

## My Satellite Navigation (Satnav)

### Every Bloke Should Have One!

I have a little Satnav  
It sits there in my car  
A Satnav is a driver's friend  
It tells you where you are

I have a little Satnav  
I've had it all my life  
It does more than the normal one  
My Satnav is my wife

It gives me full instructions  
On exactly how to drive  
"It's thirty miles an hour" it says  
"And you're doing thirty five"

It tells me when to stop and start  
And when to use the brake  
And tells me that it's never ever  
Safe to overtake

It tells me when a light is red  
And when it goes to green  
It seems to know instinctively  
Just when to intervene

It lists the vehicles just in front  
It lists those to the rear  
And taking this into account  
It specifies my gear

I'm sure no other driver  
Has so helpful a device  
For when we leave and lock the car  
It still gives its advice

It fills me up with counselling  
Each journey's pretty fraught  
So why don't I exchange it  
And get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house  
Makes sure I'm properly fed  
It washes all my shirts and things  
And keeps me warm in bed!

Leoni

Look out for Leoni's future stories...



## Carrie's first Australian Tour

American country superstar **Carrie Underwood** will soon tour Australia for the first time.

The five-time Grammy Award winner announced the special four-date **Australian** leg of her world tour taking in **Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and Tamworth.**

**Carrie** said she was excited to finally play **live shows in Australia** after visiting for a promotional tour last year.



"I talked to a lot of great people and had a lot of fun" she said. "It's really nice to be able to go back and play shows."

**The tour starts in Melbourne on June 26, Tamworth June 29, Brisbane June 30 and Sydney July 2.**

## Songs and Pictures



**Beccy Cole** recently showcased her seventh studio album, **Songs and Pictures** at the **Saraton Theatre**, Prince Street, Grafton.

Her latest album is said to feature the real woman, artist and; for the first time, the exceptional songwriter that she is.

While she has remained at the forefront of the **Country Music scene** for almost 20 years, performing for the prime minister, touring with international superstars and sharing the stage with the likes of **The Wiggles, Kasey Chambers, John Williamson and Glen Campbell**, Beccy has reportedly come of age.

The talented songstress has written every song on her latest release.

The first single, **Shiny Things**, debuts Beccy's song writing freedom with its fun, upbeat and infectious melody that instantly reminds you she is an **Australian country music superstar.**

Another impressive inclusion is **Waitress**, a song inspired by a chance encounter with a waitress in Nashville who took to the venue's karaoke stage and sang like Beccy had never heard before. Almost four years since releasing her last new album, **Beccy** took no chances when settling on her **Songs and Pictures** project.

**Beccy Cole...** "I am so proud of this album; this is me with all cards on the table, warts and all!"



Lee Kernaghan portrait by Greg Hawes

## Felicity's Award



**Felicity Urquhart** has been selected to receive the **Country Music Association (CMA) International Country Broadcaster Award.**

The **Saturday Night Country** broadcaster was presented with the award by **Dierks Bentley** at the **CMC Rocks The Hunter Festival.**

The award is given to radio broadcasters outside of the United States who show an outstanding achievement in contributing to the development of **Country Music** in their country.

"I am truly shocked by this Award and consider it such an honour," said **Felicity**. "Thank you CMA for this acknowledgement."

Presenting **Saturday Night Country** nationally every week is a passion and brings me great enjoyment. The support of ABC Local Radio makes **Country Music** accessible and current from anywhere in Australia.

It is wonderful to be part of their programming. I must importantly thank **John Nutting** who handed his show to me after 17 years.

His faith in me is the reason I am in radio."

## Lee Kernaghan Portrait

**RURALCO Holdings Limited** recently auctioned a portrait of **Country Music** star **Lee Kernaghan** at the Australian Beef Cattle Championships dinner at Beef Australia.

The portrait commissioned by **Ruralco** was painted by artist **Greg Hawes**. All proceeds from the auction will go to **Autism Awareness Australia** to support their work assisting families in rural Australia to deal with autism spectrum disorders.

The portrait was submitted for consideration in this year's **Archibald Prize portrait competition** and Ruralco was confident a good price will be achieved at the auction.

"Greg Hawes is an outstanding artist and he shares both Lee's and Ruralco's commitment to supporting rural communities, and the work being done by Autism Awareness Australia in the bush,"

Mr Hawes said "It was a privilege to paint Lee's portrait and I'm very pleased with the painting. I feel it captures his personality and easy-going nature. "

See portrait opposite.

## Rays Story of Lameroo

On the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of April my wife **Rhonda** and I attended the **Lameroo Country Music Festival**. This was our 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to the festival and I thought I would share the experience with some others who haven't been there.

The event takes place in the **Lameroo Memorial Hall** and it has two great venues under one roof, those being the Main Hall and Supper Room. The Saturday show starts 11.00am -10pm extremely good value for money. This year's line up was **Craig Giles, Heartland, Graeme Hugo, Olive Bice, Wild Card, Stephen R Cheney, Allan Carroll, Kinta ( Nathan Bruhn, New Young Talent) John Ramke, and Trevor Philby , Rick Bartlett** was absent due to health reasons; **Ricks** place was filled by I believe to be **Bridge Boyd**.

In the main hall at 11.0'clock **Allan Carroll** opens the proceedings with the backing of **Heartland** who have their own bracket plus backing some of the other artists.

In the supper room **Stephen R Cheney** doing a 45 mins solo spot and then **Trevor Philby** for 30 mins or so... with I don't know what the machines are called that a lot of artists use, but they supply back up music while the artist sings and plays guitar... **Nathan Bruhn** only did 10 mins or so because he is only new on the scene, but it really is non-stop entertainment. The supper room usually starts at about 11.15 am and finishes about 9.00 pm Saturday.

In the main hall at about 7.30 pm **Heartland** change their name to **Stepping Back** and later on the **Wild Card** Band change their name to **The Cruisers** and its all Rock N roll till about 9.55p.m. when all the artists come back on the stage for the finale.

Sunday... if you were to have breakfast in the supper room you can buy a ticket on the Saturday for the breakfast on Sunday and while you're having breakfast some of the artists who are still there at Lameroo will come in and do some songs.

This year **Craig Giles, Kinta, Nathan Buhn, Olive Bice, Allan Carroll and Stephen R Cheney** and some of the artists did duets and trios with each other. **John Ramke** played his piano accordion (he's a Lameroo local) This is what usually happens, Breakfast starts at 8.30 am – finishes at 11.00 am... then you can make your way home. If you ask anyone who has been there I think they will say "it's pretty good"

Ray Thompson