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FRONT COVER: Barbara Hall - *Past President*
' & Tireless, Hardworking Homesteader'

Quote for the Month

"Music is a language that doesn't speak in particular words. It speaks in emotions, and if it's in the bones, it's in the bones." — *Keith Richards.*

PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS



Hello friends.

You may (or may not) all now be aware that Barbara Hall stepped down from the Club Presidency at the Annual General Meeting. I have now been elected as the President for the next year.

As Barb was in office for such an extended period she put her stamp on the way the office was performed. I will not be making any drastic changes to a winning format.

The outgoing committee and the other appointed officials were diligent, capable and energetic in performing their duties and all contributed to the smooth running of the Club. I thank each and everyone of them and indeed all our members who added their assistance.

Our success has of course been with the indefatigable support of our audiences and it is with heavy regret I advise that there does not seem to be a light yet at the end of the Covid tunnel to allow us to proceed with our concerts. Of course once that situation changes we will be spreading the word immediately. I hope fervently that we will see all our regular friends back again soon. When we do return it will hopefully be with all new sound equipment. (You may recall the problems we have had with our P.A.) This new system will, we believe, be another step up in sound quality for your enjoyment.

All of our members are rehearsing madly and will have some new songs for your enjoyment when we restart.

Thank you everyone and stay safe.

Norm Smith

NOTICEBOARD

Date Claimers for your Calendar

All Concerts remain 'On Hold' and Cancelled until further notice.



The Home of Live Music
in Beerwah



Make the trek to Beerwah, ...[53 Beerwah Place], ... you won't regret it!

BEERWAH'S GOT COUNTRY



Upcoming Feature Shows:

(ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)



We reassuringly await a re-opening !!

Hope to see you there soon!

Attention: All Members & Patrons

'CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE'

Recycling to boost Youth Expo Fundraising.

Homestead has an ID C10134337 for you to quote and money redeemed will go straight into the bank if you drop your cans and bottles into your own recycling depot.

Alternately, drop your cans, bottles etc. off at the hall on a rehearsal or concert night.





‘My Say’ Segment



The second wave of the Coronavirus has now surfaced and border closures as well as ever altering restrictions make it difficult to predict tomorrow’s outcome. Every day we seem to find the situation changing with cluster outbreaks, premises contamination and personal contact virus infections. Beware the vulnerable over 60’s !!

For those unaware, when diagnosed with Covid-19, patients requiring a ventilator have to endure painful throat intubation under anaesthesia for 2 to 3 weeks without moving, often upside down, with a tube inserted from the mouth up to the trachea to allow you to breathe. The patient can’t talk or eat, - the machine keeps you alive.

The discomfort and pain requires sedatives and painkillers. It’s like being in an artificial coma. After 20 days from this treatment, a young patient loses 40% muscle mass, and gets mouth or vocal cords’ trauma, as well as possible pulmonary or heart complications. It is for this reason that old or already weak people can’t withstand the treatment and almost all die. For those who think this is an exaggeration, do your own checks. Recovery, post ventilator can include hallucinations, depression and impact the heart, liver, kidneys, gut and brain. It is scary!! Please stay safe and well!

However despite all this doom & gloom, some sense of normality is beginning to emerge as we can now, once again mingle and begin to hone our relative musical and vocal talents via weekly rehearsals at Stanmore Hall, Caboolture. But as I indicated in an earlier edition, the new ‘norm’ is an ever changing environment and we will need to patiently navigate and embrace these changes as they are implemented to protect the general populace and society from the possibility of the evolving health issues relative to this horrible Covid-19 pandemic.

Social Distancing and maintaining strict protocols to avoid the possible transfer of dangerous bacteria via hands and microphone sanitation will become commonplace. Such changes are good policy anyway especially when most of us fall into the vulnerable category age group.

As the likelihood of a concert remains a fair way down the horizon, the regular four (4) week cycle of practice has indeed been extended and the opportunity to try some new and possibly more challenging songs is now available to those who wish to test themselves.

But when one is severely hearing impaired as in my particular situation, it is just wonderful to be able to find a correct starting note and sing in tune.

TT – Editor

PS *For those who love cartoons as much as I, the following is one of my favourites of Slim Dusty from 2003.*



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'Tis 17 years, this month (Sept. 2020) since the passing of Slim Dusty yet his title of 'Australia's King of Country' remains unchallenged.

Born at Nulla Nulla Creek near Kempsey, his early roots in hillbilly and folk music, together-with success and longevity, made him the face of Australian Country Music for almost seven (7) decades.

The number '7' must have been a lucky number for Slim as he sold more than seven (7) million records and earned 70 gold and platinum album certifications. He was a pioneer in so many ways. How many people (worldwide) would have had the intestinal fortitude to change their name at the age of 11? Born David Gordon Kirkpatrick, and picking up a guitar aged seven (7), Slim Dusty powered into history and never looked back!

He documented Australia's unique spirit and history through song as well as contributing to our culture and society.

In 1951 he married Joy McKean and in 1954, together, they launched the Slim Dusty Travelling Show.

Despite the emergence of Rock & Roll and loss of airplay in metropolitan Australia, Slim never lost his country and regional Australia popularity.

Ten years on, in 1964, the Slim Dusty Australia-round Tour commenced, a 48,280 km, 10 months journey that continued annually until 2001.

