electric trains don't blow smoke.



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

news@willastoncountry.com.au

~ ~ ~ HAPPY SNAPS ~ ~ ~

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

~ ~ ~ APRIL WINNERS AND SPONSORS ~ ~ ~



**Margaret Raggatt
&
Mary Roesler.**

Cash Winners of the
Lucky Envelopes.



Membership draw
winner **Joy Polls**
won a voucher from
Café Nova



Door prize winner
Helen Hamp won
a voucher from
Coffee & Co



Birthday prize
winner was **Raelz
Gebhardt** who won
a **Café Sia** voucher

**SPECIAL
BIRTHDAYS**

Over the past month
there were some
special birthdays
celebrated.

Ray Block turned 80

Mary Roesler turned
85

Noel Kibbler turned
85

Happy birthday to all
those who notched
another year up this
last month.

Mother's Day Joke

**My kids asked me what it was like to be a mom.
So, I woke them up at 3 a.m. demanding to know where my lucky sock was.**

~ ~ ~ **RAY'S CORNER** ~ ~ ~



The Coad and Hermel show last month was a cracker, with over 200 patrons attending. By the time you include all the staff, committee and volunteers that amounts to about 230 people in the room. My thanks to all of you for making the day a pleasant success and just work properly. There were only a couple of minor issues that were resolved fairly quickly and quietly.

For the record, this group hold the record of 241 patrons at WCMC (in 2016 if I recall correctly), so they are still capable of pulling a big audience after many, many years.



We have a slightly different issue this month with a group of 20 to be seated near each other. This will involve some adjustments to normal seating and we ask you to be tolerant if we ask you to sit somewhere else just for this next show. Make them feel welcome. Talk to me directly with any specific issues here.



We have agreed to sponsor the Port Broughton Country Music Festival (17-19 October 2025) in a modest way.



Thanks to everyone who helped the Royal Flying Doctor Service raise nearly \$500.00 through sale of Slim Dusty memorabilia recently.



I have noticed some people bringing meals in with them recently. Normally we only allow this to allow for special dietary requirements that we cannot satisfy in the kitchen. Let Sue or Leon know what you need and they can try and accommodate you. They are, after all, professional chefs. We ask you to support our catering group by purchasing a meal on the day.



We now have a dedicated email address for you to send Newsletter information to. news@willastoncountry.com.au goes directly to Newsletter Editor Sandy Newell who is doing a fabulous job. Thanks Sandy.

Q. Why is Cinderella such a terrible tennis player?

A. Because she only has one shoe, a pumpkin for a coach and she always runs away from the ball.

~ ~ ~ **MEDIA** ~ ~ ~

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