

Country Goss'



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Howdy folks,

Welcome to another edition of Country Goss.

Well the Phantom certainly raised the hackles of a few people in our last issue with his comments on the guru of gulch gully, Nick Erby. It seems the disciples from within the Temple of Tamworth hold everything sacred and I mean *everything!* It's just a pity an element of people who had things to say against the Phantom did it with such venom and spite that inevitably these people will start to develop tunnel vision and become totally oblivious to the virtues of constructive criticism. To hide behind the blanket of anonymity also shows that these sort of spineless airbags contribute very little to the growth of country music. The Phantom tells it like it is, up front and honest and Country Goss applauds that honesty.

Steve's comments on John Williamson also irked a number of readers. It seems the 'Piss, Piss, Piddle' set is alive and well in the line dancing fraternity with many people suggesting that John Williamson deserved better (*Each to his/her own I say*).

Again Country Goss has some great give-aways for our readers from BMG, Festival, Sony and EMI, CD review from Steve's Yesterday and Today Records (who gives us his lowdown on various new releases) AND the ghost who squawks, The

Phantom, graces our pages once again with more controversial gossip ... plus news, views and letters from across the globe and much, much more.

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If you have any contributions, viewpoints or ideas write in or fax us, we would love to hear from you. However, Country Goss would like to advise readers that the views expressed or published by contributors are not necessarily the shared views of the Editor. Country Goss is keen to see the freedom of opinion and will reserve the right to edit at the discretion of the publication.

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More detailed information can be obtained by writing to:

Australian Country Line Dance Championships
1 Dekalb Street
Tamworth NSW 2340
Ph: (067) 664-107

For the enthusiast in Tamworth prior to the line dance championships Oxley Line Dance Club will be hosting social dances at the Oxley Bowling Club, Piper Street, Tamworth:

20 7pm - midnight
21 7pm - midnight
22 11am - 4pm
25 7pm - midnight
26 7pm - midnight
27 7pm - midnight
28 7pm - midnight

Admission: \$2 per person
\$5 per family

Oxley Line Dancing Club extend an invitation to all line dancers to dance with them in Peel Street, Tamworth (throughout the duration of the festival) each morning at 10.30am and to join them in the parade on Saturday, 28 January 1995.

For further information please contact:

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OR
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BOOTSCOOTIN'

Country Music Capital

January 1995 sees the start to the country music year with the Tamworth Country Music Festival and Line Dance Championships. The competition will be held during the Country Music Festival on 25, 26 and 27 January 1995 at the Calrossy Multi Purpose Centre, Tamworth.

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A return ticket from Central to Tamworth will cost \$105.60 and a return ticket from Hornsby to Tamworth will cost \$93.20.

Phantom of the OPRY...

The Phantom- 'the ghost who squawks' is back! Keep that fan mail coming and the jungle drums will continue to beat out the goss on all the country music news and tit-bits that are making everyone ask - just **who** is that masked person!

MORE TOUR NEWS (and you read it here first!)

Don Williams is confirmed for concert and club dates in March/April - a few year since his big hits but still lots of loyal fans for his (extremely) laid back sound. Ditto frequent visitor **Freddy Fender** who this time is travelling with fellow **Texas Tornado**, **Augie Meyer** plus the 'Harper Valley PTA' girl **Jeannie C. Riley**; if my memory serves me correctly she was last here in 1973 at which time she'd just 'found God' - contractually I believe this time HE won't be making an appearance!

Now, the hot ticket is, a certain superstar set for a one-off show somewhere 'back of Bourke', all I can say is it's 'opal less' to think there may be further shows as sure as my name (isn't) 'Lightning Jack' and son, you can take that as 'ridgy didge'!! Well, after that cryptic concoction back to 'the real world' (I can't stop) - **Guy Clark**, one of the great songwriters is here in March and **Jimmie Dale Gilmore** in April, so save those pennies. A pity **Keith Richard** won't be able to perform his duet with **George Jones** (from the new album, 'The Bradley Barn Sessions') whilst here with **The Rolling Stones** but for the price of a ticket to the above you could see **Guy** perform 4 times and still have enough left over to see **Jimmie**!

Of course another way to hear music is the radio - in Sydney **2SER**, **2VTR**, **2RRR** and others play country on a regular basis. (Check out **Ken Date** - Sydney's most opinionated country DJ on **2RRR** Saturday mornings 88.5FM). In Melbourne recently a 24 hour country station 'NU-Country 93.4' began test broadcasts, leading up to a hopeful full license in February. Using a playlist format for most of it's on air time, it

showed what can be done with very little except enthusiasm - scary thing was it's better than **2SM** ever was!

Another way of promoting country is in print and we are set for not one, but two new publications beginning February next year. **Max King**, having worked his way through promotion, managing and radio presentation (remember his charismatic **2KY** slot) has now arrived at the pinnacle - Media Magnate. His 'Free Country Music Magazine' will hit the streets 1 March 1995 with a promise of reaching 47,000 readers in the greater Sydney area - MEANWHILE 'Total Country', under the editorial of **David Latta**, is set for newsagent distribution around the same time, a transaction with the store will be necessary for the procurement of this one!

I wish them both well and hope for some critical component in both - the trouble with the somewhat lamented '**Australian Country Music Mag**' was it was an 'everything's good' type mag and that approach stifles the development of constructive progression in the country music area - if you are afraid to voice a negative then your positive won't be worth much and let's face it, there is a lot of room for improvement in certain areas of the country music scene - the dilemma is, for example, should we be thankful just to have a show like '**Stampede**' even though the compere (and most of the content) is totally inadequate or should we try to improve it?

Anyone who went to see **Billy Joel** on his recent Australian tour probably wouldn't have seen his 'national support act' **Troy Cassar-Daley**. Seems he was bumped from the bill after two shows for being - yes, you guessed it - too country!!! ('Bullish' behaviour from the promoter!)

