



# CAMDEN VALLEY COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

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### **Committee 2011/ 2012**

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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





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### Reports

#### President's Report

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Dear Members –

It's that time of year again and I would like to wish each and every one of you a very safe and Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

I would also like to congratulate the recipients of the "Most Improved" and "Member of the Year" Awards, which will be announced at our last meeting to be held on Wednesday 14 December.

We will be having a break from 14th December to 25th January 2012, when we will resume with much enthusiasm. See you all back next year.

Yours in Country,

*Michael*

#### Secretary's Report

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Hello all –

Wow, what an eye-opener this position is! However, I have found that this Club is no different to other Clubs in which I've held a position of responsibility.

I would like everyone to look out for and encourage younger singers and musicians to come along and hone their skills in Country Music. After all, that's one of the things this Club is supposed to be about. You never know, they might even be able to show us older folk something.

They might even encourage us to look more broadly at the whole genre of Country Music and find that simple Country Music is as rewarding as any other genre when done well. As Tim McGraw says, "Things Change".

To our retiring Treasurer, **Rhonda Robinson** – best of luck with your operations and recovery. Thanks for a great job well done. You have left big shoes to fill.





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Here's hoping the New Year brings happiness to us all. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. Please be safe and sensible in whatever you do.

Keeping Country Country, bye 4 now –

*Dennis G*

### Night Out Report

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The Christmas gathering was held at The Bohemian European Restaurant at Narellan and everyone enjoyed the wonderful German food we had at our banquet.

We all joined in and sang along with the resident accordion player who was very impressed and appreciative of our talents. I don't think he was quite used to such ready participation!

As it was a set menu, there was no prize for the biggest dessert on this occasion. While it was disappointing not all members could attend, the 26 we had certainly enjoyed the night and were definitely the life of the party.

A big thank you to the Committee, particularly Rhonda, for organising the party night.

The first foodie excursion for 2012 will be in February, venue to be confirmed. Look for the sign on sheet at our first Club night back on Wednesday 25 January.

Till the next one...

*Sandy*

### Retirement Villages & Nursing Homes Report

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At this time of year when people are so time-poor, as they become stressed with Christmas shopping and getting everything organised that needs to be organised, it's lovely to see our members still making the effort to take some time out of their busy lives to entertain the residents of local nursing homes and retirement villages.

It means a lot to them and we constantly receive warm receptions and thanks for this valuable service you people provide.





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Particularly in this season of goodwill, the gift of music is appreciated. So thanks to everyone who has donated their time and talent. Your efforts are so worthwhile!

For anybody who hasn't done this before and is interested in giving it a try, please see a Committee member. Those who do this regularly will tell you what a rewarding experience it is.

### What's on

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

**Contact details:** Dennis (Secretary): 4626 2991.

### December Dates for Your Diary

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- 3rd Camden Nursing Home, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 3rd Camden House, 1:30pm – 3pm
- 7th Monthly BBQ
- 10th Camden Downs, 1:30pm – 3pm
- 12th Committee Meeting (postponed – to be rescheduled)
- 14th Club Christmas Party & Awards Meeting (*last meeting for the year – Please bring a plate*)
- 17th Carrington Nursing Home, 10:30am – 12 noon
- 17th Carrington Grasmere – 1:30pm – 3pm

### January Dates for Your Diary

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- 25th 1st CVCMC Club night back, 7pm

### Members' Draws

- **2nd November** Maria Hurtado (not present)
- **9th November** George Halls (not present)
- **16th November** Maria Hurtado (not present)
- **23rd November** Linda Jenkins (not present)
- **30th November** Savannah Sharpe





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### December Birthday Wishes to...

- 6th David Bell
- 13th Dorothy Inskip
- 15th Barry Boyle
- 16th Fred Jenkins
- 17th Tanya Peagam
- 22nd Helen Rowe
- 23rd Anne Bell
- 25th Sandra Kelly
- 30th Ian Sharpe

Happy Birthday to you all from everyone at the Club.

**Birthstone:** Blue Topaz, Turquoise, Zircon

**Flower:** Hibiscus, Narcissus, Holly

### Special Notices

**1. Last Wednesday meeting night on 14 December at the Scout Hall.**

All members to bring a plate of food. The Club will provide soft drinks, tea, coffee and dessert.

We'll enjoy our eats, then do our Award Presentations and then get down to some good music.

**2. This month's newsletter is an abridged one.**

Owing to the busy Christmas period, some of our regular columns will return in the New Year.

Look out for the Member of the Month Profile, etc in the next newsletter.

### Monthly BBQ



Wednesday 25th January is our first night back and is also 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. Just put your name on the sheet at the sign-in desk.





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### Committee Meetings

Our meetings are held every 2nd Monday 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.

### Sound Notices

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.** Remember, **you must comply with the sound operator's request** if asked to turn down. 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** (unless playing different parts, ie; lead and rhythm guitar).

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](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!

### Joke of the month...

*This month's joke courtesy of Dennis Gearside.*

The family wheeled Grandma out on the lawn in her wheelchair, where the activities for her 100th birthday were taking place. Grandma couldn't speak very well, but she would write notes when she needed to communicate.

After a short time out on the lawn, Grandma started leaning off to the right, so some family members grabbed her, straightened her up, and stuffed pillows on her right side.

A short time later, she started leaning off to her left, so again the family grabbed her and stuffed pillows on her left side.

Soon she started leaning forward, so the family members again grabbed her, and then tied a pillowcase around her waist to hold her up.

A nephew who arrived late came up to Grandma and said, "Hi, Grandma, you're looking good! How are they treating you?"

Grandma took out her little notepad and slowly wrote a note to the nephew.....

'Bastards won't let me fart'.

This year's jokes winner is..... ? You will have to wait till the Christmas party to find out!

Of course, it's never too early to start collecting them for next year, so if you've heard a funny joke recently that you think is suitable for future newsletters, ie; relatively clean – please see Savannah.





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### 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: \$25 for polo shirts, \$50 for jackets and \$10 for caps.

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# Merry Christmas

