

Our Perception Of Country Music

Amber Lawrence featured on our **Gawler Country Music Club** newsletter **June 2008 No: 181** and her rise to stardom continues.



The release of her new album '3' sends Amber Lawrence's multiple award-winning country music career soaring as high as the giant jumbo jets that fly over her home in Sydney's inner-city suburb of Mascot.

Amber is a yearly attraction at the **Tamworth Country Music Festival** and she'll be back again in January.

Walk down the main street of Tamworth in mid-January and you're sure to meet some characters.

Some **bold**, some **beautiful** and some just **plain odd** - but you'd be hard pressed to find one as vibrant as country singer, **Amber Lawrence**.

The sunny 34-year-old, who hails from **Mascot in Sydney**, is a favorite

feature in Tamworth.

Amber is just one of hundreds of country music icons and budding artists who strap on a guitar and embark on an annual pilgrimage to what has become called the birth place of Australian Country Music and "is instrumental to a country artist's success."

It wasn't until **Amber** was 22 and could afford her own lessons that she picked up a guitar and began plotting her musical journey.

In 2003 **Amber** stepped foot on Tamworth's famous **Peel Street**, the road of Buskers, often credited for kick starting the careers of **Casey Chambers**, **Beccy Cole** and **Keith Urban**.

Amber's first impressions attracted her back the following year, when the then 25-year-old landed herself in the finals of **Telstra's Road to Tamworth**.

Nine years later, **Amber** is well and truly established with a loyal fan base and a recent tour alongside **Adam Harvey**.

To date, **Amber** has released three albums, with the latest, '3', featuring guest performances by **Adam Harvey** and **Axel Whitehead**.

Her music is upbeat, catchy and not the least bit exclusive to country music lovers. "If you come to the festival every artist you hear you'll go ...`Oh I didn't know that was country'," she explains.

"Everyone is legitimately country but it's not the perception many people have of country music."

The title of **Amber's** latest single, **Try**, seems to sum up her positive outlook on life, and the track was chosen as the official anthem of the Special Olympics.

"It's about just getting up every day and giving it what you've got!"

Credit to Elise Scott AAP

Busking Championship



Tamworth Regional Council has launched what it has described as an **"all new Australian Country Music Busking Championship"** for the **2013 January Country Music Festival**.

Every year, over 55,000 visitors flock to **Tamworth** to enjoy the biggest music festival in the Southern Hemisphere. For over 40 years, Tamworth has been the place where the career of many country music stars is born.

"Each January, the streets of Tamworth are lined with over 600 buskers performing live and entertaining crowds of thousands. Peel Street, Tamworth has become known as the 'Boulevard of Dreams'.

This January, Council will be introducing a number of changes to busking in the city's main street, including the launch of a dedicated website for the Busking Championship and a **requirement for buskers to apply to perform in the city's Peel Street**.

Council says the street will be "transformed into a hub of entertainment" structuring the busking precinct so that **designated busking positions** will be allocated and buskers will be strategically spaced with busking performances to be scheduled on a roster basis.

"In 2013, however, the face of busking will change to showcase the very best in busking talent along Peel Street. Anyone now wishing to busk must first upload a Youtube clip of their performance to the new busking website. A panel of judges will then view the clips and select those to be invited to busk.

See website – www.tamworthbusking.com.au.



Just a Thought From Bill Northcott!

Bill's Christmas Crackers

Q: What's the most popular wine at Christmas?
A: "I don't like sprouts"!

Q: If athletes get athletes foot, what do astronauts get?
A: Missletoe!

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
A: Frostbite.

Q: Why was Santa's little helper depressed?
A: Because he had low elf esteem.

Q: Why does Santa have 3 gardens?
A: So he can ho-ho-ho.

Q: Why do birds fly south for the winter?
A: Because it's too far to walk.

Q: What kind of bird can write?
A: A PENguin.

Q: What do you call a cat on the beach at Christmas time?
A: Sandy Claus!

Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
A: Snowflakes.

Q: Why did Santa spell Christmas N-O-E?
A: Because the angel had said, "No L!"

Q: Why does Santa Claus go down the chimney on Christmas Eve?
A: Because it "soots" him!

Q: What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?
A: Claustrophobic.

Happy Christmas Ho Ho Ho!



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