



# DECEMBER 2024

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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### Memberships are due!

Memberships are:

Singles - \$30

Couples - \$60

Family - \$70

For those of you who prefer to pay via direct debit, the bank details are as follows:

BSB – 034241

Account Number – 364847

Account Name – Townsville and Thuringowa Country Music Association Inc.

Bank – Westpac Castletown

Please use your member number as your reference. This number will be on your renewal notice.



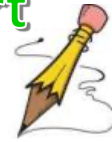
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*DARRYL!!!!*



# President's Report

## November 2024



Hello Members,



With Christmas just 25 days away, I ask myself where has the year gone.

November was another successful month filled with our Practice Nights, Country Social Afternoon, AGM and Open Genre Afternoon.

The social was well attended – 71 patrons though the door, an opportunity for artists to sing 2 songs and then a lucky 10 got to sing one more each. All members have replied to the Christmas party and all deposits for those coming have been received.

The social afternoon had some unfamiliar faces in the audience who were visiting from out of town. These visitors heard about our afternoon being advertised on Triple T. They also purchased a couple of our club shirts which was nice to see.

Speaking of club shirts, we are down to our last 5 in stock. Prices are \$60 each if anyone needs to replace or get one. Not all sizes are in stock so get in quick if you're interested. We also have the cooler bags (black only) and thermal cups for sale until stocks last. These are \$15 each.



Our AGM was on the 20<sup>th</sup> November, no controversy this year and we almost didn't have a quorum. Thank you to those who attended this meeting and regularly attend our general meetings. Our current committee were unopposed and remain in their seats for the coming year. Please get involved with your committee and support this club with new ideas and the time for that is at the general meetings. It's your club too, come along and have your say.

Please see a copy of my report that I delivered at the AGM with our year that was in the following pages of this newsletter.

Last Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>), we had our last open genre afternoon for the year. We had one walk up - Kimberley. She is the daughter of one of the bowlers, and her rendition of "Flame Trees" (Cold Chisel) and "Perfect" (Fairground Attraction) were wonderful. The band got a bit bushed with "I Will Survive" (Gloria Gaynor) but Kimberley had a good time being able to fulfill one of her dreams to perform with a live band. We seemed to have more audience (51) than singers for the afternoon. The upshot of that was that we all got to have two goes at singing two songs.



Thank you to everyone who made the Open Genre afternoon successful. Special thanks to Peter W and Cheryl K for backing all afternoon after playing out at Toomby's for Darryl's birthday celebrations. For those who don't know, Darryl Pitt turned a big 80 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Happy Birthday – hope you had a great weekend.



We only have two more items left on our club events calendar for the year:

### **Bunnings North Shore Christmas Night**

Date - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Time - 4 - 6 pm (set up 3 pm)

As in previous years, Bunnings have put on a community night complete with a Santa visit and various other displays for the locals. We have been invited to provide music for this night of festivities. We are sharing our time spot with the Beaches church as we have done in the past. For anyone interested, bring your Christmas carols/songs and come out to be a part of this community event. Up to 3 songs each will be performed, depending on time frames and numbers...



### **Christmas Party**

will be the last event of the year....

8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Time: 12pm – 4.30pm (12.30/1pm) lunch.



There is no performing at this function – a 2-course meal with fun activities and special presentations to follow lunch.

I guess there is nothing left for me to say except,

# Merry Christmas

Ed



# *Eddie's AGM President's Report*

## *20<sup>th</sup> November 2024*

Firstly, I would like to take this time to thank all of you great people for being part of our Country Music Association. This thanks is extended especially to the great team of dedicated people who help keep the wheels turning on this machine.

The year that was, has been full of great outcomes. We were well represented at all the neighbouring country music festivals by our members and they mostly, had a high proportion of wins at these events.

We introduced the People's Choice award to engage the audience who attend our socials. This was intended to be fun, and the votes were definitely interesting when it came to the counting for the winners. The criteria was to vote for the person you enjoyed the most, not the best person on the day. Our heat winners were Rob, Ray, Diane and Marlene and the "sing off" occurred at our last social. The winner will be announced at our Christmas party and I can't wait to see who the lucky recipient is.

We have added three Open Genre afternoons to the program 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. Given the positive feedback for these afternoons, we will continue to have them in the schedule for the upcoming year.

