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FRONT COVER: Murray Eilola

Quote for the Month

"Life is One Grand Sweet Song..... so start the Music."
- Ronald Reagan



'My Say' Segment



According to research over many centuries, composers of music have used nature and the environment around them to provide and inspire much of the creativity that can be found in their music. Johann Strauss used the axle and wheel of his horse-drawn carriage to generate melody in The Blue Danube Waltz in 1866.

More recently, scientists studying pods of whales, have recorded the sounds of these social creatures which consist of pulsed calls, clicks and whistles. This is especially evident with mothers singing to their calf during their breeding season in a coastal, safe environment. They believe this has a calming effect on the newborn. These sounds are being assessed for musical connection and adaptability.

Birdsong has also provided many composers with inspiration since the 14th Century. The Nightingale and the Cuckoo are deemed to have had the most impact. However, it is claimed that the Hermit Thrush produces sounds that can be classified as traditional scales as used in music. The Starling is said to be able to mimic phrases and sounds from other species. This variation of rhythm and musical pitch has been recorded; such combinations of notes being judged as resembling shaped musical phrases and descending cadences. Birdsong, in ancient times, meant that they were enjoying their environment and you were safe. It was when birds stopped that soothing singing that you needed to worry.

There is no doubt that music sparks joy and contentment, and is emotionally, extremely powerful as it releases endorphins in response to pain or stress and affects the healing process by reducing anxiety and depression, promoting a calm well-being and visible cheerfulness. It is a wonder of our natural environment.

Recently, I had the pleasure of playing and singing to residents at a Nursing Home in Caloundra. The matron advised me that I had reached some people that they had been trying to reach for over 12 months. She reiterated music can do wonders and has considerable potential in healing, especially in the aged and infirmed. Music is indeed a powerful medium!

TT Editor



ON THE NOTICEBOARD - 2022



Concert
Junior Expo -
Concert -...
Concert -

July, 15th
August, 6th
August, 19th
September, 16th



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.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear members,

The rain might have eased and the ground starting to dry out, but it has been replaced by a cold snap. Hold onto the thought that the shortest day is almost here and we will soon edge toward spring. This lovely old hall seems to ice over at around 10 pm so hopefully everyone has brought along their winter woollies.



Most people will know that the EXPO is going ahead on 6th August. This will be the first since 2019 so hopefully the youngsters and their parents will come along and enjoy a great day of talent and friendship. Bek and Peta-Maree are coordinating so if you have any queries, please contact them. If anyone would like to help and volunteer on the day, please contact me because I am the volunteer coordinator. We need help to set up on the Friday, help throughout Saturday and then pack down on Sunday morning.

Please buy some raffle tickets as the proceeds go toward the EXPO costs. There is a beautiful guitar donated by Shake it up Music, some noise cancelling headphones donated by Yamaha and a stunning piece of artwork donated by Cheryl@my.art.neko. This piece of artwork is intriguing as it is a mixed media work depicting a guitar with real guitar strings used for the actual strings and other elements on the piece. A worthwhile investment for \$2.00 a ticket.

What a lot of fun we all had at the Bogan trivia night and cent auction. Quite hilarious and raucous at times and with the extra wit of Darryn Robinson as compere, we had a great night. A big thankyou goes out to Jenny Jones who did a fantastic job of organising it and a big thankyou to anyone who donated goods toward the cent auction. All the profit went to fundraising for the EXPO so a worthwhile night overall.

Two months until the AGM and as this will be the last magazine before it, start thinking about who you would like to see on the committee – all positions are vacated and open.

Many thanks everyone for coming out to support Homestead and I wish you all a great night of great music. If it's a bit chilly, head over to the bar and/or canteen as I'm sure you will find adequate variety of sustenance to warm you up.

Cheers Barbara



CONCERT SPOTLIGHTS





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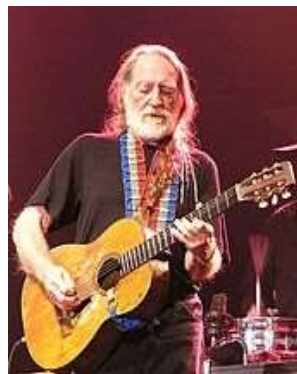
Bogan Trivia Night



FEATURE ARTICLE **WILLIE NELSON**

Born in 1933 during the Great Depression, Willie Nelson celebrated 89 years in April, this year. Abandoned 1st by his mother, Myrle, shortly after his birth and then by his father, Ira, he and his sister were raised by his grandparents, William and Nancy Nelson.

William, who taught singing, bought Willie a guitar, aged six and his sister Bonnie was put to the piano.



Most artists take it easy in their latter years but Willie Nelson shows little sign of slowing down.

