

Wagon Wheel

Newsletter of the **Country Music Association of Canberra Inc**

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President's Report

by **Peter Michael Seal** on August 7

Dear CMAC Members,

The CMAC Annual General Meeting (AGM) is still on hold but government regulations require it to be held by the 30th October 2020. You will receive notification soon as to how and when the AGM will be conducted. Now is the time for you to consider whether you would like to stand for an executive position or as a CMAC Committee member.

Whilst there are a number of administrative matters to deal with, what is really important is how our members are faring amidst this Pandemic and its associated limitations. If any member needs assistance or support, please contact one of your CMAC Committee members or email your concerns/requirements to president@countrymusiccanberra.org.au. This includes if you would just like someone to talk to.

Did you have an opportunity to view the live stream of our first Canberra Opry? It was a great show with some excellent artists including your Vice President and his band. If you would like to catch the show you can do so here: <https://youtu.be/XqGuxCgmz2w>.

Depending on the status of COVID-19 we anticipate having our first walk-up in September. If it goes ahead it will be conducted to meet strict COVID-19 requirements. There is a proposition to stream/broadcast the walk-up for members who are unable to attend. More details will be provided in the before the date. Please let us know how you feel about the above proposition.

I have retained the next paragraph from the last newsletter because it is still relevant, CMAC has a lot of great artists but not many have taken the opportunity to avail themselves of our Virtual Walk-ups.

In place of our regular walk-ups 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 with a link to the CMAC website. You can record these videos at home on your mobile phone and email them - if you are having trouble 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 above and click on Walk-ups and then Virtual Walk-ups, Thank you to the members who have provided songs so far.

Be safe, careful and stay well.

Peter Seal

President, CMAC



The Inaugural “Canberra Opry”

by **Dene Burton**, VP on August 7th

The Canberra Opry was unable to be held on the 30th May at the Canberra Irish Club as originally planned due to the Danged Virus but the opportunity arose for us to piggyback on an already planned live stream performance by Leanne Castley and her band, courtesy of an invite from Rob Cartwright, of EAV and Live In Ya Lounge (LIYL), to build their planned regular stream into a special event for country music. As this fit nicely with our brief as an organisation we agreed, as we already had some performers booked and disappointed that we could not go ahead.

We should note that the purpose of the event was NOT to showcase our regular performers at Walk Ups, but rather to introduce country music to a larger local audience, using known artists in the Canberra community - only some of whom are members of the club, although all the planned performers were local and had some association with some of the club members.

Unlike the original plan, this event was free of charge - LIYL having been providing their services for the local community free of charge. And therefore there was no cost to the Association for the event (paying artists, production costs etc)

The live stream was done instead on a “donation” basis, with the opportunity to donate to the specific artists being made available on the LiveInYaLounge website.

As happens with the best of plans, last minute changes in the agreed performers took place due to unavailability (illness primarily) on the part of some of the previously booked artists.

Stewart Barton who had initially agreed to be part of it on the 30th May found himself double booked with a previous event, Kate Ord and her daughter Jess also had a booking on that day. We managed to replace Stewart with Sophie Rainbow, another local country artist.

Lorena Quinlivan, who was to open the show, caught a bad cold and contacted me shortly before her scheduled sound check time to say she was unavailable. Due to the late hour I approached Chris Van Der Wielen to fill in for her. While not specifically a country artist (he was a fill in guitarist for Urban Drover) Chris performed as “country” as he could and made a point of emphasising the Opry and that the evening would only get more “Country”.

All in all it was a very enjoyable event and effectively showcased country music to the wider Canberra community - and has led to a number of people connecting with us on our Facebook page. Now we just need to convert that into memberships !

Be safe, careful and stay well.

Dene Burton

Publicity Officer,
CMAC

Something to add to your diaries for next year, put on by our friends at Country Rocks. Sure hope it gets to go ahead !



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