

The Story of Tamworth (Continued from July)

The College

In 1997, the CMAA, with support from TAFE, established the annual **Australian College of Country Music** in **Tamworth** in January, utilising today's top artists to help train tomorrow's country stars. Each year, twenty-one young singers, songwriters and instrumentalists come together in the two weeks before the **Tamworth Festival** to participate in a properly structured course covering everything from **songwriting, performance and presentation to industry studies and recording techniques**.

Already graduates like **Sara Storer** are taking their place on the national stage.

For many years **Tourism Tamworth** has played a major role in the **Festival**, providing ticketing and other visitor services and promoting the event widely. In 2004/5 tickets were available for the first time on the internet.

Walk A Country Mile

"Walk a Country Mile" is a major interactive centre and tourist attraction, telling and displaying the story of **Australian Country Music**. Built with A **Federal Tourism Development grant for Tamworth City Council**, it opened at **TREC** in 2001 and was moved to the **Tamworth Information Centre** in 2004.

Of course **Tamworth** has been saluting country music for years. As well as the attractions we've mentioned there is the **Tourist Information Centre, shaped as a guitar**, the **Roll of Renown, the Hands of Fame, the Big Golden Guitar, the Golden Guitar Souvenir Gift Shop** and **Wax Museum, the Guitar Shaped Pool**, there are many other activities and tourist attractions utilising and substantiating our famous country theme.

Unwelcome changes

In 2004 a major change with many serious potential effects on the future of the **Festival** occurred. The new leaders of the **CMAA** decided, without any consultation, that the **2005 Country Music Awards of Australia** would be rescheduled for the first weekend of the **Festival** instead of providing the climax to the event as it had for the previous 30 years. This followed a unilateral Council decision that the **Festival** should be brought back a week from it's usual dates. This combination of change caused enormous confusion amongst visitors, artists, promoters and businesses catering for **Festival** activities, and there was great general relief that sanity prevailed and in 2006 the **Awards and Festival** returned to their regular time slot.

RelaxAfter each show at Munno Para Bowling and Recreation Club... Please feel welcome to stay. You don't have to rush.... Relax... Wind down...Enjoy

It also highlights the vulnerability of the event and the need for constant consultation among all stakeholders.

It is now over three decades since the first **Awards** were staged and since the concept of **Country Music Capital** was born at **2TM**.

From the strong foundations laid in the 1970s and early '80s, the Awards and Festival have evolved and developed in many ways..... To be continued.

Acknowledgement to Max Ellis at www.historyofcountrymusic.com.au

Three Times a Lady

Fiona Kernighan, is the siblings of **Kernighan's Lee, Tania and Greg**.

Lee and Tania are, two of **Australia's** best-loved country singers and as most will know, **Lee** achieved national recognition this year when he was named **2008 Australian of the Year** for his efforts in raising funds for **drought relief**



By the end of this year, Fiona Kernighan will have been married three times....

To the same man....

The petite brunette with thoughtful eyes remembers the first time she saw **Boston** native **Daniel Kresco** -- the man who would become her husband, musical partner and soulmate.

The unconventional love story between the singer-songwriter and the sound engineer began 10 years ago through a glass panel of a **recording studio** in **Nashville, Tennessee**.

Isn't it amazing how Nashville, Tennessee is like a magnet to Country Music....

For your information

The population of the entire 13-county Nashville Metropolitan Statistical Area is 1.5 Million making it the largest and fastest-growing metropolitan area in the state of **Tennessee**.

