



CAMDEN VALLEY COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

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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

October Dates for Your Diary

- 1st Carrington Nursing Home, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 1st Grasmere, 1:30pm – 3pm
- 4th Committee Meeting
- 5th Monthly BBQ
- 12th Extraordinary General Meeting and AGM, 7pm
- 15th Paling Court, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 15th Mary MacKillop, 1:30pm – 3pm
- 25th Night Out, venue TBA, 6:30pm
- 29th Camden Nursing Home, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 29th Camden House, 1:30pm – 3pm

November Dates for Your Diary

- 1st Committee Meeting
- 2nd Monthly BBQ
- 5th Camden Downs, 1:30pm – 3pm
- 5th Bunnings Narellan Community Day
- 19th Carrington Nursing Home, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 19th Carrington Grasmere, 1:30pm – 3pm
- 20th Bunnings Narellan BBQ Fundraiser
- 26th Paling Court, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 26th Mary MacKillop, 1:30pm – 3pm
- 26th Christmas Party, 7pm – The Bohemian Restaurant, Narellan
- 29th Night Out, venue TBA, 6:30pm

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: As we're in AGM mode and will have a changeover of Committee this week, October's edition of our Newsletter will be an abridged version.

Watch this space next month for updates on what's happened and an introduction to our new Committee. We'll also resume the President's and Secretary's columns and will have another Member of the Month Profile for you to read all about.





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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: Gerry Daley 0437 269 343
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

Retirement Villages & Nursing Homes Report

To all our members who give their time and talents to perform at our local nursing homes and retirement villages, a heartfelt thank you!

The residents and staff tell us they really enjoy the mini-concerts our Club does and it brings some music to their weeks.

Overheard at Grasmere recently during a performance where one elderly lady had succumbed to an after-lunch sunny corner and fallen asleep: "Wake up Edna – we don't get music every day. You can sleep later!"

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

Night Out Report



Well, another evening of taste testing by our diehard group of foodies.

El Gustos was the setting for our outing last time, and wow, what a venue.

The staff there gave us a very warm welcome as we arrived. With background music playing, we all settled in to what was a very enjoyable evening.

They have a very varied menu, with quite a few of us enjoying the special (\$29.95) lobster meal. Yummy! The prawn cocktail which a couple of us had, was huge and almost a meal in itself. We finished off with some of the biggest desserts imaginable.

Sorry that Colleen and George couldn't make it, but maybe we will go back again in the near future.

Our next night out will be the 25th of October – venue TBA.

The boys (and some of us girls) are hanging out for Hooters to open in Leumeah, and this is scheduled to happen in November, so if it is open by then, that might be an idea for the following night out. I believe it is a very good venue.

Anyway, that's it for this month.

Sandy





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Special Notices

1. CVCMC Extraordinary General Meeting and Annual General Meeting

These will be held on Wednesday, 12 October at 7pm – please be prompt.

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.**

If you have any questions about your eligibility to vote, please see a Committee Member.

Also, remember, if you need proxy or postal vote forms, these are available on our website:
www.camdenvalleycountrymusicclub.com.

2. New Mixing Desk Operators required

As Tom is 'retiring' from his duties at the mixing desk, we're looking for volunteers to learn how to take over and operate the desk to do our sound. If you're interested, please see a Committee Member.

3. CVCMC Christmas Party 2011

This year's Christmas Party will consist of two separate events:

Firstly, a night out at 7pm, Saturday 26 November at The Bohemian Restaurant at Narellan.

The cost is \$40 per head and the Club will subsidise \$15 of this cost. You will also need to pay for your own drinks individually at the bar. If you'd like to attend and haven't yet notified a Committee Member, you are most welcome, but please do so ASAP. You'll need to pay a \$15 deposit, which will come off your total.

Secondly, our last Wednesday meeting night on 14 December at the Scout Hall.

All members to bring a plate (we'll co-ordinate, so we're not all bringing the same type of food). The Club will provide beer, wine and soft drinks.





