



# JANUARY 2025

**The aim of the club is to encourage vocalists and musicians of all ages and abilities to perform at club functions and/or on stage. Promoting country music throughout Townsville and surrounding areas will ensure that this form of music will continue to flourish while also seeing local talent recognised.**

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## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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<b>MEMBER -</b>	Val Peters	

## APPOINTED POSITIONS

<b>MAGAZINE EDITOR -</b>	Fiona Bowles	0439 680 067
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<b>MUSIC CO-ORDINATOR -</b>	Darryl Pitt	0409 633 360



# President's Report December 2024



Hi all!!!

Sorry for the late Newsletter but being the festive season, I have taken full advantage of the break from Country music as much as I can. In fact, up until writing this letter Glenda and I have not even touched our guitars or even sang a song. It has been great! I have not missed it at all. In fact I am finding it hard to put this newsletter together, but here it goes.



The Bunnings Christmas party on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Dec which we shared with Northern Beaches Church was a great success. For the short time we had to perform, I believe a mighty public impact was made as many children wanted to come to the stage to sing Christmas songs. We had their mothers bring them up and they were only too happy to perform. We even had to go into overtime. Thank you to those who joined me and attended this event - Brian, Fiona, Dylan, Regan, Julie and Glenda.

Our last event for the year was the Christmas Party for our members. 62 members who consistently support our Association month in and month out were treated to a fantastic two course meal. Chicken, ham, roast pork and beef, roast vegetables, a broccoli and cauliflower bake with lovely salads were our choices for lunch. This was followed by chocolate mousse, trifle, pavlova and a fresh fruit platter for dessert. The meal was catered this year again by the Jubilee Bowls Club and by all reports I received, it didn't disappoint with quality and taste.



After our lunch, we proceeded into the formalities of the day. A recap of the year that was full of great outcomes...

We had three Open Genre afternoons this year which allowed us to dust our vocal cords off with songs other than country. There were a few of us country stalwarts who still sang country and that added great variety to the mix.

We supported the Cancer Council fundraising event held in May and Bunnings in the family nights for Christmas, Easter and Father's Day.

We scaled back a little on the Bellevue afternoons still enjoying the fellowship at dinner with those members who chose to dine with us.

We held our first Cash prized raffle.... \$1000 prizemoney with only 500 tickets and made a great profit of \$3500.

We upgraded most of our sound system to incorporate the digital world with a new digital sound desk, front of house speakers and new wireless microphones.



We introduced the People's Choice award. This was intended to be fun, and the votes were definitely interesting when it came to the counting for the winners. Our heat winners were Rob, Ray, Diane and Marlene and the "sing off" occurred at our last social. [I am pleased to announce the winner was Marlene.](#)

We then moved on to giving small tokens of appreciation to our volunteers for the year... Unfortunately, this year, I omitted a very important person from our list. Like Santa, I did check my list more than twice but still managed to forget Fiona Bowles our magnificent Magazine Editor – so please ensure you read the "thanks" pages that follows.



Our favourite tradition of the year is awarding the "Club Person of the Year". The committee look to see who has given the most of themselves to the club. Sometimes we all have someone different in mind but this year we came to the same conclusions. Our only dilemma was choosing one..... and we couldn't ....

This year we have stepped out of our normal format as our decision was impossible to break up to just one person. This year we have two people to share the Club persons of the year award.

These people, were decided by the committee for their constant assistance at every event we hold.....they cook sausages and serve them.... They hand out lucky door, raffle and sausage tickets at the door and help with the cleanup of the kitchen and keep an eye on the tea and coffee.... Their opinion and guitar knowledge is valued on our practice nights. They play in the band all afternoon for all three bands....



Peter and Sheron Winterburn are our CLUB MEMBERS OF THE YEAR for this year. Congratulations to you both!!!!



The Christmas party was finished off with a long game of pass the parcel and Bingo. Julie and Glenda sure wore off their lunch racing all over the place ensuring the parcel was heading in its rightful direction and assisting with the action tags on the various layers of the parcel. Congratulations to the winners of pass the parcel who scored themselves a \$50



Bunnings Gift Card. The bingo game was a little more sedate, and the lucky winners scored themselves some chocolates.