Finally, anyone want to *not* lay odds on **Gina Jeffries** being 'top female' artist and folk/balladeer **John Williamson** being 'male' at this year's Tamworth awards? Will a certain female folk/balladeer congratulate her, after saying several years ago some very unkind words on her dress style in order to win '**Starmaker**'? Will '**Willie**' thank his grammar teacher at Scotch (sic) College?

These and many other questions will probably never be answered but if they are, **the Phantom will be there!**

The Phantom!

I hate the cryptic crosswords in the newspaper! Ed



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Radio Waves

Country music radio is alive and well - you just have to know where to look.

- After a late Saturday night of bootscootin', what better way to wake up on a Sunday morning than to roll over and hear the velvet voice of **Robyn Skinner** on **2RRR 88.5FM**. Robyn offers a wide variety of information, news and music from both America and Australia. If you want to be kept abreast of the latest and greatest in country music be sure to tune in to Robyn every Sunday morning from 8am - 10am. For that special request be sure to phone Julie on (02) 816-2938.

Also on Sunday's ...

- **2RDJ 88.1FM** with your host **Paul Tolley** (10am-1pm). Paul plays predominantly American country music with some contemporary Australian music also. He will play your request if you phone him on (02) 744-0881.

Also from 2.30pm-4pm Paul is back with **Sheryn Wakeling** for a program full of traditional Australian country music.

- In the western suburbs great country listening can be had with **Greg and Dawn's Country Collection Show** on Radio 2SWR100.3FM from 9am-12noon. For a dose of 'down on the farm' hospitality call the delectable Dawn on (02) 832-1522 for that special request!
- The infamous **Grizzly Adams** can be heard on the Central Coast from 11am on Sundays on **2GLF 89.3FM** for the 'Country Jukebox'. Then catch him puffing and panting as he roars into Newcastle to host the 'Travelling Country' show from 12noon-6pm on **2HH 134.1AM**.
- In Wollongong, Sunday evenings 8pm-10pm on **2VOXFM 106.9**, **Lee and Greg Jones** play top American Country Music with a little bit of homegrown thrown in for good measure. (042) 269-393.
- Thursday evenings, 8pm-10pm on **2VOXFM 106.9**, **Trevor Green** brings some great American country music to your lounge room. 2VOXFM can be contacted on (042) 269-393.
- Saturday mornings catch **Ken Date** on **2RRR 88.5FM** 'Sydney's most opinionated country DJ'.
- **ATTENTION** - One late arrival here, not a hell of a lot of information but tune into radio station **HKR 100.1FM** on Sundays at 8am - 10am and be surprised or not surprised!

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The growing popularity of line dancing in New Zealand was demonstrated at a local High School in Palmerston North on 15 and 16 October 1994 with a workshop organised by Geoff Barnes from the Western Dancers and taught by Auckland line dance teacher Megan Clark.

BLACK Friday ... All Night Radio Dance Party - 2VOX FM 106.9



On **FRIDAY, 13 January 1995**, **Trevor Green** and **Lee Jones** will be broadcasting your country music requests from 11pm to 6am. If you are partying at home phone the request line on (042) 269-393 or if you are out on the town head on out to **Darkes Forest Woolshed** where you can dance and catch the simulcast until 2am

MULRAY...

Did anyone catch **Mulray** on **Saturday, 19 November 1994**? Those techno cowboys were at it again. **Gary, Mark** and **Simon** teamed up with 3 stunning techno dancers (female) and performed live on the **Mulray** show with **Melinda** who sang the hugely successful 'Tighten up Your Pants'. **Melinda** (daughter of Australia's yodelling queen - **Mary Schneider**) is the voice behind the **Audio Murphy** tune which has already broached the national top 50 with its blend of banjo, fiddle and line dance and up tempo techno beat.

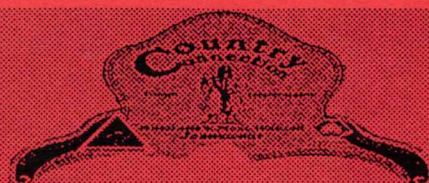
Melinda came up with the idea herself a couple of years ago to marry the 2 styles together but didn't do anything with it for a while. Then out of the blue producer, **Mark Moffatt** rang up with the same idea but with plans for **Mary** to do it, but **Mary** at that time, was working on her own recording project 'Yodelling the Classics' and so passed the project onto her daughter. The rest is history.

Country Goss has a copy of **Melinda's** new CD 'Tighten up Your Pants' to give-away compliments of **Festival Records** so to be in the running for this great CD just put your name and address onto the back of an envelope and post it to:

Melinda CD Give-away
Country Goss
22-24 Emma Street
LEICHHARDT NSW 2040

Entries close 16 February 1995.

WELL, who was *that* girl spotted riding bare-back along the sands of Palm Cove in far North Queensland recently with none other than the legendary **Brumby Bob**? Stay tuned to find out.



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New Country Releases

The desks of **Country Goss** have been overflowing this summer with new release country CDs. The amount of great country music around this time of year is just awesome and with some big name acts to tour in 1995, we are in for a great year ahead. And to kick off this great new year **Country Goss** is giving away **FIVE New Release Samplers** from **Sony Country Music** containing some very hot country. If you would like to win one of these great samplers just put your name and address on the back of an envelope and send to:

Country Goss

Sony Music New Release Give-away

Entries close 16 February 1995.

Out from Sony on the Columbia label is **Mary Chapin Carpenter's 'Stones in the Road'**. Two CDs here for the price of one,

with the limited edition bonus CD containing the 2 excellent line dance tracks **'Down at the Twist and Shout'** and **'I Feel Lucky'** (the ones John Law's didn't promote).

