

# Willaston Country Music Club Inc

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*"Donnybrook Dancing"*

## OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September, **Willaston Country Music Club** hosted **Tracey Rains** with her band **Claypan**.



They took a break from performing together for about 10 years and have only recently reformed, with **Neil** on Rhythm guitar being a new band member. He sang a few songs during the day. The other **Neil**, drummer, (yes there are 2 **Neil**'s in the band), and **Lindsay** were with **Tracey**'s original band.

**Tracey** has just been doing guest spots recently, but now that her band **Claypan** has reformed, she will move forward with them.

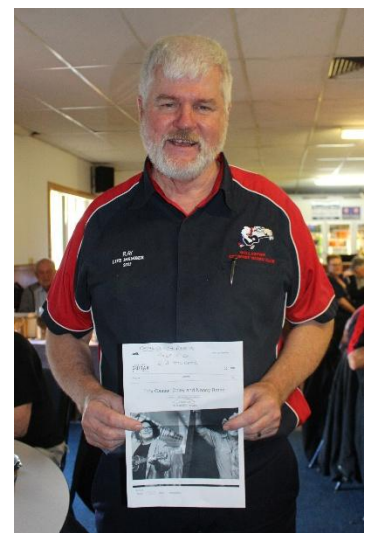
**Tracey**'s parents, **Danny** and **Karen**, each had a singing spot during the day. **Tracey**'s husband, **Chris**, was very capably in charge of the music/sound tech.

The crowd was down due to illness, travelling, and Father's Day celebrations, but that didn't stop the enjoyment of the day for those in attendance.



Everyone was delighted when **Rick Nuemann** popped in for a while with his pet macaw, **Rex**, upon his shoulder. Cameras came out and the bird hardly flinched with all the activity around him.

The Father's Day raffle had 10 prizes, with some generous donations coming from Gawler Mitre 10. First prize was the **Troy Cassar-Daley/Nancy Bates** tickets, which was won by **Ray**. He assures us it wasn't rigged!! Check out his review in **Ray's Corner**.



**Shhhhhhh ....please.** When the music is on.

~ ~ ~ **AROUND THE CLUBS** ~ ~ ~



**Southern CMC** hosted **Jukebox Boys** on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September. A fantastic day with a great band, great music and a dance floor that kept bopping.

Quite a few members were away at the Mildura Festival, but they still had a full house as they welcomed 12 members from the Singles Club and 6 members of the "Red Hat" club.

Speedy recovery wishes to **Sandy Smallacombe** who missed the show due to an unfortunate fall the day before. She was in hospital for 2 weeks with a broken ankle (3 breaks), requiring pinning. She then spent another 2 weeks in rehab before going home. She misses her music club outings. This report was passed to her from the committee, with thanks.

*(Thanks to **Sandy Smallacombe** for the report & **Robert Chapman** for photos)*



**Barossa CMC** in Nuriootpa hosted **Tru Country** on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Their numbers were pretty good considering they were also affected by members attending the Mildura Festival.

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



**Murray Bridge CMC** hosted **Good Company** with guest artist **John Lecner** on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Illness hit the band's drummer, so he was missing.

Attended by about 130 people and as usual, the dance floor was busy all day, with a great atmosphere in the room.

October will see the club celebrating their 38<sup>th</sup> birthday, with **Tracey Rains and Claypan** providing the entertainment.

From November, seats will need to be booked through **Gloria**, at least 2 days before the show.

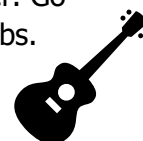
*(Thanks to **Bob and Gloria Neindorf** for the report and **Rob Chapman** for the photo.)*

~ ~ ~ **SUNDAY MAIL – INDEPENDENT LIFESTYLE** ~ ~ ~



Check out the Independent Lifestyle insert from the Sunday Mail on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Go to pages 6 and 7. A great double page spread about our local Country Music Clubs.

**Sandy Newell** instigated the promotion and **Bob Neindorf** (Murray Bridge CMC) contributed greatly to the input, to give our clubs a good promotional push.



**Q. What happens when Country Music is played backwards?**

**A. Your wife comes back, your dog comes back and your truck comes back.**

~ ~ ~ **SEPTEMBER WINNERS AND SPONSORS** ~ ~ ~



**Neville Nitschke, Teresita Mee & Andrew Honson**  
Lucky Envelope **Cash** Winners



Door prize winner  
**Lyn Craddock** won  
a voucher from  
**Café Nova**



Birthday prize  
winner was **Joan  
Cooke** who won a  
**Coffee & Co**



Membership draw  
winner **Leigh  
Martin** won a  
voucher from  
**Café Sia**



**Spin The Bottle Winners**  
**Bob & Gloria Neindorf**  
with Mettwurst from  
**Lyndoch Fine Foods** and  
**WCMC Wine**

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

**Tiffney Reynolds:**



It's good to see one of our favourite singers having a red-hot go at her singing career again.

**Tiffney Reynolds** was one of my favourite performers until she embarked on family and other commitments. She's blitzed her way past the Blind Auditions on *The Voice* and we are waiting to see how she fares in the next rounds.

**Good Luck Tiffney**



**Drakes Community Dollars Programme**

Download the app from here: <https://drakes.com.au/mydrakes-app/>  
Another reminder to support this program that supports us.  
Full details are in previous newsletters, or ask Ray how to set it up.



**Drakes.**



**Troy Casser-Daly concert:**



**Lynda and I** went to the **Troy Casser-Daly** concert a couple of weeks ago at Her Majesty’s Theatre using the tickets I won in the Father’s Day raffle.

First time I’ve actually seen him perform, and was quite impressed. No flash band, just himself, a bass guitarist and a drummer.

Troy played all the guitar work including rhythm and lead work, all the time singing. Loved the way he introduced each song with a short, relevant story to give it context and meaning. Thanks to the Adelaide Guitar Festival for donating the tickets.

A couple of nights earlier I took grandson **Jai** to the same venue and introduced him to **John Butler**. Worlds apart in style, volume and length of performance. But very Australian all the way. And similar storytelling introductions. Made the observation that it was almost like a Heavy Metal band, but he said no – **John** did not use a solid-body guitar! He did play everything else though just like it was one. Electro-Acoustic, Sitar-guitar, banjo and a couple of other things I couldn’t even name.



**Preliminary AGM Notice.**

Next month is our AGM on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025.

The priority remains to find a new President, as **Ray** needs a break.

Full documents will be sent out over the week or so, and most will be available at the next show.

Start considering your nominations and agenda items now.



**Helpers Pleeeeeeease:**



We really are looking to break out a number of tasks into smaller roles to distribute the load around. These do not have to be Committee based positions, so there are no onerous requirements in that regard. Some of them are (a preliminary list only):

- Prize management, which itself can be split into a some sub-roles: purchasing, organising, storing, presentation etc.
- Photography, with sub-roles of taking photos, preparing monthly slideshows, cataloguing and uploading to website etc
- Newsletter, comprising collation of content, authoring and distribution
- Volunteer coordination
- And many more to come.....

If more people can help, it will take some load off the existing Committee so they can possibly continue. I’m particularly interested in people with some basic computer skills in such areas as:

- Graphics
- Word processing
- Spreadsheets
- Archiving and backup.

~ ~ ~ **MEDIA** ~ ~ ~

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**Deadline: Tuesday before the show.**

**Members are welcome to make contributions.**