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Peter Nosow and Jadon Tree win the 2013 Misty Mountain Health Retreat Slim Dusty Community Mateship & Youth Awards



Photo (from left): Michael O'Neill of Misty Mountain Health Retreat, Kathryn Yarnold, David Kirkpatrick, Anne Kirkpatrick, Mateship Winner Peter Nosow, Youth Winner Jadon Tree and Joy McKean.

Peter Nosow and Jadon Tree are winners of the 2013 Misty Mountain Health Retreat Slim Dusty Community Mateship & Youth Awards in Slim's hometown of Kempsey, NSW.

The announcement was made in front of a large crowd on the major night of this year's Slim Dusty Country Music Memories week.

Peter Nosow, from Landsdale in Western Australia, was nominated as an outstanding individual under all aspects of the Mateship Award criteria but especially for his wide-ranging community involvement over many years.

Including... as a church group youth leader, committee member

of the Engineers Association of Australia WA branch, the Nursery Industry Association of Western Australia, the Wanneroo Rural Ratepayers Association and Landsdale Residents Association, the Perth Accordion Club and Perth Accordion Orchestra and Curtin Flying Club for the past 15 years where he has been instrumental in organising social fund-raising events for the Starlight Children's Foundation, the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Canteen.

Founder, with his wife Lyn, of Landsdale Rose Gardens, Peter is currently a member of "Rose Introducers of Australia" and has been their president for the last almost four years. This small group of Australia's most successful rose growers all work together as "good mates" under Peter's leadership, pooling resources to provide an enviable display each year at the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show. The group also contributes substantially to the National Rose Trial Gardens & Awards presentation event each year in Adelaide.

As part of his business in introducing new varieties of roses to Australia each year, Peter has derived much satisfaction and pleasure assisting many charities by working together with them in introducing a "charity" rose, thereby raising funds for them through sales of the rose.

Charities including the Olivia Newton-John Cancer & Wellness Centre in Melbourne, Beyondblue, the Depression Initiative, the Slim Dusty Foundation, The Starlight Children's Foundation,

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Coca Cola donation



Coca Cola Foundation of Australia has awarded the Slim Dusty Foundation a one-off grant of \$10,000 for the Slim Dusty Centre Community Radio Station and Recording Facility. Pictured is Jason Fletcher from Coca Cola Amatil making the presentation to Foundation CEO Kathryn Yarnold.

New raffle has top prizes

A new Slim Dusty Centre fundraising raffle is in full swing with some top prizes.

The raffle, which will be drawn on Friday December 20, has a major prize of a 2014 Tamworth Country Music Festival Accommodation and Entertainment Package donated by Watson's Caravans Port Macquarie...

Two people staying two nights at Tamworth's luxurious Quality Hotel Powerhouse on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th of January...

Along with two VIP passes to the Friday Night Toyota Concert In The Park and two Platinum tickets to the Golden Guitar Awards at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment & Conference Centre on the Saturday night...

As well as... access to the stars Awards After Party.



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"Watson's Caravans are proud to be associated with the Slim Dusty Centre and are delighted to be a fundraising supporter," said Ken Watson.

Pictured: Ken and Dane Watson from Watson's Caravans, Port Macquarie.

Community Mateship & Youth Awards

the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Silver Chain Nursing Association have been able to raise tens of thousands of dollars over the last few years.

Youth Award winner Jadon Tree is a 17-year-old Adnyamathanha man who has worked hard against the odds to make a difference not just for his life but also for the life of others. He and his family moved back to Hawker in outback South Australia a few years ago and in that time he has really made a difference in that community.

He realised that young kids didn't have much of a chance for sport in a small town like Hawker so he set up coaching clinics, which he ran in football, basketball and cricket.

Jadon was diagnosed with Glomus tumour, a rare childhood cancer at the age of 13 and had to have radical surgery to overcome the cancer. He took all of this in his stride and says he has to make the most of every opportunity because other kids aren't as lucky as him.

He is very proud of his culture and has spent a lot of his young life out with his Nanna and others learning his culture. He has shared his culture with large groups and passes on information where appropriate to younger Adnyamathanha people.

As part of his community service, Jadon has just been made a No Smoking Ambassador for the State of South Australia, a role he is undertaking as he believes it is vitally important that kids don't take up smoking. He has also been involved in helping with renovation of the Pichi Richi Railway in Quorn.

Jadon is in his second year of an electrical apprenticeship which started as a school based apprenticeship when he was just 15

and completed his South Australian Certificate of Education in year 11 at 16 years of age (a year earlier than the norm). This year, he was named School Apprentice of the Year in the South Australian State Training Awards and NAIDOC Youth of the Year for the Port Augusta.