The main CD is pretty much what you'd expect from Mary, however if you don't know what to expect and the only song of hers you've ever heard and liked is **'Passionate Kisses'**, then undoubtedly you will enjoy this little baby.

Also out on Columbia is **Ricky Van Shelton** with **'Love and Honour'**. At least 5 good two-stepping numbers here with the remainder being classic RVS ballads. Ricky's previous albums have attained platinum and gold status in the USA. This won't be any less.

'That Kind of Girl', **Patty Loveless** who brought us **'Oil Can Slide'** is back with a vengeance on **EPIC** with **'When Fallen Angels Fly'**. Two fine tracks are **'I Try to Think about Elvis'** and **'Old Weakness (Coming on Strong)'**. I wouldn't be surprised to see 2 line dances evolve from this one. **'When Fallen Angels Fly'** entered the US charts at number 8 and by the time you receive **Country Goss** it may well be number 1.

Listeners in Sydney to **Paul Tolley's** country radio show on **88.1FM**, Sunday mornings, would no doubt have heard Paul playing a track called **'Highway Patrol'** lifted from the **'Guit With It'**, CD by **Junior Brown** on the **CURB** label. This guy would have to be the 90's answer to **Johnny Cash**. I've heard 3 tracks off the promotional CD and they're great. If you see it around check it out!

PREDICTION

My prediction for one of the giants of '95 is **The Tractors** out on **ARISTA**. The song paving the way and killing them on the dance floor of the **Arizona Cowboy Bar**, **Wentworthville Leagues Club** and **Harold Park Hotel** is **'Baby Likes to Rock It'**.

Julie Talbot has been teaching a great new dance to this track called **The Bartender Stomp**. Rumour has it **The Tractors** could be downunder to play here next year ... yeeehaaa!

From **EMI** on the **Capital** label is **Bonnie Raitt** and the EP I've listened to is titled **'You'**. Ballads here right down the line and very easy listening. For line dancers this may be the one for that next candle lit dinner party, and with the amount of new romances kicking around the place at the moment **Bonnie Raitt** may be in demand. **Country Goss** has 5 new copies of **Bonnie Raitt's** EP to give-away compliments of **EMI**. So to be in the running put your name and address on the back of an envelope and send it to:

Country Goss - Bonnie Raitt

EP Give-away

22-24 Emma Street

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Entries close 16 February 1995.

Just when you thought **The Bushwackers** had faded into obscurity - out they pop just in time for Christmas with their **'Billy of Tea'** CD. Classic bushwackers, not much you could say that hasn't already been said about this combo.

Country Goss has got 2 copies of the Bushwackers **'Billy of Tea'** EP to give-away compliments, again, of **EMI**, so for your chance of adding the Bushwackers to your CD collection put your name and address on the back of an envelope and post it to:

Country Goss

Bushwackers CD Give-away

Entries close 16 February 1994.

Hot from **BMG ARISTA** comes another swag of new releases. **One Emotion** by **Clint Black** (produced by **James Stroud** and Clint himself), is undoubtedly one to look out for this summer.

'One Emotion' contains 'laid back' Clint Black ballads with some more rocky numbers in **'Summer Comin'**, **'I Can Get By'** and **'Hey Hot Rod'**. My favourite though is the raunchy **'A Good Run of Bad Luck'** with Clint belting out some great harmonica and **Stuart Duncan** on fiddle. **Wynona Judd** also gets a look in doing a duet with Clint - seems to be the in thing these days. A touch of **Aaron Neville** and **Linda Rondstat** here.

- Watch out for the dance **Swamp Stomp** to the song **'Summer's Comin'**.

From **John Denver** comes the CD **'A Portrait - 25 years'** with many timeless classics, such as **'Rocky Mountain High'**, **'Calypso'** and many, many more. I don't think there would be any CD collection, no matter what persuasion, that didn't contain a **John Denver** CD.

Those regular listeners to **Robyn Skinner** on **2RRR 88.5FM** on Sunday mornings would have heard **Terry McBride** and **The Ride's** latest self titled CD. My favourite is track 2 - **'I Can't Dance'**, this one is especially for the two-steppers.

McBride knows how to cut lose and kick out the lights. He also sings with emotion and passion and that takes everything soaring to another plane. Produced by **Josh Leo**, **Terry McBride** and **The Ride** offer some great listening.

Also out now is **Brooks & Dunn 3, 'Waitin' on Sundown'**. B & D fans (no not bondage and discipline) will be falling over themselves to get hold of this one and start dancing. Ever since **Brooks & Dunn** put the bootscoot into boogie, country music has never been the same. I found it hard to pick a favourite on this one but if I really had to, it would be out of **'She's The Kind of Trouble'** and **'You're Gonna Miss Me When I'm Gone'**. Two very different songs but both great to play harmonica to that is if you like playing harmonica!

Now just before I go, one CD I've been listening to as I pen all these words is **Dolly Parton's 'Heartsongs'**. Line dancers will

probably give this one a miss, but one song you are sure to be hearing on the airways is a rip-snorter called 'PMS Blues' (I don't need to explain PMS ... do I?) Great bluesy sound with a clever twist of words. Keep your ears to the ground.

Compliments of BMG ARISTA, Country Goss is giving away Terry McBride & The Ride's latest self titled CD. If you would like to win this great CD simply put your name and address on the back of an envelope and post to:

Terry McBride & The Ride
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Second entry drawn will win a Clint Black CD single featuring the 2 tracks from 'One Emotion' and also from John Denver's 'Portrait' a CD single featuring 3 great old favourites. Entries close 16 February 1995.

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STOP PRESS ...

Audio Murphy Inc - Too Hot For Tamworth

It was announced on 11 November 1994 that the Country Music Association of Australia ('CMAA') had rejected nominations for awards relating to Audio Murphy Inc (featuring Melinda) and their current chart hit single 'Tighten Up Your Pants'.

