



CAMDEN VALLEY COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

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What's on

We meet every Monday Night from 7pm – 10pm at:

- Hope Christian School Hall, Wilson Crescent, Narellan

Contact details:

- Colleen (Secretary): 4625 6985
- Club: 1300 731 418

April Dates for Your Diary

- 9th Camden Nursing Home, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 9th Camden House, 1:30pm – 3pm
- 16th Carrington Grassmere, 1:30pm – 3pm
- 16th Carrington Nursing Home, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 19th Night Out – venue TBA
- 25th No meeting, due to Easter and ANZAC Day
- 30th Paling Court, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 30th Mary MacKillop, 1:30pm – 3pm

May Dates for Your Diary

- 1st Committee Meeting, 7pm
- 2nd Monthly BBQ
- 7th Camden Downs, 1:30pm – 3pm
- 10th Night Out – Olga's Italian Restaurant, Camden, 6:30pm
- 14th Camden Nursing Home, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 14th Camden House, 1:30pm – 3pm
- 28th Carrington Nursing Home, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 28th Carrington Grassmere, 1:30pm – 3pm

Monthly BBQ



Well ladies... on Monday 2nd May you can have the night off from cooking tea and let the men do the cooking because it's monthly BBQ night! Come along and enjoy scrumptious sausages, onions, eggs and bacon on rolls or bread for super reasonable prices. It's great for a change, it's really yum and it helps our fundraising efforts.

Please let Rhonda or Colleen know if you will be eating so they can cater accordingly.





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Country Music Club events you may enjoy...

Club	Details	Contacts
Camden Valley CMC	Every Monday Night 7pm – 10pm Hope Christian School Hall Wilson Crescent, Narellan	Colleen: 4625 6985 Club: 1300 731 418
Macarthur CMC	Every Friday night 7:30pm – 10:30 pm Wests Tennis Club Old Leumeah Rd, Leumeah (Behind Wests Leagues Club)	Contact: Janet 0414 203 997
Blacktown CMC	Every Tuesday night 7pm – 10pm Lucky Australian Tavern Forrester Rd, St Marys	Contact: 9621 3110
South Coast CMC	Every Wednesday night from 6pm Mt Kembla Heights Hall Graham Drive, Mt Kembla Family days 4 th Sunday of the month	Contact: 4276 1595
Wollondilly CMC	Every Thursday night Picton Bowling Club	Contact: Glenda 4681 9903
Whip Crackin' Country Music Inc	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday of the month 7pm – 9:45pm The Penrith Gaels Club Cnr Richmond Rd & Glebe Place Penrith	Contact: Adele 4730 6245





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Reports

President's Report



Hi All...

At the moment the Committee is going through the Club's Constitution and suggesting a few changes. As soon as the draft document has been completed, this will be available to all members to read and make comments. These comments must be in writing and handed to our Secretary, Colleen Halls. We'll then hold an Extraordinary General Meeting for all members to attend and vote to accept or reject various changes.

I ask that all members read the draft and comment on anything you don't like and would like to be changed. Remember, it is your Club and we welcome your comments. This is your chance to have your say and not leave it up to someone else.

I would like to remind members of our monthly "eating out nights". We currently have between 10-20 members who come along once a month to different restaurants in the local area. It's a great chance for members to sit and talk, have a few wines or beers and a lot of laughs. If anyone is interested please see Sandra Kelly or a Committee member for further details.

Until next month, keep it Country!

George

Secretary's Report



Hi Everyone,

Well another month gone already... not long now and Easter will be here.

Please note, we WILL NOT be holding a meeting on Monday 25th April, owing to it being Easter Monday and Anzac Day.

If members can donate some Easter eggs for a raffle, I will need them by Monday 18th April and we will draw it on that night.

I'd like to send some 'Get Well' wishes to some of our members who have been not too good over the last month:

★ Preston

★ George Hurtado

★ Julian

★ Rhonda

We all hope that you are all feeling much better and are on the mend. I do hope I haven't missed anyone.





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Unpacking & Packing Away: Thanks to the members who help each week with the setting up of the equipment and kitchen. I know that not everyone can help with this, but it would be nice to see other members help at the end of the night, instead of just packing their own equipment up and leaving just before the end of the night. Same goes for other members just standing around talking. If you can't help with the equipment, there is always the kitchen to be packed up - all you need to do is to offer to help, which would be really appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a happy and safe Easter.

From my desk...

Colleen

Camden Downs Retirement Village & Nursing Homes Report

The residents really enjoy it when our Club members attend, as it brightens up their day.

If any members would like to perform, please let a committee member know. If you're a bit shy about singing, but are happy to go along just to talk to the residents, that would be most welcome as they like that as well. Please see Lesley Heffernan for details.

Night Out Report



Tuesday 22nd March saw the usual sixteen food experts assemble at Turquoise European Restaurant at Macarthur Square. This is one of our favourite places (well mine anyway) to eat, due to the wonderful staff who are so friendly and efficient as well as the tasty food. It has a great outdoors area where, if it isn't raining or really cold, is a perfect setting for us.

If you haven't been to one of our "Nights Out" you are really missing out on a fun time. To hear comments like "are you really going to eat all that?", "Sandra, that dessert will make you fat" and "I will swap you half of that for half of this", makes for some very funny situations.

We're off to another restaurant on Tuesday 19 April (venue TBA) and we'd love to see you there. Our May excursion into the gastronomic world of food will be on Tuesday 10th May, at Olga's Italian Restaurant in Camden, at 6:30pm. Hopefully we can fill the place up and see some new faces.

Sandy





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Special Notice to all members...

