



# CAMDEN VALLEY COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

*Since September 2004*

## August 2011 Newsletter

### *Issue 76*

#### **Committee 2010/ 2011**

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Vice President: Joseph Hanson  
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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

### August Dates for Your Diary

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- 2nd Committee Meeting
- 6th Camden Downs, 1:30pm – 3pm
- 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, 1:30pm – 3pm
- 23rd Night Out – Blissful Garden Malaysian Restaurant, 5/296 Camden Valley Way, Narellan, 6:30pm

### September Dates for Your Diary

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- 3rd Paling Court, 10:30am – 12 noon
  - 3rd Mary MacKillop, 1:30pm – 3pm
  - 6th Committee Meeting
  - 7th Monthly BBQ
  - 17th Camden Nursing Home, 10:30am – 12 noon
  - 17th Camden House, 1:30pm – 3pm
  - 27th Night Out, venue TBA
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### Country Music Club events you may enjoy...

Club	Details	Contacts
<b>Belrose CMC</b>	Last Sunday of the month 2pm – 6pm  Belrose Bowling Club 146 Forest Way, Belrose	Contact: Geoff Williams 9979 7131
<b>Macarthur CMC</b>	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
<b>Blacktown CMC</b>	Every Tuesday night 7pm – 10pm  Lucky Australian Tavern Forrester Rd, St Marys	Contact: 9621 3110
<b>South Coast CMC</b>	Every Wednesday night from 6pm  Mt Kembla Heights Hall Graham Drive, Mt Kembla  Family days 4th Sunday of the month	Contact: 4276 1595
<b>Wollondilly CMC</b>	Every Thursday night  Picton Bowling Club	Contact: Glenda 4681 9903
<b>Whip Crackin' Country Music Inc</b>	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!

It's nice to see so many new members joining and coming along to both the weekly meetings and our monthly dinners. We had a grand total of twenty two at the dinner last time and it was a very enjoyable night.

On a more serious note, I must again make mention of the Weekly Rules of the Club. You must remember that the Rules were made by the members and the Committee – and it's every member's obligation to know what they are and to obey them. If you would like a copy, please see Colleen. There is also a copy to view at each weekly Wednesday Club Meeting. It's also on our website: [www.camdenvalleycountrymusicclub.com](http://www.camdenvalleycountrymusicclub.com).

We've made progress over recent times by limiting the number of guitars onstage and the sound is much better. We're all adults and we should be able to work out the sharing of the stage. If all members follow the Club Rules, I'm sure everyone will have a much better time at the Club.

The Annual General Meeting date has been rescheduled to Wednesday 12 October, owing to a minor anomaly in the new Constitution which we need to rectify. Eligible members will vote on a Special Resolution to make this small amendment, immediately prior to when the AGM commences. More information will follow shortly.

On the subject of our AGM, if you intend to nominate someone for a Committee position, please think carefully and do it for the right reasons, ie; ask yourself, "Is this person capable of performing the duties of the role and are they the right one for the job?". Also, if you are asked to second the nomination of another, please be aware you are not obliged to do so and may decline. Don't feel you have to sign just for the sake of it, or because someone asks you to. You should sign only because you believe the person nominated is a good choice for the position.

Your Committee should be the best representation of the membership and should be willing to work on behalf of its members – attending monthly Committee Meetings and actioning tasks given to them. It's a job to take seriously, so don't nominate someone just because they are your friend or they are a nice person. Nominees must be willing to put in the hard yards and this isn't always easy or convenient. But, remember, if we don't have a Committee – we don't have a Club.

Committee positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and up to three Ordinary Members. The position of Public Officer is elected by the Committee, once the Committee is established. If you're interested, please make other members aware, so they can nominate you.

Keeping It Country...

*George*





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### Secretary's Report

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Hi Everyone...

Firstly, welcome to all our new members! We've had nine new members join us since the end of June.

Thanks to everyone who has been turning up early to help us set up on a Wednesday night and those who stay behind to help pack everything away – it's a great help.

We have now been in our new home for a month and have had some good feedback. Thank you to our musos for keeping the volume down. As everyone is aware, we are on a three month trial. Everything looks ok at this stage, but let's make sure and continue to watch our noise levels.

This coming weekend, 13th August, we have the Carrington Fair. This is a great day out for families, so why not come along, have a look around the beautiful grounds, pick up a bargain or two, and support our members who will be performing. Remember, it's all for a good cause!

Anyone interested in purchasing Club uniforms? We all wear them when we perform at functions and at our regular Club Wednesday nights, so if anyone would like a Club shirt or jacket, please let me know, so I can place an order.

We also need a volunteer to buy tea, coffee and other supplies for our Wednesday Club nights. If you're able to do this, please come and see me.

We're in August already and the end of the year is fast approaching, so if anyone has a suggestion about venues or themes, etc for our Club Christmas Party, please let a Committee Member know as soon as possible. This year, the Club will subsidise \$15 per person towards the cost and members will need to pay the balance. Obviously, non-members wishing to attend are welcome, but will need to pay full price.

From my desk...

*Calleen*

### Retirement Villages & Nursing Homes Report

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We have had a few new faces going along to the Homes to entertain the residents over the past few weeks – thanks, and we hope you enjoyed it. Of course, a big thank you to all the regular members who perform. I'm sure you would tell other members that it's a good feeling when you see the residents singing along, clapping and tapping their feet because they really love the music.

