



2nd May 2026

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CLUB INFORMATION BOARD

- Meetings:** RMCMC COMMITTEE MEETING , 12th May 2026; 7:00pm
- Practices:** Every Friday and Wednesday evening commencing 7.00pm
- Clubhouse** Pinklands Sports Reserve, (enter at Dinwoodie St. Lights)
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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 or Barry Dwyer at the entrance table at monthly social or practice nights.

CLUB CALENDAR

Tuesday, 12 th May	RMCMC Committee Meeting 7:00pm
Saturday 6 th June	RMCMC Social 5:00pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello friends,

The autumn season is settling upon us and the evenings are getting a little cooler. Before we know it, I will be complaining about how cold it is. The April social was “just right” as Goldilocks says. The predicted rain turned into just a few scattered showers and a pleasant temperature. With over 20 of our regular attendees absent for a variety of reasons, we were very happy with 147 people who came

along to the Social and with all the volunteers who took their turn at helping with a wide variety of duties. The guest artist, Brian Letton, pleased everyone with his mellow tenor voice, sharp wit, and Australian themed songs. It was a wonderful note to conclude the evening.

It has been a mixed month with some challenges such as the broken water pipe at the front of our entry and some leaks found in the roof. Fortunately, the Council took care of the water pipe but the roof repairs may turn out to be a bit more challenging. Our buildings maintenance co-ordinator, Neil Wills, and his trusty crew have the matter in hand. We are lucky to have such multi-talented volunteers in the club.

There was a treasure trove of raffle prizes donated for April and as always, the meat tray, from George’s Gourmet Meats in Cleveland, was a popular choice. The supper table was filled with a variety of delicacies, and we thank all who donated for the raffles and the shared supper.

It is pleasing to see some new members joining the club and we hope all current members will renew their membership this month. Membership is the difference between surviving and thriving. It is a delight to report that our club is thriving. Here in the Redlands, we are surrounded by quite a number of other country music clubs. They are all excellent clubs, run by like minded people who love their music. If you haven’t yet visited any of them, please do so. We want everyone of them to thrive and do well. It’s great for country music in general.

Illness, surgery, and loss of family members have sadly affected a number of our members. For some it is an especially challenging time. We care for you, we support you and we send all of you our positive wishes for the days and months ahead.

Until next month, take care and enjoy the music.

Take care everyone,

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. Congratulations to all winners last month. Don't forget to get your raffle tickets tonight. Some excellent prizes as always. Good luck everyone.

SOCIAL MENU



A BBQ operates between 5.30 and 7.30pm. MENU PRICES

<u>Hamburger</u>	<u>\$7.00</u>
<u>Chicken burger</u>	<u>\$7.00</u>
<u>Plate Salad (with or without a meat patty)</u>	<u>\$7.00</u>
<u>Sausage & Fried Onion on Bread</u>	<u>\$4.00</u>
<u>Chips</u>	<u>\$4.00</u>

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.

Homemade pumpkin soup is on the winter menu again.
 \$4 for a cup of soup and a small bread roll or slice of bread.



MEMBERS' PRACTICE NIGHTS



Come along and join in on the 'super' atmosphere that makes practice night a great way to air your tunes to get them just right for your next performance or for your own pleasure. Bring four copies of chorded charts along to the practices. Backing musicians are available. **Good practices are an essential part of preparations for the socials.** Visitors are welcome to attend two complimentary sessions to decide if 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.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MONTH OF MAY



May	
1	Linda Morgan
2	Michael Major
3	Rachael Jackson-Major
7	Robert Taylor
8	Ray Cullen
12	Garry Warren Allen McMonagle
13	Debra Poole Peter Chew
14	John Williams
16	Marceline Cox
17	Tony Byrne
18	Rod Bickford, Maureen Marr Alice Guo
22	Terry McArdle, Tina Merritt
23	Peter Love
26	Gwenda Quinn
27	Peter Smith
28	Lesley Love
29	Peter Guntrip
30	Penny Finch
31	Peter Lever

UPCOMING GUEST ARTISTS

JUNE – The O'Donnell Family

JULY – Cash Backman

AUGUST- Redlands Ukes

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Club membership renewals are due by 31 May, 2026

This guarantees you another year of discounted entry to socials, the chance to be the lucky winner of the membership draw cash prize each month and an invitation to the club Christmas party, as well as being able to attend practice sessions in the clubhouse. This is apart from being part of and supporting an active local community music club which fosters talent and provides opportunities for musicians and singers to perform.

Your email last week provided details of your dues. If there is a change in your status e.g. you now qualify for pensioner discount, you can let Karen Murphy know with a text 0420802810 or an email bookwormmurphy@yahoo.com.au

Here are the membership dues and payment details:

(direct debit is the preferred method, but you can also pay at Friday night practices or socials).

