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"Donnybrook Dancing"

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



Hoping everyone had the best Christmas with lots of joy and special times.

May we all have health, happiness and prosperity for the year ahead – 2026.



On Sunday 7th December, **Willaston Country Music Club** hosted **Synergy** with **Connie Kis Andersen** as the feature artist. I caught the very end of the day and heard nothing but praise from everyone over the quality of the final show for 2025.

Synergy (formerly Heartland) were extremely well received and played a great selection of music, keeping people on the dance floor.



Connie Kis Andersen was described as excellent, fabulous, magnificent... Everyone was very impressed and hopes she will return in the future.

The Christmas spirit was in the air as the committee provided little gifts for everyone, delivered by Santa's special helpers. Good to see lots of people wearing festive clothes.

UCare donations were very gratefully received by the Gawler Uniting Church and the generosity of our patrons is to be commended. Christmas can be a very tough time for some families.

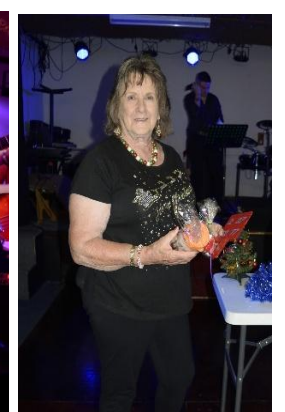
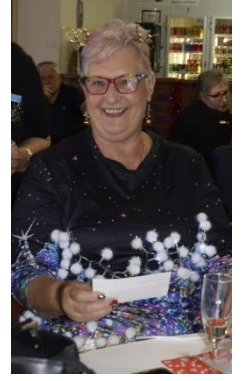


~ ~ ~ WHO'S NEW ~ ~ ~



In my absence during the December show, newcomer **Matthew Roderick** stepped up and took lots of photos. If you see him running around with a camera, say a good country hello and give him a big smile. You will likely end up in the newsletter and/or on the slide show in the member's lounge.

I have filled this page with some of his photos. Many thanks **Matthew**.



~ ~ ~ DECEMBER WINNERS ~ ~ ~

Lucky Envelope winners – **Lyall Dunn** and **Roz Edmunds**
 Door Prize – **Kevin Newell**
 Birthday Prize – **Carolyn Klose**
 Membership Prize – **Thelma Molenhauer**
 Spin The Bottle – **Monica Turner**



~ ~ ~ AROUND THE CLUBS ~ ~ ~



Southern CMC hosted **Synergy** on Sunday 14th December, with **Graeme Hugo** as guest artist. The room was jammed pack with an extremely good crowd and a busy dance floor.



Graeme was at his best singing all his good country songs. This was **Synergy's** first show with their new permanent line up. They were brilliant.

Mini Lions Christmas cakes were distributed and Anthony put on a superb Christmas lunch.

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

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On Sunday 14th December, **Barossa CMC** in Nuriootpa hosted **Out Of Order** with **Tracey Rains** as their feature artist. This was a really great show.

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

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Murray Bridge CMC hosted **Synergy** with feature artist **Kim Copedo** from New Zealand, on Sunday 21st December. It was an exceptional day with a friendly and festive atmosphere. The Boot Scooters and the Military 2 Steppers both had spots to showcase their dance styles.

MBCMC continues to welcome members from other clubs, including Willaston. Don't forget to book for **MBCNC** at least 7 days prior with **Gloria** on **0488748911**. The next show has **Workin' Overtime** and **Graeme Hugo** performing.



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

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~ ~ ~ RAY'S CORNER ~ ~ ~

REMINDER FOR JANUARY SHOW Sue and Leon have a family function to attend on January 4th 2026 – the same day as our show. They will do most of the preparation, but not be able to cook on the day. Other cooks also not available. Meals will be mainly barbeque based. Chips are OK.

Sue will make her signature deserts before she leaves. Sandwiches, wraps, cakes etc all available as usual. Meal choices will be listed on the whiteboard near the kitchen.

You will still need meal order forms, but we may just write your order under the *Daily Specials* selection.

SPONSORS

Most of our regular sponsors renew their support at the beginning of each calendar year. They have done so again this year. And we have a new sponsor – one I'm personally a great fan of –

Cheek Avenue Charcoal Chicken.

The team produce the best chicken, fish and burger meals in the area and have previously been voted as SA's best in their category.

Our local Mitre10 store has also recently joined the list of sponsors. I specifically select some *bloke* things for prizes each month from them.

They help us, so please return the favour and support them. Here's the full list (which is printed on every flyer we produce):

Café Sia	567 Consulting	Drake's Supermarket
Coffee and Co	Gawler South Bakery	Kevin Kowald
Mitre 10 Gawler	Rick & Raylene Neumann	Café Nova
Lyndoch Fine Foods	Cheek Avenue Charcoal Chicken	Willaston Football Club



BIRTHDAYS

Every now and then someone yells out that we have not included them in the Birthday list or draw.

That used to happen once in a while before Heather Kerber was appointed as our Membership Officer.

Now we read pre-prepare the lists carefully from our membership database to avoid missing anyone out.

We read out names of those whose birthday is in the period from the day after our previous show and today's show.

These are all included in the Birthday draw.

We also read out names of members whose birthday is the next 7 days. These are not included in the Birthday draw.

Anyone who is unfinancial at the time may be read out, but will not be in the draw.

If we have missed anyone out the most probable reason is that you have not written your birthdate on your Membership form.

You know the three simple rules: Be a member, be financial and be there at the time of the draw.

ORDERING MEALS AND DESSERT

There are still some occasions where patrons are not using the meal ordering forms properly.

This creates confusion during delivery, and it bothers me that some people get angry at the volunteers who try to deliver your meals or dessert.

There are only two basic rules here (or three):

1. Table numbers must be written on your order form. Orders will no longer be accepted without them.
2. When you order you receive a raffle ticket with a number on it. This number is used to identify the person at the table for delivery. From now on you must have that number to receive your order. If its missing you may not get your meal or dessert.

While I appreciate some people do lose their tickets, I will not tolerate any hostility directed to our volunteers.

Consider yourselves warned.

REMINDER: WALKER SAFETY

- 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.

Hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. See most of you on Sunday