

# COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC.

251ST CLUB SHOW  
Sunday 13th December 2015

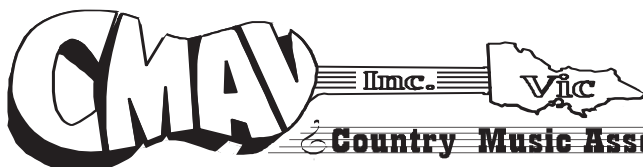
*Merry*  *Christmas*



*Our guest artist tonight is:*

***BILLY BRIDGE***

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



Country Music Association of Victoria Inc.

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## **MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Committee members.**

**Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th Nov 2015,  
at the Victoria Bowling Club at 7pm.**

# WELCOME TO OUR 251ST CLUB NIGHT

Our guest artist tonight is:-

## BILLY BRIDGE

Billy is a singer/songwriter and accomplished performer. He lives in Victoria and is happily married to Rebecca Lee Nye, a talented singer in her own right. They have three lively children. Billy has performed at many major Festivals and events around Australia, scooping accolades and awards along the way. More recently, in South Australia, he was very humbled to be inducted into the "Hands of Fame". His music appeals to a wide and varied audience.

It has been seven years since Billy's last CD, but just about three weeks ago he released his 6th and most interesting CD.

He loves the Celtic sound and he feels strongly about our farmers, many of whom struggle to survive, and I think he has combined these things in the songs he has written.

It has a very strong Australian content and feel. Billy has named this CD – " Stories through Time", which is available for purchase tonight.

So let us give him a very warm CMAV welcome.

## **A Big Thank You from JOAN and JILLY.**

Joan, as your President, and me, as your Secretary, are joining forces this year to acknowledge the fact that we have a really good country music Club, and this is for a number of reasons.

We have a loyal and hard-working Committee who see to the many and various tasks that are so necessary to ensure that everything runs smoothly so that on the 2nd Sunday of every month you, our Members and Patrons, can enjoy an evening of great entertainment.

We have some very willing and helpful volunteers, an excellent band, supportive Victoria Bowling Club staff, and so the list goes on. We would like to thank each and every one of you for all that you do.

Last but by no means least, thank you to all you lovely souls who come to our Club every month - we simply would not exist without you. Joan and I wish to express our appreciation for all the support that you have given us in our respective positions.

Please feel free to approach us or any Committee member if you have any queries, complaints, ideas and/or compliments. We like your feedback and your interest.

We would like to wish all of you a truly happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

We extend our warmest wishes to those who are not enjoying the best of health, and those who may have suffered the pain of loss. Our thoughts are with you.

Sincerely,  
Joan Elsey and Jilly Bruce.

# **CMAV SOCIAL DAY**

For several years now, our members have enjoyed a BBQ on two different months of each year.

Before Dennis and I offered our home as a venue, the event was held at the home of Peter and Helen Jeffrey. We have had some really good times on these occasions, but the time has come for change which invariably happens.

Many thanks to all who contributed in any way at all to making those days so successful - your help was always appreciated.

## **THESE ARE THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS:**

DATE: Sunday, 28th of February

VENUE: Victoria Bowling Club

TIME: 11am until 3.30pm

This day will take the form of an indoor picnic, but certain rules will apply, as set out by the VBC Committee.

**The Bar will be open,  
So NO DRINKS are to be brought in.**

Food of any kind will be welcome.

Home-made soup might be available for a gold coin donation - more about this in next Newsletter.

The venue has to be left as clean as it is found.

Tea and coffee will be available.

Finer details will be available in January Newsletter.



## **BABY TALK**

Patty Purchase is very proud of her new little grandson, who is just a few short weeks old. Banjo is gorgeous, of course, and pretty well-behaved, so far, and I am also told that Deanne and Phil are great parents.

I have seen a couple of lovely photos but it would be nice to have a tiny nurse of Banjo before he gets too much older.

Most of you will know Kinta, a very popular country music artist. She and her family live in Geelong. This is exciting news Kinta with partner Benjamin and schoolgirl daughter, Tanayah, are so very happy to announce the safe arrival of Alleria Lilly Rae-Lynn.

She was born at 9.16am on 3rd of December, weighing in at 7lbs 4ozs, and all is well.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

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## **DONATION TIME**

Tonight we have our fourth and final donation for 2015.

During the year we have given \$500 to each of three groups who are in need of support.

