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President's Report

by **Jeremy Brown**

Dear CMAC Members,

Hello all

I am so happy to be writing to you as more and more lockdown restrictions ease, as it means we are getting closer to life getting back to how we want it.

Lockdown brings the committee's ability to plan ahead for things virtually impossible, and it is only now that we are coming out the other side we can even try to cautiously move forward with ideas.

Our November Walkup was the first step, and although we didn't get much opportunity to advertise prior to the day, it sure did warm the heart to see everyone there. I think I got to say g'day to everyone which is amazing for me!!

Unfortunately being able to lock in a Christmas event was not possible with everything going on, but please keep an eye out on our FB page, as we are discussing possibilities with the club for the day of our December walkup, Sunday 5th December.

Until then be safe and happy, and as the farmer from "Babe" put it: "That'll do pig, that'll do"!

Cheers,

Jeremy Brown

President

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Social Director's Report

by **Bev Stokes**, Public Officer

Hi Members and Friends,

Vale

Peter Seal

Unfortunately, while in lock down, CMAC lost a valued member of the Association, Peter Seal. After a long battle, and after showing so much courage, Peter sadly passed away. He has left behind many heavy hearts.

Our sympathy goes out to Sue, and her family.

Peter was a member of CMAC, on and off, for many years, and most recently held the position of President prior to Mike Crozier taking on the job and then Jeremy Brown..

Peter started a band called "Loose Connections", and many artists have passed through that band, myself included. Peter was an accomplished songwriter and I always found him jovial, whitty, and never short of a smile. Being a war vet, Peter supported many others, often by taking his guitar to different locations and having jam sessions with folks. To him this was never a chore; he loved doing it so much.

So, rest in peace Peter, I can hear you up there in that big blue sky, singing to them all, "Let the Midnight Special, Shine your Light on Me".

Cmac will miss you a lot Pete, so with a heavy heart I say, "So long, you'll always be remembered."

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Now for the walk up,

After being locked up in our houses for the last four months, at last restrictions have eased. "Yippee!" What a blessing that is.

With very little time to get the message out there that we could actually hold our walk up in November, at the Irish Club, some of us on the committee were "gobsmacked" to see so many artists eager to put their names on the board to have a sing. I guess like me they love music and enjoy singing, so that was great.

A big thanks goes to all those who travelled, it was very much appreciated; also thanks to Sox, Ralph and Mike for attending to the sound. A couple of times we had funny noises, here and there, but nothing too drastic, they were on top of things, all in all it was a very good afternoon.

The white board had 15 artists listed, and they were,

1. Adam Mckay, helped along by Chris Van Reyk, well done Adam,
2. Chris Van Reyk, Chris entertained the audience with his three songs.
3. Hilton Rodrigues then joined Chris on stage playing the pedal steel. I would imagine that particular instrument would be quite hard to play.
4. Bev Stokes, (me) joined by Sox, Dawne, Judy, Mike and Laraine, thanks everyone.
5. Mike Morrissey, always sounds good Mike.
6. Danny V, love your music, Danny.
7. Jan Hurst, Jan was our guest artist some months back so a big thanks to her and the guys who came along to back her, Jan is from Cootamundra, the band members from Cowra, Harden & Bowning, I think that's all of them.
8. Darrell Pearce, one of the band members, thanks for coming
9. Dave Parkin, he too was one of the band members, once again thanks
10. "Chillin" Sox, Kaz, Shaz. Kaz brought her keyboard along for the 1st time, surprising what artists can do besides sing! Well done, bring it more often Kaz. They did a couple of original songs, loved them. Great backing by Soxie.
11. Peter Wardrop, backing by Mike and Chris. Good set Peter, you sang in the right key to fit your voice, well done.
12. Ralph Martin, he did one song by himself, then Sox backed him for the other two, well done.
13. Monica, Don, Richard, and John. They came to the last walk up just as we had finished, but we let them do a couple of songs, and we are so pleased to have them come back. Great guys, loved it.
14. Damian - he was a part of "Loose Connections" at one stage. He knew John (from the previous act), so he got him to back him up on some country rock. Very good guys.
15. Shezz did a tribute to Peter Seal. No one knew her first song to back her, so she did it acapella. The second song however both Shaz and Sox knew, which was great so they backed Shezz in

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performing a wonderful rendition of "I Was Only Nineteen" as a farewell to Peter Seal. You three, he would have been so so proud of you all.J

16. Jeremy Brown (our CMAC President) also spoke of Peter in a tribute.

We would have had 18 artists on the board, but due to time constraints and club commitments, two artists gave up their time to fit everyone in, so thanks, Col and Jeremy.