He performs at 'Farm Aid' every year since its inception in 1985 under his leadership and is Co-chair of the National Organisation for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, is an advocate for the better treatment of horses and campaigns for passage of the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act. He is a fervent LGBT movement supporter, was extremely vocal in deploring the Trump administration's Family Separation Policy and recently promoted the US Covid-19 Vaccination Council television advertisement with a supportive new original entitled "I'll Be Seeing You".

Best known for songs such as 'On The Road Again', 'Crazy', 'Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain' and 'Mammas, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys'; Willie Nelson is an American Icon and remains one of the most recognised artists in Country Music. Despite this, he shunned Nashville in the 70's and moved to Texas, creating with Waylon Jennings, what is now termed Outlaw Country. This off-centre phrasing with a behind the beat singing style is considered a hybrid of country, jazz, pop, blues and folk; once again proving that all genres overlap and mix accordingly. In 1980, he and Latin virtuoso, Julio Iglesias recorded 'To All The Girls I've Loved Before' which reached No#1 in both U.S.A. and Canada.

Notable singer, talented guitarist, gifted songwriter and dedicated activist was never going to be sufficient for this artist. And so it is not surprising that he has acted in over 30 films and co-authored several books.

It is no wonder that his Fan Club has so many members!

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I have been on the local country music club scene for about nine years since retiring from teaching as a High School Science educationalist and administrator.

I have loved singing since I can remember and was an avid listener to the radio from the fifties until TV music shows came on the scene. Coming from a poor working class family, my parents couldn't afford for their kids to learn musical instruments, so singing was it until I was self-sufficient and bought a guitar and had ten music lessons in 1965 to fulfil a dream and not have to rely on others to accompany me. I stopped singing in Grade 8 after a derogatory comment from a teacher while my voice broke, and returned to it only in 1965 when folk music took off and there was an active group of singers at the school where I first commenced teaching. It was at this time that I taught myself to sing harmony by listening to the notes on the guitar chords of a song. In 1967 I was transferred to Lowood where I joined a dance band as vocalist and rhythm guitarist, and where I met the young lady who was to become my wife a couple of years later.

There was very little music then apart from church, a couple of school musicals, and a barbershop quartet, until I retired in 2010 and discovered country music clubs in this area. I soon learned dozens if not hundreds of country songs by the likes of Merle Haggard, John Denver, Ricky van Shelton, Alan Jackson, George Strait and others, and added these to familiar songs in the light rock and roll and pop genres that I had known for years from the radio.

I have written some songs as well, and you may hear some from time to time as I entertain, singing songs you are sure to enjoy in my light tenor voice. An enjoyable pastime of singing and playing music is something I hope to continue for many years to come.

Murray



"Not bad fellas. Let's do one more take with more emphasis on tone, harmony, melody, rhythm, composition, lyrics, musicianship, tempo and originality"

Homestead recently presented Kelly Hodel with a much deserved Certificate of Appreciation for the tireless work collecting bottles and cans to aid us in our fund raising efforts. She has been so successful in her endeavours that she could justifiably be seen as one of our major sponsors.

Kelly's efforts are all the more remarkable because she is a young lady with special needs and who requires ongoing assistance with her living arrangements. Like many in her situation, she has a single minded dedication to any responsibility that she takes on and that is certainly the case with her approach to help[ing] Homestead raise funds for our annual Junior Festival. Thank you very much Kelly for your truly amazing and dedicated work. It goes a very long way in helping young musicians and singers get a start as successful entertainers.

Certificate of Appreciation



Kelly Hodel

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	Banjos Bar Ipswich Mermaid Beach Bowls Club Kallangur Bowls Club On Hold Queen/ Ulm Sts Caloundra except Jan.	12:30 pm 11:00 am 11.45 am 11.00 am
Second Saturday Country Roundup	Caboolture Snr. Citizens Hall	12 Noon
Second Sunday Maroochy River Golden Wattle Maleny	Yandina ACMA Hall Cedar Street Wynnum Pioneer Village Bryce Lane, Maleny	12 Noon 1:00 pm 12 Noon
Third Friday Homestead	 Stanmore Hall, Caboolture except Jan.	 7:00 pm
Third Saturday Boonah Northern Suburbs	Boonah Golf Club Memorial Hall Bald Hills	7.00 pm (even months) 12 Noon
Third Sunday Guanaba Redcliffe West Moreton ACMA Hall of Fame	Heritage Park, Pimpama Redcliffe Showgrounds Ipswich Golf Club Yandina ACMA Hall	12 Noon 11:00 am 1.00 pm 12 Noon
Fourth Friday Cane Country	Sherwood Magpies Club	7:00 pm
Fourth Sunday Bribie Island	Bribie Island (relocating) - TBA	11.00 am
Last Sunday Caloundra Country Music & Blues	Yandina ACMA Hall	12 Noon (except Dec.)



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Okay, Ralph let me *plain it you again. You're big, I'm little; BUT!!! you're dog, I'm cat that makes me the boss. Got it ??