A few issues that need your attention please:

1. Members wishing to perform MUST be present and have personally paid their fees before their name is to be placed on the board. Please note that you MUST not place another member's name on the blackboard for performance order.
2. Please try and keep the noise levels down when other members are performing. It's extremely discourteous to the performers to have to compete with substantial noise. Please either go outside to have a chat, or wait till a break.
3. ALL performers MUST have chorded charts before going on stage. If you don't have appropriate charts, you may be asked not to perform. You will note that all members were informed previously they were to be given to the end of March to have chorded charts prepared before this rule was enforced.
4. Musicians, please keep the volume down on your amps, otherwise all instruments will have to go through the mixing desk and the volume will be controlled by the sound operator.

March Birthday Wishes to...

- 9th Dennis Gearside
- 13th Denise Wood & Michael Heffernan
- 28th Peter Lee
- 30th Mark Peagam

Happy Birthday to you all from everyone at the Club.

Birthstone: Diamond

Flower: Sweet Pea, Daisy, Freesia.

If you would like to have your anniversary or any other happy event mentioned in the newsletter, please notify Savannah.

Members' Draws

- 7th February S Sharpe (*not present*)
- 14th February L Teefy (*not present*)
- 21st Feb P Lee (*not present*)
- 28th Feb R Robinson





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Congratulations to...

Sandra Kelly and George Czender



A few members of the Club have been performing and competing in the Sydney Songsalive Songwriters' Showcases and Competitions of late. In late December, Sandra Kelly, George Czender and Savannah Sharpe performed at the Raby Tavern as part of the Songwriters' Showcase. All were received well by the crowd and encouraged to come back. Thanks to those who came and supported them.

Sandra also competed at Picton Bowling Club on Saturday 5 March. While not placing in the competition, the judges' and compere's comments were very favourable, saying, "Sandra Kelly put on a solid performance. I've seen her a few times at Raby Tavern and I thought she was better than ever this time. The audience liked Sandra immensely and we sang and clapped along with some of her songs." Well done, Sandy!

The compere's report in the Songsalive newsletter went on to say, "George Czender unfortunately had to pull out of the competition due to bronchitis but accompanied Sandra Kelly and then played a few songs during the voting count. George is a great performer..."

George went on to compete in the Blaxland heat and made it through to the semi-finals, which were held on Wednesday 6 April. While he didn't win a place through to the grand final at The Basement, he was successful in winning a prize of professional photography which will come in very handy for his next album cover. Stay tuned to hear more about upcoming CDs from both Sandy and George later this year.



Members' Profiles

We're updating our web page and would like to include profiles on our members, so please see Colleen for a form if you're interested.

As well as telling our Club members more about yourself, it's a great free publicity opportunity for those performing members.

Committee Meetings

Our meetings are held every 1st Tuesday of the month.

Members (other than Committee members) can attend meetings subject to:

- Prior agreement by the Committee at a previous meeting;
- Agreement at or between meetings by the President and/or Vice President; and
- Permission to attend the meeting can be withdrawn at any time by the President.





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Starting, Finishing and Helping

On Monday Club nights, ALL members are requested to help with the setting up of the equipment so we can start on time. This will help to give everyone a second go to perform.

Those people using mugs for tea and coffee – please wash, dry and return them to the box, as it is not fair on other members to have to do it for you. Also, don't leave it up to the same members each week to help clean the kitchen – please do your part and offer to help.

At the end of the night we need members to help pack equipment away. If you do need to go early, come and ask if there is anything that needs to be done before you leave. Remember, it is your Club as well.

Notice from the Sound Desk

If any member is interested in learning how to operate the mixing desk, please let the Committee know, as it's good to have a back-up person just in case our regular operator is away.

All performers need to do a sound check before they start singing, so that levels can be adjusted to their voice. Band members need to sound check their instruments and ensure they are at a suitable volume. Please also ensure you're tuned up before performances commence.

No member is to interfere with the sound desk or the foldback speakers on stage. Any adjustment needed will be done by the mixing desk operator from the desk.

Onstage Musicians

There MUST be ONLY ONE of each instrument onstage at any one time. Members who play the same instrument should work something out amongst themselves, so that everyone has equal time onstage.

Please also remember that performers can request musicians to play for them. This is purely a personal choice and nobody should be offended if a performer has arranged for another musician to play their songs.

Performers' Charts

Our Club encourages all members to perform if they wish to, but must insist on them having three (3) properly-chorded charts before going onto the stage.

If you're not sure about your charts, ask another member for help – as it is not fair for musicians to be asked to play incorrect chords or to transpose from one key to another on the spot.

We want you to sound great, so making sure your charts are correct is essential.





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Website and Newsletter

Don't forget to check the website out – www.camdenvalleycountrymusicclub.com .

We have lots of photos to look at. If you'd like to order any, please see Colleen.

The website also has copies of old newsletters and information about our Club, such as the rules and our constitution.

Also, if you'd like to advertise anything in our monthly newsletter, email Savannah at cvcmcnews@rocketmail.com – this service is free to members!

Club Jackets, Shirts, Hats and Key Rings

SALE !!!! SALE!!! SALE!!!

We have a few Club shirts and hats which we would like to sell – all items will be half price. Nothing wrong with these, they are just old stock. If you are interested, please see Colleen.

Regular Orders



Orders are also being taken for our Club jackets and shirts, but please note that all new orders will be at the following prices:

- Jackets:
 - Adults \$49
 - Kids \$40
- Shirts:
 - Mens Long Sleeved \$40
(if available from supplier)
 - Mens Short Sleeved \$34
 - Ladies \$34
- Polo Shirts: \$25
- Hats: \$15
- Key Rings: \$10.

Joke of the month...

- Q: What's the definition of an optimist?
A: A trombone player with a mobile phone.

If you've heard a funny joke recently you think is suitable for future newsletters – please see Savannah. There will be a prize at the Christmas party for the best one submitted.

