



COUNTRY CALL

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January – February 2018

THE ADELAIDE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB INC.

www.acmc.org.au Club Patron ...Trev Warner, Vice Patron ...Murray Mac

Shows 12.30 to 4.30pm

at the SLOVENIAN CLUB ADELAIDE, 11 LaSalle St., Dudley Park

DOORS OPEN 10.30 am (or earlier if set up)

Entry:- ACMC members and other Country Music Club Members:- \$6.00, all others \$8.00

Catering will be available 12 noon – 1 pm

SUNDAY January 7, 2018

City Cowboys

plus walkups John Battle, Raelz, Steve Tripodi and Paul Walker

Catering:- Light Lunch

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SUNDAY February 4, 2018

Craig Giles

& Kinta backed by Heartland

Catering:- Light Lunch

Coming Attractions

Mar 4 Jay J Shannon and Winchester

Apr 1 NO MEETING IN APRIL

May 6 Jukebox Boys

June 3 Sandra Humphries & Band

President's Report -

Hello again to all our members and friends. The end of 2017 is fast approaching and so I want to wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and hope you all have good health and lots of happiness during 2018. This year seems to have gone at a rapid pace. My younger brother Nick passed away 12 months ago last Wednesday, 13th December and it seems as if it was only yesterday. There are not a lot of venues about that are having a country music New Year's Eve this year and so I might just stay home or go to Semaphore foreshore with my daughter and a couple of other friends to see the fireworks etc.



Our club rounded off the year with Alan Webster and the Country Gentlemen on December 3rd. It was a great show enjoyed by all. A Good attendance too. There were two walk-ups, a young couple from Pt. Augusta who sang individually and did a good set each. Santa made an appearance and was well received by a lot of ladies who sat on his knee for a photo shot. Those photos will be available at the January show free of charge. In November we had Palomino Deluxe with Guest artist Derani. Fantastic entertainment all day.

On the down side, everybody's friend Wally Sparrow passed away mid November. Wally has been known for many years as a performing artist, talent quest judge, compere, radio presenter and journalist. He presented his last show, Country Breaky, on 101.5fm two days prior to his passing. He had a full house funeral at Centennial Park on Tuesday 5th Dec. Dennis Verran, another past member of our club, passed away a week after Wally and was laid to rest on Dec. 6th. Elsie Heness who was a regular for many years passed away in a nursing home on 11th November. A beautiful lady. Jack Callis is on the sick list and having a stay in hospital. Get well soon Jack.

As we go into 2018, members are advised that our financial year ends on the 28th February 2018. That means that **renewal of subscriptions begin in March**. Note that renewals can be done any time in the

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new year prior to the expiry date if desired.

Another reminder for members and friends that our club show on **April 1st 2018 has been cancelled** due to the Slovenian club being closed over the Easter holidays.

Our January 7th show will feature the band CITY COWBOYS. Tania Cornish was to be our Guest artist on that day but has cancelled out and taking 12 months off, and so we will be have a selected group of walkups in lieu of a guest artist.

Enough for now. Keep it country.

Dean Beviss. *President*

November Photo



Palomino Deluxe:- Duncan Haynes, Megzy Kneale, Matt Carson, Michael Scott and Tim Windsor.

December Photo



Allan Webster and Country Gentlemen:- Henry Czerwonka, Nevin Skurray, Allan Webster, and Andrew Holliday

More December Photos



Andrew Hill and Tahlia Halliwell travelled down from Port Augusta with their families to perform at our December show. In 2014 Andrew was one of the recipients of the The Len Wakefield Memorial Fund. (in 2015 it was renamed to the The Len and Lorraine Wakefield Memorial Fund)



Above:- Santa, Santa with Dee and Barbara

Left:- Viv, table decorations and Kev with his Merry Christmas hat

January Show :- City Cowboys

The City Cowboys band performed at the Club in 2011, 2013 and 2016. They are a four piece band.

The members are:-

Peter Symons (Boogie Man) :- vocals, electric piano and harmonica

Bill Clarke - Drums

Joe Griffa:- Guitar, also plays piano, trumpet and drums!

