



Observer Showbiz

Observer Overnights

News about the 3AW Overnights program with Keith McGowan

Magic Circle Club meets



● 3AW newsman Gary McQuade with Don Crawford

Overnighter, Gigi Hellmuth of Burwood reports that the Magic Circle of Victoria held its 70th Anniversary celebrations at the Kelvin Club last week.

Some 130 guests enjoyed a cocktail party with entertainment by Anmari (vocals) and Raw Sylke (acoustic guitar and double bass).

President of the Magic Circle of Victoria, Don Crawford, compered the magic show featuring Laurie Kelly (SA), Ron Gallagher (Vic) and Dave Lord (Qld).

Guests included a number of members of the ShowBiz Social Club, of which Don Crawford is also President, vocalist Pippa Wilson, drummer Alan Richards, former TV singer Judee Horin, Caryl (Perry) Bowen (Sparkles the Clown), John Bowen and 3AW news presenter, Gary McQuade.

Our 'Stars of the Show'



● 'Harmonica Mavis' Ellis travelled from Preston to Grovedale Hotel, Geelong region, on Sunday to appear with Dorothy Baker at the Overnights Christmas party.

Silent Night 1915



● Jerry Lynch

Christmas music is one of the attractions of the Overnights radio program in December.

One of the favourites is *Silent Night, Christmas 1915* by Jerry Lynch of the Republic of Ireland.

The moving song is about the Christmas Truce in World War I.

Jerry was born and reared near Kilfenora in Co. Clare, a village famous for its tradition of ceili music.

Silent Night 1915 was written by Cormac McConnell from Enniskillen.

The CD is not available at Australian outlets, but can be ordered on the internet at www.jerry-lynych.com/contact.htm



● 'The Dimming of the Day' CD

Simon is on the air

Nightline/Remember When producer Simon Owens was on air on Friday night while Philip Brady was at Reg Grundy's 85th birthday in Sydney. Simon also hosted the overnight show on Sunday.



● Allan Pennant, a member of the 'Antiques and Collectables Show' panel on 3AW, displays some early Coca-Cola Christmas merchandising material.

ROLAND CHATS WITH KEITH

Entertainer Roland Rocchiccioli last week recorded a series of chats with Keith McGowan, for broadcast starting this week on the Overnights program.

Rocchiccioli lives in Ballarat these days, and spared some time on his weekly visit to Melbourne, to record the interviews at the 3AW studios in South Melbourne.

Roland is enjoying success with sales of his book about his days as a young boy on the goldfields of Western Australia: *And Be Home Before Dark*.

Rocchiccioli has been engaged to record oral readings of the book for the ABC, and has been engaged to write another book.



● Roland Rocchiccioli as a lad in WA

Third party this Sunday

The third Overnights Party is due to be held this Sunday at Shoppingtown Hotel, Doncaster.

Christmas countdown

It is only 15 sleeps to Christmas, and the Overnights program will keep you going as you are awake in the early mornings ... wrapping gifts, working away or just awake in the wee, small hours. The program airs as normal over the Christmas-New Year period.

In search of Thos. Hoare

The *Antiques and Collectables Show* panel sent out an appeal last week to discover more details about a plastic moulder, Thomas W Hoare, of the 1950s. Rick Milne of People's Paraphernalia was delighted when a caller had details from a combined *White Pages-Pink Pages* of the era which gave the company's address in Kelvin Place, Carlton, complete with a phone number that had an FX-prefix. By the way, Rick said, the phone book from the Fifties could fetch in the order of \$75-\$80.

'Castlereagh Line' airs

The episode of the *Castlereagh Line* serial which went to air at 3.05am this morning (Wed) was number 578. Produced by Grace Gibson Productions, and written by Ross Napier, the entire series numbers 910 episodes. (Be careful, Gordon Long, daughter of show star, Lottie!)

Observers sell on e-Bay

Our November 19 *Melbourne Observer* eight-page souvenir of the André Rieu concerts in Melbourne are being traded on the e-Bay website. A copy was advertised by a Melbourne seller, and sold for \$9.50, plus postage, to a Victorian country buyer.

Family feeling at Grovedale



● Overnights host Keith McGowan expressed appreciation to Bill Cook and the staff of the Grovedale Hotel for the high standard of the room and meals provided for Sunday's Christmas party.

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On This Day

Wednesday, December 10

Businessman Richard Pratt is 74. He was born in Poland.
Singer Peter Sarstedt was born in New Delhi, India, in 1941 (67).
Australian golfer Billy Dunk is 70.
Gloria Loring, once a *Bold & Beautiful* star, is 62.

Thursday, December 11

Australian fashion designer and TV host Maggie Tabberer is 72 today. At 14 she became a hairdressing apprentice; at 17 she was married, by 21 she had two children.
Actor Reg Livermore was born in Sydney in 1938. He is 70 today.
Singer Germaine Jackson is 54.

Friday, December 12

Frank Sinatra was born on this day in 1915. He died aged 82.
US singer Connie Francis was born 70 years ago.
Singer Dionne Warwick is 67.
Dancer/choreographer David Atkins was born in Sydney in 1955 (53).

Saturday, December 13

Actor Dick Van Dyke is 83.
Canadian actor Christopher Plummer was born in 1927 (81).
Australian singer-songwriter Ross Ryan was born in Kansas in 1950 (58).
Footballer Terry Wallace, coach of Richmond, is 50.

Sunday, December 14

Australian actor Terry McDermott is 81. He played Sgt Bronson in *Homicide*.
US country singer Charlie Rich was born in 1932. He died aged 62 in 1995.
Actress Lee Remick was born in 1935. She died aged 55 in 1991.

Monday, December 15

American comic actor Tim Conway is 75. He was Ensign Charles Parker in *McHale's Navy*.
US disc jockey Alan Freed was born in 1922. He died aged 42 in 1965. He was one of the first to play rock-n-roll.
English musician Dave Clark was born in London in 1942 (66).

Tuesday, December 16

Sir Noel Coward was born in 1899. The British actor died aged 72 in 1973.
Australian actress Georgie Parker is 44.
Actress Miranda Otto is 41.
West Indies Test cricketer Joel Garner was born in Barbados in 1952 (56).