



Tom Maxwell Newsletter December 2017

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G'day, everyone

Well, here it is: the final newsletter for 2017. That's right - 2017! Where has the year gone? I guess the old saying is true ... time flies when you're having fun, and in my case, work and fun. Finally for this year, the touring plant has been parked and these wheels can take a rest for a while, along with myself and Lyn. As the last newsletter went to print, we were getting ready to head down to Leeton for the Leeton Country Roundup. Thanks to Mark, Sharon and the crew, it turned out to be a very successful and enjoyable weekend.

From Leeton, we were able to head down to Corowa and spend a few nights camped on the banks of the Murray before heading on to Tocumwal, where I managed to lower the fish population by **ONE, but must admit one fish in the bucket is better than an empty bucket!** Thanks to fellow travellers Ronnie alias Plugger and Dougie, as, with their catch of one each, we enjoyed a scrumptious feed of fresh yellowbelly. After our few days at Tocumwal, it was back to work and on to do a show at Strathmerton. Thanks to Fred and his band of helpers from the Strathmerton Lions Club, again this was another very successful show, with around 260 turning up for the night.

From Strathmerton, it was then on to Benalla to do a guest spot for the Benalla Country Music Club day. This was very enjoyable and I managed to catch up again with some old fans, along with making some new ones. As this newsletter goes to print, I've just returned home from Yamba, where I was invited to perform at the Yamba Country Music Club Christmas party. Once again, I had the opportunity to work with top backing band, Suburban Country. It's always a pleasure to work with these boys, as they are a great band.

Now back home again and with Christmas just around the corner, I'm still finding plenty to do, mowing etc - won't be long and 2018 will be upon us and it will be time for Tamworth's CMF! Again I'll be busy at Tamworth, doing my regular **Back to the Bush Show** out at the **Dag Sheep Station, Nundle**, and I'm teeing up again with fellow Balladeer, Graham Rodger, for a show in the **Community Centre**, as well as my regular **Peel Street** appearances, and the show at **South Tamworth Bowling Club**. Unfortunately, this year I missed out on submitting a nomination for the Golden Guitar awards, as I missed the closing date for entries by two weeks. None the less, I've received an email informing me that I have picked up a Brumby Award for Bush Ballad of the Year for the song, "Behind the Boundary Gate", with the presentations taking place out at Werris Creek Bowling Club on Thursday night, 18 January 2018. More good news ... I've also made the finals at Bungendore for Male Vocalist of the Year, again with "Behind the Boundary Gate".

Lyn is now busy finalising next year's tours, which will commence in April, straight after Hartwood. Hartwood is also fast approaching, so don't forget ... all details can be found on the website: www.hartwoodfestival.com.au. A reminder to everyone in the Yeoval area: I'll be returning to do a show at the Yeoval Bowling Club on Saturday 17 February 2018.

Well folks - hope this has brought you up to date with the latest ramblings. On behalf of Lyn and myself, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you, one and all, for your very valued and continued support and to wish you all a **Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.**

PS Almost forgot, to say thank you to all who replied to Joan's email regarding getting the newsletter email database back in order and also to Joan for assisting with this project and the regular newsletters.

Received this one from a fan the other day, so thought I'd share it with you.

A Policeman on his horse says to a little girl on her bike, "Did Santa get you that?" "Yes," she replies. "Well, tell Santa to put a reflector light on it next year," and he fines her \$5.00. The little girl looks up at the policeman and says, "Nice horse you've got there. Did Santa bring you that too?" The Policeman chuckles and replies, "He sure did!" "Well," says the little girl, "Next year, tell Santa the dick goes under the horse, not on top of it!"

Ho Ho Ho

Merry Christmas

Regards, Tom

