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"Donnybrook Dancing"

SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



On Sunday 3rd August, **Willaston Country Music Club** hosted **Walk Right Back** who played all the old favourites from The Everley Brothers, Bee Gees, Elvis, Gene Pitney, The Highwaymen and dozens of others. It was a real mixed bag of covers and **John and Bill** did an amazing job of harmonising all day.

Walk Right Back are new entertainers to **Willaston CMC**, but they are no strangers to the circuit. They are based in the suburbs of Adelaide and play at Country Music Festivals, other Music Clubs, Independent Living

complexes, British Working Mens Club, Special Events and other venues. It was great having them, and they will return to Willaston in 2026.

It's always good to see that when the entertainers get time off, they can get to enjoy being patrons. We were thrilled to have **Peter Santella** from **Highway One**, and his wife **Sue**, in our midst and enjoying the day and time on the dance floor. There was a good crowd and everyone had a great time enjoying the old classic songs. And yes, we had some fantastic food from the kitchen again.



Here are some happy snaps from the day.



~ ~ ~ AROUND THE CLUBS ~ ~ ~



Southern CMC hosted the ever popular **Workin' Overtime** on Sunday 10th August. Their guest artist was 21 year old **Ruby Zoontjens**, who has a beautiful voice, and performed, with her guitar, for 2 brackets.

The day started with their AGM with only one committee change. **Tom and Jill Kimber** were awarded life memberships.

The crowd was down due to illnesses, but those in attendance had a magnificent time.

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

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Barossa CMC in Nuriootpa hosted **Eddie Edwards and Friends** on Sunday 10th August. Their guest artist was **Chooka Williams**.

It was a great day with some new faces in the crowd, and them joining the Club.

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



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Murray Bridge CMC hosted **Out of Order** on Sunday 24th August. A number of visitors from other clubs, including Willaston, attended the day.

The music brought back memories and the River Waltz dancers showed their improved, unison dance skills.

The day included their annual tribute to members and friends who have passed, and for this, **Tracey Allen** sang a beautiful rendition of "Grandpa Tell Me About The Gool Old Days".

They thanked the Willaston Club for their reciprocal raffle donation of a double pass to their show. Next month **Good Company** and **John Letner** hit the stage.

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

~ ~ ~ UPCOMING EVENT ~ ~ ~

Troy Cassar-Daley and Nancy Bates appearing at **Her Majesty's Theatre** on Friday 12th September at 7.30pm as part of the Adelaide Guitar Festival.

Tickets available online, or try your luck in our Special Father's Day Raffle during our September Show. We have 2 tickets, valued at \$160, up for grabs.

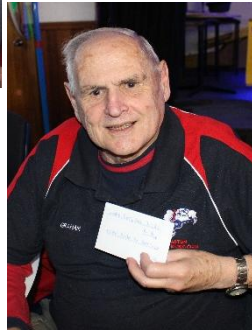


~ ~ ~ AUGUST WINNERS AND SPONSORS ~ ~ ~



**Spin The Bottle
Winners**
**Joy Colls & Frank
Todd** with Mettwurst
from **Lyndoch Fine
Foods** and
WCMC Wine

Birthday
prize winner
was **Graham
Howard** who
won a **Café
Nova**
voucher



Door prize
winner **Jill
Loller** won a
voucher from
Café Sia



Membership
draw winner
Judy Valenti
won a
voucher from
Coffee & Co.



Teresita Mee
Cash Winner of
both
Lucky Envelopes.

~ ~ ~ VALE DARRYL ECKERT ~ ~ ~



It was very sad that during the August Show, **Ray** announced the sad passing of **Heartland's Darryl Eckert**. A minute's silence was respectfully held. A tribute from our club to his wife **Gail**, and family, appears on our Facebook page and website. He touched the lives of many people and this was reflected by the large attendance at his funeral service at Mannum. **Ray** attended the funeral and was deeply touched by the solo performance by his son. Very moving and heartfelt. Farewell good friend. **RIP Darryl**.



~ ~ ~ FATHER'S DAY ~ ~ ~



Happy Father's Day to all the Dads. We have a special Father's Day Raffle this month with first prize being 2 tickets to the Troy Cassar-Daley/Nancy Bates concert valued at \$160. Many thanks to the Adelaide Guitar Festival folk for this donation to the club. Other prizes also available. Tickets for this raffle are \$2 each, and we will still run our regular raffle as well.

~ ~ ~ AGM REMINDER ~ ~ ~

Our AGM is just around the corner. November 2nd to be precise. There are positions that need filling and we encourage everyone to see if they can contribute to Club operations by nominating for the positions, the committee, OR, tasks not on the committee. In particular we need



- **President**
- **Raffle and Prize Co-ordinator/s**



Many hands make light work and there are some people in the club who are currently overworked with the tasks they do. Some jobs can be held by more than one person, so the task is even easier. Think about it. Full documents will be sent out over the next few weeks.

~ ~ ~ SPOTLIGHT ~ ~ ~



This month it is time to spotlight the "meeters and greeters". Every month, these great folk are there to give you a warm smile as you arrive for your day's entertainment. Take a few seconds to give them a thank you for their dedication.



Earlston



Errol and Elaine



Heather



Ray

~ ~ ~ RAY'S CORNER ~ ~ ~

Music Appreciation

Or How to Enjoy the Performances



Just a friendly reminder about our guidelines for striking the balance between enjoying the music and having a chat.

- **To give you the opportunity to talk, we have longer breaks.**
- *If you need to have an extended conversation, do so in the other room.*
- **But while the band is playing - please use whisper mode.**

Shhhhhhhplease. When the music is on.



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.



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~ ~ ~ MEDIA ~ ~ ~

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