



Young Aussies Get Up and Go!

Country Music Is for Everyone

A Message from Craig Giles to Young Artists

"Never become complacent or think you've learnt all there is to entertaining. Every time you step on stage will be a new challenge, but also a rewarding experience. Treat every performance as "special" and your audience will feel that too!"

www.craigiles.com Craig Giles

2010 Tamworth Troy Troy Cassar-Daley took home six Golden Guitars from Tamworth's Country Music Awards of Australia...

The accolades – from the star's latest album *I Love This Place* – included Song and Single of the Year (*Big Love*), Album of the Year (produced by Rod McCormack, Troy and Jeff McCormack), Male Artist of the Year, Heritage Song of the Year (for *Chasin' Rodeo*) and Vocal Collaboration of the Year (*Ain't Gonna Change For You* with The McClymonts).

Felicity's on a Roll

Felicity Urquhart named 2010 Female Artist of the Year for her track *Roller Coaster*.



Tenielle and Luke

Twenty-two-year-old Tenielle Musulin from Karratha, WA, has taken out the major prize in this year's Telstra Road to Tamworth talent search while Luke Webb, 26, from Sydney's Blue Mountains has won the songwriter title. The pair triumphed over hundreds of country music hopefuls to win the competition.

The Horizon Award recognising a Young Ambassador Of Australian Country Music was presented to **Amber Lawrence**.

Chad Morgan received a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Listen out for **John Williamson's** next release... 'Toot Toot Look at my Ute'

Slim Connor... we wish you well.... Hope to see you on the mend and back in action soon.

Best wishes from your Fans and Friends at Gawler Country Music Club.

Elvis Fans Flock to Outback Australia

An army of white-suited Elvis impersonators and thousands of fans headed to the small Outback town of Parkes in eastern Australia. Many taking a special train service - the Elvis Express - to the annual Elvis festival in New South Wales.

Elvis may have been the "King of Rock 'N' Roll," but his roots were in country music, and Elvis himself never forgot that. From his rockabilly beginnings to his final days, Elvis was never far from country music, and country was never far from Elvis.

Elvis Presley (born on January 8, 1935 and died at the age of 42) would have been 75 this year. And years after his death, the singer's popularity only seems to grow stronger.

On January 8th fans boarded a special train in Sydney heading to the Elvis festival in the New South Wales farming town of Parkes. They say the man who revolutionized music should never be forgotten.

Quote from Lindy...

"One of things that make his memory enduring is because he died at such a young age and I think when the singers like Buddy Holly and Elvis and, you know, you can name quite a few die at a young age, their music seems to live on and on and on," she said. "And really there is no music like it today. You listen to the music today and I would be very surprised if some of that music is around in, you know, 60 years time like Elvis' music is."

Big hair and flared trousers are standard at the festival which attracts legions of women who impersonate Presley's wife, Priscilla.

The Parkes festival began in a small restaurant more than 15 years ago to celebrate the singer's birthday. It has grown into a five-day event that includes dozens of concerts and look-a-like competitions as well as an Elvis-themed gospel church service and a street parade.

Ten thousand people attend the events in a normally quiet corner of Australia, a country Elvis Presley never visited.



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