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"Donnybrook Dancing"

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



On Sunday 2nd November, **Willaston Country Music Club** hosted **Highway One** with **Gemma Tiller** as the feature artist. This is another show that I have missed so there isn't a big write up. Again I will apologise in advance for any errors.



The day started with our AGM, more details of which are in Ray's Corner.

Raelene Dunn received Life Membership, which was presented to her by **Kathy Trankalis**, also a Life Member.

Highway One were their usual fabulous selves with **Peter** getting out on the dance floor with his guitar, having fun.

Gemma sang beautifully, mostly singing with the band, but with one bracket singing without vocal support.

*(Many thanks to **Peter Newell** for the photos)*

January Show – Gold Coin Day

One of the Christmas presents we like to give our members is a cheap day out once a year.

Every December **WCMC** members get in for a gold coin donation. This alone is a good reason to become a member, regardless of whether you are a member of another club or not. You support us all year, so here is one little thank you.



Shhhhhh ... while the music is playing



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



Southern CMC hosted **Palomino Deluxe** on Sunday 9th November. My helpful reporter, **Sandy Smallacombe** has missed the last 2 shows and finally made the November show ... in her moonboot. She is mobile, albeit slowly.

The Show was spectacular with **Palomino Deluxe** at their very best. A full house and a full dance floor.

Palomino Deluxe have announced that they will no longer do Sunday shows, so this was their last for clubs. They will continue with other formats at different venues on different days. Sad that we will not see them again on Sundays.

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

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**Barossa CMC** in Nuriootpa hosted **Synergy** with **Graeme Hugo** as their feature artist. This brilliant combination is always a hit. There was a good crowd and the day was busy, plus non stop dancing



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

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Murray Bridge CMC hosted **Buddies Four** with feature artist **Robyn Gleeson** on Sunday 23rd November.

Initially they performed separately and were excellent, but when they worked together they were exceptional So much so that with their approval they are booked again for next year.

Robyn included 2 songs dear to her heart about her family and the band played many old favourites.

MBCMC welcomed new visitors and an increasing number of members from other clubs. Don't forget to book for **MBCNC** at least 7 days prior with **Gloria** on **0488748911**

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

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**HO HO HO!!**



**Yes, It's Christmas Time**

**Please keep safe over the Festive Season and enjoy the time with your family and friends. See you again in 2026**

~ ~ ~ NOVEMBER WINNERS AND SPONSORS ~ ~ ~



**Vickie Ross**  
and **Lyall Dunn**  
were the Lucky  
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Winners



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Door prize winner  
and  
Spin the Bottle  
winner  
was  
**Rick Neumann**



Birthday prize was  
won by **Evelyn Jones**



Membership prize  
was won by **Lynette  
Window**

~ ~ ~ RAY'S CORNER ~ ~ ~



**Donations for the Needy:**

A friendly reminder as we enter the pre Christmas period to bring something to donate to the local people in need. Every year you've all given generously to our UCare appeal, so let's keep that momentum and generosity going.

**Flu, Covid and Shingles are around again:**

Far be it from me to tell anyone how to live, but I am hearing many reports of a nasty Influenza, Covid-19 and shingles circulating in the community. Our demographic is prone to the more severe effects of such diseases. So keep up all the good hygiene habits that Covid-19 forced on us to minimise the spread and effect of the 'flu. These include (but not limited to) hand washing in particular, careful sneezing, vaccinations and using sanitiser at every opportunity. It's on the tables every month now.



**WCMC Committee members:**



Thanks to everyone who attended the AGM last month.

Gives me great pleasure to welcome **Charmaine Marshall** on board. I love it when the youngsters step up. And welcome back **Kathy Trankalis** with all her experience and new enthusiasm. As no one else seems to want my job, I'm focussing this year on all the roles that people perform to keep our club humming. Then we can make sure each role and task is adequately covered, with backups to ensure continuous coverage. **Kathy** and **Charmaine** are tasked to manage all this to make sure we identify all these roles, tasks and the volunteers who perform them.

### **January show meals:**



Sue and Leon have a family function to attend on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2026 – the same day as our show. They will do most of the preparation, but not be able to cook on the day.



All our other cooks who can use the deep fryers to Sue's high standard are also unavailable that day, so meals on the day will be mainly barbecue based. Chips are OK.

Yes, Sue will make her signature deserts before she leaves. Sandwiches, wraps, cakes etc all available as usual.

### **Walker Safety:**

There are a lot more people bringing walkers to shows these days.

While they help mobility greatly there are a couple of areas where they can cause grief:



- Space – they take up a fair bit of room, so you need to be careful where you park them. Need to strike a balance between your immediate needs and the ability of others to move around you while you are seated. I've heard of places where walkers are moved out of the room and only retrieved when called for. Don't want to go this far, so be mindful of others around you, especially if you are seated near thoroughfares.
- Parking Brakes. When you're not using your walk, apply the parking brakes. This will prevent them from scooting away if someone accidentally contacts it, which may cause them to have a fall. And we all know that falls are the number one injury in our age group.

### **Government Grants:**



Over the year we have obtained two government grants: one for a new Defibrillator, and one for equipment to help our volunteers. The new AFD will be here soon.

We are looking at getting a dedicated phone for bookings, card readers for credit card payments, and possibly a coffee machine.

More on these shortly.

### **Vale:**

Sadly we've lost a few members and musicians this year. Don't call them out all that often, but they are not forgotten.

Bryan Sparks, Wendy Dawe and Lorraine Darling are recently passed members.

Darryl Eckert and Dave Verral are fondly remembered musicians.

Let me know if I've missed anyone here.



**Have a happy and safe Christmas everyone. See most of you on Sunday.**

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