



COUNTRY CALL

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September - October 2026

THE ADELAIDE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB INC.

Club Patron ...Trev Warner, Vice Patron ...Murray Mac

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Shows 12.30 to 4.30pm at the

THE BRIT

11-15 Davis St, Wingfield

DOORS OPEN 11.30 am

Entry:- ACMC members and other Country Music Club Members:- \$10.00, all others \$12.00

from Oct 4, Members \$13.00 and all others \$15.00

Catering by Ivy's Kitchen

Sunday Sept 6, 2026

The Jukebox Boys

Sunday Oct 4, 2026

Lance Birrell and Eddie Edwards & Friends

Coming Attractions

Nov 6	Out of Order	Dec 6	Tracey Rains and Claypan
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President's Report

Dear Members and Friends,

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our AGM on 02 August 2026. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and feel the continued support for ACMC.

At the AGM, we discussed the rising costs of running the Club, including band fees and rent. The Committee had decided prior to the AGM that, from 04 October 2026, entry fee will increase from \$10.00 to \$13.00 for members and from \$12.00 to \$15.00 for non-members. We appreciate your understanding as this helps ACMC continue offering friendly country music afternoons.

Your Committee for the coming year is: President/ Secretary, Margherita (Rita) Panella; Vice President, Murray McDonnell; Treasurer/Acting Entertainment

Officer, Dixie Behen; Publicity Officer, Ian Fisk; First Aid Officer, Ramona Warner; and Committee Members Brian Downie, Gail Crispin, Colleen Flowers, Lynette Arbon, Colleen Abraham and Margaret Cottam. Thank you to everyone who has joined the Committee. Your time, energy and care help keep ACMC going.

Sadly, ACMC has farewelled some much-loved members of our wider community. We extend our deepest condolences to Ian Fisk and his family on the passing of his wife, Pam, whose quiet help proofreading Country Call was greatly appreciated. We also send heartfelt condolences to Ramona Warner on the passing of her husband, Scott. Scott and Ramona gave so much to ACMC over the years,



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The Adelaide Country Music Club Inc.,
meets at
The Brit
11-15 Davis St. Wingfield

For information about The Adelaide Country Music Club check our website or write to:
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or contact any of the committee personnel listed below

Committee Members

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GENERAL COMMITTEE:

Gail Crispin	Margaret Cottam
Colleen Abraham	Lynette Arbon
Brian Downie	Colleen Flowers

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER: vacant

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and Scott will be greatly missed by our club family. We also acknowledge the passing of John Sobieray, who managed the Brit for many years. Our thoughts are with his family, the Brit Committee and all who knew him.

It is also sad to share that Playford Country Music Club closed its doors on 16 August 2026 after being unable to fill the President and Secretary positions.

This is a real loss for country music in South Australia and a reminder of how vital volunteers are to every club.

Thank you to the bands, Committee members and volunteers for all you do. I look forward to another year of music, friendship and community together.

Warm regards,

Rita Panella President

September Show: - The Jukebox Boys

The Jukebox Boys are now a three piece band with a drum machine providing full band sound.

Band members are:

Des Will on Rhythm Guitar/ Lead Vocals

Steve Gray on Lead Guitar/ Vocals

Greg Bunnett on Bass Guitar/Vocals.

photo sent by band



October Show: - Lance Birrell backed by Eddie Edwards & Friends

From his website.

"Lance Birrell is a talented solo artist who has been captivating audiences across Australia with his music, energy, and down-to-earth style. Now touring full-time, Lance performs at festivals, community events, private functions, and live music venues nationwide. Born and raised in Port Pirie, South Australia, Lance's musical journey began at an early age. His natural talent, engaging personality, and skilled guitar work quickly earned him recognition, paving the way for a lifelong career in music. Lance's performances are a vibrant mix of country and rock 'n' roll spirit - from heartfelt ballads to high-energy rock anthems. Known for his versatility, he connects with audiences of all ages through a diverse repertoire that spans country, rock, and classic hits. In addition to his solo work, Lance is a respected session musician. His guitar and pedal steel work can be heard on numerous recordings, showcasing his technical skill and musical depth.



Lance Birrell plays Tomkins and Franks Custom Guitars handcrafted in Australia."

The photo was taken at Lake Charlegrark last year.

Eddie Edwards and friends have been at our Club many times in the past, please look up their information in past Country Calls.



