



# CAMDEN VALLEY COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

*Since September 2004*

## September 2011 Newsletter *Issue 77*

### **Committee 2010/ 2011**

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Vice President: Joseph Hanson  
Secretary: Colleen Halls  
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### What's on

We meet on Wednesday nights from 7 – 10pm at: Camden Scouts Hall, Barsden Street

Contact details: Colleen (Secretary): 4625 6985

### 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, El Gustos, Broughton Street, Campbelltown, 6:30pm
- 28th CVCMC 7th Birthday

### October Dates for Your Diary

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- 1st Carrington Nursing Home, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 1st Grassmere, 1:30pm – 3pm
- 4th Committee Meeting
- 5th Monthly BBQ
- 12th Extraordinary General Meeting and AGM, 7:30pm
- 15th Paling Court, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 15th Mary MacKillop, 1:30pm – 3pm
- 25th Night Out, venue TBA
- 29th Camden Nursing Home, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 29th Camden House, 1:30pm – 3pm

### CVCMC CHRISTMAS PARTY 2011

We're still taking suggestions about a format/venue for this year's Christmas bash, so please let us know if you've got a good idea. Remember, the Club will be subsidising part of the cost and will pay \$15 per member towards the total for food and venue hire. Members will need to make up the balance and also pay for drinks themselves. Non-members will need to pay the full amount.

In order to book a suitable venue, we need an idea of likely attendance numbers, so if you'd like to attend, please let Colleen know by 21st September. Please note, you will be required to pay a deposit of \$15 per person.





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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: Gerry Daley 0437 269 343
<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

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Hi All!

Well, this is my last newsletter report as President. I have enjoyed the last 12 months on the Committee and I wish the new Committee all the best for the next term. Colleen and I have decided to retire from the workforce, move house and tour around Australia in our caravan, which has been a long time coming.

But for now, back to business. Our trial period with the new venue is now over and I am happy to announce that there haven't been any complaints about the noise from the neighbours. The Committee would like to thank all members for their co-operation in this matter. But, we will still have to control the decibel levels of our music so we will not have any complaints in the future.

It's good to see members renewing their memberships and I would like to welcome all new members who have recently joined our Club. I hope you will really enjoy the music and fellowship.

Lastly, thank you all for your help and friendship to Colleen and I over the past seven years. I hope the Club will continue for many years to come.

Keeping It Country...

*George*

### Secretary's Report

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Hi Everyone...

Well another month been and gone and before we know it Christmas will be here. The Committee has been looking for a venue to hold our Christmas party and if anyone has any ideas, please let us know, as we will need to book in soon.

Club uniforms: I have placed orders for Club shirts, so if anyone would like to purchase one, could you please let me know. We've had to change the style (see picture on page 10) owing to the supplier no longer making the old style. The cost will be \$25 each shirt. Club jackets are also available at a cost of \$50 each.

This month sees the Club celebrating its 7th Birthday on the 28th, so come along and help us celebrate! I will dig out some old photos and newsletters so you can see how the Club has changed over the years.

Don't forget we will be holding the AGM on the 12th October. I will have nomination forms to hand out within the next few weeks, so if you are interested in standing for a position on the 2011/2012 Committee, please make it known to other members so they can nominate you. Also on the 12th





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just prior to the AGM we will be holding an Extraordinary General Meeting to vote on some small amendments to the Constitution, so please be prompt and ready to begin by 7:30pm.

On a more personal note, this will be my last column for 2011, because I will be not standing again as Secretary. I would like to thank my fellow Committee members for their help throughout this year and I must say this has been the easiest year I've had since I've been Secretary, as I have had help from everyone. I wish the next Committee all the best and hope that you will enjoy your service on the 2011/2012 Committee.

Thanks to Savannah for doing the Newsletters and to Lesley for looking after the Nursing Homes. To all members who have come along to help at the Bunning's BBQ when I have asked for help... we could not have managed without you. And, of course, to George, who does a lot behind the scenes before and after the BBQs – thanks.

To all members who just come along each week to the meetings – without you we wouldn't have a Club. Thanks too to all our members who perform each month at the homes... you bring a lot of joy to our elderly residents.

So... for the last time, from my desk –

*Colleen*

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:** Next month's Newsletter will be an abridged version, owing to the upcoming AGM and consequent changeover of Committee members. Calendar dates, birthdays, and general information, etc will be included. However, regular columns such as the President's Report and the Secretary's Report will recommence in November.

### Retirement Villages & Nursing Homes Report

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A huge thank you to all the members who perform at our local nursing homes and retirement villages.

The residents love the music and look forward to your regular gigs there. We're told they enjoy seeing the performers and consider it a highlight of their week. Some of these people have very little music in their lives and eagerly look forward to being entertained.

