

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY: BALLINA.**

Ballina RSL Club, Grant Street  
10.45am to 5pm  
Ph (02) 6686 7956

**1st Saturday : BRIGALOW**

Brigalow Community Club  
6.30pm  
Lynda Terry Ph: 0405 494 498

**4th SATURDAY: DUNGARUBBA.**

Broadwater Hall, Broadwater  
From 1.00pm till 5.00pm  
Ph: 6682 8291 Garry Wooley

**2nd Sunday: KYOGLE.**

Kyogle Bowling Club  
11am to 5pm  
Rex 6632 1185  
Diana 6632 2002

**3rd Sunday: TWEED HEADS.**

**Caldera Sandfire.**  
Caldera Country Music Club  
South Tweed Bowls Club  
Ph: 0405 509 293 Wendy Hamill

**3rd Sunday: GRAFTON**

Grafton District Services Club  
1pm to 5pm  
Dawn Elliott Ph: 6642 7459

**4th SUNDAY: BRIBIE ISLAND.**

Recreation Hall 156 First Avenue  
11am to 4.30pm  
BONGAREE  
Scotty 0412 860 025

**4th Sunday: CORNUBIA**

Logan Beadesert Country Music  
Club, SPRINGWOOD HOTEL  
Springwood 12pm to 5pm  
David Elsdon 0407 027 524

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: Redlands**

Pinklands Reserve  
Cleveland Redland Bay Road 5pm  
Ph: Tom Steginga 0434 671 217

**3rd Saturday: TWIN RIVERS**

Oliver Sports Complex  
Logan St, EAGLEBY 12 to 6pm  
**And 2nd Sunday 11am to 6pm**

**1st Sunday: GOLD COAST.**

Mermaid Beach Bowls Club  
11am to 5pm  
Secretary Eve: 0412 054 188

**3rd SUNDAY: IPSWICH**

West Moreton Country Music Club  
Ipswich Sports Club, Samford Rd  
LEICHARDT  
Ph: 07 3201 0295

**3rd Sunday: GUANABA**

193 Rifle Range Road,  
Oxenford - Pimpama  
12-6pm Cheryl Ph 0438 933 481

**3rd Sunday CASINO.**

Richmond River Country Music Cl  
CASINO RSM Club—From 10am  
Ph 6662 2625 Gloria

**4th SUNDAY: MacLEAN**

MacLean Hotel - Back Deck  
1pm to 5pm  
Kerri McLeay  
Ph: 0418 989 842

**4th Sunday: TWEED HEADS**

SMOKEHOUSE Country Music  
Condong Bowling Club,  
Tweed Valley Way, CONDONG  
1pm to 5pm - Ph: (07) 5590 4465



**Ballina Country  
Music Club**



**BALLINA  
RSL**

**Sunday 7th April, 2024**

**10.45 am to 5.00pm**

**SMOKEHOUSE**



**Showcase Artist - Mahlon Carthew**

**Welcoming today: BAND: Smokehouse**

Peter Hulme - Lead Guitarist Jamie Cantwell - percussion

John Bennett - Rhythm guitarist, Jim Boyce - Steel guitar  
Bass guitarist

Col and Lynne Davies - Club President & Secretary.