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MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

Following our recent Committee meeting and much discussion, there are criteria for the member's spotlight. It is on the website, under the policy tab, for your perusal and if you wish to discuss it please don't hesitate to contact me preferably by email or phone. My contact details are on p2 of this newsletter.

UPCOMING MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

JULY;	KANDY (Kim and Andy)
AUGUST;	SCARLETT ROAD

MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT MAY

SYLVIA SOLTAU



Singer / Songwriter, Poet

Sylvia's young life was coloured with music through her participation in cultural dance groups and life in Europe and Africa. At around the age of 15, she backed the Brisbane-based 'Edelweiss' German cow-bell trio on piano accordion and wrote her first instrumental composition.

Sylvia and her mother enjoyed a couple of years of female 'barbershop' harmony singing. Sylvia's passion for ballroom dancing exposed her to a different kind of music and led to her working on stage and organising social ballroom dances. Released in 2004, her first recorded composition 'Burning Embers' was featured on a co-produced dance CD.

Influenced in her youth by Linda Ronstadt, Dolly Parton, Mary MacGregor and Anne Murray, Sylvia's performance in country music only began around 2003. Her interest was furthered through contact with seasoned musicians in the club scene, who helped expand her knowledge and enjoyment of music.

Now working with friend/guitarist, Peter Guntrip, Sylvia has performed at concerts, clubs, fundraisers and festivals, also tailoring shows for themed events, e.g. St Patrick's Day, Oktoberfest, Christmas in July, 1960s, Mother's Day etc.

Sylvia has always believed that everyone has a voice within and established two choruses, giving over 50s a chance to learn singing and performing in a group. In 2016 she established a monthly 'Embers' country music social – which wouldn't have been possible without help from her parents and the wonderful friends she has found in the country music scene. Tragically, Sylvia lost her parents in 2022 and is now just getting back into the country music scene.

APRIL'S SOCIAL REPORT

April's Social was pleasant, slightly breezy, and later in the evening a shower of rain fell. Brian Letton was our guest artist who was a great performer.

Garth Brand got the social off to a great start singing with his guitar, Slim Dusty's *Cattle Camp Revelry* and *Leave Him in the Longyard*.

Highlights of the evening included Rosie Sheehan who was backed up by Deb Poole on vocals and our band. Some of the performers sang songs for Easter and others sang for ANZAC Day. Graham Curtis became the Boppa and, with his partner Anne sang a duet of

Heartbeat; I Could Easily Fall in Love with You, and Good Luck Charm. It was Anne's first time up on the stage. Our band performed for everyone as usual and we are so lucky to have them all with their calibre of musicality.

The catering team served up tasty and delicious morsels. Raffles and Supper were enjoyable and everyone was looking forward to our guest artist Brian Letton.

Brian is a great storyteller and, with our musos backing him on the night, added to our enjoyment. The songs he performed *I'm Aussie All Over; I'm A Man of the Land; I'm In Australia Blue; Giddy Mate From WA; Boyup Brook Waltz; It's Such A Pretty World Today; A Picture Of The Bush; If Your Irish; McNamara's Band Medley; Moving On.*

Thank you to all who set up and pack up our club every month. You are appreciated. See you next month, Beverley.



APRIL SOCIAL PHOTOS



Welcome from Lorraine & Rod



MC team Arthur and Neale



Barry, Cilla and Jay leaning on the bar - astonishing



Patrick Quinn



Annabelle



Visitors to the club are always welcome





Settled in early



New friends to our club



Warren and Sue



Anne's 1st performance with Graham



Dance the night away Murray



Easter bunny Debbie



Another lucky raffle winner with Baz and Gwenda

SURPRISE VISITORS

Friday night practice a week ago had a pleasant surprise when Graham Curtis was visited by his daughter, Jodie, and granddaughter, Mercedes. They had been at the April social and observed Graham in his catering duties. Since then, they went home, sewed and screen printed 5 beautiful aprons to donate to the catering crew. How wonderful is that??

Clearly, we'll have the best dressed catering crew far and wide. Generosity and community spirit must be genetic in their family. Thank you so very much Jodie and Mercedes. We love the aprons and especially the motto you put on them as well.

Debbie Brand



VALE; RAY CULLEN



Ray Cullen recently passed away and a wave of sadness moved through our membership. There are many in our club who knew Ray for a long, long time and those who have only recently met him. Whichever it is, all have commented on his gentlemanly ways and great talent on his trusty pedal steel. He had a talent recognised far and wide.

In the late 1970's Ray was one of the members who went out his way to welcome newcomers and to encourage talent of all kinds. Allen McMonagle reminisces that it was Ray who first greeted him when he joined Redlands club in 1980.