No written statement was issued by the CMAA but it is believed that their non-eligibility was due to the song not being traditionally country.

Audio Murphy Inc have accepted this decision on the chin but are said to be bitterly disappointed and will now reconsider an invitation to perform in Tamworth next year (where 'Tighten Up Your Pants' is a huge hit in the clubs).

The rejection by the CMAA has come hot on the heels of 'Tighten Up Your Pants' receiving rave reviews from ANR executives in the US and UK. All the US labels are confident of a hit from New York to LA to Nashville.

Come on Tamworth, loosen up those pants! Ed.

COUNTRY MUSIC REVIEW

Compiled by: Steve, Yesterday
& Today Records, Parramatta
(Ph: (02) 633-3585)

Giant Country Christmas

Any album featuring the likes of Carlene Carter, Dennis Robbins, Clay Walker can't be all bad.

Alan Jackson - Who I am

Is commentary really necessary? 13 tracks, 'Summertime Blues' is given the 'Chattahoochie' treatment. The tearaway 'I Don't Even Know Your Name' is very fun to boot and he shows a great touch on 2 covers: the Kendalls' 'Thank God for the Radio' and Rodney Crowell's 'Song For Life', 'Job Description' is an insight into life on the road. Only the most ultra conservative would think twice about getting an A.J. album.

Gina Jeffries - The Flame

Gina is certainly a talented and vivacious young lady but unfortunately this album is not as successful as it should have been. What it lacks is direction. There are too many throwaways such as 'Girl's Night Out' and her cover of the Forester Sisters' song 'Men'.

She seems uncomfortable with 'My Shoes Keep Walking Back to You' and is somewhat strained on Hugh Moffatt's 'Last Night I Dreamed of Loving You'. She is more convincing on 'Standing too Close to the Flame' but she probably saves the best for last on 'Two Stars Fell', which is the sole track produced by Doug Trevor. Maybe Doug should have been given the project ahead of Garth Porter.

The production is disappointing especially considering Porter's sterling work with Lee Kernaghan. The drums are too overpowering for a start. Only occasionally he hits the mark such as 'I Don't Want This Night to Be Over'. This is not a bad album. It should have been better.

Red Hot and Country

This is a compilation album, good value at 67 minutes, but not all is good, in fact a couple of songs are pretty awful, but the goods far outweigh the bads. This is an AIDS awareness project and the songs represent artists paying tribute to certain of their influences.

Suzy Bogguss, Alison Krauss and Kathy Mattea harmonise with Crosby, Stills and Nash on 'Teach Your Children'. Dig a hole for Sammy Kershaw's 'Fire and Rain' (it deserves to be buried). Brooks and Dunn combine with Johnny Cash for a fine 'Folsom Prison Blues' whilst JC returns for a version of the Bob Dylan song 'Forever Young'.

Carl Perkins/Duane Eddy and the Mavericks do a spot on romping 'Matchbox'; Jimmie Dale Gilmore combines with Willie on a great eccentric version of 'Crazy', whilst possibly the best 2 tracks are Doll's 'You Gotta Be My Baby' (of course a George Jones song) and Radney Foster's romp through the Burrito Brothers via Charlie Walker's version of 'Close All the Honky Tonks' (RADNEY FANS NOTE: his new album which was due out on 30 August has been postponed to an unknown date).

Finally, Mark Chesnutt again shows off his wonderful voice on 'Goodbye Comes Hard to Me'. Even Billy Ray is quite good. 17 tracks of which I would say 12 were in the good plus category.

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- Hole In My Pocket (Cadillac Ranch)
- Lovin' All Night (Thunderbolt)
- Honky Tonk Attitude (The Last Chance)
- The Bug (Tennessee Twist)
- Romeo (Romeo)
- I Feel Lucky (Alley Cat)

..... and many more. See your local record shop for more details.

LINDA LU

Here's a great new dance being taught at the Harold Park Hotel by Julie. It's 'Linda Lu' and it's danced to the music 'Linda Lu' by Ricky Van Shelton.

START:	FEET TOGETHER WEIGHT ON LEFT (TWO WALL DANCE)
BEATS	STEPS
4	TAP RIGHT FRONT, SIDE, STEP ON SPOT, RIGHT, LEFT RIGHT
4	TAP LEFT FRONT, SIDE, STEP ON SPOT, LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT
& 1	(THE FOLLOWING TWO STEPS ARE DONE QUICKLY) JUMP RIGHT BEHIND LEFT, JUMP LEFT ACROSS IN FRONT OF RIGHT
3	RIGHT FRIEZE (THE FOLLOWING TWO STEPS ARE DONE QUICKLY)
& 1	JUMP LEFT BEHIND RIGHT, JUMP RIGHT ACROSS IN FRONT OF LEFT
3	LEFT FRIEZE
4	JUMP FEET APART, CLAP, JUMP FEET TOGETHER, CLAP
4	CROSSING RIGHT LEG IN FRONT OF LEFT SWIVEL 1/2 TO LEFT, CLAP
4	JUMP FEET APART, CLAP, JUMP TOGETHER, CLAP
4	JUMPING BACKWARDS FEET APART, TOGETHER
4	JUMPING BACKWARDS FEET APART, TOGETHER
4	STEP FWD RIGHT, ROCK HIPS FWD TWICE, LEFT TOGETHER & CLAP
4	STEP FWD LEFT, ROCK HIPS FWD TWICE, RIGHT TOGETHER & CLAP
4	STEP FWD RIGHT, ROCK HIPS FWD TWICE, LEFT TOGETHER & CLAP
4	STEP FWD LEFT, ROCK HIPS FWD TWICE, RIGHT TOGETHER & CLAP
	RESTART

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Travellin' Cowboys



Quicksilver, Ansett, Cairns Colonial Club Resort, Brumby Bob, A J Hackett Bungy and Travel League.