If anyone would like to go along to sing, play or just to chat to the residents, please see Lesley.





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## Night Out Report



On Saturday 23rd July, we went to Square Waffle restaurant at Leumeah with a party of 22, comprising members, family and friends.

What a great night! It was especially enjoyed by George and Tom... but you will need to ask them what happened – haha. Suffice it to say that Zorba ain't got nothin' on them!

The meals were huge, but, true to form, everyone DID manage to save room for desserts, which were impressive to say the least.

Our next night out is on the 10th of September and we're off to the Blissful Garden Malaysian Restaurant at Narellan. Of course, we're always looking for suggestions for future foodie forays!

*Colleen (on behalf of Sandy)*

## Members' Draws

- 6th June            Ross Robinson
- 13th June          Jayde Luke
- 20th June          Julian Moore (not present)
- 27th July           Dennis Gearside

## August Birthday Wishes to...

- 20th                Colleen Halls
- 20th                George Hurtado
- 31st                Keith Willis

Happy Birthday to you all from everyone at the Club.

**Birthstone:**            Peridot, Sardonyx

**Flower:**                Poppy, Gladioli

## Monthly BBQ



Wednesday 14th September 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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### South Coast Country Music Awards Report

The 14th Annual South Coast Country Music Association's Country Music Festival and Awards were held on Friday 15th July – Sunday 17th July at the Dapto Leagues Club. It was a great event with all proceeds going to the "Cram Foundation" (Illawarra Crippled Children), "Kids with Cancer" and "Riding for the Disabled".

Six of our members represented the CVCMC: **Kiara Taylor, Linda Jenkins, Lesley Heffernan, Michael Heffernan, Savannah Sharpe** and **George Czender** – and all were fabulous!

The band, The Raiders, provided superb backing, which certainly lifted the contestants and the audience really appreciated the resulting performances. A number of our members came along as the 'CVCMC Cheer Squad' and their support was a great confidence booster.

Our Club did well, with four members taking home trophies – **Linda Jenkins, George Czender, Kiara Taylor** and **Savannah Sharpe**. Outstanding effort of the Festival was **George's** surprise Senior Overall win. Great to see our own Club talent being recognised across so many categories and lovely to see our Macarthur CMC friends doing well too.

**Kiara** won 2nd place in the Junior Gospel and 1st place in the Junior Australiana, **Linda** won 2nd place in the Veterans Vocal, **Savannah** won 2nd place in the Senior Australiana and **George** blitzed everyone claiming 2nd place in the Senior Country Rock and 2nd place in the Senior Instrumental, with scores high enough to also be awarded Senior Overall Winner!



*Savannah Sharpe and George Czender (pictured above) with their trophy haul.*





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Here are all the winners:

CATEGORY	WINNER
Overall Junior	Breanna Dunn
Overall Senior	George Czender
Junior Encouragement Award	Kobie Midson
Betty Reiman Memorial Award <i>(South Coast Club members only)</i>	Emily Markham

CATEGORY	1ST	2ND	3RD
Junior Vocal	Breanna Dunn	Max Mustonen	Claudia Kilminster
Junior Gospel	Kobie Midson	Kiara Taylor	Emily Markham
Senior Gospel	Emma-Jane Montgomery	Sharna Maree Atkins	Cheyne Mastop
Senior Female Vocal	Katie Hamblin	Emma-Jane Montgomery	Dee Wade
Songwriting	Cheyne Mastop	Jim Samphier	Emily Markham
Veterans Vocal	Jim Samphier	Linda Jenkins	Ken Harris
Sub-Junior Vocal	Beth Grange	Mikayla Markham	Meg Grange
Senior Male Vocal	Jody Allen	Mitchell Murdock	Derek Thompson
Junior Country Rock	Kobie Midson	Breanna Dunn	Emily Markham
Senior Country Rock	Cheyne Mastop	George Czender	Jody Allen
Duo/Group	Belinda Stone & Tammy Stone	Emily Markham & Breanna Dunn	Katie Hamblin & Mitchell Murdock
Junior Australiana	Kiara Taylor	Kobie Midson	Breanna Dunn
Junior Instrumental	Bryan Browne	Jacob Benko	Kay-Lee Brown
Senior Australiana	Jim Samphier	Savannah Sharpe	Garry Wade
Senior Instrumental	Mitchell Murdock	George Czender	Derek Thompson





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### 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.

We'll also soon start a new column in this newsletter, "Member of the Month", where we'll profile a different member each time. Watch out for the first one in September.

### Membership Fees are now overdue – 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...

#### Carrington Spring Fair – Saturday 13th August

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Come along and support your Club and a great local organisation. There will be lots of stalls, food and drink and a wide variety of entertainment for the whole family.

### 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.





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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.

### Sound Notices

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 mixing desk or the foldback speakers on stage. Any adjustment needed will be done by the sound 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.

### 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](http://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.





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

### Thank you to...



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### Joke of the month...

The 90-year-old country singer was sick and tired of bingo every day in the retirement home, so she yelled out, "We're going to have a new game... the first person who can guess what's in my little coin purse here can have his way with me for the rest of the afternoon. A passing nurse who considered himself a bit of a jokester answered back, "An African elephant". The singer smiled, turned around and said shyly, "We have a winner!"

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

### 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?

*Image courtesy Macarthur Chronicle*

