

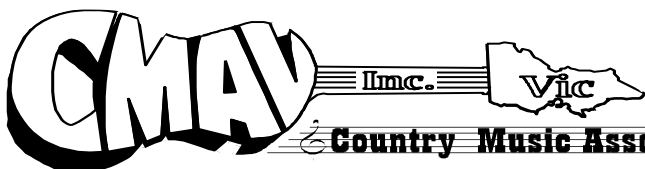
COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC.

★ Welcome to our ★
247th CLUB SHOW ★
Sunday 9th August 2015

Our guest artist tonight is:-

LEE FORSTER

At Victoria Bowling Club - 231 Victoria Street Ballarat Victoria 3350
from ballarat turn left into Stawell Street then left into the carpark.



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**Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th Aug 2015,
at the Victoria Bowling Club at 7pm.**

WELCOME TO OUR 24TH CLUB NIGHT

Our guest artist tonight is:-

LEE FORSTER

Lee was brought up in a country music family and environment. At the age of 12 years he was already playing drums and singing harmonies in his Father's band. Both his Mum and his Dad toured with Slim Dusty in the early 70's.

Lee has been singing, playing guitar, and writing songs for more than

20 years. He has travelled all over Australia, visiting and entertaining at places that many of us have never heard of, and also performing at many well-known and popular Festivals and venues. He has written some great songs; the stories in these songs are mostly true and have meaning because he is in touch with the real Australia and has lived the experiences about which he writes.

I like that aspect.

He is married now to the lovely Vanessa. He also is a former member of our own CMAV Band. Let us give him a very warm welcome.

ARTISTS AT OTHER CLUBS

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<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Artist/s</u>
Sat 15th	Aug	Colac Kickback Country	N/A
Sun 16th	Aug	Colac Heritage	In recess
Sun 16th	Aug	Warrnambool & District	The Long & Short Of It
Sun 16th	Aug	Bendigo	Bec Hance
Sun 16th	Aug	Beaufort	Zane McKenzie
Sun 16th	Aug	Echuca	Marke Kelly
Sun 23rd	Aug	Sebastopol	Jayden Lillyse
Sun 30th	Aug	Mooroopna	Whiskey River
Sat 5th	Sept	Cobden Civic Hall	Showcase
Sun 6th	Sept	Maryborough	Johnny Lovett
Sun 6th	Sept	Upwey	Showcase
Sun 6th	Sept	The Sphinx - north Geelong	Trish (from the Gems)
Sun 6th	Sept	Kyabram	Marke Kelly
Sun 6th	Sept	Colac Comeback Country	Bill Gray
Sun 13th	Sept	Ballarat CMAV	Leigh & Ammie Moneghetti
Sun 13th	Sept	Peninsula	Showcase
Sun 13th	Sept	St. Arnaud	Whiskey River
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Jilly's. Ramblings. 05th August 2015

A very warm welcome to all those who have braved the cold weather to come to our 247th CMAV Club night. Country music certainly runs strong in the veins of many of us. Our Annual General Meeting was held on 12th July just before the 246th Club evening. Many thanks to all who attended the meeting and especially those who took the time and made the effort to fill out and submit nomination forms. When certain ones of us take up positions on your Committee, it is important to us to feel encouraged and supported. We do the work because we love the Club and we would like to think that you feel the same way. Please show an interest, be a part of what is happening, approach us with your thoughts and ideas, we are always ready for constructive criticism, and if you have a complaint, put it in writing and we will hopefully always provide you with an answer. Several members of our former Committee have resigned for varied and valid reasons and we wish them well. However they will continue to help out. They are Peter Jeffrey, Reg Jinnette, Leo and Shirley Brown and Dennis Bruce. Peter will continue as band-leader and drummer and Joan Elsey is our new President. If you are wondering why the Newsletter is a touch on the skinny size, it is because Dennis has resigned from his role of Publicity Officer. He has produced the Newsletter for 14 years. It has been time-consuming but Dennis has enjoyed the challenge and the result, but now thinks that someone else might like the opportunity to present their ideas. I have received some great feedback about last month's guest artist, Sandie Dodd. She was talented, natural, in touch with her audience and absolutely loved our Band. The following day I received a text telling me that she and her Mum had a lovely evening with us and would love to come again. Our guest artist tonight is Lee Forster. For a number of years he lived and worked in Victoria, and for some time , he was a very popular member of our CMAV Band. He is a true-blue Aussie guy-- what you see is what you get.