August 2008 Gigs Acknowledgement to Ian Fisk & SACCM Gig Guide

Fri 1	Rodney Vincent	Vine Inn Nuriotpa Cancer Research Fund Raiser	8563 2231
Fri 1...8.0pm	Acoustic Highway	German Arms, Hahndorf	
Fri 1...9.0pm	The Cowtippers	Governor Hindmarsh Hotel 59 Port Road Hindmarsh	8340 0744
Sat 2...12 to 5pm Gawler Country Music Workshop	Anglican Parish Hall 26 Cowan Street Gawler		Brian Moore 8252 6642
Sat 2...8pm - midnight	The DV8's special guest Graeme Hugo	Railroad Country Music Club Morphett Vale	8382 5611
Sat 2...8-30pm	Rodney Vincent and Dave Prior	Oakbank Hotel Main Rd Oakbank	8388 4267
Sun 3...12.30 to 5.0 p.m.	AGM Carole Sturtzel and Wild Oats plus guest Chooka Williams	11 LaSalle St, Slovenian Club Dudley Park	8365 6315
Sun 3...1.0 to 5.0pm	Country Plus \$8 and \$5	Blackwood RSL, 1 Brighton Pde, Blackwood	8278 6253
Sun 3...5.0pm	The Rustlers	Old Clarendon Inn 36 Grants Gully Rd, Clarendon	8383 6166
Sun 3...1-30pm start	Rodney Vincent and Dave Prior	Northern Country Music Assoc Port Pirie \$14-00	8633 4417
Mon 4...7-30pm	Rodney Vincent and Dave Prior	Moonta Hall Moonta \$14-00 p/h concession \$12-00	8821 3445
Wed 6...6.30pm to 9	Jay J Shannon Duo	Blackwood RSL, 1 Brighton Pde, Blackwood	8278 6253
Thur 7...9.30pm til late	Brendan Beleski	Woolshed on Hindley 94 Hindley St, Adelaide	8231 3023
Fri 8...6.30 pm	Alison Hams & Mark Tempany	Watersedge Restaurant, Whyalla	8645 8877
Fri 8 evening	Scott Dann & Wayne Nuku as Kauzzie Boys	Maid of Auckland Hotel 926 South Rd Edwardstown	8293 1641
Fri 8	Graeme Hugo & Fineform	Coober Pedy Hotel	
Sat 9...8pm to 12	Creole cowboyZ	British Working Mens Club, Davis St, Wingfield	8347-4090
Sat 9...evening	Scott Dann & Wayne Nuku The Kauzzie Boys	Warradale Hotel 234 Diagonal Rd Warradale	8296 1019
Sat 9	Graeme Hugo & Fineform	Coober Pedy Races	8672 5054
Sat 9...12.30 to 4.30	Open Mike Country Music Event all welcome	Gawler RSL Hall	0488 189 136
Sun 10...11 to 4.0 pm 'Us Blokes' Barossa C.M. Club	Nuriotpa Bowling Club, Buna Terrace	8523 1957	
Sun 10...1.0 to 5.0 pm	Bernie & the Bandits guest Cactus Martens	Southern CM Club Somerton Bowling Club	8381 7622
Sun 10...evening	Scott Dann & Wayne Nuku as Kauzzie Boys	The Lakes Resort 141 Brebner Drive West Lakes	8356 4444
Mon 11...1 lam?	Johnny Mac's with Carole Sturtzel	Shedley Theatre Playford Blv, Elizabeth	8256 0338
Tues 12...11am	Johnny Mac's with Carole Sturtzel	Star Theatre 145 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Hilton	8234-1800
Wed 13...1 lam	Johnny Mac's with Carole Sturtzel	The Arts Centre - Port Noarlunga Gawler Street	8326 5577
Thur 14...11am	Johnny Mac's with Carole Sturtzel	Golden Grove Arts Centre Golden Grove	8289-5111
Thur 14...9.30pm til late	Brendan Beleski	Woolshed on Hindley 94 Hindley St, Adelaide	8231 3023
Fri 15	Johnny Mac's with Carole Sturtzel	Parks Community Centre, 2-46 Cowan St, Angle Park	8405 6600
Fri 15 to Sun 17 2pm Sat-late Sun Gospel	Kristal Collins, Slim Connor, Chooka Williams, Tiffney Stroth, Guido Davis, Limestone Balladeers, Compact Country, Cobby Bob, Cross Country, Lee Broneky & Outback Overdrive and DJ Tickets \$40 per person. Woolshed Dinner Dance at Bangaree Station, (12Km North of Clare)Fundraiser for the Royal Flying Doctor Service		Bob 8842 2912 or Barry 8837 3407
