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## **Quote for the Month**

*"Without Music, Life would be a mistake."*

- Friedrich Nietzsche



## ***‘My Say’ Segment***



Life as we had known it, (that is, in the past;) has been dealt a significant blow as the result of a considerable number of factors, the most unwelcome being Covid19, which has had the entire world in limbo for the past three years. Other factors include, Climate Change with unprecedented weather patterns, globally producing devastating Floods, prolonged Droughts, Bushfires, as well as severe Air Quality issues in many nations. Added to this, is the constant and ever-increasing threat of global conflict as more and more nations bicker and international communications are at their lowest in decades despite United Nations détente and intervention.

It is certainly apparent that time has eroded many of the lessons fought for and learnt from World War II. And it is extremely disappointing that the United Nations, a body set up to avoid future global confrontation and catastrophes, has, despite an investment of billions of dollars worldwide, proven to be a toothless tiger since wars have continued year after year.

Society in general will need to heed the warnings and act accordingly and responsibly to ensure that nothing sinister eventuates to destroy what we had come to believe was a better life, progress and a brighter future for today and tomorrow's generations.

To this end, it is on us, [all of us], to be more thoughtful of others, resilient compassionate, positive, caring and less complacent and negative in all that we say and do. Someone said, "Treat people with kindness" and you will solve much of the world's problems.

I recently read that the things society values most are for;

People to be happy and contented

People to be free from suffering

People to be fulfilling their potential, specifically in knowledge and art.

This, they then said was an obligation on each of us to friends, family, country and the planet to help others in any way we can to ensure the world is a better place tomorrow than it was today; that inquiring minds are given information that inspires growth, speeds up progress and yet does not forget to include things that inspire beauty, wonder and delight.

Music is one of those things that fit the bill, one of the arts that we need to further promote. Sing and play your hearts out!!!

TT Editor



## ON THE NOTICEBOARD - 2022

Concert - October, 21<sup>st</sup>  
Concert - November, 18<sup>th</sup>  
Concert - December, 16<sup>th</sup>

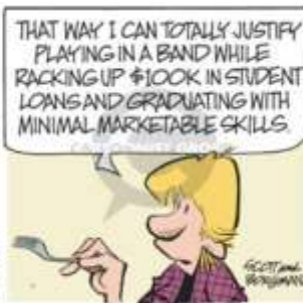
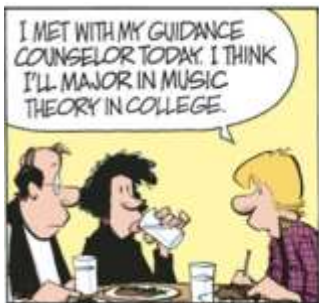


### **Attention: All Members & Patrons**

#### **'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.



#### **LIST OF OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN'S HIT SONGS:** [+MANY MORE]

If Not For You	Let Me Be There	I Honestly Love You	Sam	Zanadu
Come on Over	The One That I Want	Hopelessly Devoted to You	Jolene	Magic
Twist Of Fate	Please Mr Please	If You Love Me, Let Me Know	Long Live Love	
Banks Of Ohio	Summer Nights	Not Gonna' Give In To It	Physical	

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dear Members,

The cold weather is hanging on a lot longer than normal. I'm usually swimming again by the end of the September school holidays. This year, I reckon I would need to crack the ice on the pool to get in.

As most people would be aware, Homestead has had its AGM. Not a lot of movement in the committee. I am back in the hot seat for another year with Bek and Peta-Maree as my side kicks, - thanks ladies. One change that will be noticeable is the change in treasurer with Sue Morbach resigning. Thank you so much for giving us your valued time for the last year Sue. John Donnelly has taken this position with Frank and Sue helping with the transition. Welcome aboard the roller coaster John. Sue will be sharing the door with Pam so it's good that she is still keen to volunteer in a different post. Many thanks to Shirley for her time on the door last year. Your help is much appreciated. Many thanks to Cheryl, who put on a lovely supper after the votes were in and thank you for still being keen to be the canteen coordinator. To everyone who still holds a position of some sort, I thank you very much. It's not only the people who hold positions that keep the Homestead wheel turning, its everyone who pitches in at some time in some way that makes Homestead a family.

We have had a few brushes with Covid, but overall, we have avoided everyone coming down with this dreaded virus. Rod reckons it must be due to the skills of his Stagehand crew who take care of all the sanitising onstage. I agree Rod, you and your fellow crew members do a stellar job.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel EXPO again. There just doesn't seem to be the interest out there amongst the younger folk anymore. Once again because of Covid, the next generation of Country music youngsters have grown up without festivals and the festival circuit. We might give EXPO a rest for a few years and see where the future leads us. Many thanks to the hard work put in by the EXPO committee.

Numbers have dropped off over the winter months and I don't blame anyone for not wanting to front up for the concerts. It has been a long, cold winter. Hopefully when the warm weather arrives, we will see people return to enjoy the music, food and company.

Have a great night folk.

