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A Unique Experience

Swamp Dawkins was specifically created for **weddings, corporate clients and private parties**, who want a **Country themed event** or a modern and **contemporary Australian bushdance**.

Swamp Dawkins uniquely brings to life traditional barn, bush and square dances by **mixing called dances with a wide repertoire of Australian and American music**.

Swamp Dawkins combines **musicians and production of the highest quality** with many **years of experience** to deliver your guests **a night that they will be talking about for years to come**.



Country Styled Weddings

A country styled wedding- set in a **winery, woolshed or rustic rural barn**- makes a wonderfully relaxing and enjoyable celebration where you and your guests can kick your heels up on the dance floor.

Swamp Dawkins, with their combination of called barn dances and other great music to match **will have everyone on the dance floor all night**.

To start the evening, we'll often play **acoustic music- violin(s) and acoustic guitar- as your guests are arriving** to welcome them and help set the atmosphere for the festivities to come.

Then as the formalities turn into the festivities, the called dances begin with a mix of **bush, barn, square and line dances** whilst the rest of the repertoire includes classic **American country & roadhouse** music from the likes of Johnny Cash and Dolly Parton through to modern artists as well as **iconic Australian music** from Paul Kelly, Hunter & Collectors and more and then a selection of **great party music** including favourites stretching from ABBA to Adele.

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Casey & Callum, Darkes Forest June 2018

For all our references please go to:
www.SwampDawkins.com.au/Testimonials



FAQ

- All the dances are taught and called on the night And Yes! Everyone will be dancing!
- We are all experienced and highly professional musicians
- We will meet with you in person at the venue prior to your wedding so that we can make sure everything is tailored just right for you
- We can give you our repertoire for you to select songs of your choice and will do our best to cater for any special requests
- We play as a four piece but can play as a trio or as a 5 or 6 piece to suit your needs
- We provide PA and basic stage lighting
- You're welcome to use our PA for speeches or AV needs
- We don't play to a set time limit- no-one needs to watch the clock
- We are fully insured with Public Liability Insurance

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AN AMAZING NIGHT! Thank you guys for such an amazing night! From *acoustic outdoor music to a fantastic barn dance* that was loved by all– *you helped make our special day extremely memorable*. Top guys, great sense of humour. All in all outstanding! Will recommend to anyone! AARON AND JENNA, WEDDING, TOPI TOPI, OCTOBER 2016

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THE GUESTS WERE RAVING ABOUT YOU! Dear Swamp Dawkins, We just wanted to say a huge thank-you for helping us celebrate our wedding! Prior to the wedding we found you were very eager to answer all our questions and make the planning go as smoothly as possible- which it did! *On the day the guests were raving about your professional and relaxed manner– they loved arriving to soft acoustic music.* Two friends commented that “It was great, sitting on the grass with a beer in hand watching them go!”. Although I wasn't involved with lots of the minor details on the night from my perspective it seemed as if people were working well, sharing the stage/ equipment etc. *People loved the way the music changed as night fell as things started to pick up. A huge favourite of mine was the called dancing- everyone was laughing and having such a great time.* If my husband wasn't so eager to leave I would have loved to keep dancing! The only complaint we had from guests was that the party ended too early...but they said even 4am in the morning would be too soon! *Our first dance was lovely, thank-you for helping us with that.* That song holds a special place in my husband's heart and it will continue to do so! If we ever get married again (hopefully not!!!) we would book you! Thanks again, DAVID AND AMANDA, WEDDING, DURAL FEBRUARY 2017

WE HAD A BALL! Swamp Dawkins played at our wedding and *we had a ball!! They played unplugged during dinner and people were already saying how great the music was, then they called some barn dances and people had so so so much fun!!!* They played other songs too, not just called dances and the dance floor was packed! They were all really nice guys too! After them we had a DJ, the night was so fun! *Lots of people said best wedding ever!!! I highly recommend them!!!* PATRICIA, WEDDING, BLACKHEATH JANUARY 2015

THE FABULOUS SWAMP DAWKINS BAND WERE EXCEPTIONAL! Michael and the fabulous Swamp Dawkins Band *were exceptional on the night!* They were *completely attentive to all our guests requests* and we had several people comment that it was *the best finale dinner of the conference ever!* Thank you once again and I cannot wait to work with you again! ANGELA, EVENT DIRECTOR EVENTS BEYOND JANUARY 2016