Jay Lindblom:- bass guitar.



The City Cowboys at our December 2016 show

January Show walkups:- John Battle, Raelz, Steve Tripodi and Paul Walker

John Battle

John will be in South Australia in January 2018 and one of our January 7th Club day walk-ups. I have seen, heard and taken photos of John Battle in Tamworth 2011, Barmera 2012 and at Alcheringa in 2015.

He enjoys Singing/playing a good Aussie Bush Ballad is what I enjoy most of all but also do the songs of Merle Haggard, Don Williams, Charley Pride, Johnny Cash, Alan Jackson, Dwight Yoakam, Marty Robbins, Don Gibson, George Jones, John Denver, Willie Nelson etc.

John was a founding member (with Mel Sommers) of Steel City Country Music Club where he met his wife Kay. He joined Country Feelin's Band where he stayed for around four years playing the Hunter, Mid North Coast and Central Coast areas. He gave music away for about eighteen years, again only singing at parties and sometimes at local CMC shows.

Through the years he has won many awards. He has four CDs.

These words were partly abstracted from a profile John recently emailed to me.

Ian Fisk



John at Alcheringa in 2015

Raelz

Raelz has been on the ACMC committee as Membership Officer since 2007. She was made a life member in 2016.

She has sung and played in a number of country bands throughout the years, including Kindred Spirit, Al's Pals and currently in Sidetracked (since 2017).

There have been many walk-ups at many Country Music venues.

She has entered many talent quests through the years and won a few. She has also entered a number of Karaoke contests and won some of those too.

Raelz loves to encourage other artists, young and old!

There have been trophies won in karaoke competitions and many years ago, saw her regularly appearing at an Adelaide nightclub.



More photos of most of our club meetings (from 2008) are on our website www.acmc.org.au. Past Country Calls (mostly in colour) are also there. There are also many photos by Robert Chapman on line (link on our website). Check our facebook page too!

Please save the Club having to print, fold and post your Country Call by downloading your COLOUR copy from our website. It is usually on the website a week before most members receive their posted version! Please send an email to publicity@acmc.org.au and ask to be taken off the mailing list. You will be sent an email advising when the next issue is available to download.

Steve Tripodi

Steve has done many walkups at our Club through the years and done many at lots of country music gigs through the years. He is a regular at 'Billy Dee & Friends with Guest Walk Ups - 'Come as a Guest - Leave as a Friend' gig on the third Sunday every month.

Lately he has also been a regular at the 'ThreeD Hillbilly Hoot' (8 to 9 every Monday night) at the Linde Reserve, Nelson Street Stepney.

Several years ago he won the karaoke competition at the SA Country Music Festival in the Riverland.

I rang for more information.

He said:- "He was a nice bloke, sang in the 'Black Diamond 5 Band' for 18 years (1960 to 1978), sang in various nightclubs in Adelaide. He has one CD and is working on another"



Paul Walker

Paul was first seen by your Publicity officer at the Gawler Country Music Club Talent Quest in August 2013.

He has since been at our Club in January 2014 in 'Al's Pals' Band and as a solo guest artist at our Club in January 2017.

He is currently in the band 'Sidetracked'.



February Show:- Craig Giles and Kinta backed by Heartland

Craig has been coming the Club in February or March for a number of years.

He has usually been backed by Heartland, please check previous copies of Country Call for more information on Craig, or better still check out his website (<http://www.craigiles.com>).

from the website

"Craig's 16th Album will be released in November 2017. "A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS"

We are all very excited about this album as Craig has always wanted to record a full DUETS album with some of his mates.

The album has sixteen great tracks and features Craig with 11 of his mates. MORE NEWS SOON...

Craig's Music Tours of America's Deep South continue their success..

