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Secretary's Report

By Dene Burton on, 03/03/2021

Dear CMAC Members,

The President has given me the opportunity to say a few words this month.

Firstly, we have had a great couple of walk ups recently, with both current and new members getting up and performing some great country covers as well as some original songs. In addition our resident poet has done a great job too, expanding his repertoire with a foray into playing the harmonica.

We would welcome people who would like to contribute by performing spoken word bush poetry, either original or reciting some of the greats (Banjo Patterson, Henry Lawson ??). We are not only about the strict definition of "music".

We are aiming to give everyone UP TO 3 songs to perform. This means that if you have only prepared two, or for whatever reason, there is no pressure to do the maximum. Each performance (of however many songs) must not exceed 15 minutes - please keep that in mind, this includes the time to get you on/off the stage.

Speaking of our resident poet, Adam McKay turns 50 years old soon, and he is holding an afternoon party/show at the Canberra Irish Club on the 13th March. This is a fund raiser for the ACT Wildlife Foundation (a cause close to Adam's heart) so is a ticketed event. You can get a ticket for lunch and the show (\$55) or the show only (\$20) at <https://www.trybooking.com/BOIBU> For show only you can pay at the door. The artists include our very own Chillin, canberra's favourite vocal duo Ivy Lane, local singer/songwriter Katie De Veau, as well as Derryth Nash, another great local singer/songwriter,

On another front, your committee has had a couple of Strategic Planning Meetings (note the capitals !) and as a result we are looking to reintroduce some CMAC awards with the aim of expanding them further down the track, and we will be discussing more around membership soon. To do all the things we want to do needs members and more people either on the committee or available to help out. There will be much more on that soon.

In July we will be hosting, along with the Canberra Irish Club, the second Canberra Opry (the first was a live streamed event last year) - keep an eye out for details coming soon. Also, we are going to hold a night of Country Karaoke in September ... and anyone who prepurchased tickets for last year's postponed event will have those honoured then.

Be safe, careful and stay well.

Dene Burton

Secretary, CMAC



Social Director's Report

by **Bev Stokes**, Public Officer on <insert date>

Hi Members and Friends,

CMAC got away to a great start on the 7th of February 2021. Let's hope it can continue all year without any more bad disruptions. The line up on the board was very encouraging, lots of good talent, it has a great vibe, and I feel it will continue all year round. We had a couple of artists who came along for the first time, and I certainly hope they come back again.



Once again the PA crew did the club proud, setting up, and it was wonderful to have Sox back after his health episode. So glad you're on the road to getting stronger, and those legs of yours do as they are told. We all certainly missed you, welcome back.

We were missing a couple of regulars. Let's hope they grace us with their presence next month.

The white board had 15 artists, and the attendance was very good, thanks to our Publicity Officer Dene. 15 names, and they were,

- 1/ Keith Brodie; he comes along and supports the club each month, thanks Keith !
- 2/ Ralph; thanks for the songs, and being our stage manager, among other things you help with.
- 3/ Trav Nimbelton; it was Trav's first time getting up and singing at CMAC. So glad he sang - he was very good, I hope he returns..
- 4/ Peter Wardrop; Pete was backed by Sox, and Mike Morrissey on his keyboard. Well done Pete, and it's good you're making your songs longer than they used to be.
- 5/ "Chillin"; Shaz and Kaz, have been coming while Sox has been recovering, but they are glad to have him back also. As always, very good, one and all.

6/ Bev; now I was backed by Dawne, and Sox, my other two helpers Laraine and Keith couldn't make it, they were otherwise detained.

7/ Danny V; so glad Danny came back, he came once before but sadly couldn't wait for his turn as he had another gig to attend. He sang a couple of originals and I thought they were very good, the audience agreed as well.

8/ Adam McKay; our poet, he's coming along very well. He's so full on, he wants to help with anything and everything, good on you Adam.

9/ Mike Morrissey; always easy to listen to, on his "you beaut" keyboard.

10/ Campbell; our Irishman who sings acapella. One of these days we just might try and get a bit of backing for his performances. That's if he agrees, I'll keep my fingers crossed.

11/ Claude; wow!! He never ceases to amaze me Claude, I look forward to his songs each month.

12/ Dene Burton; Dene has a new CD out. You can pre-order a copy of the physical CD here: <https://www.trusoundmusic.com/payment>, or you can stream the music or purchase it from <https://music.apple.com/au/album/time-passing/1548942712> or <https://ditto.fm/time-passing>

13/ Chris VR; always good, he comes up with good songs each month.