FANTASTIC ENTERTAINMENT! Thank you to Swamp Dawkins for providing such *fantastic entertainment* for my 40th party. The mixture of bush dance music and cover versions was perfect for the night and we all had fun “Threading the Bobbin” and “Stripping the Willow”. *They also surprised us by playing an acoustic set outside while we were having drinks, which was a lovely touch.* We could have danced all night and everyone has said what a great night it was- I would definitely recommend Swamp Dawkins to anyone! FIONA, 40TH BIRTHDAY PARTY, OYSTER BAY NOVEMBER 2015

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WE HAD A BLAST! AMAZING! Our company had a blast dancing along to Swamp Dawkins at our recent *Christmas Hoedown*. Michael made the whole thing easy from beginning to end and is a *very accommodating* person— even coming up with a line dancing competition for us, which went down a treat! The *band on the night were fun and upbeat*— taking requests from the crowd, *getting everyone involved*, and leaving everyone with sore legs the following day. I thank Michael and Swamp Dawkins for *an amazing night* and highly recommend them to anybody looking for a great night of country music. ZOE, RETAIL APPAREL GROUP, DECEMBER 2016

WONDERFUL ATMOSPHERE! AMAZING BAND! I have had *so many comments about how amazing the band was* and how much fun everyone had with the band especially Brendan. *He hasn't stopped raving about the you all!!!* We're so grateful and appreciative of how you went outside and created a *wonderful atmosphere* among the guests, kiddies and the animals!! You were all *very professional and so easy to work with*. Thank-you!! GAIL, BRENDAN'S SURPRISE 30TH, NOVEMBER 2015

FUN, INCLUSIVE, HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL! Thank-you Michael and to all the boys in the band. All the music played on the night was great, from the quieter set during drinks through to the faster and more energetic sets later in the night. You certainly *judged the crowd's momentum well*, and as you promised, I think *everyone got on the dance floor* and really enjoyed the called dances. I would not hesitate in recommending Swamp Dawkins to anyone wanting a fun, relaxed and inclusive atmosphere. A *highly professional lineup* of musicians with a *keen interest in meeting their clients' expectations and enhancing any occasion*. Thanks again for helping to make it a great night. ANNA, ELENOR COUNTRY CLUB, NOVEMBER 2015

SWAMP DAWKINS LIT UP THE NIGHT! Swamp Dawkins were a wonderful addition to our music program at the Dungog Festival. They lit up the night with a *fantastic blend of bush dancing and fun rock covers, which had the crowd dancing all night long*. VERONICA BOLZON, DUNGOG FESTIVAL PRODUCER, OCTOBER 2015

A TERRIFIC PERFORMANCE! I would like to thank the Swamp Dawkins band for a *terrific performance* and wonderful co-operation and flexibility during the evening. There are very few bands around that can render sixties, seventies and contemporary popular music and, in addition, can have *everyone on the dance floor* doing a barn dance— and loving it! A&W, 28TH MARCH 2015 (70TH BIRTHDAY & BARN OPENING)

OUR PARTY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! Thank you so much for making our party a great success! We hired the band for our combined birthday/anniversary party at our farm. *They were fabulous and our guests continue to tell us how great they were*. From the first contact with Michael, he was extremely professional and ensured that the night ran smoothly, continually gauging the mood of the crowd and adapting the playlist to suit. *The atmosphere the band created was excellent* and the music, combining bush dancing with rock and roll, kept our guests dancing the night away. It was great fun and everyone was thoroughly exhausted by the end of the night. We would *highly recommend* the band — great guys and great music! DONNA AND PAUL WALLIS, 11TH APRIL 2015 (50TH BIRTHDAY & 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)

THE SHOW WAS FIRST CLASS! We booked the Swamp Dawkins Band for our Cowboy themed Christmas Party for 120 staff of all ages. Michael was *easy to deal with* and prompt in his communications. The band was excellent value for money. On the night the set up was seamless and *very professional*. All the band members were *polite and professional* and were happy to adjust their sets to accommodate our timetable. *The show was first class*. Everyone enjoyed the music played during dinner, all well known favourites and I saw everyone singing along. The dancing afterwards was fantastic fun. Ian was a great caller, easy to following and everyone was encouraged to get involved. We all ended the night laughing and exhausted! *It was a great way to bring people together*. Our staff are *still talking about the party* and how the *atmosphere* that the Swamp Dawkins Band provided really "made" the night. I would highly recommend the Swamp Dawkins Band for a fun filled night of music and dancing. SIMONE GILBERT 26TH NOV 2014, DIRECTOR PHIL GILBERT MOTORS