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Meetings:	RMCMC QUARTERLY GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING 11 th March, 2025; 7:00pm
Practices:	Every Friday and Wednesday evening commencing 7.00pm
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CLUB MEMBERSHIP



Membership

Like to join?

Download an application form from our website or at a monthly social



Family Membership	\$30
Adult Single 18+	\$15
Student (full time)	\$10
Pensioner Single	\$10
Family Pension	\$20

Memberships can be renewed by bank transfer/direct debit into the club's Bendigo Bank Account (BSB:633000 A/c:145466967). Please use the reference field to help us identify the transaction. Eg KDBrown Mship. Renewals can also be paid in cash or EFTPOS to Peter Cathcart at the entrance table at monthly social or practice nights.

CLUB CALENDAR

Sat 1 st Mar	RMCMC Social 5:00pm
Tues 4 th Mar	Members shed, 9:00am
Tues 11 th Mar	RMCMC Quarterly General Committee meeting, 7:00pm
Sat 5 th Apr	RMCMC Social 5:00pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello friends,

It has been a wet start to the year for some areas of our country and severe fires in other parts. We are most fortunate here in the Redlands that we don't get any of the extremes our countrymen endure. This time of year, in particular, is wonderful, slightly cooler nights and not so hot in the day. Our February social was one such night and combine that with good food, good friends and a great variety of live music, it could be nothing but a successful event. Thank you to all members, visitors and especially to the volunteers who made the night so very pleasant.

Graham Curtis did a super job for his members spotlight, check out Beverley's report in the newsletter. Dean Perrett was an excellent guest artist. He presented a great mix of his original songs and, with the backing of our Redlands musicians, had the audience well involved in a sing along to finish off his set. It is also very heartening to get good feedback from our invited guest artists. Dean was impressed with our venue, our quality musicians, the sound and lighting and made particular mention of the great audience we had. Take a bow everyone.

I hope everyone is regularly checking out our website and following our Facebook page. They both help to get the word out about the club and our events. As you now know, Redlands Modern Country Music Club is presenting a special Graeme Connors concert at RPAC in July. We hope to see you there so please hop onto RPAC site or into Redlands Council Office to book your tickets. Check out our website to familiarize yourself with Graeme's work. You won't be disappointed, and we sure don't want you to miss out.

Now, a little house keeping information. Yurara Art Gallery car park is reserved for Gallery members. They have different times of both days and nights when it may be required by them and we ask all our members and guest to respect this fact. For those who come for night practice and need to unpack heavy items, please do so at our entryway and then relocate your vehicle to the carpark.

There is a new catering roster out now to continue us to the end of 2025. Please make sure you record the dates you are needed and remember if you can't make it on one of your dates give Karen, Danielle or me a call so that we can arrange a replacement. The fact that we now have a such a good strong roster is a real credit to all of you and we are grateful for your help.

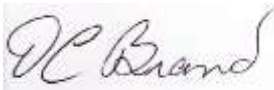
Members shed continues on the first Tuesday of the month and although much of their work is not necessarily noticed by everyone, it is nevertheless most important for the safety, maintenance and enhancement of our physical assets. The next one is March 4th at 9:00am.

We are also looking for volunteers to learn the craft of sound and lighting. Both sound and lighting are hugely important to the overall production of our music and the good quality they produce enhances performers experience and the audience's enjoyment. I cannot emphasise enough how important they are. Keep a look out for the next training session or talk to Lex about sound and Neil Wills about lighting. They welcome your enquiry and we would like to lighten their work load as well.

The Social set up team continue to need a helping hand. If you live close to the club and can spare 1 hour at 1:00pm the first Saturday of the month. Please join the set up team.

For our valued members who are struggling with ill health or recovering from surgery, we send you all our positive thoughts and hope you are progressing well.

Stay safe and enjoy the music,



President.

RAFFLES, MEMBERS DRAW



Each month a name will be drawn from a list of all financial Members. The Member must be present at the Social at the time of the draw to claim the prize. The prize will jackpot by \$20 each month if not claimed. Each month the draw will be conducted at the supper break. Be eligible to win the jackpot by ensuring you're a financial member and present at each monthly Social. Many thanks to those who donated prizes for our raffle. Congratulations to all winners from the February's social. Don't forget to get your raffle tickets tonight. Good luck everyone.

MEMBERS' PRACTICE NIGHTS



Come along and join in on the 'super' atmosphere that makes practice night a great way to air your tunes (whether vocals or instrumentals) to get them just so for your next performance or for your own pleasure. Backing musicians are available if required. They are an essential part of preparations for the socials and overcome the need for so many to congregate in the clubhouse during the social. While practice nights are primarily for members, visitors are welcome to attend two complimentary sessions to help them determine whether they would like to apply for membership. Non-performing members are also welcome to come along and enjoy a social evening with their fellow members. It's on Wednesday and Friday nights at 7:00pm.