What has this got to do with bootscootin' you may ask! Well for a group of travellin' cowboys and cowgirls it was the start of their working holidays.

As special guests of Travel League and sponsored by Quicksilver Julie and Gary Talbot were asked to bring the flavour of the American wild west to far North Queensland for Travel Leagues AGM.

So armed with a great bunch of straight shootin' leather slappin' down right country bootin' buddies they did just that!

The conference room at the Cairns Colonial Club Resort will never be the same again. Along with Cairn's based country band Snake Gully, Julie, Maureen, Bev, Tina, Gary and John took the writhing sea of cowboys and cowgirls step by step through the old favourite foot stompin', hand clappin' greats such as Bootscootin' Boogie, CC Shuffle, the raunchy Bump and Grind and hip thrusting Sleazy Slide. 'HECK! No-one told me dancin' was this merch furn' Brumby Bob was

overheard saying as he sucked on his 40th schooner (of coke)! It seems they couldn't get enough dancing, for at the B & S Ball the following night, cowgirls were seen to be doing Alley Cat to all sorts of music - they sure know how to party!

They say you can't mix business with pleasure. Well, try tellin' that to 6 bootscooters from Sydney marooned for 4 days in tropical Cairns. Days out on the outer Barrier Reef snorkeling, swimming, indulging in sumptuous seafood, fine wine and champagne aboard the 37m wave piercer Quicksilver . . . all under a blanket of blue sky a million miles from nowhere. Nights spent around the moonlight drenched pools of the Cairns Colonial Club Resort, swimming beneath the overhanging frongs of rainforest palms, wading up to the sunken bar to sip your glass of Creme de Menthe! (Wow, is this a dream or a Mills & Boon novel - ED)....

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*** Come the close of one day brings the dawning of the next and this is where Brumby Bob comes into the picture, 5.00am to be exact. By this time you must be wondering 'hey, is this where I find out who the cowgirl was, spotted riding bare-back along the sands of Palm Cove in far North Queensland with the legendary Brumby Bob?' Well Country Goss doesn't spread rumours we just relay them but in this case we have a very reliable source, so it's definitely not a rumour. The cowgirl in question has begged us not to tell anyone, so Maureen, your secret is safe with us!!!!

And . . . just when it looked like the afternoon was going to be spent lazing around the pool, in stepped A J Hackett Bungy with an offer to go bungy jumping. Did Julie really step forward and volunteer or did everyone else just step back??? Well history will say that she made the jump - all 15 storeys of it! High above the rainforest of Cairns stands the Cairns tower and what an awesome sight. The bungy cord can be adjusted so you can spring back up just a couple of feet before you touch the water below or you can go for the head dunk (to wake you up in case you have passed out ...only joking). Julie decided to pass on the head dunk because she didn't want to muck up her hair!!! (I don't believe it!).

It takes about 4 seconds from top to bottom, just about the same as a left freeze grapevine) and once you've stopped

bouncing up and down like a yo-yo, they lower you into a raft below to contemplate your next step in life. Julie was speechless after the jump and still is. Maybe by next issue her brain would have unscrambled and she can let us know exactly her thoughts on bungy jumping. Good one Jools, you're a true sport.

All good things come to an end and the guys were back in town on the Sunday looking as though they really needed a holiday!

A big hearty thanks to Chris Cowans from Quicksilver for the country hospitality and to all the people from Travel League who made this working holiday one to remember.

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BUSHWIRE

Hi, I hope you all know who I am but if you don't I'll introduce myself, I'm the Editor (Ed to my friends).

This section is for all those line dancers out there who have something to say (and we all know that we are never short of a word or two!).

We have a great 'Carlton' belt buckle to give-away in our next issue of **Bushwire** for the best letter received (bribes accepted!)

Please include your name and address when corresponding to the **Bushwire**. If you wish to remain anonymous, mark your correspondence 'NFP'.

We would like to hear what you have to say, whether it be good or bad (well, not too bad!) and you will be surprised to find that gossip can spread like wildfire through the 'bushwire'. So why don't you wire us a few comments so that we can include them in our next issue!!!!

DEAR ED.....

Congratulations on the Nov/Dec issue of **Country Goss**. It's great to have a publication for the expanding country music and dance scene.



National Capital Bootscooters held a workshop and dance in Canberra on Saturday, 26 November 1994. We would like to thank local instructors, **Ian Huckstep** and **Katherine Webster**, and visiting instructors **Lyn** and **Nikki** of **Illawarra Country Line Dancers**. **Lance Pritchard** from **Sydney Line Dancers** and **Trevor Green** from **Texas Country Dancing** for participating in the workshop and teaching dances during the afternoon.

From 8pm live music was provided by **Bob Mildren** and the **Lone Star Losers**. The evening which was attended by over 200 people, also included demonstrations by visiting dancers, our juniors and 4 local cloggers. Thanks to all who attended, we hope you had a good time and will all come back on **11 March 1995** to bootscoot through the streets of Canberra in the evening **Light and Illusion Canberra Festival Parade** and party on afterwards.

Thanks for listing us in 'What's On', we had quite a few interstate visitors call in to classes when visiting Canberra. We expect times and venues to stay the same in 1995. Thanks again, keep up the good work.

Phil Bates and **Jenny Cryer**
National Capital Bootscooters, Canberra
Phil and Jenny,
Thanks for the feedback and keep in touch.

Dear Ed,

Can you please send me a big batch of **Country Goss** because I can't seem to be able to get it distributed through my Club

Name & Address Supplied
Name & Address!!!!

Sounds to me like you need a new Club! Sure we'll send you a batch (or you could be real naughty and subscribe!)

