

'Ring Around the Moon'

James Blundell recently launched his new album on 'Saturday Night Country' thanks to **John Nutting**.



Isn't it annoying how **cricket!** takes preference over our regular **Country Music Radio spot!**

However, **James's** brand new CD 'Ring Around The Moon' dodged the fast bowlers to kick off at the beginning of 'Saturday Night Country'.

Then ... Guess wot! John's show went off

air... for radio coverage of **cricket bullsh.t!** **And... What The!** The beginning of the cricket match was delayed by rain for the duration of **John's** show!..... More **B.....iT!**

James Blundell had time to explain how his musical career began when he was **run over by a bull.....** (No No.....More Bull)

After leaving hospital **James** stayed at home and practiced playing guitar during his recovery time. He then visited pubs and coffee shops for small gigs... This led to his career beginning in **Mossman** in **Queensland**.



And now **James** begins touring **Darwin and West Australia** with **Anne Kirkpatrick, Felicity Urquart, Carter and Carter** and excellent band **Jetty Road**.

You can catch up with **James Blundell** on www.jamesblundell.com.au/



Our Own Stories

The Truth about Bullsh.t!

So you were looking in the mirror... something you don't normally spend a lot of time on... and you notice that the bags under your eyes seem to be more prominent? The wrinkles appear to be spreading at an alarming rate and the tummy needs a double...sorry...a triple tuck.

You may also have watched "**Bubba,**" on tele on **Extreme Makeover**.



"**Bubba,**" is a **Country Man, a Bar-tender and Rodeo Rider** whose looks and body had been broken down by **Rodeo Riding** and his **Honky Tonk** lifestyle.

When he's **riding the bull... Bubba** is a showman ... but when the lights came on at closing time he would hide.

But now like the story of **Prince Charming and Humpty Dumpty** he's been 'put together again'.

The **Extreme Team** has transformed **Bubba** from **Cow-Poked** to a **real cool hunky, fresh looking cowboy**.

The moral of this story is..... **When you go to rodeos, cricket matches, or anywhere else for that matter..... stay away from the bullsh.t!**

It is not good for your complexion!



Ma's Country Kitchen



Well it's great to be back. I know you've all missed me, but I had to take a trip up north to visit those **Banana Growers**.

Yep! I advise them that they would sell more bananas if they dropped the prices. And guess what! For my expert advice... I was paid ... Peanuts!

Banana Cake

This recipe makes a very moist, very dense banana cake with a smooth cream cheese icing. The cake doesn't rise much so it has a nice flat top for presentation. We served the cake at room temperature and topped each slice with a little passionfruit pulp.

You will need about 2-3 large bananas for this recipe.

125g butter, softened (if using unsalted butter, add 1/4 teaspoon salt with the flour)
330g (1 1/2 cups) caster sugar
280g very ripe, mashed banana
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 large eggs
100ml (1/3 cup + 1 tablespoon) buttermilk
225g (1 1/2 cups) self-raising flour
1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

Preheat oven to 170 degrees Celsius. Grease and line a 22cm diameter springform pan.

Place butter, sugar, banana, vanilla and eggs in a food processor.

Process for about 2 minutes. Scrape down sides of processor. Add buttermilk and pulse to combine.

Sift flour, salt (if using) and bicarbonate of soda together into a large bowl. Add flour mixture to food processor and process until just combined.

Pour batter into prepared tin. Bake for about 50-60 minutes, or until a skewer or knife inserted in the centre of the cake comes out clean. Leave cake to cool on a wire rack.

Spread cooled cake with cream cheese icing. (See **Following**) Store cake in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Cream Cheese Icing
90g cream cheese, softened
45g butter, softened
210g (1 2/3 cups) icing sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons lemon juice

Beat cream cheese and butter with an electric mixer until creamy. Add sifted icing sugar and beat until smooth. Add lemon juice and beat to combine. Spread icing over top and sides of cooled cake.

Simply Superb.....

Amazing McClymont's

The **McClymont** sisters have reached the **Number One spot** on the **Australian Country Music Radio Charts** with their smash single 'Baby's Gone Home'.

Now showing a high profile on country music channels few albums in the history of **Australian country music** have been as eagerly awaited as this their debut album.

Fresh from winning two **Golden Guitars** at the **CMAA Country Music Awards** for **Group Of The Year** and **New Talent**, the **McClymont** sisters are now enjoying their country music success.



Sister act: Samantha, Brooke and Mollie McClymont will play the Urban Country Music Festival on May 5

The sisters have **toured Australia** performing to full houses every night supporting **Lee Kernaghan**.

News is spreading fast and the popularity of **The McClymont Sister's** since appearing on **Channel Nine's** show 'Getaway' (to present their hometown of **Grafton NSW** to the Nation) is skyrocketing.