SOCIAL NIGHTS

It has become a bit of a challenge to manage the **backstage area of the clubhouse** during the monthly socials and so we need to remind members and visitors of a few points. The backstage area is used for mustering the **next three acts just prior to their appearance on stage**. It is not a general gathering area for conversations etc. Performers need to come to practice nights to sort out their material with backing musicians, not trying to do so on the night of the social. The backstage area, during the social, is also not an area for members or their guests to have their meals while the social is going. On a couple of occasions, the stage door has been left open and the noise level from the back room is clearly heard by the audience.

With so many in the clubhouse, it is disrespectful to the performers who are doing their best on stage. Please come out into the audience and show your support for them. The room has at times become very congested with traffic in and out of the toilets, on and off the stage, in and out of the kitchen. Please be very considerate of all others who need to use this area and keep it as free as possible during the night.

SOCIAL MENU



A BBQ operates between 5.30 and 7.30pm.

MENU PRICES

Hamburger	\$7.00
Plate Salad (with or without a meat patty)	\$7.00
Sausage & Fried Onion on Bread	\$4.00
Chips	\$4.00



Please note that the club reserves the right for items on the menu and prices to vary from the Newsletter, as circumstances may change after the newsletter goes to print.

Complimentary tea and coffee are available throughout the night. Bar is open
Complimentary country style supper is served around 8.45pm.

UPCOMING GUEST ARTISTS

MONTH

APRIL - MEMBERS NIGHT

MAY - REDLANDS COAST UKES

FEBRUARY'S SOCIAL PHOTOS



Noel Medcalf started Feb's social



Kim & Andy taking a selfie before the Social



Robyn & Lex sang a Valentine's song



Lyn & Col enjoying themselves before they are to sing



Allen on guitar



Mary Linning recording Ron up on stage



Len & Tina wowing the audience at social



Mike taking his turn on drums



Gwenda's ready to sell the raffle tickets



Peter and Kim saying "It's your turn next!" "No, it's your turn next!" Ed: guess!



MORE FEBRUARY'S SOCIAL PHOTOS



Michael and Gary having a chat



Graham (Feb Spotlight) with the band.



Lex at the sound desk giving a wink.



Mary & John enjoying the social and company.



Casey Brown with his Dad. Casey busked at Tamworth.



Loretta relaxing at Feb's social



Cilla and Jay ready to serve you at the bar.



Peter & Evelyn performing together

MORE FEBRUARY'S SOCIAL PHOTOS



Peter Chew performed on stage at the social.



Ron & Lex chatting! It must've been some story Ron!



Rani Ratana having fun with his guitar



Our audience at February's social all enjoying the performers on stage. The tables were left out from the Australia Day event.



Casey Brown showing us his music.



Kev & Gwenda chat after raffle's draw



Graham and Anna won the meat tray raffle, thank you everyone who support our raffles



February's Social was a lovely summer evening and of course, the mozzies made their presence felt too, bring on the Aerogard! In the lead up to Valentine's Day some of our performers chose romantic songs, however, there was a broad variety of songs being performed much to the audience's enjoyment.

Member's Spotlight was Graham Curtis. His program was very enjoyable and he certainly looked the part, especially, with those beautiful blue shoes, which were admired so much it was bordering on shoe envy. Graham gave us lovely renditions of "Amarillo by Morning", "You're Sixteen, You're Beautiful and You're Mine", "Sha boom Sha boom", finishing off with, "Don't"!

After raffles and supper our Guest Artist was Dean Perrett. Dean was on his way home from the recent Tamworth Festival and is an award winning, Golden Guitar recipient. He sang a number of his original songs, telling a story for each one and crediting whom he collaborated with. This gave each number context when you heard it. They included "Six Decks to Darwin", "A Big Thing in A Small Town", "The Dust of Kalkadoon", "My Country, My Land" (co-written with Troy Cassar-Daley) and a new song soon to be released, "Slim's Guitar" written from the perspective of a guitar, (wood and steel strings). Dean performed all of these on guitar by himself and was then joined by club musicians, Ray Cullen, Gary Cox, Dennis Bubke, Neil Wills and Allen McMonagle for renditions of old singalong favourites including, "Fires of Gidgee Coal", and "Cunnamulla Fella". It was a performance thoroughly enjoyed by all. His wife Camille, manned a table with some of his CDs for sale.



Bill Healey finished off the night and everything was packed up this time.

Note of thanks to Debbie Brand for taking notes on my behalf while I was unavailable for a short time during the evening. Beverley

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Hi everyone,
I have been a long-time admirer of Johnny Cash. My first recollection of his music was the western classic *“Don’t Take Your Guns to Town”*. As with most of his music, it was the story line, and the imagery it created, that captured my attention. Subsequently, the scope of his work seemed to have no boundaries. That is what made him the first artist to be elected to 3 Halls of Fame, the Country Music, the Rock and Roll and the Songwriters.

When asked if I would like to do a Members Spotlight featuring Johnny Cash’s material, I was delighted to accept. I trust that you enjoy the small selection of his work that I present and the way they are presented.

Have a great evening.

