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FRONT PAGE: CARMEL KERR – LONGSTANDING MEMBER

‘MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 2019’

Quote of the Month



‘Christmas...
Is not as much about opening our presents
as opening our hearts’



*** Janice Maeditere ***





‘My Say’ Segment



Hi Everyone

Another fantastic year from the Homestead Crew and we couldn't do any of it without all of you! Thank you all so much for coming along to our concerts month after month. I am always surprised at the variety of songs our performers bring to the stage and so grateful to our wonderful talented band who work so hard to support all the members and bring out the best in all the performers. I really appreciate your commitment to the club.

Whatever your circumstances this festive season, I encourage you to take time to appreciate the gift of your family and friends, offer your help or simply supply some company to someone who is feeling lonely. Forgive people quickly, remembering that none of us is perfect. My favourite question to ask myself is... am I perfect? And of course you know the answer to that is a resounding no... so therefore I must not expect that others are always going to be perfect either.

As we enter the Christmas season I've been pondering the wonderful relationship our members have with our audience. Each month we see so many regular familiar faces and it is one of our greatest joys to share our music with you. Our thanks go out to each of you for making our concerts possible by your attendance and so enjoyable because of the interaction you all share so generously with us.

Each year I am blown away by the dedication of our band members. The amount of practice doesn't stop at our Tuesday nights and the versatility shown by our talented band and performers is extraordinary.

My greatest wish is that each of you enjoys a very 'Merry Christmas' and a bright and 'Happy New Year'. As usual the club is taking a little break over Christmas with our first concert on Friday 15 February 2019. I'd love to see you all there and please bring your friends.

Best wishes to you all!

Beverley Sweeper – Editor

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE



Hi Everyone,

Welcome to our last concert and our last newsletter for 2018.

Just going back to October concert and our Halloween night. It was great to see that our 'dress up' was well received as in previous years and everyone was enthusiastic about the night. I've never been a great believer in Halloween but it's here to stay and drawing more and more interest every year. It's actually a Celtic tradition taken to America by the Irish and grown bigger than the pumpkin harvest – which by the way were originally carved turnips! Yes, it is commercialised but so is Christmas and Easter – it really annoys me that no sooner are we over the Festive season, then the shelves are full of hot cross buns.

Another great concert was the 'dress like a farmer' night where all proceeds were donated to the drought relief. It was certainly a big change and warm and snug in the flano shirt! Lynne Bowen (from Woodford) set up a table and sold merchandise for Burrumbuttock Hay runners. Thanks to our wonderful members and patrons, we managed to raise just over \$2000.00 – not a bad effort at all.

Recycling 'containers' to raise money for EXPO (Youth Music festival) is going well and has already put some much-needed funds into the bank. It costs \$8000.00 + for Homestead to run the EXPO and it has to stand alone financially or our coffers would be empty in two years. Peter and I are more than happy to recycle any cans donated as the new recycling centre takes only minutes to process the returns. I'm beginning to be known as the 'Bag Lady' around Woodford as I scrounge cans from the sides of the road whilst out walking.

A small group of members represented Homestead at the Caboolture Christmas Carols and did a fantastic job. With songs like 'Santa has a choo choo train' and 'Summer' being well received by the audience who sat sweltering in the afternoon sun. Our southern Christmases are definitely a lot different to Europe where it is snowing already and it looks like they will have a 'white Christmas' again.

Hope you enjoy the concert and the light supper put on as gratitude for your unfailing support during 2018. Note that there is no concert in January, so we will see you all back here on February 15th. Have a fantastic festive season and stay safe.

Cheers Barbara





~RAFFLE RESULTS~



September 2017

Prize

Towel
Stihl Pack
Herb Rack
Cups
Soaps
Stony Crk Muster Pass

Sponsor

Laurie Sterling
Stihl
Jill Cuffe
Marion Boetje
Boppa (G Curtis)
John Leeson

Winner

Anna Grant
Brian Edward
Joan Duthye
Joan Duthye
Sue Morbach
John Kriedemann

October 2018

Prize

Stony Creek Mini-
Muster Family Pass
Glasses x 6 Italian
Picture
Esky
Table Cloth
Plant
Heater

