



It would be fairly safe to say most people enjoy listening to music. However, people do have their personal preferences. You may like listening to country, opera, heavy metal, rap, pop, classical or jazz ... but one thing is for sure...music brings people together, creating a common bond which spans cultures, continents and generations. **Country Music** is down to earth, mostly uncomplicated and enjoyed by all social classes. If you are a young person, or have contact with young people, please consider giving them encouragement to become interested and to participate in **Country Music**.

Playing music and singing songs are activities that open up opportunity; help in the development of personal skills, and confidence... all of which are important issues for young people in particular.

Living in isolation with computers, Nintendo's and play-stations is not the healthiest of environments, so give it some thought... No matter what age you are, come along to our **Country Music Clubs, Music Workshops, Country Music festivals and events** to interact and.....enjoy!

The following artists have taken the time to provide advice.... More next month.... Thanks Folks! We appreciate your support and advice for young people.

"Hello South Australia!

I'm Amber Lawrence, and I want to encourage you to go out and get yourself some great country music to listen to.

You'll love it! Country Music is great entertainment for everyone!

Visit our Country Music clubs. Join in and have fun....."

Amber Lawrence www.amberlawrence.com/

"I have been in the music industry since I was a teenage girl. The one thing I have learned is that nothing comes easy, but I just love what I do so I have always tried to be polite and easy to work with.

I find that this means most musicians are happy to work with me and I have been blessed to work with the best in Australia.

I think it is wonderful to be able to do the one thing you love to do and make a living from it and you meet wonderful people who stay with you forever.

You have to remember "To receive, you have to give"! Stay true to your music and style and always love what you do."

Felicity Urquhart www.felicityurquhart.com/

Young Aussies Get Up and Go!

Country Music Is for Everyone

I grew up in a country town in Victoria. Taking an interest in Country Music was a great way to meet other young people. I learned to play an instrument and had fun at the same time! Now I am a musician backing Country Music Artists all around Australia and I also run a Recording Studio Red Brick Music right here in South Australia. Check it out - You'll have a lot of fun.

Anthony Stewart www.redbrickmusic.net/

I am 13 yrs old, and have been involved with Country Music for the last 4 yrs. I started singing Pop music & although winning singing competitions found this was too unfriendly. Within Country music, is a huge family of friendly people, all who are willing to help make you feel at home. Country music is no longer just for the old, look at Kasey Chambers, Keith Urban, Lee Kernaghan, The Dixie Chicks, & where else can you go up, talk to & get pictures & autographs from some of the artists like you can within this Genre of music?

Since being involved I am now able to sing & play Guitar, perform with bands, play for other people, read chord charts. I have built in confidence & am currently Junior Victorian Champion, travelling & making a lot of friends along the way.

I LOVE the music, the atmosphere, and the support that you get at the clubs etc, but don't just take my word for it, come and check it out for yourselves. Fun, Friendly, Family is what you get, when you go along to the Country Music Clubs and Festivals. Hope to see you soon

Nathaniel O'Brien www.myspace.com/nathanielobrienmusic

I have been singing for two years and it's great. I go away to country towns singing and go in Talent Quests. I love singing country music, and think it's the best music to sing. My favourite style is traditional Bush Ballads but any country music is fine. I think any young singer should give country music a go. It's good fun, plus you make new friends. If you go in a Talent Quest you may win a trophy. Plus there is a chance you may even make a career out of singing and playing country.

Eliza Parker aged 11 www.saccm.com/artists/parkereliza/index.html

Get-up-and-Go! Established artists wishing to provide words of encouragement to young people please email your quote to the Editor. More next month...