Tonight we are giving \$500 to L2P - interesting name isn't it? I had not heard about it until recently, it is a Learner Driver Mentor program, and I was made aware of this by one of our esteemed members.

We have some representatives of the program here tonight to give us some more details on what they do and how our donation will help them.

**Make them welcome!**

## VALE NATHANIEL O'BRIEN



(Burra Country Music Festival, Picture: Ian Fisk)

November 8th was our Club night and our guest artist was Justin Standley. Early in the evening, member Norma Atkins called me aside and asked me to read a text that she had received from country singer Lance Birrell. The text mentioned a car accident and a reference to a young man called Nathaniel. Norma made another call and our worst fears were realised.

The young man was Nathaniel O'Brien, a 19 year old country music artist from Burra in South Australia. I then asked Compere, Bruce to make the appropriate announcement and many people were visibly shocked.

I met Nathaniel and his sister Tracey when they were our guest artists just two years ago. They needed accommodation, so Joy McRae very kindly offered for them to stay with her. She spoke highly of both of them.

Justin Standley had been singing with Nathaniel just a week earlier and he had difficulty coming to terms with the news.

Nathaniel was talented and had earned much respect particularly in the country music industry. Only those who have lost a child can relate to the intense grief of parents Danny and Karen and sister Tracey.

Our hearts go out to the family at this extremely sad time. A perpetual trophy will be awarded in his honour next year at the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **23rd December - Webbcona Bowls Club.**

The 4 Musos present their Christmas Show from 6pm-11pm. Cost \$10.00 For all enquiries you can phone 5335 8097.

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE - The Victoria Bowling Club**

Dance to the music of "MANTEL".

7.30pm--12.15 am. Cost--\$25.00

For all enquiries - 5335 7530 or 0438 393 580



### **5th & 6th March, 2016**

Kilmore Country Music Festival.

Artists include - Tim Farren and band, Luke Austen, Justin Standley

Held at the Trackside Lounge & JJ Clancy Reserve

Weekend Pass (Earlybird): \$50 For further details contact: 0418 508 116

### **26th - 29th November, 2015**

Temora Country Music Weekend

Held at the Bundawarra Centre & Temora ex-services Club.

Artists include - Craig Giles, Charlie McCracken, Jay Potger,

Allan Carroll, Cross Country and The Good Time Band.

For details, contact Roz on 0408 597 307

### **18th - 21st February, 2016**

Sporties Country Music Festival.

Held at the Barooga Sports Club. Weekend Pass--\$25.00

Artists include--Laura Downing, Rick Charles, Tom Maxwell, Craig Giles, Evan Platschinda and Dennis Morgan.

Enquiries to Joyce Yates - 0408 218 411



### **18th - 20th March, 2016.**

Terang Country Music Festival - 3 day event, & always good.

Artists include The Davidson Brothers, Billy Bridge , Rebecca Lee

Bye, The Sherrahs, Tim Farren and Grandsons of the Pioneers.

Prices vary each day. Tickets can be purchased on line or by contacting Roy Worland on 0409 529 874

### **31st March--3rd April, 2016**

Horsham Country Music Festival.

Programmes will be available on 1st of Feb.

Yet another exceptional line-up of artists, including Brian Letton,

Tracey Rains, Amber Joy Poulton, Joe Musico & Graham Rodger.

Festival Pass is \$60.00. Co-ordinator is Lyall Wheaton - 5381 1995.





### *Jilly's Ramblings.*

A very warm welcome to all who are here with us tonight!

It is quite hard to believe that Christmas Day is literally knocking on our doors! I am really pushing uphill to be ready for it all this year but it is always nice on the day, then it is all over and we are left wondering what the rush was all about. I would like Father Time to just slow up a little!

Our guest artist last month proved to be very popular. Justin Standley is really an Australian icon, a singer, songwriter and great entertainer, and it seemed that just about everyone loved or were fascinated by his performance. What a range in that voice??!! Over the last few years he has won many accolades and awards but does not push the fact. He is both charismatic and humble and is so happy to have made contact with his children, which is a story in itself. He loves music, has taught country song writing and music in remote schools in far north Queensland, has taught a women's choir in a maximum security women's prison, and is a primary school teacher studying to complete a BA degree in Education at the University of Technology in Sydney. Justin's family home is in Bundaberg but he is about to settle in Seaford in Victoria with his partner, Peter. Many people have asked for more background knowledge of Justin, hence this paragraph. He was delighted with the way he was welcomed at our CMAV and would love to visit us again some time. A fairly large percentage of our members have already asked if this is possible. I have approached him about a certain date and I will keep you posted. He has been invited to Tasmania for what he calls a mini tour, and he is booked for lots of other events as well. Such a busy guy, so keep your fingers crossed. Meanwhile, many thanks for your feedback.

