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### Newsletter June 2017

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G'day, everyone

Well, here we are – halfway through 2017 already! Time sure gets away, which I guess may explain the delay in getting this quarter's news to print. At present, we are again up here in the Northern Territory at the ever-popular Daly Waters pub, where I've been performing every night along with helping Lyn run the souvenir shop. All is going well and we're enjoying the warmer weather.

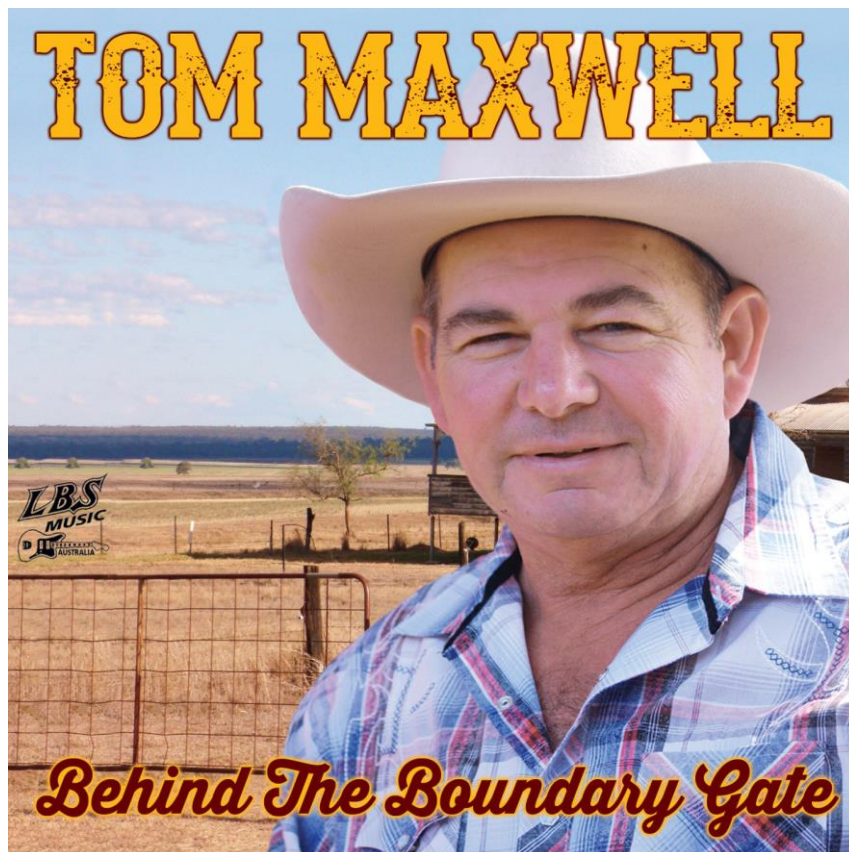
As mentioned in last quarter's news, we were busy getting prepared for the *Hartwood* festival, which is now done and dusted. Pleased to say we had another successful festival with numbers slightly up on our previous festival. I would like to extend special thanks to all our valued volunteers who worked hard, both prior and throughout the festival, to help make this year's festival a success. You may recall last quarter I mentioned that my new album was not going to be on time for release at *Hartwood* this year. Well, somehow a miracle happened and we were able to meet the deadline. I released the new album "**Behind the Boundary Gate**" on Easter Saturday and I must admit the response was overwhelming. Thanks to all who purchased the album - hope you enjoy the selection of songs. Flyers for the 2018 *Hartwood* festival should be out in circulation over the coming weeks, with all artists for next year's event confirmed, including Paul McCloud, who will be making a return to the *Hartwood* stage, along with artists, Royden Donohue, Cameron Mason, Pete Smith, Alby Pool, Patti Morgan, Lynette Guest, Sharon Heaslip, Jodie Crosby and myself. Ray Essery, along with Bill Kearns, will host the Poets' Breakfasts on Easter Saturday and Sunday. All details, dates, etc can be viewed on the website: [www.hartwoodfestival.com.au](http://www.hartwoodfestival.com.au)

After our cleanup at *Hartwood*, it was home for a few days to prepare for our northern run. Our first stop was the Boggabri Drivers' Festival, which again this year drew a good crowd and some cold nights, I might say. From there, it was on to the Coalstoun Lakes Hall for a show. This was my first time at Coalstoun and I'll certainly look forward to returning. If you are ever passing that way, a must-do is to check out the Capricorn Club - a top little club with very reasonably priced drinks. This, I might say, adding extension to happy hour time! It was then time to head up to Bundaberg for a show at the Bundy CWA hall, which again was a great afternoon and a good crowd in attendance. After a few days catching up with fellow balladeer, Bruce Lavender and wife Gail, we then pushed onto Rockhampton for our show at the Saint Mary's school hall. As usual, Rocky was another great show, with a good crowd in attendance, thanks to organisers, Ron & Ailsa Smith. From Rockhampton, it was then up to Mackay for a show there, where we experienced a change in the weather - a little wet! This didn't hold back attendance - another great show. We then headed up to Townsville for a show at the Thuringowa RSL which again was attended by a very large, supportive and appreciative crowd. It was also great to catch up with family and grandchildren. After a week in Townsville, it was then time to make our way up here to Daly Waters, where we will be staying until early August, then heading back down to Camooweal for the Drivers' Festival. Artists appearing at this year's Drivers' Festival include Peter Coad and the Coad Sisters, Runaway Dixie, Jeff Brown, Bruce Lavender and myself, so it should be a good weekend. Following on from Camooweal, we head down to the Nanango Country Muster, then home for a few days. After that, it's down to Mildura and Bedgerebong for their festivals, followed by Leeton and Strathmerton in November. Almost forgot to mention, I will be flying over to WA for the Nambung festival in October. Busy! Busy! Busy! A full list of dates is available on the website: [www.tommaxwell.com.au](http://www.tommaxwell.com.au)

Well, folks, I think that just about sums up this quarter's happenings. I'll look forward to catching up somewhere, sometime, soon. A reminder to those ordering the new album - please note there will be delays in postage, as mail only goes out from here at Daly Waters on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Regards Tom

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**Track Listing:** Relics of the Past, Behind the Boundary Gate, Baby Blue, Ringer from the Top End, Who Left the Door to Heaven Open, Stringy Bark and Greenhide, Lights on the Hill, Three Rivers Hotel, As Leichhardt Saw It Then, Look at Us, Man in the Mirror, Losin' My Blues.