Neil Wills also shares some of his memories of Ray. He tells us, "Back some 30 years ago, our club was very active participating in the country music club festivals. We travelled around Brisbane, and often out west to Toowoomba, Roma, far and wide around Queensland for the annual Champion of Champion competition. Often, Ray was there, available to play his pedal steel guitar with anyone, he just needed to know what key. During the last couple of years, Ray regularly came to Friday night practices and to most of our socials. Ray was happy just waiting there in the background, always ready, and with just a nod, would sweeten any song with his magic."

As with many people in clubs and organisations, life makes changes necessary and Ray shared his talent with other clubs and bands over the years, working in a variety of venues through Queensland and northern New South Wales. Recently, much to our delight, he returned to Redlands Club and added a new and wonderful sound to our socials. To use Neils words, "Such a gentleman, we will really miss Ray, his friendship, and his incredible talents." A gentle and kind soul respected by all who knew him. R.I.P. RAY CULLEN

VALE; DAWN TUCHE

We are very sad to learn of the passing of our past member Dawn Tuche. Dawn is one of those quiet volunteers who are so invaluable to our club. She was often here without Kevin as his work as a paramedic involved much shift work. Dawn could be found behind the food counter especially helping Bill on the chips. She had a beautiful smile and a gentle demeanour which endeared her to all she met. She enjoyed talking with all and loved the country music. Dawn originally from the Burnett region, enjoyed chatting and reminiscing about Biggenden with my husband Garth who also had family connections in the area. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her and we give our most sincere condolences to Kevin and the family.



GREY NOMADS DOING IT IN STYLE



We set sail on the 16 April, for a 29 day circumnavigation of this great country from the luxury of the Crown Princess. It makes a change from caravanning. No meals to cook, no beds to make, and a daily schedule that you can be as busy or as lazy as you want. We visited all the major capital cities as well as Newcastle, Freemantle, Broome and Cairns. The two cyclones up north we avoided, enjoying smooth sailing. Most of the ports were within walking distance of the cities and towns.

The blaring exception is Brisbane. Visitors to our fair city have to travel long distances to see anything.

Dawn had family and friends in almost every port. A son in Newcastle, daughter in Sydney, sister in Tasmania, brother and sisters in Melbourne, friend in Adelaide, brother and sister in Perth and a grandson in Darwin. We managed to catch up with most of them. When you're one of thirteen children, the odds of finding a relative somewhere is pretty good. Not to be out done, I just made friends with everybody we met.

The food, entertainment, never ending activities, and the attention to every little detail, made for a thoroughly enjoyable break. The on-shore tours were memorable as well. The ship is nearly 300 meters long, and it took a week to successfully navigate our way to the dining room without getting lost. I think there were four swimming pools and a number of spas. We visited the gym a couple of times, but that was too hard. I did like the scales though. As you weighed yourself, you would gain or lose five kilos as the ship rolled. I always took the low reading.

We supported the karaoke nearly every night, and I was selected to compete in the "Voice of the Ocean". I won the trophy with a Tom Jones classic "Delilah", ably supported by two dinner guests from the previous night who came through with their threat to throw knickers onto the stage. I knew I'd won by the crowd reaction when 4 pairs of colourful skimpy underwear came hurtling onto the stage. The whole theatre erupted and I scored 70% of the vote.

Anyway, it's good to be home, catching up with everyone again, cooking and making our own bed.

Cheers, Bill





**MOST PEOPLE
DON'T THINK I'M
AS OLD AS I AM
UNTIL THEY HEAR
ME STAND UP**

**REMEMBER HOW WHEN YOU WERE
LITTLE YOU COULD JUST RIP OFF
YOUR DIAPER AND RUN AROUND
NAKED AND EVERYONE THOUGHT
IT WAS SO CUTE AND FUNNY?

ANYWAY, I NEED BAIL MONEY.**

**If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive,
they'd eventually find me attractive.**

**Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home
when you wish they were.**



**A computer once beat me at
chess,
but it was no match for me at
kick boxing.**



**If you keep your feet firmly on the ground, you'll have
trouble putting on your pants.**

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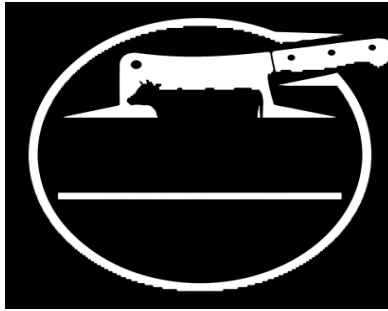
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We hope you thoroughly enjoyed our social tonight and we look forward to seeing you
back here on **6 June, 2026.**

We sincerely thank Rebecca Young and her staff for their assistance with our printing this
month.

**Rebecca
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