Highway One at our July Club day



Graeme Hugo backed by Workin' Overtime at our August Club day



Members with Birthdays in September and October

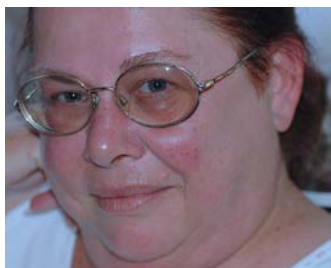
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Raelene, Barbara, Kathleen, Elva, Roy, Ian, Colleen, Pamela



Carol, Barbara, Warren, Sandra, David, Junie, Shirley, Janice



Pam Fisk, John Sobieray and Scott Warner

As mentioned in the President's report, the above have recently passed away, condolences to their families and friends.

Welcome to New Members

Margaret Joyce,
Murray McDonnell
and Ashley Sparre

Kevin paid for the
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(Kevin Keepence's eBay trading name)

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A few words from Dixie, our Treasurer and Entertainment Officer

Sunday 16th August 2026 was a sad day for Country Music in South Australia. The Playford Country Music Club have had to close. They weren't able to get a President or Secretary for their Committee. The Club was viable, had money in the Bank and have had good attendance to their shows (About 180 last show)

Committee members are hard to find. Please respect your committee members even if you don't like them. They work many hours and volunteer their time to keep the Club going. We have recently had an incident where a member approached a committee member, at another gathering and complained about:-

- 1). Our dance floor, not enough room (he/she line dances too and is able to dance on the small floor at Southern, that is half the size of our floor)
- 2). Our entry fee increased by \$3 (he/she didn't bother to come to our AGM where we explained why we needed to increase door entry)
- 3). and the cost of our entertainment. (our Entertainment was the lowest of 3 other clubs, with an average of \$3,000 less.) This complaint was from a member whom we use to respect and even saved him/her a seat. This behaviour will not help keep our Committee members.

We have invited a group of Visually Impaired people (from Beyond Blindness), who regularly attended the Playford Country Music club, to join us. Please be aware that they are blind or partially blind. They will help us by boosting our numbers.

Gig Guide September - October 2026

Sept 2026

Date	Artist(s)	Venue	Enquiries
Every Mon 8-9pm	ThreeD Hillbilly Hoot live or listen on air or online! Facebook Page	Linde Reserve, Nelson Street, Stepney	
1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sat 7- 10.30pm	Live Music and Dance 50s to70s Music	Kilburn Community Centre, 59 Gladstone Ave, Kilburn \$7pp	Jenny 0414 788 546
Every 2 nd and 4 th Sat 7.30-11pm	Adelaide Dance & Social Club, Country & 60/40 Music for Dancing - Various bands	Kilburn R.S.L., Way Street, Kilburn	0429 802 882
	Christine Clifford check her website for details	lots of gigs!	
	Gemma Tiller check her website for details	lots of gigs!	
	Juliet Oliver lots of gigs check her Facebook page		
Thur 3 7.30pm	Adam Harvey live in concert	Waikerie Institute, Waikerie	
Fri 4 1.30-4pm	Malcolm Hammond, Piano and Vocals	Hallett Cove & District Seniors Social Group, Hallett Cove Lutheran Church, 20 Ragamuffin Dr, Hallett Cove	
Sat 5 10.30am - 5.30pm	Justin Standley, Sandie Dodd, The Hoffmans, Kinta Watts, Joe Musico, Trevor Keilar flyer	South East CM Assoc., Casadio Park, Bay Road, Mount Gambier	Liz Hein 0419 737 360
Sat 5 1-3pm	Crooked Road	The Gov, Port Road, Hindmarsh	
Sat 5 8pm	Adam Harvey live and acoustic	Streaky Bay Hotel-Motel, Streaky Bay	
Sun 6 12.30-4.30pm	Jukebox Boys	Adelaide CM Club Inc., The Brit Entertainment Centre, 11-15 Davis St, Wingfield	0416 020 777
Sun 6 11.30-4.30pm	Kim Richie with Synergy	Willaston CM Club, Gawler River Rd, Willaston	0415 671 679
Sun 6 3pm	Adam Harvey live and acoustic	Beer Garden Brewing, Port Lincoln	
Sun 13 12.30 - 5pm	Highway One 5 piece band	Southern CM Club, Marion RSL, 31-39 Norfolk Rd, Marion	0408 891 512 or 8270 6571
Sun 13 11am-4pm	Christine Clifford & Joe Musico	Barossa CM Club, Nuriootpa Town Hall, Nuriootpa	0415 056 853
Sun 13 1.30-4.30pm	Profile	NCMA Club Rooms, 28 Afford Road, Port Pirie \$20pp	Dianne 0475 516 135

