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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!!

Merry Christmas!!!, I hope 2007 has been an interesting & MOST fascinating journey for you all!, it certainly has been for me! I also hope that 2008 has lots of good things in store for us all & of course, a healthy dose of good Country & Bluegrass music. After hoping that November would have me back on my feet again after literally **3 months** of illness in our little family!, I started out the month with yet another dose! but it's December & I'm finally feeling good!... & yes, late again,... but hey, I'm not apologising - in fact I've been smacked around the head by a number of of my friends who've told me that it's great to hear from me regardless of when it arrives!, so to STOP apologising... so, OK, I will,... try

I've included my Tamworth Festival gig guide in this newsletter so please take it with you if you are going & please visit me at least once.. I haven't been able to be 'out & about' as much in the last couple of years so please come & say hi!

Thanks to Mick & Brenda Tinetti, & also Denise Llambias (see pic) for watching over William at Harrierville, and Ann rush & Jacqui Lever for minding him at Pearl Beach, much appreciated! & anyone who's previously told me they'd love to watch over him while I'm on stage at any of the upcoming gigs (especially at Tamworth) please contact me, I will certainly need some help. Thanks to Gina,

Rhonda & Woody for the photos, & Congrats to Vanya & Mario on their second child, a little girl 'Charlyse',... the greatest joy I believe one could experience!... Anyway,...to you all our best wishes, thanks for all the support & as always, please drop me a line if you have time! Karen x

As 2007 winds to a close I am both sad and

### GIG & TOUR NEWS

relieved, so little time to give my music the promotion it needs to be heard and yet so lucky that I have the type of career that i can spend so much time just enjoying the wonder of motherhood. We have got out a little though, even amidst the sickness we've had, most disappointingly I had a lovely guest spot at the Galston Country Music Festival which was very depressing due to having very little voice, thanks to Donna Boyd for her encouraging words,....sadly I hear she ended up in Mildura Festival with no voice either (not caused by



One tired little Boy!!



Debra &



Nikki & Me

me!). It was still a nice day to catch up with other artists Debra Byrnes, Nikki Gillis (this year's Golden Saddle Winner) & Donna herself. "Happy Retirement" Wishes go to Helen Kay!, I hope you & Gunter enjoy your holiday and thanks especially for all the support you have given me over the years. Thanks to Helen and all the staff at West Pennant Hills School for inviting us to perform at the school fete, it was a lot of fun and hopefully the funds raised were plenty . It was lovely to get out west to Parkes, Gulgong and Bathurst again, thanks especially to the Parkes



Frank Ifield & Me



↑ Sharon Hoffman, Betty & Rod Hewitt-Cook & ⇨ Pat entertaining the kids, ACT



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL, I HOPE 2008 BRINGS ALL YOU WISH FOR,... BE GOOD, WORK HARD, STAY SAFE, HEALTHY & HAPPY!!**

*Love & Best Wishes  
Karen, Marty & William,...*  
xxx

### 4TH 'CHANGES' SINGLE HITS THE AUST. TOP 30:

Thankyou to all the DJs who have & are still giving the 4th Radio single "The Healing Kind" a spin,.. it has now hit the Australian Country Music Chart & is at Number 25! Being a pretty slow, sad little ballad I didn't think it'd get much airplay but please keep it on your playlist a little longer & any supporters out there who ring in requests, please request it!

### Celebrate the Release of The Singles

Help us Celebrate the Release of the New CD by coming along to the Canterbury hurlstone Park RSL club on Thursday 13th March, 8pm, a great show will be put on for you, lots of artists and come and see frank Ifield present his 2008 International Spur Award as well.



(Right) Me, Greg Bain & Shaza Leigh, Hexham Bowlo





SPECIAL TAMWORTH GIG GUIDE

Tamworth Gigs are listed below, please visit me at one! (don't make me beg!)