Our guest artist tonight is Billy Bridge. He is an accomplished singer, songwriter and performer from Werribee in Victoria. He has appeared at major Festivals and events in numerous parts of Australia, and his music has been played on radio all over the world. Pleasant by nature, with Billy, what you see is what you get.

On the evening of 13th November, I am sure that the whole world was rocked by a series of co-ordinated terrorist attacks which occurred in the very heart of Paris, in Saint-Denis, a northern suburb.

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The attackers used assault rifles, hand grenades and suicide belts to bring about the deaths of 130 totally innocent people, and inflicting injuries on almost 400 others. They took hostages before engaging in a stand-off with the police, at which time 7 of the perpetrators were wiped out. How does this happen? How can a person strap on a suicide belt, walk into the beautiful Bataclan theatre full of young children and all other age groups, and without any hesitation simply blast everyone 'to Kingdom Come'. How interesting it might be to be able to see inside such a brain. It defies belief.

I have visited Paris, climbed the Eiffel Tower and walked under the Arc de Triomphe, and Dennis and I were married on Saint-Denis's Day. For a long time there will be unimaginable grief for so many in that lovely part of the world.

Now back to our world of country music, which, as always, is alive and well all around us and I probably know only less than half of it. At this point I would like to give all concerned a reminder about CHORD CHARTS. I mentioned last month that we are very lucky to have a really great band, and they do very well to back every single artist who steps up on stage. As artists, it is your responsibility to provide three sets of chord charts for every song you wish to perform. Without charts you could jeopardise your chance to sing, and that could be sad.

Every year, usually about the third week in November, CMAV members Joy McRae and John Cowan head off to the Mountain Grass Festival at Harrietville in north-eastern Victoria. They love their Bluegrass music, as well as country and bush ballads, and they always have a wonderful few days. Artists like Karen Lynne, Pete Denahy and the well-known Davidson Brothers would never fail to please.

MORNING MELODIES at the Victoria Bowling Club always draws a big crowd. Barry and Glenis Ward and their loyal helpers put on a really good morning's entertainment - 90 minutes of a popular guest artist, followed by a lovely light lunch of soup, sandwiches and jellied fruit - red jelly is my favourite!! Morning Melodies' guest artist in November was Tim Farren and his band and they were, as always, just so good. I especially like their version of "Duelling Banjos". On 4th of this month we were entertained by the very talented Marceau Camille, another good morning.

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## Future Morning Melodies Guests:

FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup> - guest artist will be TREVOR KEILAR

MARCH 4<sup>th</sup> - guest artist will be. KIM RITCHIE.

APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> (April Fool's Day) - THE HOFFMANS.

MAY 6<sup>th</sup> - TOM and PATSY ROUTLEDGE

SO, ROLL ON, 2016 and yet ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!!

I have heard varying reports about the Tooleybuc Murray Muster which was held in mid-November. Some thought it was just great, others not so happy. Dennis and I visited there two years in a row but it was several years ago and we just loved it. Darryl was Manager at that time and he looked after everybody so well. However things change sometimes and it is not for us to know every detail. I am told that a re-vamped flyer for the next Tooleybuc Festival should be out very soon.

Lovers of country music have surely had some choices in recent weeks. Beaufort had a very good attendance at their Club night. Apparently the talented Owen Blundell had some of the audience in tears from laughter. How good is that?!

The Howie Brothers, Graeme and John, are actually twins and they are one of Australia's leading country music / easy listening acts. They have been performing for over thirty years, and have recorded the same number of albums. They are dedicated songwriters, play a variety of instruments, have a very distinctive vocal harmony sound, and have three Golden Guitar Awards to their merit. Mid-November they performed at the Sebastopol Bowling Club, and they have a lovely way of making their audiences relax - it is as though you are sitting in their lounge room. Our Dennis sang with them many years ago so he was really delighted to be invited to join them on stage. Graeme has since asked me to thank you all for "being such a very happy and appreciative audience".