Thank you too everyone who attended the Christmas party. There were many hands to make light work this year and the setup and pack up of the party was a fine example of this assistance we have received over the last year.

Please remember this is your club... anything you want to introduce for the future is in your hands and needs to be brought to the attention of the committee who can make moves to implement your ideas through the right channels.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the first Country Social on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and again for our first open Genre afternoon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Our Tuesday practice nights start again on the 4<sup>th</sup> February just in time for the social afternoon.

I hope you all had a Happy New Year, and the year ahead is as good or better than the last 12 months we shared together.



*Ed*

I would like to now thank some special members amongst us:

Darryl Pitt - We can always count on your support and willingness to assist with our social set up. You are always one of the first people here on the Sunday mornings. As one of our eldest members you aren't shy to do the heavy lifting for the club. You are also a fountain of knowledge when we need advice.

Doug O'Keefe – keeps asking if he can be sacked from his assistance with the social setup. He has been told that volunteers don't get sacked and he is learning the ropes of where leads plug into very quickly. You're always one of the first to volunteer to lend a hand at most of our events.

Lloyd Hughes – Thanks for helping with the setup for club social afternoons on a number of occasions. Your help is always welcomed.

Cheryl Kleehammer – your work ethic to providing our band with a bass player at all our events is to be congratulated. You can always be counted on to perform at any event we play even if you cut it close to the wire you are always up on stage when required.

Arthur Nettelfield - thanks for being our set up man at practice nights and assisting with carrying in the sound gear on club days. When required you also step up to assist with our Bunnings functions as a band member.

Karen Chapman – assists Arthur with practice night setups and filled his shoes when he was away.

Dot Waldon and Trevor Tardent – Volunteered to run our money board without being approached. When we asked for assistance for fundraising ideas, Dot was the only person who came forward. She and Trevor organise and sell the lucky number board at whatever social they attend. We are grateful for your willingness to step up.

Dylan Pope – You have stepped up to relieve me of the workload of carting the sound trailer. It is pleasing to see you at most functions to support and assist with set up of the equipment and giving Julie assistance when required with the sound desk.

Connie Styles – approached us to go and promote our club at the Aitkenvale state school 100 year Celebration. Connie, took our pamphlets and club flyer and sat on a stall for 4 hours by herself. We have one new person who comes along as a result of this effort.

Jan Hinds – helps out at practice nights and fills in for Sheron or Val on the door if they are missing in action. She can also be seen serving sausages on occasions.

Maureen Pitt – assists members with chord charts and supports “The Beat” by playing keyboard at our events.

Anne Bussey – another member who assists members with chord charts and supports “The Buzz” and “the Band” by playing keyboard at our events.

Ray Peters - our official onion fryer... and band member who plays with the Buzz.

Roger Wickham – thanks for stepping up on the committee again this year. Roger also assists with Stage setup at our social afternoons.

Val Peters – Thanks for being our committee person, the door lady and the person we can count on to keep us on the straight and narrow at committee meetings.

Julie Olufson – Our secretary who keeps the wheels moving, our sound technician who keeps our events well adjusted ... and someone who continues to put every ounce of herself into this club.

Fiona Bowles – Unfortunately, forgotten to be mentioned at the Christmas party but without her, our club wouldn't have the magazine that we all receive each month. Thanks, Fiona, for your fantastic workmanship on the Magazine.

Jubilee Club – members Dale, Glenda, Chris, Kerrie and Debbie – these people are the representatives of the Jubilee Bowls club who make our experience using their premises great. Without their support we would not have a venue as good as this to call our home.





3<sup>rd</sup> Henry Johnson  
7<sup>th</sup> Sue Thompson  
8<sup>th</sup> Val Peters  
10<sup>th</sup> Fiona Bowles  
10<sup>th</sup> Tom (Kevin) Chong

21<sup>st</sup> Jan Hinds  
25<sup>th</sup> Phil Brease  
27<sup>th</sup> Connie Styles  
28<sup>th</sup> Trevor Smith  
29<sup>th</sup> Bill Kirkman

It is with great sadness that we said farewell to another one of our wonderful members.