Sponsor

John Leeson
Marion Boetje
Mary Martin
Laurie Stirling
Laurie Stirling
Linda Steer
Eroll Fencourt

Winner

Cassie Hilbers
Queenie Lodge
Sasha Bishop
Sue Morbach
Vern Duncan
Cheryl Tinworth
Graeme Miles

November 2018

Prize

Glasses Set
Caddy
Stihl Pack
Clock
Fruit
Toiletry Pack
Christmas Tray
Mug and Chocolate
Mug and Chocolate
Mug Set

Sponsor

Marion Boetje
Laurie Sterling
Stihl
Laurie Sterling
Marion Boetje
Laurie Sterling
Linda Steer
Marion Boetje
Marion Boetje
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Winner

Janelle Groves
Arthur Trumper
Graeme Miles
Ron Turner
Leanne Fitzsimon
Elaine Cody
Fiona Cole
Shirley Kropp
Fiona Cole
Vern Duncan

ON THE NOTICEBOARD - 2019

~ Concert - February, 15th~

~ Concert - March, 15th~

~ **Concert - No Concert in April~**

~ Concert - May, 17th~

Halloween Concert Capers





~Spotlight on Our Concerts~





~Member Biography~
~Carmel Kerr~



Horses, music, art and dancing have always been my passions in life. I loved to watch Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers float across the dance floor and after discovering Shirley Temple movies I tried to teach myself her famous tap-dancing piece on the stairs. I think with my own style I accomplished it. Over the years I have tried out my styles of dancing, but clogging (hillbilly tap as I call it) took my fancy. Elvis Presley has always been & will always be my all-time favourite artist, well actually I had (have) a huge crush on him. I have watched all of his movies and sang back-up vocals to all his songs. If only he had been born in the 60's & met me, I reckon I would be Mrs Presley.... (Follow that Dream!!!!) Both my parents, Gloria (nee Vickers) & Jimmy Doyle were accomplished violinists, with my mother being a talented pianist & singer as well. From my mother's side, my Aunty Kathleen & Uncle Bernie (Vickers) would entertain the troops with their singing, yodeling & piano, guitar and banjo playing. Two of my cousins formed a duo, at the age of 12, known as the Kayleen sisters & performed around Australia & New Zealand in the 60's & early 70's & once appeared on the Don Lane Show. Several of my Uncles from my father's side were also talented musicians.

Mum & dad were both in the racing game. Dad became a jockey & was apprenticed to Tommy Smith. He gave away the riding & turned to training horses after a bad fall. Mum helped out in the family stables where my Uncle Eddie Vickers was stable jockey & later stable trainer. I learned to ride a horse at the age of 6 on an old pony called Lightning. My late brother Stephen, (whom I was very close to) followed in dad's footsteps & became a jockey, riding until his weight, many years later, got the better of him. Sadly, he was in a fatal car accident in 1992, at the age of 34, but I had the pleasure of riding with Stephen in races. In 1979, after hearing on the radio that Pam O'Niel had won the right for women to compete in registered races, I quit my job in a real estate office there & then & that night announced to my father that I wanted to be a jockey. He took me down to the QTC the next day & apprenticed me to him. Both my father & brother tried to discourage me from race riding in very subtle ways. For example the first morning of track work at 4am, dad had me trot one of the horses 6 laps around Albion Park race track. The next morning, he woke me at 3am to get ready, I couldn't walk but somehow, I managed to get dressed & again trot that same horse another 6 laps around Albion Park, & every day after that for 10 days. I got stronger & even more determined, & the horse got fit. I finished riding in 1997,

when I found out I was pregnant with my daughter Gabrielle. My first race ride was for my Uncle Graham Doyle at Gympie & my last race ride was at Dalby, I got pipped at the post. I was one of the first female apprentice jockeys, I rode at many country race tracks as well as Eagle Farm & Doomben. They were tough days, at times being the only female jockey at a race meet, but I held my own. I suppose that's where my sense of humour came in handy, having to put many a male jockey, trainer, owner or steward in their place. Thru the racing I met my long-time partner-in-crime mate, Jenny Jones, now there's a few more good stories that could be told.