Our regular singers and musicians will vouch that the residents love to see friendly faces and express their gratitude by clapping and singing along, particularly when they know the songs. It's great to see our people tailoring their repertoires to ensure the more elderly people are familiar with the material.

If other members would like to participate, either with performances or just to go along to chat to the residents, please see Lesley.





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### Night Out Report

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Tuesday night, 23rd August, we had our night out at the Blissful Garden Malaysian Restaurant at Narellan. What a great night – and I think I speak for everyone in attendance, that we all enjoyed the food. The service was great and the meals were yummy. There was a large range of dishes available, so something for every taste. And once again, desserts were delicious.

Our chef was a lovely lady who was very proactive and a great help to the people who “weren’t too sure” about Asian cuisine. This is our second trip to this restaurant with a few extra friends. A big welcome to our gourmet group, John. I hope you will be a regular on our Nights Out.

If anyone has any suggestions for venues, let me know and I will check them out. There are quite a lot of eateries in the Campbelltown/Camden area, and I am sure we will have fun trying them all out.

Our next night out will be on 27th September and we’ll be going to El Gustos, in Broughton Street, Campbelltown, so get your names on the list. It will be on the desk when you sign in at the Club.

If you haven’t been on one of our Nights Out, why not come along and check it out. The regulars always have a lot of fun and it’s a chance to have a night away from the kitchen and the washing up.

### *Sandy*

### Members’ Draws

- 3th August Les Walters (not present)
- 10th August Richard Moore (not present)
- 17th August David Bell
- 24th August Julian Moore (not present)
- 31st August Sandy Kelly

### September Birthday Wishes to...

- 9th David Rowe
- 22nd George Halls
- 22nd Rhonda Robinson
- 29th Linda Jenkins
- 29th Jeff Mathews

Happy Birthday to you all from everyone at the Club.

**Birthstone:** Sapphire

**Flower:** Aster, Pansy, Morning Glory





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### SPECIAL NOTICE

#### CVCMC Extraordinary General Meeting and Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 12 October

One of the recent changes to our Constitution states that only eligible members will be able to vote at our upcoming Extraordinary General Meeting and subsequent AGM. Please note that this is defined as **members who have attended at least 25% of the Club's weekly meetings they have been eligible to attend since the beginning of 2011.**

There will be a list of members eligible to vote up on the board a week before the AGM. If you have any questions about eligibility to vote, please see a Committee member.

### Monthly BBQ



Wednesday 5th October 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.

### 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 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.

### 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 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.

### 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.





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### Website and Newsletter

Don't forget to check the website out – [www.camdenvalleycountrymusicclub.com](http://www.camdenvalleycountrymusicclub.com) . 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](mailto:cvcmcnews@rocketmail.com) – this service is free to members!

### Member of the Month – Mark Peagam



State Manager for Viridian (a glass business unit of CSR) by day, musician by night... Mark joined our ranks in August, 2010 and has been a regular guitarist, bass player and more recently, lap steel player and singer at our Wednesday night meetings and Club events.

He first started playing music at the age of six – commencing with trumpet and then saxophone. Picking up a guitar three years later, he joined the school band and followed this up with a pub band after leaving school. Mark played lead guitar and rhythm guitar and was also a vocalist in the Riverside Inn Sunday sing-along band in the late 80s, before hanging up his instruments for a while. He says, "I joined the CVCMC hoping to resurrect performing music after a twenty-year break."

As with most musical families, it was Mark's late father who was his primary influence. "He taught me a lot about music and pushed me to perform in the local Jazz Club at the age of 12."

As well as his Dad, who was a great trumpeter and music teacher, he admires the musicianship of such greats as BB King and Eric Clapton and more recently, the lightning fingers of Brad Paisley. Along the way, apart from his first loves of trumpet and saxophone, Mark also dabbled in other instruments including keyboards and drums, but he says, "... it's been a long time between drinks where they're concerned."

While his greatest thrill is performing live, Mark says he's always looking to learn and improve. When asked about his future in music, his response is simple. "I'd love to perform on a regular basis and mix a CD."

The regular performances are gradually building... with the CVCMC on a Wednesday night, other events both with our Club and Macarthur CMC and his great efforts at various local nursing and retirement homes and we eagerly await a CD release some time in the hopefully not-too-distant future.





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### Thank you to...



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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.

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### Joke of the month...

*This month's joke courtesy of Joseph Hanson.*

After being married for thirty years, a wife asked her husband to describe her.

He looked at her slowly... then said, "You're A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K."

She asked, "What does all that mean?"

He said, "You're Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous and Hot."

She smiled happily and said, "Oh, that's so lovely... but what about I, J and K?"

He said, "I'm Just Kidding!"

His eye is still swollen... but it will get better.

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 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.



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?

Here's what our new shirts will look like – logo will be embroidered on front left pocket.

Prices are: \$25 for polo shirts, \$50 for jackets.