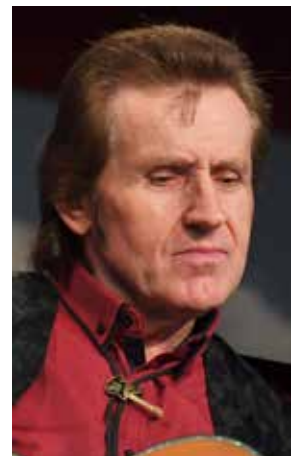
When Craig Giles was engaged by John Howie and Travelrite International to be the Celebrity Host for the 2010 MUSIC TOUR OF AMERICA'S DEEP

SOUTH, no one realised just how successful it would be.

Craig was engaged for this tour because of his knowledge & passion for both Country & Rock'n'Roll Music.

The 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2015 Tours have been just as successful and we are about to head back to America for our 2017 Tour with another wonderful group of music lovers.

Kinta has toured with Craig for many years. She is a singer from Geelong, Victoria. She has sung a number of times at our Club in the past.



Heartland

Heartland have also been at our Club many times through the years, on their own and supporting other artists.

The line up is:-

Kevin Bergen - Lead Guitar/Pedal Steel

Darryl Eckert - Bass/rhythm/lead guitars and vocals

Daniel Schache - Drums

Vince Wegener - Piano/Rhythm Guitar/Harmony Vocals





Birthday Members for January and February

Barbara Bakkelo, Beryl Brooksby, Lorraine Bryant, Jan Clarkin, Christina Cockerill, Ross Daly, Robin Ellbourn, Pam Fowler, Hilda Gardner, Ann-Marie Holt, Bernie James, Joe Komsic, Ursula Lee, Robert Mcfayden, Barbara O'Daniel, Kevin Perry, Trevor Philbey, Peter H Reid, Danny Roberts, Ernie Rouse, Lorraine Rutherford, Len Searles, Carleen Siemering, Doug Smith, Barbara Solly, Hayden Spencer, Ronnie Walter, Judy Warner,

Graham Wood.



Barbara, Robin, Ann-Marie, Bernie, Ursula Lee, Barbara, Kevin, Trevor



Peter, Danny, Lorraine, Len, Doug, Barbara, Hayden, Judy, Graham

Sick List.

Those on the sick list:-



Nann Mayne-Spry is still in the wars.

Brenton recently reported "Nann is still struggling along, she can walk a short distance on good days, which doesn't happen that often, other than that I wheel her from place to place."

Lorna Jackson has improved enough to go home!

Irene Winton's health is improving!

Nola Trenerry recently spent three days in hospital.

Best wishes to the above and all others not well.

Welcome to our new Club Members

Mary Aay, Miles Desousa, Gerald Kelly, Geoff Murch, Anei Serto, Hayden Spencer, Brian 'Whitey' White

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



The late Elsie Heness



The late Dennis Verran



The late Derek Manning



The late Walter Sparrow

Club

Merchandise

We have a number of items for sale including:- caps, spoons, cloth badges and Lorraine Wakefield CDs.

See Raelz at the Membership table.



Left:- Derani at our November show.

Photo by Robert Chapman

Please don't forget to renew your Adelaide Country Music Club Membership.
Fees are due on March 1. (only \$10 per person)
A renewal form will be included in this Newsletter

Please try not to damage the table covers in any way. No scribbling on, making holes in etc. New covers are an expense the Club can do without! Thank you!

Thanks to Pam Fisk and Raelz for proof reading this Country Call.

Thanks to the contributors to Country Call.