In Primary School I learned the trumpet for 2 years. I was given a piano & 3 years of lessons by my Grandma Vickers, at the age of 13, until my love of horses won out. I was a rather shy child but came out of my shell when I discovered performing in grade 4, often making up skits of my own & roping my school friends into performing with me. I fell back in love with music when my daughter Gabrielle, at the age of 4 wanted to sing at the local karaoke night at the Beachmere Bowls Club. She blew them away with her performance of Wild Thing. After that we were regular performers there for many years until we moved in 2007 to Maryborough for my husband John's work. Gabby & I joined the Wide Bay Country Music Club & thru them we entered many country music competitions. Together, Gabby & I performed on stage, & sang behind the scenes in the choir, in the Wizard of Oz musical at the Brolga Theatre in Maryborough in 2008. I joined the Stage Rats Musical Theatre group & played the part of Myrtle in Ma Baker in 2009 & in 2010 we returned to Caboolture & joined Homestead Music Club. This club is like my second family.



My Hubby John, & I met thru horses, he was training gallopers & pacers at the time, he'd had a fall off of a ladder & had broken some ribs and couldn't ride. My father arranged for me to ride track work for him & the rest is history. A lot of funny stories can be told about our adventures together as jockey & trainer. The treasure of my life is our daughter Gabrielle, who we have passed our love of horses & music on to.

Apart from wanting to sing, Gabby at the age of 3 announced that she would like to learn the violin. Don't know where that came from!!!! A few years later when a violin teacher was found she started lessons that turned out really well I'd say. I got back into horse riding when we bought a horse for Gabby to learn to ride on, but the horse was a bit too spirited for her, so Sierra became mine & we found a lovely pony called Paris for Gabby. I am still enjoying these majestic animals. My favourite saying is "Don't wish for it, Work for it".

Well that's about me in a nutshell.

Carmel ☺



Feature Article by Beverley Sweeper

Twelve Months of Country Artist Birthdays

There are so many talented and well known country artists that it would take a very long list to name them all. Coming to Homestead Country Music Club, audiences are exposed to songs performed from traditional to modern country artists. What I have learned is that depending on the performer, the style and feel of any song can vary greatly and that is why even though you may hear the same song sung by various members of our club it can sound fresh and new every time.

Coming up to the New Year I thought it might be an interesting exercise to acquaint ourselves with some old and new artists and their songs. Some you may know well and others you may never have heard of so I invite you to peruse the following list of artists and check out some of the songs. If you don't have the cd or access to view the internet then ask around to see if anyone you know (or their children) can lend you the cd to listen to. Personally I appreciate a wide range of music and styles and have been introduced to some new artists by listening to what songs performers sing at country music clubs and festivals. It's a great way to broaden your appreciation of country music both old and new.

So here's the list organised by the artists' dates of birth. I hope you enjoy your journey in musical discovery!

January

19/1/1946 Dolly Parton – Current Age -72

Well known songs: Jolene, 9 to 5, Coat of Many Colours,

February

26/02/1932 Johnny Cash – Passed 12/09/2003 aged 71

Well known songs: Folsom Prison Blue, Ring of Fire, A Boy Named Sue

March

10/03/1983 Carrie Underwood Current Age – 35

Well known songs: Jesus Take The Wheel, Blown Away, Temporary Home

April

29/04/1933 Willie Nelson Current age 85

Well known songs: Always On My Mind, On The Road Again, Georgia On My Mind.

May

01/05/1967 Tim McGraw Current age – 51

Well known songs: Live Like You Were Dying, Humble And Kind, Neon Church

June

22/06/1936 Kris Kristofferson Current age – 82

Well known songs: For The Good Times, Stranger, Quinn The Eskimo (Mighty Quinn)

July

12/07/1983 Kimberly Perry (The Band Perry) Current age 35

Well known songs: Seven Seconds, Chainsaw, Done

August

28/08/1965 Shania Twain Current age – 53

Well known songs: From This Moment On, I'm Gonna Getcha Good, Man I Feel Like A Woman

September

08/09/1932 Patsy Cline Passed Away 05/03/1963 age 30

Well known songs: I Fall To Pieces, Crazy, Tennessee Waltz

October

26/10/1967 Keith Urban Current age – 51

Well known songs: Blue Ain't Your Color, Somebody Like You, Kiss A Girl

November

10/11/1983 Miranda Lambert Current age – 35

Well known songs: Mamas Broken Heart, Kerosene, More Like Her

December

14/12/1942 Charlie Rich Passed Away 25/07/1995 aged 53

Well known songs: The Most Beautiful Girl, Behind Closed Doors, Feel Like Going Home





EYE ON STAGE



Concerts: September, October, November 2018

The last quarter of our year has been treating the audience to a wide range of musical entertainment. Some of our members have been performing original songs and at our September concert we were treated to Bek Thornton singing a song that she wrote called 'Sweet Little Kings'. What an amazing song and performance from a very talented young lady.