Cheers Barbara





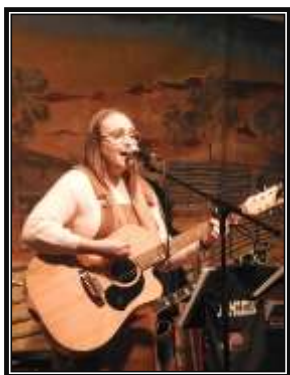
## CONCERT SPOTLIGHTS







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Olivia Newton-John, Singer, Actress, Entrepreneur and Activist (26.9.1948 – 8.8.2022) was born in Cambridge England. At the age of eight (8), her parents immigrated to Australia and despite spending much time in both Britain and U.S.A, she always identified as being an Australian.



Such was her beauty and youthful looks that at 28 years of age she was cast in the lead role as Sandy, a teenage schoolgirl in the movie “Grease”. It became the biggest box-office hit in 1978 and its popularity has endured over the decades. Its re-release in 1998 saw it ranked as the second highest-grossing film behind “Titanic” in its opening week. Olivia had said that the music is timeless, the songs are fun and have great energy and that the nostalgia and popularity of her generation, (the 50’s), allows young people to relive and rediscover it almost every decade.

Olivia had so many hit songs; she was one of the best-selling artists of the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. (See List Page 4) She was also a four-time Grammy Award winner. She was awarded an OBE in 1979 and a Dame-hood by Queen Elizabeth II in 2020.

She succumb to Breast Cancer in August this year, (diagnosed in 2017) after two previous successful attempts commencing in 1992 and 2013 to eradicate the disease from her body. In that time she became a huge advocate for research into Breast Cancer and an activist for the usage of medicinal Marijuana. She established the Olivia Newton-John Cancer and Wellness Centre in Melbourne in 2008 and performed numerous times with many, including her Grease co-star John Travolta to support and fund the cause. Her memory and legacy will live on. *T.T Editor*

*Things you may not know:*

Olivia's maternal grandfather, Max Born won the Nobel Prize in 1954 for Quantum Mechanics.

Olivia's father, Bryn Newton-John was a MI5 officer who worked on the 'Enigma Project' at Bletchley Park and is credited with taking Rudolf Hess into custody.

Olivia went to primary school in Melbourne with Daryl Braithwaite.

The title track of her first solo album “If Not for You” was written by Bob Dylan.





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## **MEMBER BIOGRAPHY:**

## **NORM SMITH**



Hello folks. So after joining in 1995-6 here I still am at Homestead playing rhythm guitar and trying to run the sound desk for the new digital PA system. Homestead folk are so forgiving.

Who'd have thunk it that nearly 60 something years ago at 17y.o? I started playing lead guitar and singing in bands in Brisbane and SE Qld and at the same time managing the band PAs? During that time with those bands I have played a variety of :- popular, rock, blues, country, cabaret, latin and old time music. A number of those were backing bands for major Australian and Overseas artists at cabarets and floor-shows.

The last band I played in was “Just Jack”, a band whose other members, Steve Fraser, Shayne Bleakley and Bill Turgeon, were also members of the Homestead Club. This band was the official backing band for the Gympie later Maryborough Stampede for approx 9 years and also the first choice band for Munchkins later Birches restaurant for some 10 years specialising in Xmas in July functions.

When I retired from my full time job in the mid 1990s, I also worked as a soloist guitarist/vocalist for a few years and part-time as a guitar technician, delivery driver and sales rep. for a music shop in Jindalee.

Since moving to Kilcoy, I have been involved playing in the band, operating the sound desk and in managing of the walk-up entertainment nights Thursdays at Woodford Bowls Club, which are still going strong after 10 years.

All in all making music instrumentally and vocally has been a major part of my life since leaving school and I have been so lucky to have had the complete support of my wife Jan and our family. To quote a couple of songs “Life's been good to me so far” and “It's getting better all the time”.

Norm Smith

Lambs to the left of me. Mutton to the right. Here I am. Stuck in the middle with ewe. 🐏🐏😬



# Country Music - Social Timetable



<b>First Friday</b> Pine Rivers	Kallangur Community Centre	7:00 pm
<b>First Saturday</b> Brigalow Redlands Mod.	Wagner St., Eagleby Sports Reserve, Thornlands	6:00 pm 5:00 pm
<b>First Sunday</b> Coal City Gold Coast Sundowners Velvet CMC	Banjos Bar Ipswich Mermaid Beach Bowls Club Kallangur Bowls Club <b>On Hold</b> Queen/ Ulm Sts Caloundra except Jan.	12:30 pm 11:00 am 11.45 am 11.00 am
<b>Second Saturday</b> Country Roundup	Caboolture Snr. Citizens Hall	12 Noon
<b>Second Sunday</b> Maroochy River Golden Wattle Maleny	Yandina ACMA Hall Cedar Street Wynnum Pioneer Village Bryce Lane, Maleny	12 Noon 1:00 pm 12 Noon
<b>Third Friday</b>  <b>Homestead</b>	  <b>Stanmore Hall, Caboolture</b> except Jan.	  <b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Third Saturday</b> Boonah  Northern Suburbs	Boonah Golf Club  Memorial Hall Bald Hills	7.00 pm (even months)  12 Noon
<b>Third Sunday</b> 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
<b>Fourth Friday</b> Cane Country	Sherwood Magpies Club	7:00 pm
<b>Fourth Sunday</b> Bribie Island	Bribie Island (relocating) - TBA	11.00 am
<b>Last Sunday</b> Caloundra Country Music & Blues	Yandina ACMA Hall	12 Noon (except Dec.)



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