Gosh my newsletter is getting long, but I have to include this; the Trivia and Raffles.

Firstly Trivia; a big thank you to Dawne for doing this, also the getting prizes ready for the raffles. You're a big asset to the Association. The winner of trivia was Shezz with the answer "I love Lucy" congratulations !

Secondly the Raffles; Dawne asked Koda to draw out the numbers,

1st Adam McKay,

2nd Chris V R,

3rd Bev Stokes, (yes me) I got a great prize, and the raffle earnt us \$109 so thanks everyone for supporting it.

Next month's walk up is on the **5th of December**, which will be the last one of this year. We normally have a Christmas Party, but this year the Committee has decided to have a normal walk up, and whoever would like to stay for Dinner (owners cost sadly) they may, and eat in the Cotter Room where the walk up is held.

Okay, enough from me, so until next time

Be safe, be careful and stay well.

Bev Stokes

Public Officer,
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Upcoming Events: **AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY DIARY**

Listen to Mike Crozier's *Australian Country* on Saturday mornings between 8.00am and 12.00 noon on Tuggeranong's Valley FM 89.5, & streaming via www.valleyfm.com when Mike will bring you information on what is happening in Canberra and the surrounding area. If you have a request, email Mike on eaglecrozier@gmail.com.

Saturday November 20

Christie Lamb is at the Alpine Hotel Cooma from 8.30pm.

Thursday November 25

Christie Lamb at The Tourist Hotel Queanbeyan.

Saturday November 27

Country Rocks Canberra Festival at the Rose Cottage with
Travis Collins headlining,
Hayley Jensen,
Darlinghurst,
Ben Ransom,
Melody Moko,
Stewart Barton,
Kora Naughton &
Azlan
with the gates opening at 2.00pm.

Sunday November 28

The Eurobodalla Country Music & Social Club is meeting at the Nelligen Hall, commencing at 11.00am. Numbers are limited due to Covid restrictions. Enquiries to Karen on 0417 026 406.

"Hair of the Dog": A second day is now set down for the Country Rocks Festival on Sunday November 28 at Rose Cottage, Corner Monaro Highway & Isabella Drive Gilmore, with
Catherine Britt & Andrew Swift headlining,
Brewn,
Copperline,
Leanne Castley &,
The Johnny Cash Show

Doors open 12.00 noon. General Admission \$55 plus booking fee via www.countryrocks.com.au. Country Rocks VIP tickets \$150.00 plus booking fee, Gold Pass Table for 8 \$800 plus booking fee. If not sold out beforehand, \$70 tickets will be available at the gate.

The Murrumbateman Acoustic Music Club is meeting at the Murrumbateman Inn. Covid rules are in place. Enquiries to Wal Brewer on 0407 591 630.



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Thursday December 2

Felicity Urquhart & Josh Cunningham on their Song Club Tour are at the Tallagandra Hill Winery, 1692 Murrumbateman Road Gundaroo from 7.00pm.

Sunday December 5 – Christmas Walk Up

The Country Music Association of Canberra's Walk-up is at the Irish Club, Parkinson Street Weston from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Entry \$5.00. Artists of all levels welcome, as are lovers of Country Music, even if you do not play. Enquiries to Dene on 0438 115 251.

The Goulburn Country Music Association's music venue commences at 11.30am at the Goulburn Workers Club. Come & enjoy some great music. Local talent is encouraged, so if you play an instrument or sing, come along & talk to us about joining our fun venue. Enquiries to Loz on 0427 484 448.

The Artists Shed, Unit 1 88 Wollongong Street Fyshwick, presents Capo Creek from 6.30pm. Entry \$10.00. Telephone 0418 237 766.

Sunday December 12

Lindsay Butler & Shaza Leigh together with Tom Maxwell & Peggy Gilchrist are at the Queanbeyan Tigers Club, 30 Queenbar Road, Karabar, from 2.00pm. Enquiries on 0418 697 028.