

Wagon Wheel

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President's Report

by **Peter Michael Seal** on May 14

Dear CMAC Members,

The CMAC AGM is still on hold and will be until at least the end of June. The date for the AGM will be determined by the ACT Government and any lifting of restrictions on both clubs and individual groups.

In relation to the May/June walk-ups both are cancelled given the Government's social distancing and max of ten people in any gathering.

CMAC has a lot of great artists but not many have availed themselves of the opportunity to participate in our "virtual walkups".

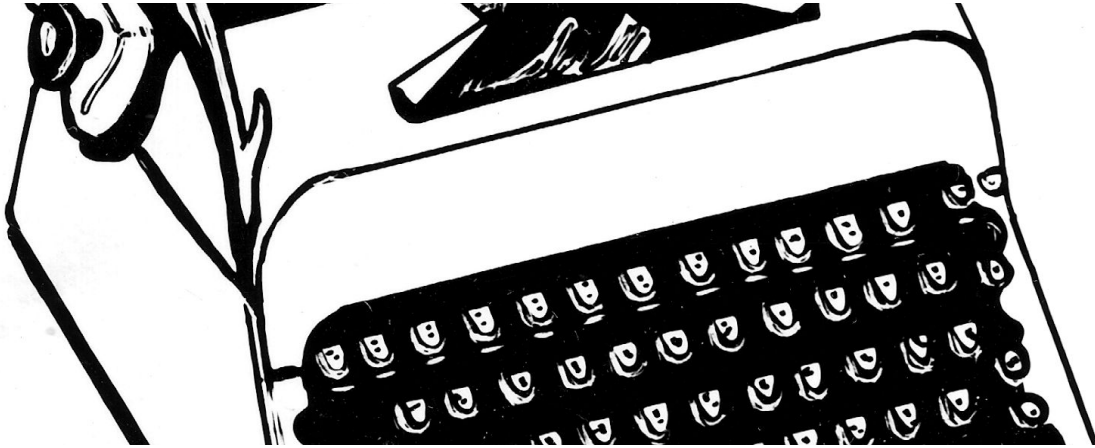
In place of our regular walkups we invite our membership to email videos of themselves performing their favourite country songs at home to president@countrymusiccanberra.org.au, and unless it contains a lot of swear words we will share them on our Facebook site and have a link to there on our website. You can record these videos at home on your mobile phone and email them - if you are having trouble doing any of this you can call our Publicity Officer and all around tech guy Dene on mobile 0438414844 or email him at helpcmac@trusoundmusic.com.

To check out the Virtual walkup videos we have so far, click [HERE](#) or go to the menu on our website and click on Walkups and then Virtual Walkups,

CMAC hopes that you are all travelling well, that you are safe and finding innovative things to do as you self-isolate. I hope that those that were able to have a family celebration of Mother's Day enjoyed themselves. Let's hope that when next year's Mother's Day rolls around we are able to all have one hell of a party. How many have taken the opportunity to write new songs and practice that guitar? You know, like me, you might have always threatened to do it but never found the time. No matter what you choose to do to occupy yourselves please be safe, take care and we will all have a fantastic first walk-up when this pandemic is over.

Yours in Country Music
Peter Seal
President, CMAC

TOP STORIES



Inspired by my friends

by Dene Burton, VP on May 19

So, I have spent a lot of time online of late, and have seen friends in the music industry, such as the Weeping Willows in Melbourne, Liv Li here in Canberra, Dana Hassell in Queanbeyan, Hayley Jensen in Sydney and others both nationally and internationally, who have been greatly affected by the pandemic situation in terms of touring and income, taking part in online streamed concerts and performances. In addition many other of Australia's greats in the country music scene are doing the same, and just recently, Kelsea Ballerini, Morgan Evans and Keith Urban took part in an online concert streamed from The Grand Ol' Opry.

Inspired by this I thought I would arrange for CMAC to be able to at least put up some videos of our performances - which doesn't seem to be as popular an idea as I thought it would be, but having said that it did get me recording songs and putting them out there as well as writing and co-writing a lot more. I have also been motivated to get going on recording my own album.

I am sure we are all hanging out for that time when we can all get together again to indulge our love of country music and performing it, but in the meantime, check out all the online concerts and streams that are going on. For those of you reading this newsletter online, I am linking some of the upcoming streams and recordings of recent streams below.

Stay safe and enjoy the music !

Links to upcoming Concert streams and previous recordings:

21 May	Catherine Britt	http://www.facebook.com/events/930445954071384/
Previous concerts		
Opry with Keith Urban, Morgan Evans & Kelsea Ballerini		
Opry with Trace Adkins		
Hangout with Hayley Jensen		
Dana Hassell: Live on ya Lounge		

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