Gig Guide January and February

January			
Date	Event/Artist	Venue	Enquiries
Mon 1 11am	Bluegrass Pick in the park	Bonython Park, Adelaide	
Mon 1 8-9pm	ThreeD Hillbilly Hoot	Linde Reserve, Nelson Street, Stepney	
Sat 6 6-8pm	Juliet Oliver	Coorong Cafe Hindmarsh Island	
Sun 7 12.30-4.30pm	City Cowboys plus walkups John Battle, Raelz, Steve Tripodi and Paul Walker	Adelaide CM Club Inc., 11 LaSalle St, Slovenian Club, Dudley Park	(08) 8258 7110 0409 692 434
Sun 7 12-5pm	Trevor Keilar backed by Claypan Band, guest artist is Tracey Rains	Willaston CM Club, Willaston Football Clubrooms, Gawler River Road, Willaston	0415 671 679
Sun 7 1.30 for 2pm start	The Sherrahs Classic Harmony Hits Show	NCMA Clubrooms, 28 Afford Road, Pt Pirie Adults \$20 children free	Mary 0408 334 086
Sun 7 1-5pm	Bernie Rogers and Friends	South East CM Assoc., RSL Bowling Club Jubilee Highway, Mount Gambier	8725 5762
Mon 8 8-9pm	ThreeD Hillbilly Hoot	Linde Reserve, Nelson Street, Stepney	
Thur 11 11am-2pm	Allan Webster & Melody Lui-Webster	Millicent District Community Club, Millicent \$15pp includes lunch	8733 3888
Thur 11 6.30pm	Company of Two meals from 5.30pm	Plympton & Glenelg RSL, 464 Marion Rd, Plympton Park	
Sun 14 11am-4pm	City Cowboys	Barossa CM Club, Nuriootpa Memorial Hall, Murray St, Nuriootpa	8523 1957
Sun 14 12.30-5pm	Eddie Edwards and Friends with guest artist Cactus Martens	Southern CM Club, Clovelly Park Memorial Community Centre, 16 York Avenue, Clovelly Park	0408 891 512 or 8358 0014
Mon 15 8-9pm	ThreeD Hillbilly Hoot	Linde Reserve, Nelson Street, Stepney	
Fri 19 to Sun 28	The Sherrahs (Classic Harmony Hits, History Country Gospel), Amber Joy Poulton, Juliet Oliver, Graeme Hugo plus many many more	Tamworth Country Music Festival, Tamworth, NSW	
Sat 20 6-11pm	Heartland/Stepping Back	Mount McKenzie Hall, 13 Yumbunga Rd, Mt McKenzie \$15 pp	8365 3261 0439 856 543
Jan 20 - 27	Annette & Kim and Alan & Maureen	Norfolk Island Musical Tour 2018	8733 2437 or 0418 898 248
Sun 21 12noon-4pm	Palomino Deluxe	Playford CM Club, Uley Road Hall, Elizabeth Downs entry off Forrestall Rd	8255 8920
Sun 21 1-5pm	Buddies-4	Railroad CM Club, at S.A. Sea Rescue Squadron, Barcoo Road, West Beach	0413-522-516
Sun 21 1.30-5pm	Billy Dee & Friends with Guest Walk Ups - 'Come as a Guest - Leave as a Friend'	Plympton & Glenelg RSL, 464 Marion Rd, Plympton Park	8352 4046 meals from 12.30
Mon 22 8-9pm	ThreeD Hillbilly Hoot	Linde Reserve, Nelson Street, Stepney	
Thur 25 6.30pm	Company of Two meals from 5.30pm	Plympton & Glenelg RSL, 464 Marion Rd, Plympton Park	
Sun 28 11am- 4pm	Craig Giles and Heartland	Murray Bridge CM Club, Imperial Football Club Johnstone Pk	8535 4317
Sun 28 6.30pm	Jay J Shannon and Winchester	Plympton & Glenelg RSL, 464 Marion Rd, Plympton Park	
Sun 28 1-5pm	Stempede	Kilburn R.S.L. CM Functions, Way Street, Kilburn	8449 4743
Sun 28 1-5pm	Jay J. Shannon & Winchester	Plympton & Glenelg RSL, 464 Marion Rd, Plympton Park	
Mon 29 8-9pm	ThreeD Hillbilly Hoot	Linde Reserve, Nelson Street, Stepney	
February			
Sat 3 2pm	Craig Giles and Kinta	Lutheran Church Hall, Victor Harbor	Lesley 0408 827 080
Sun 4 12.30-4.30pm	Craig Giles and Heartland	Adelaide CM Club Inc., 11 LaSalle St, Slovenian Club, Dudley Park	(08) 8258 7110 0409 692 434