**Member Showcase Artist : Mahlon Carthew**

**Dates to look forward to for 2024:-**

**Sunday 5th May Band - The Classics  
Showcase Artist - Bob Bolewski**

**Sunday 2nd June Band - Ann, Bill and 2J's  
Guest Artist - Lyn Jerrett**

**Sunday 7th July Band - The Classics  
Guest Artist - Tony Wagner  
and the Paradise Pluckers**

**Sunday 4th August Band - Smokehouse  
Showcase Artist - Maureen Buckingham**

**Sunday 1st September Band - Ann, Bill and 2J's  
Guest Artist - Doug Liebke**

**Sunday 6th October Band - The Classics  
Guest Artist - Jeff Massey**

**Sunday 3rd November Band - Smokehouse  
Showcase Artist - Ken Wratten**

**BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB Inc.**

Newsletter Address: Email: holmeskm@bigpond.com

**Executive & Committee Year end June 2024**

President: Bob Bolewski 0427 116 006

Vice President: Dick McCoy 0466 497 649

Secretary/Treasurer: Maureen Holmes 02 6686 7956

Committee Members:- Suzanne Hughes, Cheryl Casey,  
Nonie Olive, Dennis Atta-Singh, Joan Lowe, Christina Hart.

**Music Day Squad:-**

Bob Bolewski, Ray Hughes, Dick McCoy.

**Lucky Raffle Ladies:** Suzanne Hughes, Cheryl Casey, Nonie Olive

**Music Day Assistants:** Dennis Atta-Singh, Joan Lowe, and  
Christina Hart

**Life Members:-** Keith Holmes, Kevin Swanton, Maureen Holmes,  
Judy Thompson, Bob Bolewski, Ray Hughes, Suzanne Hughes,  
Des McDonald.

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP 2023 - 2024**

Single \$5.00 Family \$10.00

Membership year is 1st July to 30th June

Music day details can be found on WEB Sites hereunder :-

<https://rsl.ballinarsl.com.au/ballina-country-music-club/>

<https://www.facebook.com>

Club News Continued:

Members Draw: Leigh Mackney and Bill Bullman

Artists Draw: Ray Hughes

Lucky Door Prizes - Ballina RSL \$25 Gift Cards:-

Christina Hart and Lynn Nelson

Also drawn - 100 Club x 2 and 14 raffle prizes

**Birthdays April**

Suzanne Hughes, Naomi Mackney, Valerie Nilon, Carol Bonamy, Narelle Albans, Peter Wisman, Allen Marks, Max Wilson, Carol Cornford, Bernie White, Carolyn Graham, Sue Watts, Barbara Gibson,

**Hope you all enjoy your 'special day' of the year.**

**A big welcome and cheers to our recent new member s:**

**Ken Johnson, Denise Bridge, Ros Neilsen**

*Thank you to all members that have renewed*

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**The Sponsors of BCMC are very much appreciated**

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***Ballina Country Music Club Life Members***



**BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE**

Hopefully by the time you are reading this newsletter our facebook page will be back in operation.

However you will need to search for it as 'Ballina Country Music Club Inc' The only way we could re-establish the page was by making a slight alteration to the name.

As always any task is made easier if there are one or two folk handling the work involved. We really would love to hear from anyone who could assist with 'posting articles onto the facebook page' when needed.

**SHOWCASE ARTIST - MAHLON CARTHEW**



Mahlon has been a Ballina Country Music Club since 2016.

**BCMC CLUB NEWS**

**Last music day: Sunday 3rd March 2024**

Band for the day: The Classics  
Showcase Artist: Des McDonald

Walk up Artists who entertained us:-

Ray Hughes, Christina Hart, Peter Wisman, Billie Tadros, Maureen Buckingham, Max Maher, Bill Bullman, Ken Wratten, Jenny Fredericksen, Gloria Lee, Rob Venn, Graeme Ryce.

Although our attendance and number of walk-ups were down on previous days, the day can still be described as very successful..

We are blessed to have such loyal members, dancers, and walk-up artists and these ensure that our concert days are a success.

As one life members said, "he can't recall the Club ever having a bad day" and we can all agree with him.

Our band for the day "The Classics" once again provided excellent music for the day and this was enjoyed by all in attendance. Any walk-up artist will tell you how satisfying and comfortable it is to be backed by such a talented group of musos, who go out of their way to ensure their performance is as smooth as possible.

Our Member Showcase Artist - Des McDonald's performance was outstanding and well received by all. Des also included Christina Hart in his performance and this was well received. We thank Des for his efforts.