Fri 15...evening	Scott Dann and Wayne Nuku The Kauzzie Boys	Maid of Auckland Hotel 926 South Rd Edwardstown	8293 1641
Sat 16...evening	Scott Dann and Wayne Nuku The Kauzzie Boys	Marion Hotel	
Sun 17...12 noon to 4.0pm Murray Mac & True Grit with special guest Slim Connor	Gawler Country Music Club Munno Para Bowling Club Cnr Main North & Curtis Rds	8255 8920	
Sun 17...2.0 to 6.0 pm	Creole cowboyZ	Railroad Country Music Club (Morphett Vale)	8382 5611
Sun 17 evening	Scott Dann and Wayne Nuku The Kauzzie Boys	The Lakes Resort 141 Brebner Drive West Lakes	8356 4444
Tues 19...11am	Johnny Mac's 'Country Style' inc Carole Sturtzel	Marion Cultural Centre	8375 6855
Sat 23...9.0pm	The Rustlers	The Wheatheaf Hotel 39 George Street, Thebarton	8443 4546
Sat 23	Graeme Hugo & Fully Loaded	British Workingman's Club 11-15 Davis St Wingfield	8347 4090
Sat 23...12.30 to 4.30	Open Mike Country Music Event all welcome	Gawler RSL Hall	0488 189 136
Sun 24...11.0 to 4.0pm	Compact Country	Murray Bridge C.M. Club	08 8535 4317
Sun 24...1pm to 5.00pm	Wheel Drive bring your own Nibbles	Kilburn R.S.L. Country Music Way Street Kilburn	8349 6694
Sun 24...3.0 pm	Acoustic Highway	Blacksmith Inn, One Tree Hill	
August 26 to 31 Gympie Muster Tracy Coster, Troy Kemp Band, Lee Forster, Redfish Bluegrass, On the Road Again' with Willie & Roy, Lee Kernighan, Kasey Chambers, John Williamson, Jimmy Barnes, Pete Murray, The McClymonts, Adam Brand, The Wolverines, Sara Storer, Karl Broadie, Sunny Cowgirths, Peter Denaby, Steve Forde, Lou Bradley, Travis Stuchair, Dallas Frasca, Casey Watt, Matt Scudliff and The Lost Moments, Joyce Denham, Billy Bridge, Pete Cornelius & The De Villes, Liam Brew, Danny Hooper, Slim Dusty Family Reunion Show, Pate, Andrew Morris, Tania Whitman, Tamara Stewart, Chela Adams, Danny Mack & One Mighty Fine Band, Markus Meier, Paul Greene, Nicki Gillis, Bob Rae & The Elevators, Chris Mawer, Anthony Klassen, Psycho Zydeco, Killin' Time, Jessica Belle, Rachel Richards, The Stenson Family, Rob Cass & The Cosmic Cowboys, Mick Hadley, Laura Downing, Dave Prior, Anita Ree, Old Police Service Band of Blue, Michelle Little, Buckleberry Swedes, Stevie Paige, The Cartwheels, Josh King, Rustlers			
Fri 29...6.30 pm	Alison Hams & Mark Tempany	Watersedge Restaurant, Whyalla	08 8645 8877
Fri 29...7.30 pm	Acoustic Highway	German Arms, Hahndorf	
Sat 30	Bernie & the Bandits Duo (Recliners)	Adelaide Christian Singles, Marion RSL,	
Sat 30...8.30pm to late	The Cowtippers	The Exeter Hotel, 246 Rundle Street Adelaide	8223 2623
Sat 30...6.30pm	Compact Country Duo	Don Arturo's Restaurant, 589 Brighton Rd, Brighton	8358-2483
Sun 31...1 pm to 5.00	Good Company inc. Julia Williams	Kilburn R.S.L. Country Music Functions ,	8349 6694
Sun 31 10.25 am & 2pm	Cross Country Band	Gawler Show in the Main Entertainment Marquee	8523 1477
Sun 31	Wheel Drive	Gawler Show	8523 1477

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