Date	Event/Artist	Venue	Enquiries
Sun 4 12-5pm	Sandie Dodd backed by Bernie & the Bandits	Willaston CM Club, Willaston Football Clubrooms, Gawler River Road, Willaston	0415 671 679
Sun 4 1.30-4.30pm	Paul Costa	NCMA Clubrooms, 28 Afford Road, Pt Pirie	Mary 0408 334 086
Sun 4 1-5pm	Mystic Blue with guest artist Barry Case	South East CM Assoc., RSL Bowling Club Jubilee Highway, Mount Gambier	8725 5762
Mon 5 8pm	Paul Costa	Moonta Town Hall, Moonta	Lorraine 0418 830 639
Mon 5 8-9pm	ThreeD Hillbilly Hoot	Linde Reserve, Nelson Street, Stepney	
Thur 8 6.30pm	Company of Two meals from 5.30pm	Plympton & Glenelg RSL, 464 Marion Rd, Plympton Park	
Sun 11 11am	Wayne Horsburgh and Graeme Hugo	Port Adelaide Dolphin Explorer Cruise, \$50. Includes 2 course meal	Lorraine 0418 830 639
Sun 11 11am-4pm	The Sherrahs & Amy Lea	Barossa CM Club, Nuriootpa Memorial Hall, Murray St, Nuriootpa	8523 1957
Sun 11 12.30 to 5pm	Key Country with Johnny Florence with guest artist John Turner Jnr 30 th Birthday of the club	Southern CM Club, Clovelly Park Memorial Community Centre, 16 York Avenue, Clovelly Park	0408 891 512 or 8358 0014
Mon 12 8-9pm	ThreeD Hillbilly Hoot	Linde Reserve, Nelson Street, Stepney	
Sun 18 12noon-4pm	Work-n-Overtime	Playford CM Club, Uley Road Hall, Elizabeth Downs entry off Forrestall Rd	8255 8920
Sun 18 1-5pm	Heartland	Railroad CM Club, at S.A. Sea Rescue Squadron, Barcoo Road, West Beach	0413-522-516
Sun 18 1.30-5pm	Billy Dee & Friends with Guest Walk Ups - 'Come as a Guest - Leave as a Friend'	Plympton & Glenelg RSL, 464 Marion Rd, Plympton Park	8352 4046 meals available from 12.30
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Mon 19 8-9pm	ThreeD Hillbilly Hoot	Linde Reserve, Nelson Street, Stepney	
Feb 17-18	Lee Kernaghan, The Wolfe Bros, Graeme Hugo, Matt James, Gavin Chandler, Rodney Vincent, Fine Form, Chris Matthews, Trevor Philbey, Kiara Rodrigues, Angela Easson, Sandra Humphries, Tim Farren & Band	Lake Charlegrark Country Music Marathon, Vic	
Thur 22 6.30pm	Company of Two meals from 5.30pm	Plympton & Glenelg RSL, 464 Marion Rd, Plympton Park	
Sun 25 11am- 4pm	Buddies 4	Murray Bridge CM Club, Imperial Football Club Johnstone Pk	8535 4317
Sun 25 1-5pm	Mike Fester American Country Classics	Kilburn R.S.L. CM Functions, Way Street, Kilburn	8449 4743
Sun 25 6.30pm	Jay J Shannon and Winchester	Plympton & Glenelg RSL, 464 Marion Rd, Plympton Park	
Mon 26 8-9pm	ThreeD Hillbilly Hoot	Linde Reserve, Nelson Street, Stepney	

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Please advise our Publicity Officer of any errors or omissions.

Listen top Radio Adelaide on a Saturday morning when the week's gig guide is read by your Publicity Officer

If members have nominated to pick up their Country Calls at meetings, please remember to collect them from Raelz, our Membership Officer! A committee member may endeavour to pass them on, but some members may not be recognized!