Date	Artist(s)	Venue	Enquiries
Mon 14 7pm	Profile	Moonta Town Hall, Moonta \$20pp	Detlef 0414 922 331
Sat 26 to Sun 4 Oct	Lots of artists check their flyer on the web	Apex Riverbeach Country Music Festival. Apex Riverbeach Holiday Park Mildura, 435 Cureton Ave, Mildura	
Sun 27 11am-4pm	Green River Country & Tracey Allen	Murray Bridge CM Club, Murray Bridge RSL, Lot 2, Murray Bridge East	Gloria 0488 748 911
Sun 27 1-5pm	Rockin Dally Roos	Kilburn RSL, Way St, Kilburn	0419 815 179
Sept 30	Amber Joy Poulton Honky Tonk Queens	Mildura Country Music Festival	
OCTOBER			
Fri 2 1.30-4pm	Wayne & Lainie Duo	Hallett Cove & District Seniors Social Group, Hallett Cove Lutheran Church, 20 Ragamuffin Dr, Hallett Cove	
Fri 2 to Mon 5	Original, Alt. Country. Roots Blues, Folk, Indie Rock	Semaphore Music Festival	tickets
Sat 3 1-3pm	Crooked Road	The Gov, Port Road, Hindmarsh	
Sun 4 12.30-4.30pm	Lance Birrel and Eddie Edwards & Friends	Adelaide CM Club Inc., The Brit Entertainment Centre, 11-15 Davis St, Wingfield	0416 020 777
Sun 5 11.30-4.30pm	Walk Right Back with Guido	Willaston CM Club, Gawler River Rd, Willaston	0415 671 679
Sun 11 11am-4pm	Buddies Four	Barossa CM Club, Nuriootpa Town Hall, Nuriootpa	0415 056 853
Fri 9-11	Col Thomson, Venessa Waara, Lance Birrell, Jana Cillie, Murray Mac, Peter Pratt, Connie Kis Andersen, Ged & Trudy Hintz, Nicole Matthews, Jukebox Boys	Port Pirie Country Music Festival, Port Pirie	
Fri 9-11	check their website! Lots of artists	Fleurieu Folk Festival, Willunga	
Sun 11 12.30 - 5pm	Lance Birrell backed by Eddie Edwards and Friends	Southern CM Club, Marion RSL, 31-39 Norfolk Rd, Marion	0408 891 512 or 8270 6571
Mon 20 7pm	Col Thomson & Venessa Waara	Moonta Town Hall, Moonta \$20pp	Detlef 0414 922 331
Sat 17 8-11pm	Palomino Deluxe	Port Adelaide Navy Club	
Sun 25 11am-4pm	Tracey Rains & Claypan	Murray Bridge CM Club, Murray Bridge RSL, Lot 2, Murray Bridge East	Gloria 0488 748 911
Sun 25 1-5pm	Two Way Street	Kilburn RSL, Way St, Kilburn	0419 815 179

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Please always check the contact number/website to confirm dates and times.

Some future major 2026/2027 Gigs			
Date	Artist(s)	Venue	Enquiries

Nov Fri-13 - Sun 15	check their website	Mountaingrass, Bright, Vic	
Fri-27- Sun 29	check their website	Wirrina Bluegrass & Acoustic Roots Festival, Wirrina Cove Holiday Park	
Jan 2027 15-24	check their website	Tamworth Country Music Festival	
Feb 2027 19-21	check their website	Lake Charlegrark Country Music Marathon, Lake Charlegrark, Vic	

Thanks

To all who have given raffle prize items, Country Call Contributors and Judy for proof reading.



The Club Committee after the August AGM, Ian Fisk, Dixie Behen, Rita Pamella, Colleen Abraham, Murray McDonnell, Colleen Flowers, Brian Downie and Gail Crispin. (Margaret Cottam was absent!) Photo taken by Robert Chapman with Ian Fisk's camera!



The final Playford CM Club Committee: Ian Fisk, Bruce Goodridge, Chris Scotland, Karol Goodridge, Kevin Perry, Bernie James, Keith Warren, Fred Hugo, Helen Warren, Beth Huggins, and Bob Huggins. Photo taken by Robert Chapman with Ian Fisk's camera!



August Raffle prizes

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