- SAT, 19TH JAN, 2PM KAREN LYNNE, GUEST SPOT, ACFM 'ROLL OF REKNOWN' CONCERT, TOWN HALL
- SUN, 20TH JAN, 9.15AM With PAT DRUMMOND, GUEST SPOT DURING THE 'BUSH POETS & BALLADEERS BREAKFAST SHOW' AT CITY BOWLO
- SUN, 20TH JAN, 3PM, GUEST SPOT, CARTER & CARTER GOSPEL SHOW, TAMWORTH, SCULLY ROOM, SOUTHGATE PUB, TAMWORTH
- MON, 21ST JAN, 4PM KAREN LYNNE & FRIENDS, 'GOODIES BAR ACOUSTICA' AT THE GOOD COMPANIONS HOTEL, BRISBANE STREET, TAMWORTH
- MON, 21ST JAN, 8PM, GUEST SPOT AS PART OF ROD MCCORMACK'S 'BLUEGRASS SPECTACULAR' CONCERT FEAT. BLUEGRASS ALLSTARS', THE PUB
- TUES, 22ND JAN, 11 AM, "THE SINGLES" ALBUM LAUNCHWITH FRIENDS, TOYOTA COUNTRY THEATRE, OUTDOOR STAGE, (TREC)
- TUES, 22ND JAN, 2PM PAT DRUMMOND & KAREN LYNNE, GOONOO GOONOO ROOM, LONGYARD HOTEL
- TUES 22ND JAN, 9PM, GUEST SPOT ON 'THE GIRL'S NIGHT' AT ANDREW CLERMONT'S SUPPER CLUB, NORTH TAMWORTH BOWLO,
- WED, 23RD JAN, 4PM(?) GUEST SPOT WITH ROD MCCORMACK & THE 'BLUEGRASS ALLSTARS' DURING JUDGING OF THE BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIPS
- WED, 23RD JAN, 8PM, GUEST SPOT ON THE "HEY, HEY, IT'S COUNTRY" SHOW (WITH BRUCE HOWAT), KOOTINGAL BOWLO, \$15 WHOLE SHOW
- THURS, 24TH JAN, 2PM PAT DRUMMOND & KAREN LYNNE, GOONOO GOONOO ROOM, LONGYARD, TAMWORTH
- FRI, 25TH JAN, 9AM, KAREN LYNNE & ACOUSTIC SHOCK, GUEST SPOT, THE 'BLUEGRASS BREKKY', WEST TAM LEAGUES,HOSTED BY DAVIDSON BROS, FREE
- FRI, 25TH JAN, 10.30AM With 'MOSTLY' ACOUSTIC SHOCK, GUEST SPOT DURING THE BUSH POETS & BALLADEERS BREKKY SHOW AT TAM. CITY BOWLO
- FRI, 25TH JAN, 2-4PM, KAREN LYNNE & ACOUSTIC SHOCK BLUEGRASS BAND, "SILVER BOOT CORRAL", RED CROSS HALL, NEXT TO DIGGERS RSL CLUB (BETWEEN DIGGERS AND COCA COLA PARK), TAMWORTH FESTIVAL, \$5
- SAT, 26TH JAN, 2-4PM, KAREN LYNNE & ACOUSTIC SHOCK BLUEGRASS BAND, "SILVER BOOT CORRAL", RED CROSS HALL, NEXT TO DIGGERS RSL CLUB (BETWEEN DIGGERS AND COCA COLA PARK, TAMWORTH, FESTIVAL, \$5
- SAT, JAN 26TH, 6-9PM, With ACOUSTIC SHOCK, AS PART OF ANDREW CLERMONT'S SUPPER CLUB BLUEGRASS CONCERT, NTH TAM. BOWLO, \$15
- SAT, JAN 26TH, 9.30PM, GUEST SPOT ON THE "HEY, HEY, IT'S COUNTRY" SHOW (WITH BRUCE HOWAT), KOOTINGAL BOWLO \$15 WHOLE SHOW, 8PM (PS Anyone in Tamworth Willing to put up posters for me, please contact me!)

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& District Country Music Association for inviting myself and Pat to perform at their Annual CM Festival. We had the 'unenviable' program spot that followed Peter Horan who always leaves the crowd chanting for more (of him), so it's always hard to win them over but we think we did a lovely set and had some great feedback. It was lovely to meet Patti McKinnon, Christy Chamberlain, Craig Byrne again & upcoming singer Michelle Little & Tina Jansen and generally be so thoroughly welcomed, Thanks to Ralph & Cheryl & all the committee, we hope to come back again another year. Also a Belated Happy 50th to Alan Blackshaw (& thanks for the party invite, unfortunately it coincided with our Parkes trip but we hope you had a great night of celebration anyhow! ). The Guide Dog Association fundraiser at Pearl Beach was just lovely, held in the most beautiful setting!, It was good to share the stage with the Bushwackers & thanks to Frank Ifield for hosting the day and Lynne & all the committee for their efforts. We thought the day had taken a turn for the worst at one point when my bag containing wallet, diary and all other things important dissappeared but after a very long 24 hour wait it turned up having been accidently picked up by a very wonderfully honest woman (thankyou Maxine!), who contacted me as soon as she realised (Phew!!!). Then it was off to the ACT to open a lovely new outdoor Club entertainment area in Bellconnon and catch up with my very old, oops, shall I say 'long-time' friend Sharon and also Betty & Rod Hewitt-Cook,... it was so nice to see you!. In October we were given a lovely opportunity to sing at the Quarterly get together for Supporters & sufferers of Motor Nuerone Disease. Thanks to Jenny for organising it and all those who came along,... I was

GIG GUIDE (Based on Current Info known - Details may change)