He wrote his first song "The Way the Cowboy Dies" in 1937 and "When the Rain Tumbles Down in July" was his first record in 1945. Joy became much more than his wife, with Manager and Songwriter added to her resume. She is credited with penning several of Slim Dusty's most popular songs, including "Lights On The Hill", "Walk a Country Mile", "The Indian Pacific", "Kelly's Offsider" and "The Biggest Disappointment".

Bush ballads and truckin' songs were and still are pure gold to Country Music. In 1957, Slim Dusty was the first Australian to have a No. 1 international hit song, with a version of Gordon Parsons "A Pub with No Beer". It was the biggest-selling record by an Australian to that time, the first Australian single to go gold and the first and only 78 rpm record to be awarded a gold disc. But the records don't end there! Slim Dusty is the only artist to have recorded on every major commercial music format – from 78rpm records through vinyl LPs, singles, cassettes, 8-track and CDs, to VHS video and DVD, and now iTunes and ring tones.

Slim Dusty's remarkable life and even more extraordinary career was to see the release of even more legendry songs including "Duncan", "G'Day, G'Day", "Looking Forward, Looking Back", "Charleville", "Cunnamulla Fella" and so many more.

Not a bad legacy for a career lasting almost seven (7) decades!!



PRACTICE SPOTLIGHTS





The Elected Homestead Committee Members for 2020/2021 are listed below:-

President

Norm Smith

Vice President

Rebecca Thornton

Treasurer

Frank Moroney

Secretary

Peta-Maree Thornton



Appointed Officials:-

Floor Delegates

JB, John D, Boppa, Trev

Door Persons

Jill, Pam (Reserve Hayley)

Bar Manager

Frank

Canteen Convenors

Cheryl, Heather

Webmaster

JB

Magazine Editor

Trev

Sound-desk Operators

Liam, Luke, Boppa, Carmel
(Reserves Norm, Jenny)

Stage Manager

Rod

Musical Directors

Steve, Liam, Luke



Homestead Country Music weekly rehearsals are held at



Stanmore Hall every Tuesday Night



MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

JAN SMITH



Jan was born and raised in Ipswich and considers herself to have been quite a tomboy in her youth. She always says she was the son her dad never had. She loves animals and should have been a Vet but didn't have the scholastic qualifications. Her high school years finished at grade 9. She then began work as an aide at an aged men's home before she changed occupation to be a seamstress. This was her occupation up to and after her marriage to Norm and the birth of her two children.

As to her sewing abilities, for those of you who have seen the **vast** black curtains at the backstage of the Boondall Entertainment Centre, you should know they would not still be there except for Jan's expert repairs after a stage-hand for a large touring band drove a forklift through them! She also sewed and fitted the stage curtains at the back of the performing stage at Kedron-Wavell Services Club.

Once her children left home, she and Norm moved to Kilcoy from their home of 35 years at Albany Creek in Brisbane. Jan expressed an interest in singing at Homestead after she and Norm became members. Some rehearsal at home and she started singing. She found her voice and preference in swing and other music from the early 30s, 40s, and 50s. Her songs are received very well by the audiences at Homestead and at Jallas Cafe sessions and Playitt music at Woodford. She and Norm also perform for retiree villages, nursing homes and respite centres. Jan has never had formal training but her husband Norm says she has an extremely sweet tone and sings in the soprano range. (i.e. way above his growl.) They occasionally sing duets and she always shows him up.



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Country Music - Social Timetable

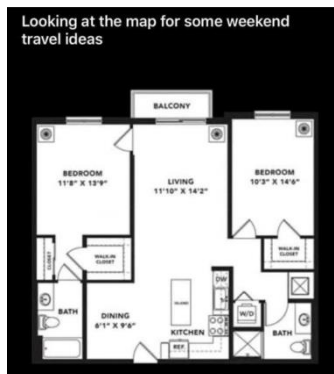


First Friday Pine Rivers	Kallangur Community Centre	7:00 pm
First Saturday Brigalow Redlands Mod.	Wagner St., Eagleby Sports Reserve, Thornlands	6:00 pm 5:00 pm
First Sunday Coal City Gold Coast Sundowners Velvet CMC Laidley	Booval Bowls Club Southport Bowls Club Kallangur Bowls Club Queen/ Ulm Sts Caloundra Exchange Hotel, Laidley	12:30 pm 11:00 am 11.45 am 12 Noon 1:00 pm
Second Saturday Northern Suburbs	Memorial Hall Gympie Rd. Bald Hills	12 Noon
Country Roundup	Caboolture Senior Citz Hall	12 Noon
Second Sunday Maroochy River Country Links Golden Wattle Twin Rivers Maleny	Bli Bli Hall Bribie Indoor Bowls, First Av Cedar Street Wynnum Wagner St., Eagleby Bryce Lane, Maleny	12 Noon 1:00 pm 1:00 pm 12 Noon 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 Laidley	Heritage Park, Pimpama Redcliffe Showgrounds Ipswich Golf Club Exchange Hotel, Laidley	12 Noon 11:00 am 1.00 pm 1:00 pm
Fourth Friday Redcliffe	Redcliffe Showgrounds	7:00 pm
Fourth Sunday Bribie Island	Bribie Island Recreation Hall 158 First Ave Bribie Island	11.00 am
Last Sunday Cane Country	Concerts on hold	TBA

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It is very much hoped that this Social Timetable will be operational and able to be used again, in the not too distant future.