**Robert James Marsh - AKA Bob**  
**23/08/1947 – 20/12/2024**

Robert Marsh better known as 'Bob' who was Lynda Knuth's partner, passed away on the 20<sup>th</sup> December. Bob's funeral was held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at Townsville Cremations and was followed by a wake at the Townsville RSL. Bob's service was very well attended and we heard stories about his larrikin ways and his love of motorbikes, Fords, travel and adventures. RIP Bob.

Condolences to Lynda from all of us at TTCMA.





If anyone has celebrations, upcoming gigs, events that you think others may be interested in, items for sale, news of any kind or anything else you wish to add to the newsletter, please forward them to Fiona at [ttcmanews@gmail.com](mailto:ttcmanews@gmail.com) by 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**FEBRUARY DATES**

Sunday Country Music Afternoon – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
 General Meeting – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
 Open Genre Afternoon – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February (flyer on next page)

**Country Music Afternoon – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month**

Starts at 12pm – Jubilee Bowls Club - 13 Burdekin Street, Mundingburra (behind Mundingburra School)  
 Bring along your chord charts and instrument (if performing)  
 Sausage sizzle and refreshments are available for purchase  
 Lucky door prize and raffle  
 Admission is \$5.00

**General Meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month at 7.30pm**

Meetings are held at the rear of Aitkenvale Library – entrance near Child Care Centre.  
 Please come along, as it is really important to have YOUR say in club matters.

Date	Time
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	7.30pm – 9pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm – 9pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm – 9pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	7.30pm – 9pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30pm – 9pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm – 9pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30pm – 9pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	7.30pm – 9pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30pm – 9pm
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - AGM</b>	7.30pm – 9pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30pm – 9pm

## Open Genre Sunday afternoons .....

These will run exactly like our usual Sunday social afternoons however any genre including Country can be performed.