We donated our time and sound gear to the Cancer Council fundraising event in May and the afternoon was well supported. Our artists brought their best performances and a good variety of songs. Overall, it was a great afternoon.

We also supported Bunnings in the family nights, Christmas, Easter and Father's Day. Our performers had the kids and adults up rocking and there was even a line up of kids wanting to sing Christmas carols that we stayed for extra time.

We scaled back a little on the Bellevue afternoons. Not for any other reason other than we didn't get our dates in soon enough and they were prebooked. The committee have taken previous feedback regarding the heat into consideration and going forward will try not to perform in this venue after September. We have already discussed new dates and are awaiting confirmation for next year. That also leads me into the dinners we share at the Bellevue. These have been declining in numbers over the last few times and I understand cost is an issue for most of us, but this is a great time to bring us closer as a country music family with the bonding and friendship.

We held our first Cash prized raffle.... \$1000 prizemoney with only 500 tickets. Whilst we managed to sell all the tickets, it was a hard task. Members didn't sell as many books as the committee thought and it was only due to Julie and Glenda selling the bulk of the tickets at bunnings that we managed to achieve the task with a positive outcome. It has now been decided to not fundraise going forward in this manner however our Membership prices increased in compensation for this. This will be reviewed in need as we manage our associations finances.

My last point... leave the best till last... We have upgraded most of our sound system to incorporate the digital world. We have a new digital sound desk, and front of house speakers also support the digital sound. We have new wireless microphones, and our recent and last purchase for the year was D I boxes for the guitars to go into the desk. Given the guitar packs are approx. 12 years old, they have been progressively deteriorating over time and we will no longer be using them, as we are going back to wired leads. Eventually we will replace the wired leads for wireless. After spending close to \$10,000 in new equipment the guitar packs we currently have can't be purchased and the ones on the market are not as good as the ones we have, we are holding off for these for the moment.

Thank you for putting your trust in me as your President, and I look forward to another busy and productive year ahead.



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.

**DECEMBER DATES**

Bunnings Christmas Event – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 4pm-6pm (set-up at 3pm)  
Christmas Party – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>  
General Meeting – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**We will be resuming our Sunday social afternoons on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

**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/or 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 18 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30pm – 9pm





8<sup>th</sup> Diane Hegarty  
10<sup>th</sup> Lindsay Stanley  
11<sup>th</sup> Cameron Connelly  
13<sup>th</sup> Trevor Tardent

17<sup>th</sup> Michael Ingham  
22<sup>nd</sup> Ray Peters  
29<sup>th</sup> Betty Hindom

Our very own Marion Bligh performs at Simply Tops every month!  
Pop down and enjoy listening to her wonderful voice.

**MARION SINGS!!**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**5:30PM – 7:30PM**  
**ON THE VERANDAH OF SIMPLY TOPS IN**  
**PALMER STREET, SOUTH TOWNSVILLE**

**GRANDPARENTS' ANSWERING MACHINE**

Good morning . . .

At present we are not at home, but please leave your message after you hear the beep.

 Words to load the card **Beeeeeeppp ....**

If you are one of our children, dial 1 and then select the option from 1 to 5 in order of 'birth arrival' so we know who it is.

If you need us to stay with the children, press 2. If you want to borrow the car, press 3. If you want us to wash your clothes and do ironing, press 4. If you want the grandchildren to sleep here tonight, press 5. If you want us to pick up the kids at school, press 6. If you want us to prepare a meal for Sunday or to have it delivered to your home, press 7. If you want to come to eat here, press 8. If you need money, press 9. If you are going to invite us to dinner or take us to the theatre, start talking.. we are listening !!!!!!!!!!!!!



**JUBILEE BOWLS CLUB  
SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**









**OPEN GENRE AFTERNOON  
SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**





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

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

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

EMAIL.....

ADDRESS: .....

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### EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS:

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

Mbl Ph: ..... Alternate Phone No: .....

### CHILDRENS U16 NAMES

### DATE OF BIRTH

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Health Conditions: .....

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Do you give consent to your photo being taken/used for promotional purposes e.g. club newsletter, social media i.e. Facebook, Webpages etc.

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Name and signature of :-

PROPOSED BY: ..... SECONDED BY: .....

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:    Single    Couple    Family    Life Member