



CAMDEN VALLEY COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

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Committee 2010/ 2011

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What's on

We meet every Wednesday night from 7 – 10pm at:

- Camden Scouts Hall, Barsden Street, Camden

Contact details:

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

July Dates for Your Diary

- 5th Committee Meeting
- 6th Monthly BBQ
- 7th-10th Hats Off To Tamworth Festival
- 9th Carrington Nursing Home, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 9th Carrington Grassmere, 1:30pm – 3pm
- 10th Bunning's BBQ
- 15-17th South Coast CMA Festival and Awards, Dapto Leagues Club
- 23rd Monthly Night Out – Square Waffle Restaurant, Leumeah
- 23rd Paling Court, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 23rd Mary MacKillop, 1:30 – 3pm
- 27th Membership MUST be paid

August Dates for Your Diary

- 2nd Committee Meeting
- 6th Camden Downs,
- 10th Monthly BBQ
- 11th Rehearsal for Carrington Spring Fair – Scouts Hall, Camden, 6:30pm
- 13th Carrington Spring Fair
- 20th Camden Nursing Home, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 20th Camden House, 1:30 – 3pm
- 23rd Night Out – venue TBA





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Country Music Club events you may enjoy...

Club	Details	Contacts
Belrose CMC	Last Sunday of the month 2pm – 6pm Belrose Bowling Club 146 Forest Way, Belrose	Contact: Geoff Williams 9979 7131
Macarthur CMC	Every Friday night 7:30pm – 10:30 pm West's Tennis Club Old Leumeah Rd, Leumeah (Behind West's Leagues Club)	Contact: Janet Morgan 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 4th Sunday of the month	Contact: 4276 1595
Wollondilly CMC	Every Thursday night Picton Bowling Club	Contact: Glenda 4681 9903
Whip Crackin' Country Music Inc	1st & 3rd 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!

Well here we go – another month and a new venue! We are hoping to have a better sound in the Scouts Hall. Although it's smaller than the School Hall we were previously in, I think it has better acoustics.

The Scouts have asked us if we can keep the noise to the minimum owing to the residents in units next door, so over the next few weeks I will be checking the noise level from outside the hall to ensure we are not too loud. I hope everyone will help out so we can ensure we meet this request.

For the first couple of weeks it will be trial and error to see how the sound goes, so we need all musicians to be conscious of keeping their volume levels down. Because the new hall is smaller than our previous one, you will not be able to have your amps up at the level you're used to playing at and we need your co-operation in ensuring each muso is playing at a suitable volume and not overpowering others. I'm sure common sense will prevail and everyone will sort this out, but if need be, we'll resort to running all guitars through the desk to stop 'volume creep'.

Over the break we moved all the gear in and it fits very nicely into the storage room. I'd like to thank Rhonda, Ross, Tony, Tom, Arnold (from Macarthur Club) and Colleen for their help - much appreciated everyone.

Congratulations to our members who performed at the Macarthur Music Awards, you all did a fine job and we're proud of your performances.

The Club held another Bunning's BBQ on Sunday 10th July and we really appreciated help from members for this fundraiser for tiny Alyssa Miller, a 21-month-old with leukaemia. We'll let you know how much we raised next time around.

Carrington Spring Fair is coming up in August and our numbers are full for performers, but it would be nice to see members come along to support the Club. Carrington Spring Fair is a great fundraiser for the Nursing Home and a lovely day out, so why not turn up and enjoy the day.

Until next month

Keeping It Country...

George





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Secretary's Report



Hi Everyone...

By the time you have received this newsletter we will be in our new venue, even though it is smaller than where we were, I think it will be much better.

Don't forget all memberships are now due and you have up until the end of July to rejoin. Please remember, the AGM will be held on September 7th and you must be a qualifying member (see our new Constitution for this definition) to have a vote.

The weekend of 25-26th June was Macarthur CMC's Awards and we had eight members who entered. They all performed excellently and a big congratulations to **George Czender** for his 2nd place in the Open Instrumental and to **Peter Lee** for his 3rd place in the Veterans Vocal. See a full report on the results further in this newsletter.

From my desk...

Colleen

Camden Downs Retirement Village & Nursing Homes Report

Thanks to all members who regularly donate their time and talent to go and perform for the residents. They 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



We assembled at Isabelle's Italian Restaurant at Leumeah on Tuesday 14 June for a night of wonderful pizza, lasagne, spaghetti, and everything else Italian and best of all... the DESSERTS.

I think I am losing my dessert crown to Denise, who managed, I think, the biggest dessert this month. It looked lovely, but with my dieticians' words bashing my brain, I had to settle for a sorbet. It was still nice, but I hand my crown to Denise with pleasure and congratulations.





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We are hoping to make our next night out at Square Waffle, which is located right next door to Isabelle's, on Saturday 23rd July.

Due to our Club moving to Wednesday nights, we will have to work out a night for future nights out which is suitable for all our gang of food experts. Some of the members have suggested Saturday nights, so we'll see how that goes. We also have to make sure that chosen restaurants are open on any other nights, as some close early in the week to make up for working over the weekends. Anyhow, let Colleen or I know your ideas and we will take all suggestions on board.

Sandy

Members' Draws

- 6th June Ross Robinson
- 13th June Richard Moore (not present)
- 20th June Harry Koster (not present)

July Birthday Wishes to...