# OPEN GENRE AFTERNOON

**WHEN – SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**

**WHERE – JUBILEE BOWLS CLUB  
13 BURDEKIN STREET, MUNDINGBURRA**

**TIME – 12PM start**

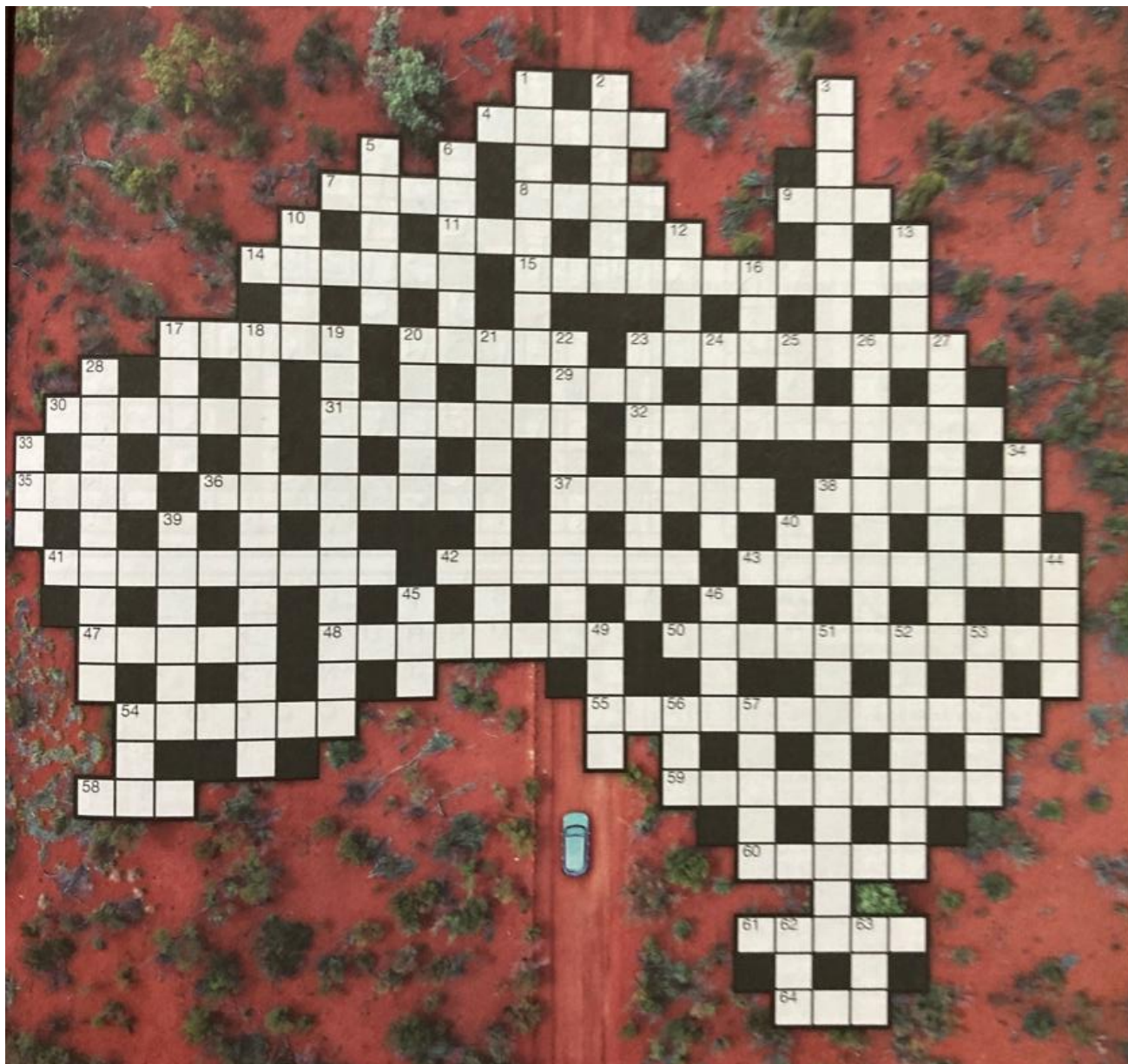
**COST - \$5.00 ENTRY FEE + RAFFLES  
\$3.00 SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
DRINKS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR**

**ALL GENRES WELCOME!**





# AUSTRALIA CROSSWORD



**158** Australia crossword

Here's a crossword with a clever twist – the grid has been designed in the shape of Australia.

**ACROSS**

**4** Sydney beach suburb (5)  
**7** Des Moines' US state (4)  
**8** Air pollution (4)  
**9** --- Mendelsohn, actor (3)  
**11** Cow sound (3)  
**14** Of highest quality, topnotch (6)  
**15** Excellent artwork (11)  
**17** Anger, rage (5)  
**20** Dressed as a judge (5)  
**23** More frivolous or light-headed (9)  
**29** --- Wallach, actor (3)  
**30** Package (6)  
**31** Sport played by the Australian Diamonds (7)  
**32** Chocolate and coconut-covered pieces of sponge cake (10)  
**35** Leave out (4)  
**36** Slenderness (8)  
**37** Zodiac Twins (6)  
**38** George ---, *Nineteen Eighty-Four* author (6)

**41** Daring deeds (7-2)  
**42** 2001 film with Anthony LaPaglia and Kerry Armstrong (7)  
**43** Repair furniture (9)  
**47** Long lock of hair (5)  
**48** Frailty, feebleness (8)  
**50** Opposite number, equivalent (11)  
**54** Sport associated with Ash Barty and Nick Kyrgios (6)  
**55** Unrated, as a film (12)  
**58** --- Dunstan, South Australian politician (3)  
**59** Failing to take proper care (9)  
**60** Building remains (5)  
**61** Avoid, duck (5)  
**64** Summer ---, *Home and Away* setting (3)