14/ Hilton; he plays one of the hardest instruments out there, like a fiddle it's hard, he plays a pedal steel and he makes it look so easy, Chris backed him as well.

15/ Shez; she sang just one song, but she was everywhere with her camera, always on the go. Going great guns out there in the music scene, and always makes an effort to make our walk ups each month, thanks Shez.

That's the line up we had, don't forget the 7th of March we'd love to see you all.

Now for the Trivia and the Raffle - once again a big thanks to Dawne, who does it both, getting the prizes and the question for the trivia. The trivia was won by Peter Wardrop. Peter guessed the answer, Graeme Connors. And now to the raffles;

1st Emma, (now Emma drew out the winning tickets, mm!!) a bit suss you think, no not at all??

2nd Kaz, she's a part of "Chillin"

3rd Wait for it ... no it's not me ! Meryl, our hard working treasurer, claimed the prize, congratulations everyone. The raffle raised \$68 which goes towards the clubs insurance, thanks to all who bought tickets.

Also, to all who enjoyed a meal at the Irish Club, thanks for supporting them, Like all of us, they need it too.

Ok, enough from me, so till next time,

Keep well, Keep safe, and Keep it Country. Bye for now.

Bev Stokes

Public Officer,
CMAC

The CMAC March Walk Up !!!

Git Your Hoedown on !!

13:30pm Sunday March 7th
at the Irish Club !

Be Covid-Safe ... think of others !

Nearly a quarter of the way through the year already ! Let's take this opportunity to enjoy some music, bush poetry and maybe even get your dancing shoes on !!



This is a ticketed event: tickets available from

<https://www.trybooking.com/BOIBU>

Adam has requested that this be a fund raiser for ACT Wildlife Foundation. Instead of a birthday gift, Adam would appreciate you attending and paying the \$20.00 pp entry fee which will be donated to the foundation..



Fifty

& Fabulous

PERFORMANCES
BY:

Ivy Lane
Derryth Nash
KATIE DE VEAU
and
Chillin'

with poetry by **ADAM**

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

Adam's
50TH BIRTHDAY

1PM FOR A 1:30PM START UNTIL 5:30PM

THE CANBERRA IRISH CLUB

13TH MARCH

RSVP to

manager@trusoundmusic.com

by 10/03/2021



ACT Wildlife
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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 28

Catherine Britt presents her *Home Truths Album Preview Tour* at the Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue Narrabundah. Tickets \$43.07. Tickets on <https://bit.ly/34Z6XJ4>

NeillyRich *Love Bender* album launch at the Tourist Hotel 31 Monaro Street Queanbeyan tonight.

Fanny Lumsden on her *Fallow* Tour at the Athenium Theatre Junee.

Raechel Whitchurch with Shane Nicholson is at the Astor Hotel Goulburn.

Sunday November 29

The Murrumbateman Acoustic Club meets at the Murrumbateman Inn, commencing 6.00pm. Musicians, singers, & poets, of all levels welcome. Meals available from the bistro. Because of Covid restrictions, bookings to Wal Brewer on 0407 591 630:

Fanny Lumsden on her *Fallow* Tour is at the Griffith Regional Theatre Griffith NSW.

Saturday December 5

A Jammalong is on at the Up Opping Second Hand Clothing, 82-88 Limestone Avenue Ainslie from 10.00am. Enquiries on 6257 7397.

Sunday December 6

The Country Music Association of Canberra is having its Christmas Walk-up at the Canberra Irish Club, 6 Parkinson Street Weston, from 12.30pm through to 5.00pm. Entry is free, and performers will have the opportunity to do a four song set. There are still covid restrictions as to numbers, so give Dene a ring on 0438 414 844 to ensure you don't miss out.

Thursday December 10

Blake O'Connor (back from Nashville) & Sinead Burgess, on their *Silver Linings Australian Acoustic Tour*, are at the Royal Hotel, 85 Monaro Street Queanbeyan. Enquiries on 6297 4444.

Saturday December 12

Michael & Dianne Porter host a Jammalong, under the pergola in the park beside Enid Lyons Street on the Lake Burley Griffin side of the Questacon Building from 12.00 noon. Enquiries to parkmusic@weeby.com or phone 6257 7397.

Saturday December 19 to Sunday January 31, 2021

Matt Scullion is part of the Mogo Zoo Great Camping Adventures Campfire show.



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2021

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JETTY ROAD DREW MCALISTER
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