Dear Ed,

Could you please supply me with the **Brooks & Dunn Fan Club** address.

Leonie, Red Hill, Vic

Leonie,

The Brooks & Dunn Fan Club address is: PO Box 120669 Nashville, TN 37212, USA. Hope you get a reply!

Dear Ed,

I enjoy your mag but was a little disappointed at the criticism levelled at John Williamson. I think that most singer/songwriters, at some time, do some silly songs. After all, John Williamson has been a great ambassador for Australian music.

Janet, Coffs Harbour, NSW

Janet,

We'll said..... !

Dear Ed,

Who's this fellow Steve? In fact who are the Prickles? Before you start bagging John Williamson pal, just remember he's famous and your not!

Colin, Raymond Terrace, NSW

Colin,

Actually Colin where in the hell is Raymond Terrace?

Dear Ed,

Obviously Steve from Steve's record shop doesn't like John Williamson. It's a pity, because I am a lover of all types of country music and his biases would reflect in his stock. I'll have to get my John Williamson CDs elsewhere!

Brian, Penrith, NSW

Brian,

We'll let Steve know!

Dear Ed,

It's great to hear someone give it to John Williamson, personally I can't stand the bloke either. Thanks Steve!

Jim, Blacktown, NSW

Jim

Steve, You might have lost Brian but you've gained Jim!

Dear Ed,

To the Phantom, good on ya. I've listened to Nick Erby's compilation CDs and mate, the majority of them are #@*! He's obviously been riding the back of the sheep for way too long. Keep up the good work **Country Goss**.

Don, Carbrook, QLD

Don,

Well with the drought the way it is there won't be any sheep left to ride!

Country Goss holds no biases, in fact we've got 2 John Williamson CD singles to give-away (6 tracks altogether from the 'Mulgoa to Mangoes' CD). Simply put your name and address on the back of an envelope and post to:

Country Goss

Mulgoa to Mangoes Give-away

Entries close 16 Feb 1995. Heck, we'll even throw in a copy of a John Williamson interview!



Dear Ed,

For the party boy who had his birthday party 3 months late - well hey, its never too late (is it Peter!). But I ask - what happened to all the stayers??? **AND to Vanessa**, how was the airport????????????

Party Spy, Cronulla, NSW

Party Spy,

Well only the best people stay to the very end - don't they Country Bob! As for Vanessa, this must be a private joke. Do you wish to reply?

Dear Ed,

Congratulations Country Goss on a great newsletter. It's great to get an idea on what's happening out and about outside of Newcastle - don't forget my next copy (by the way I love the Phantom, does he have a fan club)!

Lorraine, Newcastle, NSW

Lorraine,

Yes, he does now. Hail the Phantom, hail the Phantom.

Phantom Phan-Club

Phan Mail can be sent:
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Dear Ed,

Well hello and howdy from the Apple Jack Line Dancers here in Wellington, New Zealand.

Having read your copy of **Country Goss** it was so exciting to read about all the activities involving line dancing in Sydney. Boy, you all sound so exciting and alive!

The Apple Jacks here in Wellington have been quite busy ourselves doing floor shows for various clubs, with the result having been able to raise enough money to pay for accommodation for our team of 8 to enter the **Masters Games** in Wanganui, February 1995 (as well as registration fees!)

We have so much fun and really enjoy going out in our group (sometimes numbering 17 or 18 and all dressed up in our western gear, complete with hats and accessories (eg, collar tips and bolars).

If you would like to know more about the Masters Games held in NZ you can contact myself or **Karen Napier** (0011 64 4 564-7885).

Yours in Line Dancing

Bob Kwockson, Apple Jacks, NZ

Bob,

Great to hear from the land of the long white cloud hope to hear from you again (about your success at the Masters!)

Bushwire Belt Buckle Beauty

Dear Ed,

As a non-country line dancer who loves to sit back and listen to the music and has a wife who loves to dance, I am getting sick and tired of all the politics in this wonderful entertainment. I'm not associated with any particular line dance club and I get disappointed when asked 'do I support or belong to any particular group' as I get the feeling that if I said 'yes' then I would not be welcome in their company and there is one particular group who is very much like this.

They do not like another particular group and I have heard (with my own ears) comments criticising other club's dances. I find it hypercritical that this particular group would then turn around and teach the dance that they have just criticised!

So come on all of you line dancers, get together and forget about the politics and make this terrific form of entertainment grow and be a collective strength as it could and should be.

By the way, I have nothing against any group or club wearing their colours as long as it is done in the right spirit!

I am independent and I wish to stay that way and hopefully be welcome to any venue that I feel like attending. Country line dance forever.

L Heggen, Blacktown

L Heggen,

How would you like to join my Club the Rooty Hill RSL?????

So all you cowboys and cowgirls out there, if you have a yarn to tell or wish to respond to comments made through the bushwire or, more importantly, have some juicy gossip that you would like to spread (and of course, you can rely on me to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth!), please write anytime.

Y'all come back now ya hear! **Ed.**

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Big Country Weekend

Have you choreographed a dance?

Would you like a chance to have that dance performed by other clubs?

If so, here is your opportunity to enter a competition purely for those who choreograph dances.

Coastal Bootscooters and the Central Coast Country Music Association are running a competition on Friday, 6 January 1995.

The competition will be run in 2 categories:

- beginner/intermediate
- intermediate/advanced

Here's how to enter simply write your step description out and teach a minimum of 2 other people how to do it and send it along with \$5.00 entry fee to:

Coastal Bootscooters
Choreography Competition
PO Box 221
The Entrance NSW 2261

The name of the song and artist should be included on the step description and either a tape or CD should be made available on the night. You should also nominate the category that your dance will be judged in (eg, beginner/intermediate or intermediate/advanced).