**CLUB SHIRTS:**

Still taking orders for Ballina Country Music Club polo shirts.

You can choose your colour and size. \$30.00 order now pay later

**Just for Fun ..... A little bit of Trivia**

1. What famous song from a musical of the same name features the lyrics "What a glorious feeling, I'm happy again"?
2. In the film and on the soundtrack for Grease, who performed *Beauty School Dropout*?
3. What song did Dolly Parton refuse to let Elvis record in the 70's?
4. Which Australian actress teamed up with Robbie Williams for the 2001 hit duet *Somethin' Stupid*?
5. Which music legend toured Australia last year with his "Got Back Tour"?
6. *Splish Splash* was a 50's hit for which singer?
7. "Don't let this glad expression give you the wrong impression" is a line from what song by Smokey Robinson & the Miracles.
8. "I should be so Lucky" was a hit for which Australian singer?
9. In a deck of cards, the king of hearts is the only king without a what "
10. Which well known British singer currently touring Australia
11. Who am I - singer, songwriter, guitarist and fiddler.

Great success on the country charts mid 60's through mid 70's. Born to poverty, a stint in prison followed by rehabilitation and success wrought from hard work. His life experiences were a great source for his songs.

*(Extra hints will be given if needed during the day).*

***From Marlon:***

I purchased my first guitar at the age of 68 then looked around for a country music club.

Then joined Casino CMC and started to learn a few country music songs and discovered singers like Merle Haggard, George Jones and Marty Robbins.

Then joined Ballina CMC and started singing with the great backing bands that the Club provides.

I am still trying to expand my musical knowledge to more complex songs and am really enjoying my musical journey.

Have just turned 80 but plan to continue learning and singing for as long as possible and continuing to enjoy the other walk up performers and the fellowship of club members.

I also perform at other venues whenever possible and strive to continue to improve.

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**Looking for a great afternoon of Country Music**

Then come along to the DUNGARUBBA HALL Committees  
country music afternoon

**Broadwater Hall on the 4th Saturday of the month**

There is a lunch available from 12 to 1pm at a cost of \$5.00 and the music goes from 1 until 5pm with afternoon tea provided and entry is only \$5.00

SEE YOU THERE SOON

Next music afternoon is 27th April 2024

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Hello and Welcome Members and Country Music Friends.

Thank you for attending our music days and supporting our raffles and 100 clubs and also appreciating our bands and walk and guest artists.

We have an exciting programme booked for the remainder of this year that I am sure you will enjoy.

At this time I would also like to thank those that entertained you last month, our wonderful band The Classics, Showcase Artist Des who gave a superb performance and our walk up artists who as always delivered.

A special thanks to Graeme Ryce for filling in at the end of the day with a few extra much appreciated songs to lead us into the raffles.

We are still looking for someone who can assist us with our FACEBOOK page that is still causing us some troubles. Des is doing his best but has come up with some problems so if you think you can help please see Des, Maureen or myself. Your help will be much appreciated.

Special thanks as always to your committee and those who help out each music day to keep things running smoothly.

It was great pleasure to welcome Des McDonald to Life Membership of the Club, Des has been an extraordinary contributor to your Club for well over ten years and a great help to me personally Thanks Des for your continued input.

Today we welcome our friends, The Smokehouse Country Music Club band who will perform for you and provide back up for our walk up artists.

## **Continued:**

Smokehouse have been a great friend of the Ballina Country Music Club and I know you will make them welcome.

Our Showcase Artist today is long time member Mahlon Carthew who is also a great supporter of your Club. Mahlon is very much looking forward to performing for your enjoyment today.

As always I must make mention of our dancers who fill the floor each month. Thank you, you add so much enjoyment to the artists and the audience.

Well that's about it from me, so settle back and enjoy another wonderful day of music and friendship from your Club .....  
The Ballina Country Music Club.

Yours in Country Music ..... Bob