Peter

GUEST ARTIST

CATHY DRUMMOND



Cathy Drummond is a renowned performer who has been entertaining from Brisbane to Birdsville, Rockhampton to Boulia and most places in between for nearly 30 years. She travels more than 40 thousand kilometres every year entertaining audiences with her unique style. Cathy’s larrikin charm endears her to her audiences instantly.

In the late 1990’s Lee Kernaghan’s management spotted her talents immediately when Lee travelled the Western Queensland leg of his *“Pass the Hat Around”* Tour. Cathy wowed Lee’s audience in Charleville and was asked to join the show for the remainder of the Queensland tour. Cathy’s Dad, Kevin Wade, was a renowned country music artist during the 1970’s. Kevin was involved in country music clubs throughout southeast Queensland in that decade. He served as President of the ACMA (Australasian Country Music Association) in its early years.

Cathy’s family took a break from the country music clubs in the 1980’s, however, when Cathy was 19, she joined the Pioneer Village Country Music Club at Petrie and her first Overall trophy win was at the Redlands Modern Country Music Festival in 1988. RCMCMC has always held a very special part in her heart.

Cathy’s heart has always been with the country music that she grew up with although her repertoire now spans a variety of music from the 1920’s to the odd chart hit from the 2000’s. Cathy’s show is guaranteed to be fun and entertaining with classic songs, joke telling and the occasional audience singalong.

POSITION AVAILABLE; STAGE LIGHTING OPERATOR



Want to become more involved in your club or know someone who might want to join in and learn new skills??

There's an opportunity for a member interested in learning to help operate our Stage Lighting System.



No experience is necessary and there will be plenty of training available.



May suit somebody from the audience who would enjoy active participation at our monthly socials. Contact Neil for further information.

Ncwills@bigpond.com 0417 714 910

THE MEMBERS' SHED



Remember, Members' Shed is the 1st Tuesday each month, 9 till 12.

Come along to our mini working bees, free morning tea, and a sausage sizzle lunch!

All tools supplied, bring gloves, hat, drink bottle and your sense of humour. The next Members' Shed is the **4th of March**.

SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM



MONTH	MEMBER
April	Members Night
May	Deb Poole
June	Noel Medcalf
July	Members Night

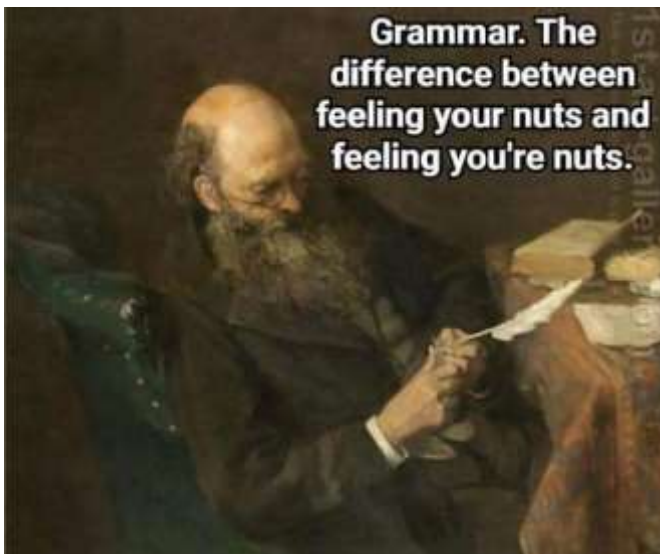
For all enquiries regarding the Member Spotlight, please contact the Spotlight Co-Ordinator, Allen McMonagle on 0413 877 756

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



1	Max Hutchinson
2	Karen Wootton
5	Brent Hutchinson
7	Marc Roosen
9	Geoffrey Miles
12	Neil Haylock
15	Piper Dean
16	Sophie Smith
17	Len Lotz
18	Danielle Hutchinson, Reginald Cook
19	Hung Nguyen
25	Chuck Euston
26	Anne Lines
27	Patty Edwards, Michael Burdette
29	Joshua Pettingill, Riley Rodrigues
30	Gregory O'Grady, Isobel Hoole

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The Redlands Modern Country Music Club Inc. presents



Graeme Connors

When: 7:30pm Thursday 10th July 2025

Where: Redlands Performing Arts Centre

Address: 2/16 Middle St, Cleveland QLD 4163

Phone Bookings: (07) 3829 8131

Online Booking: <https://www.rpac.com.au/what-s-on?eventfilters=textsearch:Graeme%20Connors>

Legendary singer-songwriter Graeme Connors takes The Road Less Travelled to Redlands on his My Lyrical Life Tour celebrating 50 years in the music industry.

'My Lyrical Life' the book, contains 217 songs from the Mackay artist's pen, recorded by himself, or by artists including Slim Dusty, John Denver and Jon English, plus autobiographical reflections from various phases of his long, colourful career.

The 'My Lyrical Life' live show sees the APRA, ARIA and multi-Golden Guitar Award winner showcase the lyrical element of his career, particularly the story songs that he wouldn't normally do with his big band at a festival.

NEXT MONTH'S SOCIAL

We hope you thoroughly enjoyed our social tonight and we look forward to seeing you back here on 5th April, 2025.