First prize is \$100.00, a trophy and the chance for your dance to be performed at the January Country Music Festival at Warnervale on 7 January 1995.

If you require further information or advice about the competition, please feel free to call on (043) 242-887.

Did you catch Kevin and Rhonda and the Kickin' Country Line Dancers' promotion on Channel 7's television program At Home during December 1994?

Member CD Give-Away

Country Goss members have the chance to win Alan Jackson's, 'Who I Am' CD containing the extended dance mix of Chattahoochee.

Those already subscribing to Country Goss are automatically in the running for this great prize.

Farm Hand Appeal - Pacific Coast Line Dancers

The Farm Hand Appeal will get a big boost along this Christmas thanks to the relentless hard work put in by Julie and Stuart Carsley and the Pacific Coast Line Dancers.

Pacific Coast Line Dancers announce that over the last months of 1994 over \$2,540.00 was raised for the Farm Hand Appeal with money coming from raffles, dance nights and donations.

A special thanks goes out to all those who came from near and far to attend the Ettalong War Memorial Club dance night which was a great success, not only in money terms but in the fact that people from all corners of the state had the chance to meet, forging many new exciting friendships. A big 'hello' to the dancers from Twin Rivers, Southern Cross and Normanhurst.

If distance proved a problem, then deep pockets didn't. Pacific Coast Line Dancers wish to thank the following people for their generous support:

- Australian Line Dancers
- Peninsular Bootscooters
- Mid North Coast Line Dancers
- West Lakes Line Dancers
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- Nepean Rowing Club, Penrith
1.30-5.30pm

MON Enfield RSL
7.30-10pm

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- Harold Park Hotel, Glebe
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- Smithfield Tavern
7.30-10pm Ph: (02) 519-3265

WED Imperial Hotel, Erskineville
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- Arizona Cowboy Bar (Pitt St), Sydney
- 8.30-Midnight
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THUR Imperial Hotel, Erskineville
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WED Shearers Shed, Albion Park
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SUN Corrimall Leagues Club
5-9.30pm

- Albion Park RSL
6.30-10.30pm
- Darkes Forest, Helensburgh
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TUES Yallah Woolshed
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SAT Halakulani Progress Hall, Budgewoi
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MON Ettalong Bowling Club
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or (043) 343-094

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Wyong
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7-9pm

TUES Gosford RSL, West Gosford
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7-8pm
- Tuggerah Hall, Tuggerah
4.15-5.15pm (Jnr)

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Heads
7.30-8.30pm

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MON Nelsons Bay Bowling Club
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- Nelsons Bay RSL Club
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MON Kurri Kurri Bowling Club
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Greta Workers Club
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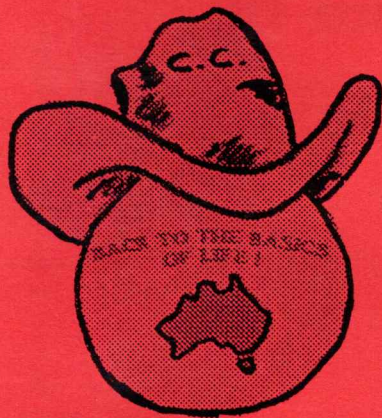
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• Oxley Bowling Club
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10am-12noon
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2.30-4.30pm (Free)
• Greenhouse Tavern, Coffs Harbour
6.30-8.30pm
• Kempsey Heights Bowling Club
7-9pm
- WED** Urunga Golf Club
10am-12noon
• Bellingen RSL
10am-12noon
• Woolgoolga Golf Club
2-4pm
• Urunga Golf Club
6.30-8.30pm
- THUR** Sawtell RSL
2-4pm
• Nambucca Heads Golf Club
6.15-7.15pm (Beginners)
7.30-9.30pm (Advanced)
• Macksville RSL
6.15-7.15pm (Beginners)
7.30-9.30pm (Advanced)

A.C.T.

- MON** Burns Club, Kambah
7.30-9.30pm Ph: (06) 231-2014
- TUES** Manuk Services Club
7-9pm Ph: (06) 288-8481
- THUR** Austrian-Australian Club, Mawson
7.30-9.30pm Ph: (06) 288-8481

S.A.

Adelaide

- WED** Walkerville YMCA
Ph: (08) 281-4767

Whyalla

- TUES** Whyalla Aero Club
7.30-10pm
Annetts Rice, PO Box 761
Whyalla SA 5600

Port Augusta

- Maureen Ash Ph: (086) 426-653

TASSIE

Burnie

- Rose Ph: (004) 350-004

Launceston

- THUR** 76 Wellington Street, Launceston
Ph: () 342-066

VIC

Melbourne

- SAT** Melton Country Club
8pm-12mid Ph: (03) 743-1843
- SUN** Wheeler Hill Hotel
3-6pm Ph: (03) 560-8922
• York on Lilydale, Mt Evelyn
5-10pm Ph: (03) 736-4000
- TUES** Carrum RSL
7pm
• First and Last Hotel, Fawkner
7pm
• Newport Youth Hall
6pm Ph: (03) 369-3917
- WED** Hampton Community Centre
8pm Ph: (03) 786-3174
• Heidelberg YMCA, Macleod
7.30pm Ph: (03) 459-9022
• Tottenham Hotel, Tottenham
7.30pm
- THUR** Grainstore Tavery, Melbourne City
Ph: (03) 614-3570
• Brand Receptions, Forest Hill
• The Lido, Hawthorn
8.30pm Ph: (03) 818-7567
• Ultima Receptions, Keilor
8-11.30pm
• Roosters by the Bay, Port Melbourne
• Rebel Rock Saloon, Seaford
8pm Ph: (03) 786-2568
• Springvale Sports Club
6.30pm
• The Tin Shed, St Albans
1-3pm
- FRI** York on Lilydale, Mt Evelyn
8.30pm Ph: (03) 736-4000

