

Lee Kernaghan's and Banjo Girl Taylor

Acknowledgement to Lisa Herbert

Lee Kernaghan is seen here jamming with **The Banjo Girl, Taylor Pfeiffer** on stage at the Concert for Rural Australia.

(Pic by Greg Sylvia)

Taylor was given the opportunity of a lifetime after an ABC staffer spotted her yodelling up a storm on **Tamworth's** iconic **Peel Street** during the town's **Country Music Festival**.

Taylor Pfeiffer, 13, picked up the banjo after hearing the television theme song of 'Skippy the Bush Kangaroo'.

She was aged seven.

Six years later the South Australian is making quite a name for herself. To many she is simply

The Banjo Girl. But **Taylor** has plenty of confidence, and can yodel a treat too!

She's a regular performer at Bluegrass and Country Music Clubs and Festivals around Australia, including the Tamworth Festival.

ABC Radio invited **Taylor** to interview one of her idols; former **Australian of the Year** and multi-golden guitar winner **Lee Kernaghan**.

She asks Lee about song writing, his Grandfather's droving history, and his plans for Australia Day.

Lee then accepted an invitation to jam with Taylor, with life-changing consequences!

So impressed with her performance on the banjo **Lee** invited **Taylor** to play with him at the **Concert for Rural Australia**.

Taylor held her own with Lee as they played his iconic song **The Boys from the Bush**. Then came her chance to jam with **Lee, the Wolfe Brothers and Markus Meier**.

He might have 28 golden guitars to his name, and have sold more than two million records, but **Lee Kernaghan** is steadfast in his support of new talent. The instance of someone being noticed on the street and plucked from obscurity he says "is **the magic of Tamworth**."



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Doctor - "What seems to be the problem today?"

Patient- "Well Doc, I've got the farts ... I mean I fart all the time"

Doctor nods, "Hmm."

Patient- "Funny enough, my farts do not stink and you can't hear them. I fart all the time. We've been talking for about 10 minutes or so and I've farted five times. You didn't hear them and you don't smell them, did you?"

"Hmm," says the Doctor,

Doc picks up his pad and writes out a prescription.

Patient- "This prescription, will really clear up my farts?"

Doctor- "No," sighs the Doctor,

"The prescription is to **clear your sinuses**. Next week we'll get you back for a **hearing test**."

Australian Record Sales

ARIA – the Australian Recording Industry Association – has announced a **four percent increase in total industry value; the first since 2009**.

The increase, in total value of annual wholesale figures in 2012, was to \$398.1 million.



In what ARIA described as "a monumental year for the Australian recorded music landscape", the continued uptake of digital music combined with a host of new streaming services entering the local market, resulted in more than 46 percent of the market's value coming from digital products in 2012, compared to 36.7 percent in 2011.

The number of physical products sold in 2012 dropped only 6.42 percent on the previous year, "a vast improvement" on the 13.85 percent drop in 2011 as physical products continued to remain the industry's dominant revenue earner, accounting for a 53.7 percent share of the market.

ARIA said this signalled a continued demand for CDs, DVDs and vinyl among a large portion of the Australian music buying public.

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