Laura Downing and Reg Poole gave a concert at the Victoria Bowling Club on 26th of November. It was a busy schedule for them and they must surely have been a little on the tired side but you would never know because they were their usual lovely selves, funny one minute and serious the next, with lots of great songs in between. It was a good night. It would be good to see them more often. **CONT.**

The Ballarat Steakhouse aka Squires Loft held a "Ribbs and Red Night" late in November. It was a busy night and a very successful night. Entertainment was aptly provided by "The Hoffman Duo." It was a very good evening. Heather and David are looking forward to 23rd of January because this is when they leave for their tour of Scotland. I will try to find out some more details before the January Newsletter, but this must be very exciting and we wish them well. Club member Jenny Severino, has told me that they were guest artists at the Wendouree Seniors on 30th November, to a very appreciative audience.

Tim Farren was the guest artist at Maryborough last Sunday night and I am told that the venue was packed with a very appreciative audience. Tim is always very popular. These "Ramblings" are well-named, aren't they because that is exactly what I do - I 'ramble' on!! Besides, I am helped sometimes by being given snippets of information, so thanks.

Our CMAV Bass player, Jodie, had some major surgery in November and is not able to be here tonight. We wish her well for a speedy recovery. Just take it easy Jodie.

Many of you know Neil Robe. He is a big guy with an even bigger heart and he and his wife Lorraine are loyal and regular CMAV members. Unfortunately Neil recently suffered a 'stroke' which has affected his eyesight and, to a certain extent, his mobility. Since his release from Hospital, he has been diligent with his exercise routine and with his walking and he is doing well. We all wish you well.

I believe that Merle Haggard is currently in hospital suffering from pneumonia but I know little more at this stage.

We do have some members of our Club who are not really well and for whom many days are a struggle. We wish you all the strength that you need.

Have a safe Xmas, wherever you may be, and come back to us in 2016. May you continue to "have an Angel by your side"

Yours in country,

Jilly. xxx.



## **OTHER CLUBS**

### **Cobden - A Night of Country Music**

1st Saturday 8.30pm til late - at Civic Hall

Contact Colin Ph 0438 932 967

### **Upwey Country Music Club**

1st Sunday 1 - 5pm The Guides Hall - Underwood Road

Contact Graeme Chasemore Ph 5964 8298

### **Pleasant Sunday Country at The Sphinx Thompsons Rd North Geelong**

1st Sunday 1.00 - 5.00pm

Contact Eric Cook 0429 143 237

### **Kyabram Country Music Club.**

1st Sunday. 12 noon Held at Kyabram Bocce Club

Contact Aileen Veenstra Ph: 5853 2933

### **Maryborough Country Music Night**

1st Sunday 6pm – 10pm, Held at the Highland Society Club

Contact Patty 5461 2316 or Marie 5465 3236

### **Colac Comeback Country -**

1st Sunday. 1.00 – 5.00pm Held at City Bowling Club, Gravesend St

Contact Leonie Bowen Ph: 5231 1700

### **Morwell - Our Kinda Country Club Inc.**

Every 1st & 3rd Friday 7 - 11.30pm at The Hall - 100 Crinigan Road - Morwell Victoria

Contact Dawn 03 5174 9227 or 0412 161 419

### **Ballarat - Country Music Association of Victoria. Inc.**

2nd Sunday 5.30 - 10.30 pm, Held at the Victoria Bowling Club

231 Victoria St Ballarat- Contact Jilly Bruce 5342 0361

### **Shepparton - Solar City Country Music Club**

2nd Sunday. 12.30pm Held at Sir Ian McLennan Centre (next to Bowls Club) Mooroopna

Contact Baden Howe Ph 5825 2477

### **Peninsula Country Music Club**

2nd Sunday 1pm - 4.30pm Held at Rye Civic Hall

Contact Ross Duncan PH 0408854056

### **St Arnaud Country Music Inc**

2nd Sunday 6pm - 10pm St Arnaud Sporting Club

Contact Jenny 5495 1871

### **Bendigo Avalanche Country Music**

2nd Sunday 6.30 - 10.30pm Golden Hills Motel

Contact Ernie Johns 5494 3246

### **Bairnsdale Country Music Club**

2nd Sunday 1.00pm –5.00pm Held at Bairnsdale RSL Princess Highway

Contact Bill Chaffey 5153 1001 or 0400 674 761

### **Verandah Music**

3rd Saturday 12.00 - 5pm Community Hall - Hodgkinson & Verdon Sts - Dromana

Contact John 0466988998 or Bill 5982 0885

### **Echuca Country Music Club Inc.**

3rd Sunday - 12.00pm - 5.00pm at Echuca Workers & Services Club

Contact Carol Hession 0427091249

### **Kyneton Bowls Club**

3rd Sunday 12pm - 5pm Mollison Street Kyneton Contact 5422 1902

For bookings contact Ph 5422 1902.