Jilly's Ramblings. 5th August 2015

Several of our members expressed interest following the talk given to us last month by Kristy Steenhuis from Survivors of Suicide. One has to have been touched by these tragic circumstances to fully understand the never-ending ramifications. Kristy lost her husband to suicide in 2005 and then discovered that Ballarat had little to offer in the way of support. She set up an awareness and prevention group, and a program that involved horses so that those in need could experience the healing power of these beautiful animals. I find this an intriguing aspect.

On your behalf it was a pleasure to present Kristy with the donation of \$500.00 and she expressed her sincere gratitude.

Hank Sasaki was known as the "Japanese Cowboy". He was born and raised in a small village in Japan and his given name was "Masataka". He listened to and learned songs by Hank Williams ,then at age 15years ,his Mother taught him to play guitar. He joined a band called "Blue Rangers" (I think) and he and his band performed many Hank Williams numbers, mostly at U.S Military Bases and they gave him the nickname of "Hank". However, he had a dream--he wanted to become the first Japanese star in Country Music history. He travelled the world with his music, including visits to Australia. I liked his version of "The Cowboy Rides Away." Sadly, on July 14th this lovely man passed away from complications of pneumonia in a Hospital near Nashville. May he rest in peace.

I know of several people who enjoy the music of husband and wife duo, Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert. They are chart-topping superstars who have been heavily involved in each other's musical careers. They co-wrote a very emotional song called "Over You" which is about Blake's late brother, Richie. They married 4years ago and sadly have now separated, with Miranda admitting that they rarely spent time together because of their demanding schedules, and so ends another love story. I do wonder why this has to be a reason for ending a supposed happy marriage.???!!!

I have heard from some of our members who have just returned from the Barham Festival. The artists were mostly pretty good but some things have changed. Charges for the entertainment are increasing yet again, and not everyone is happy with this issue. Country music is certainly alive and well in so many different places, some close by in Victoria, and others far away in New South Wales and Queensland, although distance is not always a deterrent to some of our members.

Jilly's Ramblings. 05th August 2015

Some up and coming events are mentioned below. If you need any details you can contact me on 0415 201 884.

Night of Dance with Don Costa	12 th Sept - @-VBC-7.30pm--\$15.00
Tooleybuc C M Festival.	17 th -20 th of September.
CMAV--with Leigh & Ammie Moneghetti--	13 th of September.
Warrnambool FNC--"A Tribute to Slim Dusty" --	23 rd of August.
Rosewood Country Roundup--NSW--	21 st -25 th of October.
Leeton Country Roundup---	28 th Oct--1 st of November
Cowra CM Festival--"Baby Boomers"	5 th --7 th November.
Kyabram C M Festival-	5 th --8 th November.
Temora C M Weekend-	26 th --29 th November.

Already, I have some flyers for 2016 which could be interesting.

Tamworth C M Festival.	16 th --25 th January.
Sporties C M Festival-Barooga	18 th --21 st February.

NOW, BACK to 2015. We have:

Mildura. C M Festival.	25 th Sept- 4 th October, 2015
Parkes. C M Festival.	29 th Sept - 3 rd October, 2015

If you are aware of other events that could do with a mention, please let me know and then I can include such items on this page.

By now you will know just who have taken up positions on your Committee, and you will also learn that several positions have not been filled. Surely there must be , out of our 270 members, just about three or four people who could volunteer to be on the Committee. You would be given a very warm welcome.

Many thanks to those who have, once again, committed themselves to keeping this Club up and running. Your loyalty is totally appreciated.

Last month 100 members paid their subscriptions. This was a really good effort, but there are still approximately 150 payments still to come. Your co-operation would be very welcome.

Stan and Amy Reid have been members of our Club for several years. They both loved their music and simply loved to sing.

To take time to get to know them was to learn of two quite incredible lives but far too much to mention here. Amy was of Maori descent and could perform the true and lovely rendition of "Pokarekare Ana", a beautiful Maori love song written by a homesick soldier during the First World War. Amy passed away last week following a long illness. She was a gentle, non-complaining soul. She and Stan had been together for 62 years. Our thoughts are for Stan and family.

I will finish my "Ramblings" for now. It has been a busy month for a number of reasons, happy for some and sad for others and most of us have been touched by these happenings in one way or another. So make the most of every single day, and
"may you always have an Angel by your side".

Jilly

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