The Misty Mountain Health Retreat Slim Dusty Community Mateship & Youth Awards have been developed to recognise and

acknowledge worthy people within the community who make a positive contribution to community and society and represent the integral life values that Slim Dusty lived by... Fairness, Mateship, Family and Community along with Learning.

More information about the Awards and the Slim Dusty Foundation can be obtained from the website – www.slimdustycentre.com.au

What they said... Peter

It is difficult to describe all the emotions that overcame me when told I was the winner of the Slim Dusty Foundation mateship award. Disbelief, shocked, thrilled, teary eyed, stunned, etc all in one. I am truly honoured and humbled that the judges picked me. It has really been one of the great experiences of my life to have been part of the remarkable Country Music Memories week and shared time with the wonderful country folk of Kempsey and beyond."

What they said... Jadon

"Just wanna say how awesome it was to be nominated yet for another award and to win the Slim Dusty Youth award. Feels good to be awarded something named after such an Aussie legend! Meeting Slims wife, son and daughter was pretty Awesome too!! — feeling proud."

“Ol’ Purple” home at Kempsey

“I jumped at the chance to take Ol’ Purple out on the road again,” said Anne Kirkpatrick (pictured at right with the legendary touring car...) “closing the circle by taking her back to Kempsey where it all began for my Dad so many years ago.

“It’s a good run from Sydney and Ol’ Purple never missed a beat and in fact seemed to relish the drive as much as I did. It certainly took me back... remembering the many miles I covered in this old car with Slim and Joy on so many tours around Australia.

“Although the Slim Dusty Centre will be her new home base for everyone to visit, she’s a restless one like my Dad I reckon, so don’t be surprised to catch Ol’ Purple out and about round Kempsey or the Nulla whenever I’m in town! But for now, she stands resplendent along with an old caravan, in the Centre, waiting for opening day!



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Another successful Memories Week



Another very successful Slim Dusty Country Music Memories Week celebration was staged in Kempsey in October. Our photo here is from the main Saturday night concert with Anne Kirkpatrick and the Travelling Country Band (from left): Mike Kerin, Jeff Mercer, Rod Coe, Anne Kirkpatrick, Robbie Soutar, David Kirkpatrick and Charley Boyter.

Successful Slim Dusty Memories Week

This year's Slim Dusty Country Music Memories Week at the Kempsey Showground in October drew up to 1000 fans

Organiser Bruce Woods hailed the event as a big boost for Kempsey. "For the 10th year (of its staging) it was very, very successful," he said.

"To see so many first-time visitors and regulars leaving with a great feeling about the event was wonderful. We've had a lot of indications from many that they'll be back next year."

Bruce said the week-long celebration of Slim Dusty and his country music legacy had produced a turnover in the vicinity of up to \$100,000.

And the benefits to the wider Kempsey economy had been considerable.

"There were 270 caravans, motor homes, campers (vans), and tents in the Showground," he said. "That's a considerable amount raised for the Showground Trust in camping fees."

"We had about 500 staying on-site for the week and somewhere between 800 and 1000 altogether, including people with day passes."

The "shopper docket" promotion, where visitors entered a draw after handing over receipts from local businesses, had been a success also, Bruce said.

The traditional bus trip to Slim Dusty's family homestead

at Nulla Creek had been a big drawcard, with three coaches making the trip upriver, he said.

"We had people from all over Australia and two couples from New Zealand. There were visitors from Melbourne, Western Australia and lots of Queenslanders."

Bruce praised the contribution of volunteers during the event, which was coordinated by the Rotary Club of Kempsey West, and said it would not have been possible to stage something of that scale without them.

He even managed to find occasions during the week to savour the atmosphere himself, but spent most of the week ensuring the program of concerts and activities ran smoothly.

"We prepared well and it all went to expectations," he said.

Profits from the event will be donated to the Slim Dusty Foundation and will be used to help bring its multi-million dollar facility at South

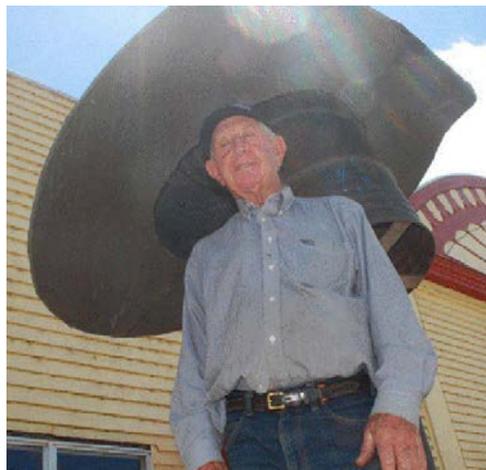
Kempsey closer to opening.

Bruce presented the foundation with a cheque for \$25,000 after last year's event. He expected this year's to have raised a similar amount.