Some future major 2018 Gigs

Date	Artist(s)	Venue	Enquiries
Mar 10 & 11	Paul Costa, Sandra Humphries, Johnny Lovett, Penny Burke, Matt James, Kira Rodregues, Justin Standley, Kim Ritchie and Tracey Allen, Tom & Patsy Routledge	SECMA - Mount Gambier Country Music Festival, Mount Gambier	8725 5762
Apr 13-15	Heartland Band, Kiara Rodrigues, Stephen R Cheney, The Hoffmans, Justin Standley,	Yakka Park Music Festival , Lucindale Bill Bedford, Chooka Williams, Derani Sanders, Bryce Rawlings	0428 696 037
Apr 22 10am-5pm	'A line-up of outstanding country music performers (TBA) will provide non-stop classic country music throughout the day'	"Mid-Murray Classic Cars & Country Carnival" replacing Swan Reach Country Music Festival, in the main street, Swan Reach	
Apr 27-29	Craig Giles, Grant Luhrs, Tony Martin, Sandie Dodd, Kinta, Heartland, "The Banjo Girl" Taylor Pfeiffer, Kerran Keats	Lameroo Country Music Festival , Lameroo Jay J Shannon, Cross Country, Graeme Hugo, John Ramke, Company Of Two and more...	8576 3395 Accom/Tickets other enquiries 0408 597 307 ticketebo
May Mon 21 - Fri 25	Troy CasDennis Marsh, Travis Collins, The Topp Twins, Mason Hopoe, Fanny Lumsden, En Tranzet, Johanna Hemara, Troy Casser-Daley, Shannon Noll plus more tba	25 th Norfolk Island Country Music Festival Norfolk Island	
June 1-11	artists tba, 40 th Anniversary Celebrations, Best of Country, Country Rock, Bush Ballads, Gospel, Bush Poets, Line Dancing, Campfire Singalongs, Sideshows & Stalls, Junior & Senior Telent Quest , Lots of Shows in many venues	40th SA Country Music Festival , Riverland Check their website for updates	8588 2289

Cruisin Country No.7 – Family Reunion

How the year has flown. I recently went on the country music cruise which started from Sydney this year on the 'Radiance of the Seas' and I took along my 17 yr old grandson who is not into country music but he came along to experience a cruise and of course enjoy the food and other things on board ship and the shore visits.

We flew to Sydney Airport and then took the train to Circular Quay and then walked to the 'Overseas Passenger Terminal' and booked in our large luggage. We then went for a stroll around 'The Rocks' market. We boarded the ship about 2 p.m. and headed straight to the 'Windjammer' for a late lunch. The variety and abundance of food was an eye opener for Evan but our hunger was soon abated. We took our small bags to our cabin and then went to explore the ship, did the emergency drill, unpacked a bit and then went up on the top deck to watch the ship embark from the wharf. The weather was overcast and fine rain started to fall. We then went off for our evening meal. The evening show featured Amber Lawrence and she brought her niece and nephew on stage to do a segment with her.

Monday was cloudy and the seas choppy, Evan succumbed to the conditions but after taking some seasick pills, he had a lie-down and recovered in the afternoon. I was able to see Laurie Minson & Shellie, Felicity recording 'Sat. Night Live' and do some square dancing lessons. The evening show featured the Kirkpatrick Family, both Anne & David performing individually and together and they were joined on stage with Anne's son Jim and his partner Flora. There were a lot of Slim Dusty stories and references to his songs. After the show I went to see Luke O'Shea in the Centrum.

Tuesday the weather was fine and seas fairly calm. I went to square dance lessons and then Line dance lessons. There was a midday show with James Blundell and he had his son Briar on guitar with him, it was a little loud at times. During the day I also got to see 'Simply Bushed', 'Round Mountain Girls' who are all guys!, 'Upscale Duo' and 'Innocent Eve'. The evening show was to be Adam Harvey one of my favourites and I had to queue for about an hour before the show to try and get a good seat but it was worth it, Beccy Cole dropped in for a couple of songs and he introduced his wife Cathy to us and his daughter Leyla (15 yrs) later performed solely and also with Adam. Leyla is having classical music lessons and had a lovely voice, she and Adam did a rendition of 'The Prayer' which brought a standing ovation – it was wonderful.