## **OTHER CLUBS cont'**

### **Colac Kickback Country**

3rd Sat 7.00pm - late

Contact John & Majella Brown 03 5235 8441

### **Benalla – Country Music Club**

3rd Sunday. 12 noon Held at the All Blacks Club Rooms Ackerly Avenue

Contact Phillip North - Ph: 5762 5280

### **Colac - Heritage Club Traditional Old Style Country**

3rd Sunday 1pm - 5:30pm Held at CWA Hall

Contact Joyce O'Neill - Ph: 5231 3355

### **Bendigo Country Talent Club**

3rd Sunday. 6pm – 10pm, Held at Kangaroo Flat Sports Club

Contact Norma Wright (Pres) Ph 5446 9127

### **Beaufort Country Talent Club Inc**

3rd Sunday. 6pm - 10pm, Held at Beaufort Golf Club

Contact Marcia Ph 5349 2554

### **Warrnambool District Country Music Group Inc.**

3rd Sunday 1pm– 4.30pm, Held at City Memorial Bowls Club

Contact Dave Ellerton 5561 0654

### **Sebastopol Country Talent Club Inc.**

4th Sunday. 4.00pm – 9.30pm, Held at the Midlands Golf Club - Heinz Lane - Ballarat

For bookings contact ph 0435150322.

### **Tombstone Country**

4th Sunday. 2pm - 6pm Held at Shaw's Rd Teasdale

(follow the signs) Contact Murray Walker 5281 5383

### **Mooroopna Country Music Club**

Last Sunday. Noon til 6pm, Held at Sir Ian McLennan Centre (next to Bowls Club)

Contact James Mather - ph 5825 4265

### **Ken Smith's Country Music Charity Concerts**

Last Sunday 1pm - 5 pm Warrnambool

Contact Ken Smith Ph 5565 7846

### **Bellarine Country Music Group Inc.**

Every Friday 7.30pm – 10pm Held at The Valley Inn - Fyan's St. South Geelong

Contact Glenda Ph 5243 1484

### **Pascoe Vale Country Music Guild of Australia**

Every Friday 8pm - 11.30pm at Pascoe Vale RSL cnr Cumberland Rd & O'Hea St.

Contact Keith 03 9338 7902 (AH).

### **Kardinia Senior Citizens Club**

Every Friday night 7pm - Kardinia Park. Geelong

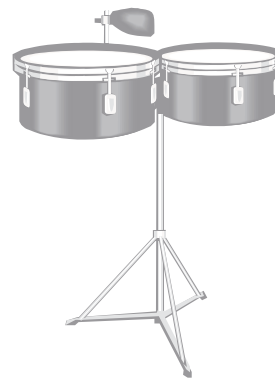
Contact Tex Ayres Ph 52781567

### **Geelong Country Music Group**

Seaview Club - Blue Stone Bridge Road - Lovely Banks.

Every Tuesday night 6pm Contact John Hayes : 04144265725 or on Facebook.

**Any additions or changes please notify Jilly Bruce - (03) 53420361**



# ARTISTS AT OTHER CLUBS

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<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Artist/s</u>
Sat 19th	Dec	Colac Kickback Country	The Hoffman's
Sun 20th	Dec	Colac Heritage	Ian Perry & Jim Webster
Sun 20th	Dec	Warrnambool & District	Leo Tellefson & Sandra Loats
Sun 20th	Dec	Bendigo	Sandie Dodd
Sun 20th	Dec	Beaufort	Leo Tellefson & Sandra Loats
Sun 20th	Dec	Echuca	The Hoffmans
Sun 27th	Dec	Sebastopol	No Show
Sun 27th	Dec	Mooroopna	Not available at time of printing
Sat 3rd	Jan	Cobden Civic Hall	Showcase
Sun 3rd	Jan	Maryborough	Don Costa
Sun 3rd	Jan	Upwey	Showcase
Sun 3rd	Jan	The Sphinx - north Geelong	Les Smith
Sun 3rd	Jan	Kyabram	The Hoffmans
Sun 3rd	Jan	Colac Comeback Country	No Show
Sun 10th	Jan	Ballarat CMAV	Garry Hunt
Sun 10th	Jan	Peninsula	No Show
Sun 10th	Jan	St. Arnaud	Not available at time of printing
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