Preparations for the 10th anniversary event are underway already, with booking inquiries made for country music artists.

Photo: Bruce Woods at the Kempsey Showground.

Story by courtesy, The Macleay Argus.



A special new year celebration

A major new Macleay Valley charity fundraising event is offering local residents an exciting new way to celebrate New Year's Eve, while at the same time raising much-needed funds to support three vital charity organisations.

And it will be held at the Slim Dusty Centre which will be transformed into an extraordinary fantasy world for the function.

The first New Year's Eve Mayoral Fundraising Party will be hosted by Kempsey Shire Council mayor Cr Liz Campbell with a "Mad Hatter's" theme that promises a colourful local spin on the famous tale of "Alice in Wonderland".

Guests will be invited through a giant rabbit hole at the Centre to a land of mystical creatures, warped clocks and plenty of maddeningly funny antics, according to the report in "The Macleay Argus".

Musical entertainment will be provided by rising country star Aleyce Simmonds and other performers.

While the event offers New Year's Eve revellers a night of silliness and fun, Cr Campbell said guests would need to be prepared to place some serious bids on for the charity fundraising auction. "We want this to be a night that people talk about for years to come," she said. "Not just because it will be a spectacular opportunity to have some fun, but because we can raise enough money to make a difference to the quality of life for the people of our Valley for years to come."

With higher education participation rates remaining low for the local community, Cr Campbell said the Macleay Valley Education Fund was an extremely worthy funding recipient.

"The Macleay Valley Education Fund is being driven by a team of very hard-working people who volunteer their time and resources to helping make others' dreams come true," she said.

In addition to the well-known Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, the third local charity to be supported is the Mayor's Community Fund (Community Disaster Relief").

It was identified as a community need following the two major floods in the Macleay earlier this year.

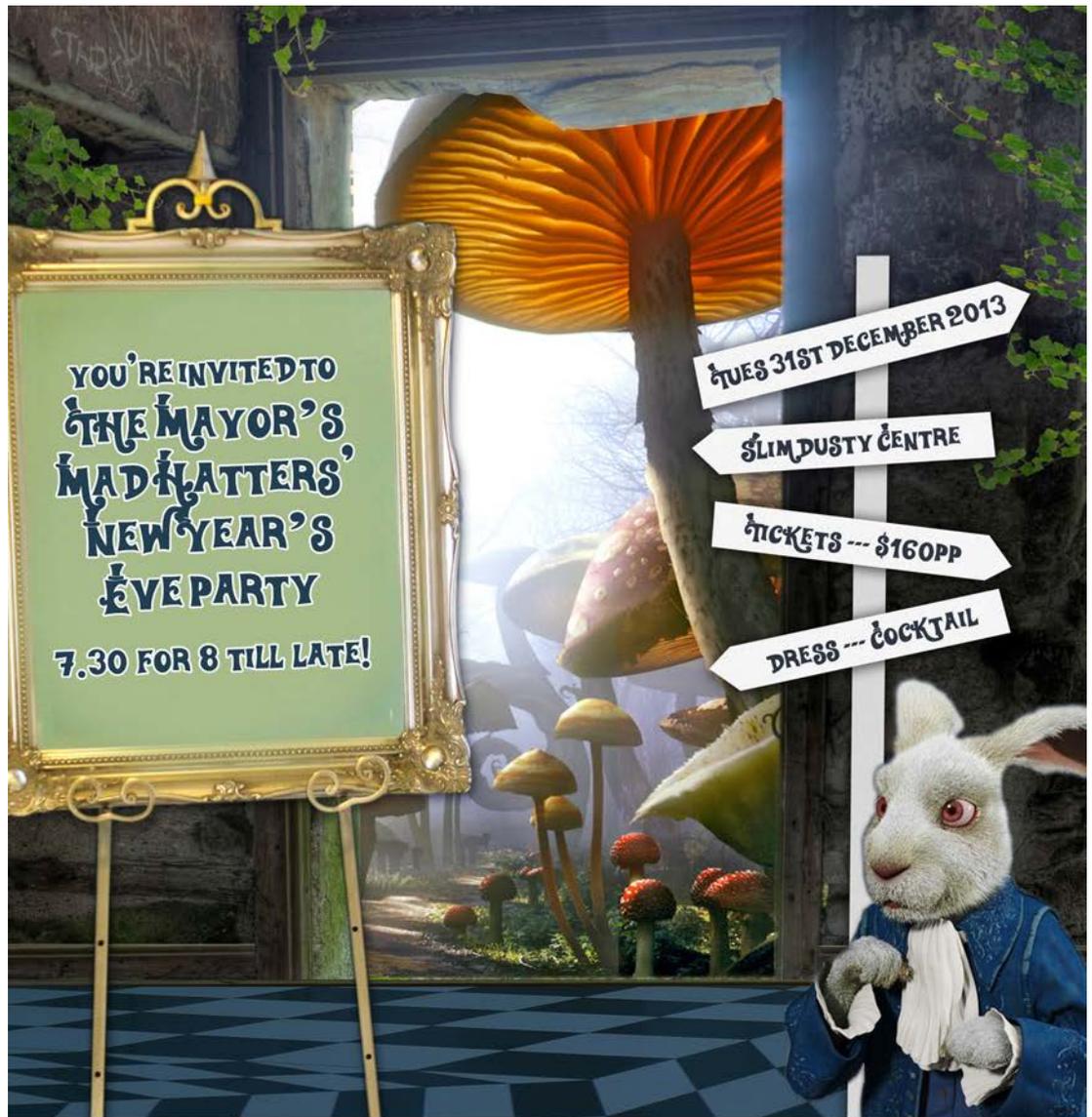
"This event is also significant in that it remembers the past year the people of our Valley have shared together, and unites and strengthens us for the year ahead, both through celebrating this important occasion together, and