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As we're not allowed to have alcohol on the Hall premises, we can enjoy our eats and drinks in the park (weather permitting) and then retire to the Hall for our Award presentations and some music.

Please start to have a think about who you would like to nominate for either:

- Member of the Year; or
- Most Improved Member

One of the new Committee's first roles will be to co-ordinate and oversee this, so nomination forms should be available soon.

4. Help needed at Bunnings BBQ

We're looking for volunteers to help out at our final Bunnings BBQ fundraiser for this year.

It's on Sunday 20 November, from 9am-4pm and all assistance will be greatly received.

This is one of the major ways we raise money for our Club (and other worthwhile causes) throughout the year, so the participation of more members would be fantastic. Even if you can spare an hour, it gives others the chance to have a break for a while. So, please see a Committee Member if you're able to help out.

Monthly BBQ



Wednesday 2nd November 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 a Committee Member 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 a Committee Member 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.





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Members' Draws

- 7th September Colleen Halls
- 14th September Maria Hurtado
- 21st September Julian Moore (not present)
- 28th September Tanya Peagam (not present)

October Birthday Wishes to...

- 4th Talese Skinner
- 6th Henry Lepke
- 17th Carolyn Gearside
- 25th Lesley Heffernan
- 25th Bernie Ingram

Happy Birthday to you all from everyone at the Club.

Birthstone: Opal, Tourmaline

Flower: Calendula, Magnolia, Cosmos, Hops

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.





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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 . 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!



Around the traps...

The October long weekend was a great one, particularly for two of our members representing the CVCMC at the Parkes Country Music Festival.

George Czender's luck was running and his fabulous voice and lightning mandolin fingers were in fine form and he scooped the pool!



George won:

1st place – Senior Male Vocal: “Sold – the Grundy County Auction Incident”

1st place – Open Songwriting: “Old Man”

1st place – Veterans: “Raining On The Rock”

2nd place – Open Instrumental: “Morpett’s Rant”

3rd place – Senior Australiana: “Amazing Day”

3rd place – Senior Duo: (“Jess and the Old Man”, with daughter, Jessica): “Family”

Senior Overall Winner.

Thanks to his win in the Senior Male Vocal, an added bonus is that George now qualifies for automatic entry into next year’s Australian Country Talent Seekers Quest (ACTS). This is a prestigious, invitation-only event held on the Saturday night of the Festival each year.



Also doing us incredibly proud was one of our newest members, **Kiara Taylor**.

This 14-year-old's lovely tone and impressive interpretation wowed the audience, won over all the judges and knocked out the competition.

Kiara won:

1st place – Junior Gospel: “How Great Thou Art”

1st Place – Junior Vocal: “Your Cheatin’ Heart”

2nd place – Junior Australiana: “A Bushman Can’t Survive”

Best Performance Australian Bush Ballad – Senior and Junior: “A Bushman Can’t Survive”

Junior Overall Winner

Big congratulations to both **George** and **Kiara** on their fabulous efforts – we are all so proud of you!

Congratulations also go to our Macarthur CMC friends: **Aimee Hannan**, **Kobie Midson**, **Katie Hamblin** and **Mitchell Murdock** on their successes at Parkes.



STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!

Kiara's on a winning streak!

Last Sunday she competed in the Northern Beaches Country Music Club 2011 Star Search and won. She came home with a new guitar, portable video/recording system and cash prizes, as well as another trophy.

Well done, **Kiara** and congratulations on your win.





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Joke of the month...

This month's joke courtesy of Ross Robinson.

Jill tells her husband, "Jack, that young couple that just moved in next door seem such a loving two-some. Every morning, when he leaves the house, he kisses her goodbye, and every evening when he comes home, he brings her a dozen roses. And I heard he makes love to her every night. Now, why can't you do that?"

"Gosh," Jack says, "I hardly know the girl."

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

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?

So, if you'd like to buy a jacket, shirt, polo or cap, please let a Committee Member know.



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

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

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