

## **Welcome to the ADELAIDE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY 1989-2014**

Late 1988 the late Mr. Glen Harrison phoned the late Len Wakefield and said "What do you think about starting a club to help musicians and artists especially young people to keep Country Music in South Australia?". Between them a meeting was decided. The meeting was held in the Marryatville Hotel, had a wonderful response, the word had got around. It was decided right away it would be a 'goer'.

The venue found was Thebarton Oval under the grandstand. The show day decided upon was the first Sunday of each month for an afternoon show, entry a donation of \$2.

Very luckily, bands offered to help get it started by either playing for a small donation or for free. We were all very grateful. Just to mention a few bands:- the Sherrah Family, The List Family, Helen Downer, The Bergens, the Hughes, Murray Mac, Jay J Shannon and lots of musos forming bands.

After a few months we had grown too big for the oval venue and were off to the Tubemakers Hall, Cromwell Road, Kilburn which turned into the Canine Club Hall. There we were able to do some weekend shows carnival style, using the oval which had food stalls. Interstate artist and locals even had New Year Eve shows there.

The Club constitution was ratified at the 1990 Annual General Meeting.

Once again the hall was not big enough. We appreciated not being charged for hire. The catering was done very successfully by the committee.

In 1996 we moved to the Greyhound Race Track, the venue was upstairs and difficult for some, the stage was in the middle of the floor was not the best for people either side. We used their catering, which was very good.

Once again we had a couple of outside weekends with stalls and interstate artist and locals. As the car park was under cover, it was very good, rain, hail or sunshine. Then late 1998, the Greyhound people told us, to make way for their million dollar expansion, we had to go!

Early 1998 we were on the move again and what a wonderful find in where we are now in the Slovenian Hall, LaSalle Avenue, Dudley Park. We pay a hiring fee, but it's worth it. The sound is great, it is a clean hall, the Slovenians give us amazing support, special thanks to them. There is a great stage and stage lighting, the bands and artists all love it.

Now settled we started to give Merit Awards to people who help us by setting or closing the show, Industry Awards to musos or artists for what they do for the industry, not just our club but over South Australia.

One of the first committee members of the club, the late Mr Ron Whelan, set up the Len Wakefield Memorial Award with the committee. Great results, performers are chosen at the Barmera Festival, sometimes one or two under the age of 16, to make sure the young ones carry on. Country Music gives the young ones an opportunity to perform at the club.

Walkup artists are always welcome, young or old. When special days are advertised, like birthdays or when interstate artists we can't have walk-ups on those days, as time does not allow it.

Over the years more than 60 artists from around Australia have performed at the club. Most popular:- Brian Letton, Craig Giles, Don Costa, Peter Coad and the Coad Sisters, Dwayne Elix, Chooka Williams to name a few.

Special thanks to all the bands and artists, local and interstate for great support, to great committee people over the years and all volunteers, to the Slovenian Club members, the catering staff, our committee, but most of all to audiences, your support coming along. The entry fee is now \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members. Thanks also to Coast FM, and Wally Sparrow (and other Radio Adelaide) presenters for their support.

Our club has, for many years sponsored the under 15 section of the talent quest at Barmera and still do.

Anyone wishing to join, do so with love and thanks! Annual membership fees are due March 1<sup>st</sup> every year.

Have a lovely day of Country Music.

*Lorraine Wakefield*

<b>The First Committee</b>	<b>2013/2014 Committee</b>
PRESIDENT: Glen Harrison VICE PRESIDENT: Mike Quarmby SECRETARY: Lloyd Starr TREASURER: Len Wakefield ENTERTAINMENT: Lorraine Wakefield PUBLICITY: Robert Tilmouth GENERAL COMMITTEE: Des Rogers, Christine Harrison and Jan Worden In February/March 1990, due to Mike Quarmby & Lloyd Starr resigning Des Rogers was Vice Pres and Sec was Christine Harrison. Jan Worden, Lloyd Starr, Ian Holt and Bob Johnston joined the committee (Mar 1990)	PRESIDENT: Russell Byrne VICE PRESIDENT: Robert Smith SECRETARY: Bryan Sparks TREASURER: Merv Jackson ENTERTAINMENT: Lorraine Wakefield PUBLICITY: Ian Fisk GENERAL COMMITTEE: Vyvyan Buck, Rhonda Byrne, Ron Crispin, Raelz E. Gebhardt, Bev Jones and Judy Fairhead CATERING CO-ORDINATOR: Rhonda Byrne MEMBERSHIP OFFICER: Raelz

### Committee Members over the years

Pat Barnes	Ian Holt	Bluey Roberts
Dean Bevis	Merv Jackson	Tarlee Schultz
Vyvyan Buck	Wendy Jacob	Robert Sexton
Rhonda Byrne	Bev Jones	Graham Silvy
Russell Byrne	Barry Johnson	Di Schultz/Smith
Fred Champion	Bob Johnson	Rob Smith
Ron Crispin	B Malloy	Bryan Sparks
Marylin Cummins	Adrian May	June Sparks
Terry Daviess	Nannette Mayne-Spry	Lloyd Starr
Helen Downer	Rosalie McDonald	Rob Tilmouth
Jenny Engelhardt	Marie O'Connell	John Turner
Josie Evans	Di O'Connor	Lorraine Wakefield
Judy Fairhead	Ian O'Connor	J Ward
Ian Fisk	Jean Parker	Jan Warden
Raelz Gebhardt	Roger Parker	Don Warden
P Green	Mike Quarmby	
Jean Hiscock	Evonne Rayson	

#### Presidents

Glen Harrison	January 1989	August 1990
Bob Johnston	August 1990	May 1997
Don Worden	May 1997	August 2001
Rob Smith	August 2001	August 2003
John Turner	August 2003	August 2006
Dianne Smith	August 2006	August 2011
Russell Byrne	August 2011	

#### Awards

Merit	24
Industry	24
Len Wakefield	19

Club Patron – Trev Warner
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**LIFE MEMBERS:-** Lorraine Wakefield, Jan Worden, Dianne Smith, Bob Johnston, Joy Champion, June Sparks, Bryan Sparks, Dean Bevis, Evonne Rayson, Fred Champion, Rob and Laurel Smith, Josie Evans, Mary and Warren Myers, Tarlee Schultz, Merv Jackson, Russell and Rhonda Byrne.

#### CLUB WEBSITE:-

In the November 2000 Country Call, Roger Parker announced that the club was on the World Wide Web with our own site. Mid 2002, I Fisk took over and obtained [www.acmc.org.au](http://www.acmc.org.au). He has been looking after the site since then. The Club has had a facebook page since 2013. Since December 2008 photos of most club days have been uploaded to the website, Country Calls have been uploaded to the website from 2006. Soon all past Country Calls will be on the site, thanks to Bob Johnston scanning earlier copies.

There are a few more details on our website.