through raising funds to enable us to assist those who may need it in the future," Cr Campbell said.

"The timing and format of the event will revive the traditional ball, with the starting time being a bit later and substantial, quality finger food throughout a night filled with dancing and laughter."

"Ticket numbers will be limited, so we advise everyone to book as quickly as possible to secure their entry to this very special event," Cr Campbell said.

Event details and booking are available on the council website... <http://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au>.



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Tickets are open to the public and can be purchased by visiting www.tickethost.com.au or visiting Travelscene Kempsey or Kempsey Shire Council

For further information, call Kristy Forche-Baird on 6566 3113 or email Kristy.Forche-Baird@kempsey.nsw.gov.au



This inaugural New Year's Eve Mayoral Fundraising Event is raising funds to support our Local Disaster Relief, Macleay Valley Education Fund and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service



Got your tickets in the new raffle yet?

Open Day success

A special, and successful, Open Day was held at the Slim Dusty Centre on Tuesday, October 22, as part of the 2014 Slim Dusty Country Music Memories Week.

"The support for the Centre along with the dedication of Slim's fans has not waned and was truly notable as we had great interest and participation on the day with more than 230 people attending," said Slim Dusty Foundation Executive Assistant Tracey Parker.

"This alone raised over \$3000."

Fifty lucky people received a copy of "Another Day, Another Town" as door prizes during the day.

"Everyone was impressed and excited and were made to feel genuinely welcome as they feasted on the scrumptious morning tea provided by the lovely ladies from the Rotary Club of Kempsey West," Tracey said.

"People enjoyed seeing 'Ol' Purple' and the Caravan as a special treat."

Tamworth to pay tribute to Slim

The Tamworth Country Music Festival will pay tribute to Australia's King of Country Music, Slim Dusty, in January.

Just a few months on from the 10th anniversary of Slim's passing, the Festival will celebrate Slim's contribution to Australian country music and culture through a number of special events.

"Slim left behind an incredible legacy through his music, his numerous awards and the artists that he mentored and supported," said Tamworth Region Mayor Col Murray.

"It is a lasting legacy that continues to grow and this is our way of acknowledging and honouring a pioneer of the country music industry and our great festival."

The 2014 Festival will pay tribute to Slim in a number of ways including the unveiling of a bronze statue of country music's first couple, Slim and his wife Joy McKean in a prominent location in the city centre.

"The statue recognises the huge contribution Slim Dusty and Joy McKean have made to Australia's musical heritage and the integral role they played in helping to establish Tamworth as [Australia's] Country Music Capital," Col said.

Other special activities planned include an exhibition of Slim's personal memorabilia, footage and photos at Festival Headquarters and a special concert in his honour.

Joy McKean said she was honoured by the planned tribute.

"Tamworth held a special place in Slim's heart. We especially enjoyed the annual pilgrimage to Tamworth each January. Slim loved nothing more than catching up with new and old friends and playing to his dedicated fans during the Festival."

The 2014 Tamworth Country Music Festival will be run from Friday January 17 to Sunday January 26 with the seven day "Countdown" from Friday the 10th until Thursday the 16th.

Reception desk takes shape



Top: Volunteers Brian Irvine and Kevin Farrarwell (Kevin is also a Slim Dusty Foundation Director), in the early stages of building the large reception desk at the Slim Dusty Centre, using the red cedar from Slim's boyhood home at Nulla.

Below: the almost completed reception desk, awaiting its resin top. We should have a nice photo of the finished article in the next newsletter so keep your eye out!



**Season's
Greetings**

**From all of us at the Slim
Dusty Foundation...**

**Thanks for your association and your support through
2013 We look forward to working with you again in 2014**