Jenny sang 'Big Bad Handsome Man' and 'Paint It Black' at the October (Halloween Concert) with confidence and finesse which was one of the many concert highlights. Who could forget Pam and Norm singing the 'Little Blue Man' song which had us all laughing too!

You never can tell what you are going to see at Homestead. Recently we had Sonny and Cher come to visit in the guise of Trevor and Carmel. I quietly asked Trevor for some fashion tips after that performance! Young Hayley Anderson held us captive with her rendition of 'Traveling Soldier' and one of our newer members Cathy gave a lovely performance of 'Top Of The World'.

All of our members do a sterling job. Frank keeps the traditional country style alive, Hannah and Teagan Austen always sing beautifully with Hannah performing some original songs with poignant lyrics. Queenie regularly entertains us with classic country fare and then there is Steve and the band who do an amazing job each and every concert. With the additions of Chas on the keyboard and John K on the pedal and lap steel, Trevor with his amazing Saxophone and Hanjo and Alan on the harmonica... you'd go an awful long way to see such variety. Many thanks to our bass players John and Peter, our Rhythm players Norm and Boppa, Steve on lead guitar and how could we forget our resident drummer Bill who is just an amazing talent in his own right. It's been great to see the talents of Bob Cole again and it is great to see the band in such fine form. I haven't mentioned everybody because there simply isn't enough room but all the members perform so well and I appreciate each and every one of you sharing your love of music with us all. Of course tonight's December Christmas concert promises to be just as amazing as the previous months so sit back and enjoy the music, the company and the festive fare and we look forward to seeing you all here again for our February concert in the New Year!

Make sure to keep your Eyes on Stage ☺ Beverly.

Country Music Clubs – Monthly Date Claimers...

First Friday Pine Rivers	Kallangur Community Centre	7:00 pm
First Saturday Brigalow Redlands Mod.	Wagner St., Eagleby Sports Reserve, Thornlands	6:00 pm 5:00 pm
First Sunday Coal City Gold Coast Sundowners Velvet CMC	Booval Bowls Club Southport Bowls Club Geebung Bowls Club Queen/ Ulm Sts Caloundra	12:30 pm 11:00 am 11.45 am 12 Noon
Second Saturday Blue Denim Northern Suburbs Country Roundup	Progress Hall, Clontarf Memorial Hall Gympie Rd. Bald Hills Caboolture Senior Citzs Hall	7:00 pm 12 Noon 12 Noon
Second Sunday Maroochy River Golden Wattle Twin Rivers	Bli Bli Hall Cedar Street Wynnum Wagner St., Eagleby	12 Noon 1:00 pm 12 Noon
Third Friday Homestead	Stanmore Hall, Caboolture	7:00 pm
Third Saturday Boonah	Boonah Golf Club	7.00 pm (even months)
Third Sunday Guanaba Redcliffe West Moreton	Heritage Park, Pimpama Redcliffe Showgrounds Ipswich Golf Club	12 Noon 11:00 am 1:00 pm
Fourth Friday Redcliffe	Redcliffe Showgrounds	7:00 pm
Fourth Saturday Min Min	Kruger Hall Ann St, Kallangur	1.00 pm
Fourth Sunday Blue Denim Bribie Island	Progress Hall, Clontarf Bribie Island Recreation Hall 158 First Ave Bribie Island	12:30 pm 11.00 am
Last Sunday Cane Country Laidley	Concerts on Hold Exchange Hotel, Laidley	TBA 1:00 pm



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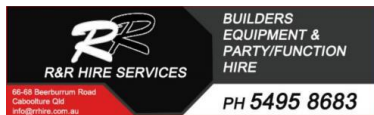
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**Merry
Christmas**

