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*"Donnybrook Dancing"*

## FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January, **Willaston Country Music Club** hosted **Highway One** supporting **Justin Standley** to a crowd of over 150. What a day it was!

**Highway One** kicked off with a bracket of old favourites. Then **Justin** hit the stage with a mix of original songs. **Highway One** and **Justin** had never performed together before, but you would never have known. The band had to read the music for the new songs (Yep, not all musicians can do that!) and **Highway One** never missed a beat.

That's talent. **Justin** sang 2 sets of boppy medleys that left the audience delighted. Great songs with excellent accompaniment.

In true entertainer form **Justin** changed his clothes about 4 times, but his sparkling gold jacket was the biggest hit. The rest of the afternoon he sang well known songs, some of which we hadn't heard in a while. He threw in some yodelling and kept up some good banter with the band. **Justin** sang *Unchained Melody* and his note holding on this song was loooooong!! Quite a few people took up the offer of a free Christian music CD from **Justin**.



Oh, I probably shouldn't mention **Justin's** disappearance out the back. I think it had something to do with all the "propositions" he received. Oh, sorry, I didn't say that!! Oooops. Ha ha ha ha.

A highlight for the day was when **Ray Cockshell** challenged **Justin** to do *Amazing Grace* as a cappella (acapella). Fabulous. A further highlight was **Highway One** member **Rachel** doing a solo violin performance of *Tennessee Waltz*.

Off the stage, **Charmaine Marshall** has well and truly nestled into the role of wheel spinner for the bats. Reserved at first, she has now developed a comfy approach to the task and adds her personal touch of commentary.

The raffle has developed into a challenge with the search for animal names to represent the letters shown on the winning tickets. How many animals start with the letter U?

Lastly, I think it appropriate to say a big thank you to those who stepped up in the kitchen while **Leon, Sue** and others were away. Well done!



by Robert Chapman (c) 2026



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(Photos courtesy of **Rob Chapman** and **Matthew Roderick**)

~ ~ ~ JANUARY WINNERS ~ ~ ~



Lucky Envelope winners – **Kathy Trankalis (2 wins)**  
 and **Teresita Mee**  
 Door Prize – **Joyce Overton**  
 Birthday Prize – **Tina Chapman**  
 Membership Prize – **Heather Kerber**  
 Spin The Bottle – **Pam and Brian Knill**  
 (visitors from Strathalbyn)



~ ~ ~ AROUND THE CLUBS ~ ~ ~



**Southern CMC** hosted **Eddie Edwards and Friends** on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Their guest artist was **Cactus Marten** from Port Pirie. A great combination with **Cactus** pleasing the full crowd, many of whom are his followers, and **Eddie Edwards and Friends** being a very popular band.

show saw us all halfway into January, and starting our music club year on a gigantic high. A great start to 2026.

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

Christmas Family events are over, New Year's parties done and dusted, and already this



**Barossa CMC** in Nuriootpa hosted **Buddies Four** on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January. They are an Adelaide based band that tend to play 50s and 60s rock, mixed up with some country. There is something for everyone to rekindle memories.

**Barossa CMC** is a smaller club on the circuit. Have you been there yet? If not, why not book for one of their forthcoming shows. Let's share the love.



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



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



I was lucky enough to win tickets to the **Murray Bridge CMC** in our January raffle, so **Peter and I**, along with our dog **Sasha**, packed up the motorhome and headed for their Australia Day show on 25<sup>th</sup> January. This was our first visit to **MBCMC**. **Workin' Overtime** and **Graeme Hugo** were this month's artists, working well together with their crowd-pleasing songs. **MBCMC** gave us a warm welcome and we were delighted to see so many people from **WCMC** in the crowd.

*Advance Australia Fair* was sung by all as the first song of the day, and we were seated at tables adorned with the Australian flag, eucalyptus leaf arrangements and lamingtons.

Aussie, Aussie, Aussie, Oi, Oi, Oi could be heard a few times at great volume during the day.

Their 3 feature dance spots (*River Dance, Military Two Step and Line Dancers only*) are really popular. The dance floor is not big enough! President **Bob Neindorf** put a challenge out to the other clubs to have, like they do, a feature dance.

I was honoured with being asked to pick the Lucky Spot for the day.

(Thanks to **Robert Chapman** for the photos.)



~ ~ ~ **WANTED** ~ ~ ~

**PRESIDENT** – Ray is very much in need of a rest from the role of President. Can someone please give him a hand with a view to taking over soon? We've got a good team to do most of the work, they just need some leadership. Please give this some serious thought.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR** – It may have been noticed that, for a number of reasons, I am not always at the shows now. This makes it hard for me to write reports and put accurate information in the newsletters. Is there someone who might be interested in taking over this position please?

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

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Another reminder to support this program that supports us.

Full details are in previous newsletters, or ask **Ray** how to set it up.



**Drakes.**

**Walker Safety Reminder:**

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 walker, 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.

~ ~ ~ **HAPPY SNAPS** ~ ~ ~



**Many thanks to Matthew Roderick for the photos. You can see more of his photos on the slideshow near the kitchen servery. Are you in any of those photos?**



**Q: What do you get when you toss a piano down a mine shaft?**

**A: A flat minor**

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