Wed. saw us at Lifou and we took a tender boat ashore and had a browse around some local stalls, mainly food, and then went for a walk to the Notre Dame Church for a lovely scenic view and then wandered further round the island. Back on board the ship I went for a swim and could hear Rusty & Ayers performing. The evening show was Beccy Cole and at last Evan came along. Beccy had her mum Carole sing a few songs solo and join with Beccy in some. Her son Ricky featured on guitar. Adam Harvey also joined her for a couple of songs, it was a great show. Later I saw a bit of Buddy Goode perform.

Thurs. at Port Vila, there were lots of market stalls on the wharf so we did a bit of shopping. We had booked for an 'Off-road Buggy Ride'. Twelve people took part and we were driven in a people carrier through the township to a private property and we each choose a helmet to wear and then got into one of six buggies, in pairs, with the idea of changing drivers halfway. Evan was at the wheel and we proceeded to follow our guide along a very bumpy and dusty track hitting as many bumps as possible and going as fast as the terrain allowed. At the halfway mark I let Evan carry on driving as he was having such fun. The cows we passed didn't flinch at all the noise, so I guess that they were used to it. Back on board ship had a shower to get rid of the dust. Then I went back to do some more shopping at the market stalls, the locals were very friendly. The evening show was John Williamson and he also had his daughter Amy join him on stage. After the show went to see a bit of the 'Stomping Ivories, Innocent Eve' and Vaughan Jones.

Fri. – Noumea. We took a trip on the Hop on Hop off Bus and later had a look around the shops. The evening show was the 'McClymonts' and as usual didn't disappoint – very good. Also saw the 'Bushwackers' & 'Stomping Ivories' later.

Sat.- Lunch time show was Camille & Stue French for the first part and their son 'Sonny' joined them on stage and he was very popular with the audience, will no doubt see plenty of him in the future. The second half Catherine Britt took to the stage and Beccy Cole joined her from the audience for a song. The evening show was Lee & Tanya Kernaghan where they performed individually and together, Evan came along too. Lee got his wife Robyn to join him on stage. The show was very professional and Lee was not too loud. After the show I headed to the Colony Club to see the 'Stomping Ivories' again and Claire O'mara from the theatre backing band joined them, it was great.

Sunday- Cloudy, cool and the sea choppy. We had a look around the Ship's shops for bargains. Saw 'Indiella Duo' and the 'Bushwackers' perform. We packed our bags. The evening show featured all the artists who had appeared at the shows in the theatre and they sang one or two songs each including the 'family' members who had performed with them earlier in the week. Evan came to the show too and enjoyed it. It was a great show to finish off the cruise.

Mon. saw us back in Sydney and we then returned back to Adelaide to everyday life.

Judy Fairhead

Len and Lorraine Wakefield Memorial Fund

Subject to certain conditions, the purpose of the fund is to assist younger talent with proven ability: a) in entering talent quests throughout South Australia, Mildura and Tamworth, b) by payment or part payment of professional tuition, and c) towards the cost of a musical instrument. The fund is administered by the APMC committee with expenditure limited to the interest from capital invested (plus raffles from time to time), with all payments made to the appropriate body. Annually an awardee is chosen by the Full Committee. Contributions to the fund, which may be made to the club treasurer at any time will be acknowledged in the club newsletter.



After Lorraine's passing the fund was renamed to include Lorraine's name. The selection procedure has had to be changed slightly as there are fewer talent contests held at present than in the past.

Read Me ... Read Me ... Read Me ... Read Me ... Read Me

You are reminded that our shows are on licensed premises, and you are NOT permitted to BYO grog/softies to the shows.

Please consider your own safety and the safety of others, and take appropriate care wherever you are (and especially around the dance floor).

Our bands and guest artists perform for our enjoyment. Please consider the rights and comfort of others and keep the noise down during performances.

The Club is run by volunteers who work hard to make our Club one to be proud of. Give them your support.

Unless noted otherwise, all photos by Ian Fisk

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