



## November/December 2012 Newsletter

Hi Folks

Hope this finds you all well and happy. 2012 has almost come and gone and once again it is been a very busy and productive year. One new book, another CD of totally new songs, lots of festivals and more books in the pipeline.

\* The new album, *Galah Occasion*, saw me dressed up in a pink and grey feathered suit - quite appropriate for the album title (or at least I thought it was!) The new song 'Australia' was very well received and the duet with *Wayne Horsburgh* singing 'Don't Fence Me In' while I sing 'Home Among the Gum Trees', has had a fantastic reception from country music fans - so thanks to all of our radio friends who have played the singles from the album.

\* The latest book '*The Best Australian Sea Stories*' is out now - a collection of fascinating true tales and human-interest stories tracing our maritime history, from earliest times to today with stories by Robert Louis Stevenson, Henry Lawson, Mark Twain, The Banjo, myself and more. Our land is girt by sea and the ocean has determined our history and defined our nation's character. How many Aussies know that Japanese subs patrolled to the east coast all through World War II and sank over 50 ships? That the Portuguese mapped the east coast long before Captain Cook? or that an American ship took Irish convicts to freedom in 1876?



It all makes incredible reading and is a subject I have explored with interest for a long time.

\* Every Sunday we have our 'Australiana' segment at 12.30 pm on Radio 2UE 954. We are also online live or later at [www.2ue.com.au](http://www.2ue.com.au) and you can check out all the past 2UE shows on my website ([www.jimhaynes.net](http://www.jimhaynes.net))

## What's on for Jim in 2013?

**Tamworth** - I'm brushing up my gold suits for my 28th Tamworth Festival from Saturday January 18 to Sunday January 27. The **BIG BUSH BREKKY VARIETY SHOW** is on every morning at 7.45 am at **West's Diggers** with myself and Darren Carr, plus very special surprise guests every morning. The amazing **Katelyn O'Donoghue** is back with **Rustling Russell** and some new faces and surprises.

Ticket sales open on Nov 1, so book soon on **02 6765 7588** or online at [www.wtic.com.au/tickets-sales](http://www.wtic.com.au/tickets-sales) as it is tipped to be the biggest festival in years with long weekend and school holidays working to make a bumper ten days.

**Australian Bush Laureate Awards** will be on Tuesday January 22 in Tamworth Town Hall. This is the Festival's biggest and best celebration of AUSTRALIAN verse and songs. Book at [www.tcmf.com.au/Tickets](http://www.tcmf.com.au/Tickets).

**PORT FAIRY FESTIVAL - March 8 to 11**  
I will be at this wonderful Festival with bush poet Peter Mace and folksingers **Danny Spooner and Dennis O'Keefe**. We will do an Aussie Show each morning, along with some great concerts and workshops about the sea.

### STONE THE CROWS FESTIVAL

This is an exciting NEW festival for all GREY NOMADS which is being held at Wagga Wagga over Easter - with the gReyVees Awards and lots of entertainment, fun, games and camaraderie. Full details on the website [www.stonethecrows.com.au](http://www.stonethecrows.com.au)

### CRUISIN' COUNTRY 2013

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Have a safe and happy festive season and a wonderful 2013!