- 6th Les Mercer
- 14th Julian Moore
- 30th Jayde Luke

Happy Birthday to you all from everyone at the Club.

Birthstone: Ruby

Flower: Larkspur, Water Lily, Sunflower

Monthly BBQ



Wednesday 10th August is 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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Macarthur Country Music Awards Report

The Macarthur Country Music Club’s Annual Awards and Talent Quest were held at Sweeney’s, Scenic Hills, Ingleburn on the weekend of Saturday 25th June – Sunday 26th June.

We had eight of our members competing and **George Czender** and **Peter Lee** both came away with trophies. Thanks to those members who contributed by helping out with the BBQ and their great support of those performing.



The competition was fierce and the backing band, Stuie French and Friends was superb. Here are the full results:

CATEGORY	WINNER
Overall Junior	Kobie Midson
Overall Senior	Cheyne Mastop
Outstanding Performance Award	Aimee Hannan
Encouragement Award	Jamie-Lee Turner

George Czender (pictured above) won 2nd place in the Open Instrumental.

CATEGORY	1ST	2ND	3RD
Sub Junior Vocal	Triston Severs	Erin Whitfield	Mikayla Markham
Junior Vocal	Kobie Midson	Olivia McDermott	Breanna Dunn
Senior Vocal	Chloe Graham	Cheyne Mastop	Aimee Hannan
Veteran Vocal	Jim Samphier	Boots Morgan	Peter Lee
Junior Duo/Group	Emily Markham and Kobie Midson	Jamie-Lee Turner and Kiara Taylor	Meg Grange and Mikayla Markham
Senior Duo/Group	Mitchell Murdock and Katie Hamblin	Aimee Hannan and Lonnie Brabender	Cheyne Mastop and Chloe Graham
Junior Australian	Kiara Taylor	Kobie Midson	Breanna Dunn
Senior Australian	Cheyne Mastop	Aimee Hannan	Mitchell Murdock
Junior Country Rock	Breanna Dunn	Emily Markham	Kiara Taylor
Senior Country Rock	Aimee Hannan	Sharna Maree Atkins	Cheyne Mastop





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CATEGORY	1ST	2ND	3RD
Junior Gospel	Kobie Midson	Olivia McDermott	Kiara Taylor
Senior Gospel	Cheyne Mastop	Boots Morgan	Aimee Hannan
Open Instrumental	Mitchell Murdock	George Czender	Jim Samphier
Open Songwriting	Cheyne Mastop	Aimee Hannan	Emily Markham

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.

Membership Fees are now due – please see Rhonda ASAP

Please note that all memberships expired on 30 June 2011. All members need to pay their dues and check or update their membership details to ensure our records are correct. If you have a Government Aged Pension Card, please produce it to receive the Seniors discounted rate.

Upcoming local events...

15th-17th July – SCCMA Country Music Festival and Awards

Come along to the 14th Annual South Coast Country Music Association's Country Music Festival and Awards! It'll be held on Friday 15th July – Sunday 17th July at the Dapto Leagues Club, Bong Bong Road, Dapto.

All proceeds go to the "Cram Foundation" (Illawarra Crippled Children), "Kids with Cancer" and "Riding for the Disabled".

Further details and accommodation/tourism information available from www.sccma.asn.au or by telephone on 0438 575 585, or for direct contact to the Festival Co-ordinator please ring Lois on 02 4284 9379.

7th September – CVCMC Annual General Meeting





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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.

Starting, Finishing and Helping

On Wednesday 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. **This applies to ALL members, regardless of their professional or amateur status** or their ability, providing they are of an appropriate skill level. Those just learning may play along unplugged.

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.





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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.

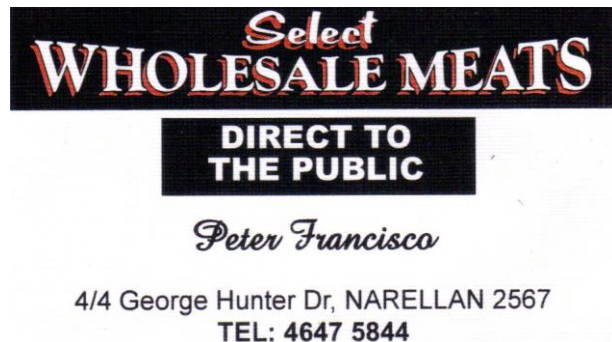
Website and Newsletter

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!

Thank you to...



Peter and his crew from Select Wholesale Meats at Narellan who support us with great deals on all our meat requirements, including the yummy sausages we use at our fundraisers and BBQ nights and also our weekly raffle meat trays.

Support a fantastic local business and visit Peter when you need quality meat.

Joke of the month...

A bloke was having a meal in an Indian restaurant when the waiter comes over and says, "Curry OK?"

The bloke said, "Go on then, just one song - then bugger off!"

This joke courtesy of Joseph, but if you've heard a funny one recently you think is suitable for future newsletters – please see Savannah. There will be a prize at the Christmas party for the best one.





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Club Jackets, Shirts, Hats and Key Rings

We have a quite a few new members who may not have considered purchasing Club gear. We will shortly be placing a new order with our supplier, so if you'd like to buy a jacket, shirt, polo or cap, please let Colleen know ASAP.

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

Our club uniform looks great, particularly when we perform in public. Why not get your own gear, make us look good and show our colours?



Photo courtesy Macarthur Advertiser.