Melbourne Gay & Lesbian

Bootscoot - (03) 531-1597

- SUN** Laird Hotel, Collingwood
7.30pm-12mid
- MON** St Marks Hall, Fitzroy
8-10pm Ph: (03) 525-9108
- WED** TEACHING - 8.30-10.30pm

Clogging

- SAT*** Mulcahys Hotel, North Melbourne
8pm-1am Ph: (03) 329-0699
- THUR** St Marks Hall
8-10pm Ph: (03) 527-5304
- FRI*** Mulcahys Hotel, North Melbourne
8pm-1am Ph: (03) 329-0699
*Social clogging - 1st Saturday
night of each month (in the
downstairs bar)

QLD

Brisbane

- MON** Country Club Hotel, Strathpine
7-10pm
- TUES** Chordons Corner Hotel, Annerly
7-10pm
- WED** Calmslie Hotel, Normingside
7-10pm
- THUR** Goldne Years Centre, Nundah
2.30-5pm & 7-10pm

Gold Coast & Hinterland

For all venues below contact

Lisa (075) 436-820

- TUES** CWA Hall, Mermaid Beach
2-4pm
- WED** Beaudesert RSL
6.30-8pm
• Clogging - Beaudesert RSL
8-10pm

W.A.

Perth

For all venues below (unless
otherwise stated) contact:

(09) 271-8171

- SUN** Cactus Inn, Tuant Hill
4-5pm
- MON** City Seniors Centre, Mandurah
10-11.30am
• Carine Glades Hall, Carine
1-2.30pm
• Mirabooka Primary School, Nollamara
4-5pm
• Cactus Inn, Tuant Hill
7.30-9.30pm
• Harold Hawthorn Memorial Centre,
Carlisle
7.30-9.30pm
• Town Hall, Claremont
7.30-9.30pm
• Leisure Centre, Craigie
7.30-9.30p
• Community Centre, Rockingham
8-9.30pm
- TUES** Bedford Youth Club
from 8pm Ph: (09) 457-8380
• Aberdeen Hotel, Northbridge
• Arts Foundation, Mosman Park
11.30am-1pm
• Community Centre, Beckenham
8-10pm

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DIARY JAN/FEB

January

Mon School Holiday Program
& Fri Nambucca Heads Golf Club
10am-11am
For more information regarding this event please contact:
Robyn (065) 687-232 or
Carmen (065) 687-810

6-8 Central Coast Country Music Association
Big Country Weekend
6 CD Dance Night (7.30pm)
7 Warner Vale Country Music Festival (1pm-6pm)
Twilight Hoedown (7pm-11pm)
8 Concert by the Sea (10am-5pm)
Country Music Showcase (7.30pm)
For further details regarding this event please contact **Coastal Bootscooters (043) 242-887**

8 Hornsby RSL
Line Dance & 2-Step Afternoon
1.30-5.30pm (Beginners)
Ph: (02) 489-2367

13 Pete Graham's 2WS
Country Karaoke & Bootscoot
Smithfield RSL
(with 'The Bootscooters')

22 Hornsby RSL
Line Dance & 2-Step Afternoon
1.30-5.30pm (Beginners)
Ph: (02) 489-2367

25-27 Country Line Dance Championship
Calrossy Multi-Purpose Centre,
Tamworth
Ph: (067) 664-107

February

Master Games
Wanganui, New Zealand
Ph: 0011 64 4 564-7885
(for more information)

11 National Capital Bootscooters,
Canberra
Festival Parade
Ph: (06) 288-8481

18 Hunter Valley Country Music Dancing
Championships
(In conjunction with Rodeo & Country
Music Hoedown - see article)
Ph: (049) 911-585

- Memorial Hall, Hamilton Hill
7.30-9.30pm
- Railway Institute, Kalgoorlie
7.30-9.30pm
- RSL Hall, Northam
7.30-9pm

WED Community Hall, Gosnell
from 8pm Ph: (09) 457-8380

- Talk of the Town Ball Room, Malaga
11.15am-12.45pm
- Community Centre, Rockingham
1-2.30pm
- Town Hall, Leederville
7.30-9.30pm
- Memorial Hall, Toodyay
7.30-9.30pm
- Talk of the Town Ball Room, Malaga
'Wild West Wednesday'
7.30-10.30pm

THUR Community Centre, Bentley
7.30pm Ph: (09) 457-8380

- City Senior Centre, Mandurah
10-11.30am
- Community Centre, Hamersley
10.30am-12noon
- Recreation Centre, Warnbro
7.30-9.30pm
- Town Hall, Midland
7.45-9.45pm
- Cactus Inn, Tuart Hill
7.30-9.30pm

FRI Roy Edinger Community Centre,
Palmyra
10-11.30am

- Leisure Centre, Craigie
10.30am-12noon
- Recreation Club, Belmont
10.30am-12noon
- Memorial Hall, Hamilton Hill
8-11pm
- Leisure Centre, Craigie
8-11pm

CONTACTS:

- Redback Southside Bootscooting
Janet (09) 525-2663
- Country Rebels
Kelly (091) 854-3-5
- Mustang Bootscoot Dance Co
Trevor/Mark (09) 457-8380
- Texan Rebels
Eddy/Cindy (09) 271-8171

NEW ZEALAND

Auckland

WED Staircase
7-9pm

Wellington

SUN MacGills Bar, Wellington
7.30-10pm

THUR The Barn, The Old Silverstream
Hospital, Silverstream

HAWAII

TUES Ala Wai Golf Club
7-9pm

Note: If you have a regular venue that we don't know about, please write and let us know so that you too can be included in the **Country Goss** 'Dancing Around Australia'. Also, if you have a special event write and tell us so we can include you in our 'Diary' section as well.



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