**DOWN**

**1** Clear soup (8)  
**2** Hatful, offensive (6)  
**3** Cellar (8)  
**5** Bush call (5)  
**6** Giant woody grass (6)  
**10** Fair, impartial (4)  
**12** Freshwater duck (4)  
**13** Nothing more than (4)  
**16** Clothing fastener (3)  
**17** Candle cord (4)  
**18** Song sung at New Year's Eve (4,4,4)  
**19** Clothes passed on to others (4-2-5)  
**20** Bind again (5)  
**21** Ship's officer (9)  
**22** Representatives (9)  
**23** Wire in a light bulb (8)  
**24** Protected against disease (6)  
**25** Female chicken (3)  
**26** Place between (9)  
**27** Second-place competitors (7-2)  
**28** Public declaration of policy and aims (9)  
**33** *Storm* ---, children's book by Colin Thiele (3)  
**34** *True* ---, John Williamson hit (4)  
**39** Gentle wind (6)  
**40** Distance across (4)  
**44** Ritual, ceremony (4)  
**45** --- Stewart, *Offspring* actress (3)  
**46** *Daddy* ---, band whose first hit was *Eagle Rock* (4)  
**49** Tart-tasting (4)  
**51** Bore witness to (9)  
**52** *Packed to the ---*, TV series with Rebecca Gibney and Erik Thomson (7)  
**53** Prevent, ward off (5)  
**54** As well, also (3)  
**56** --- the Fruiterer, character on *The Comedy Company* (3)  
**57** Afford an omen of (5)  
**62** Sphere, globe (3)  
**63** --- Pearce, actor in *Jack Irish* (3)

# BUNNINGS CHRISTMAS EVENING 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024



Three wonderful children  
joined in the carols with us!

CJ and Mia



Steele



## CHRISTMAS PARTY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

Such a wonderful afternoon filled with lots of laughter, fun and plenty of delicious food! Thankyou Jubilee Bowls Club for once again, providing catering at our Christmas party.







The great crew from Jubilee Bowls Club that catered for us and who always make us feel welcome

The Townsville and Thuringowa Country Music Association Inc acknowledges the valuable support that we continue to receive from the following businesses and organisations. Without your support, the Club would not be able to provide the regular activities we hold for our members.

Thankyou for your on-going generosity.

### JUBILEE BOWLS CLUB

Every Friday evening, Jubilee Bowls Club has food and raffles with their Happy Hour running from 5pm-7pm.

Come along and support this wonderful club!  
Consider making Jubilee your home club by becoming a member for only \$10 per year!



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- Monday 8pm – Midnight
- Wednesday 2pm – 4pm
- Saturday 10am – 2pm
- Sunday 9am – 12pm

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7 times per day  
Lost & Found Notices  
4 times per day

### 158 AUSTRALIA CROSSWORD

**Across:** 4 Bondi, 7 Iowa, 8 Smog, 9 Ben, 11 Moo, 14 Superb, 15 Masterpiece, 17 Wrath, 20 Robed, 23 Flightier, 29 Eli, 30 Parcel, 31 Netball, 32 Lamingtons, 35 Omit, 36 Slimness, 37 Gemini, 38 Orwell, 41 Derring-do, 42 *Lantana*, 43 Upholster, 47 Tress, 48 Weakness, 50 Counterpart, 54 Tennis, 55 Unclassified, 58 Don, 59 Negligent, 60 Ruins, 61 Dodge, 64 Bay.

**Down:** 1 Consomme, 2 Odious, 3 Basement, 5 Cooee, 6 Bamboo, 10 Just, 12 Teal, 13 Mere, 16 Peg, 17 Wick, 18 *Auld Lang Syne*, 19 Hand-me-downs, 20 Retie, 21 Boatswain, 22 Delegates, 23 Filament, 24 Immune, 25 Hen, 26 Interpose, 27 Runners-up, 28 Manifesto, 33 *Boy*, 34 *Blue*, 39 Breeze, 40 Span, 44 Rite, 45 Kat, 46 Cool, 49 Sour, 51 Testified, 52 *Rafters*, 53 Avert, 54 Too, 56 Con, 57 Augur, 62 Orb, 63 Guy.



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SURNAME: ..... CHRISTIAN NAMES: .....

DATE OF BIRTH: ..... OCCUPATION: .....

PHONE: ..... MOBILE: .....

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ADDRESS: .....

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### EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS:

NAME: ..... RELATIONSHIP: .....

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### CHILDRENS U16 NAMES

### DATE OF BIRTH

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: .....

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