- Sat, 8th Dec, 7pm Karen Lynne & Barry Thompson, Port Kembla RSL, Private Function
- Sun, 9 Dec, 11am Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Aristocrat Christmas Party, Mutt Park, Hurstville
- Sun, 16 Dec, 1pm Pat Drummond, Annual Shoestring Records Christmas Party, Greengate Hotel, Killara
- 28th Dec, 8pm Karen Lynne & Bluegrass friends!, with Steve Graham Country Band, Blacktown RSL Club
- Mon, 31 Dec, 8pm Pat Drummond, Karen Lynne, New years Eve Celebrations, The Chalet, Medlow Bath, The 'Black Pearl' is setting sail, callin' me Hearties to come aboard for bootie, grub & ale!, Batten down the hatches!, pirates & wenches all aboard or walk the plank & swim ashore!... Ring Norm & Jo (02) 4788 1122
- Sun, 6 Jan, 2pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Jamberoo Pub, Jamberoo (To be confirmed)
- Fri 18th - Sun 20th Jan Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock, Illawarra Folk Festival, Bulli Showground, (NOTE Karen will not be performing on all three days of the festival, 'Acoustic Shock' however, will do the remaining days on their own)
- Fri, 1st Feb, 8pm Karen Lynne & Bluegrass Band, at The Folkus Room, (operates out of The Serbian Cultural Centre & Club), 5 Heard St. MAWSON, ACT (eastern side of Southlands Centre and just off Athllon Drive)
- Sat, 2nd Feb, 8pm Karen Lynne & Bluegrass Band, possibly Goulburn, Still to be confirmed (Ring me 0407 603277)
- Sun, 3rd Feb, 8pm Karen Lynne & Bluegrass Band, Heritage Hotel, Bulli, Still to be confirmed (Ring me 0407 603277)
- Sat, 9th Feb, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Wyong RSL Club, Wyong, Central Coast
- Sun, 10th Feb, 1pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Wisemans Ferry Inn, Wisemans Ferry
- Fri 29th Feb-Mon 3rd Mar - With Pat Drummond, Nannup Folk Fest, WA (To Be Confirmed)
- Thurs, 13th Mar, 8pm Karen Lynne, Guest Spot & 'Album Launch', as part of Frank Ifield's 2008 International Spur Award' Announcement, Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL
- Sun, 16 Mar, 1pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Jamberoo Pub, Jamberoo (To Be Confirmed)
- Fri 25th - Sun 27th Apr Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock AND Karen Lynne & Pat Drummond Duo, Mount Beauty Music Muster, Mt Beauty
- 2nd - 3rd May Karen Lynne & Bluegrass band, Goulburn (More details to Come)

Fri,

W/Tina Jansen, Parkes



Little Will & the Big 'DISH'



(Left) Nigel & Jacqui Lever, Ann Rush, Pearl Beach (Right) With Michelle Little, Parkes Festival



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hoping to have some names for the photos below, but maybe next time. Pat Drummond has still not come down from his sugar high after eating all those pink cupcakes! Thanks to Bruce Packard for playing Bass for us at Harrierville (more about that next Newsletter!) & thanks to the organisers of the 'Gold Medallion Awards' held at Hexham & congrats to all this years winners. As last years 'Female Vocalist' winner I was asked to perform on the show, special thanks to Kay & Shaza for the organising and Lindsay and the band for the great backing. Thanks also to all those who supported White Ribbon Day at Kiama with us, held to celebrate speaking out against Domestic Violence, I had the pleasure of singing 'He Says' (from the Labour of Love CD) which deals with that issue. After missing the SCCMA Bluegrass night in October & the Sydney Bluegrass Society nights for 3 months in a row due to illness we did make the Christmas Get together and it was lovely night. Just quickley, for 2008 we have a gig in 'The Folkus Room' early Feb, & possible gigs in Goulburn & the 'Gong that same weekend. We'll then be up the Central Coast & had also had a wonderful invite to WA for the Nannup Folk festival. I'm afraid we'll only be able to go IF we can muster up some more gigs, so we may not make it,.. But regardless we'll be at Mount Beauty & the Goulburn area in April & May,... so don't forget to Check out the gigs, we just might be in your town!

**"Changes" REVIEW By Al Moir, Country Music People, UK**

**RATING ★★★★★** Aus-  
 tralian Karen Lynne made her recording debut in 1998 when she released 'Labour Of Love'. Changes is her fifth album to date & during this nine year period she has attracted a lot of attention with her bluegrass & acoustic country approach, winning numerous awards on the home front as well as making lengthy British & European tours. In 2005 she opened for Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder, which gives an indication of the regard in which she is held. The cover of her current album shows her standing by a craggy cliff, washed by the sea, the inference being, presumably, that over a period of time erosion brings about inevitable changes to the landscape. The title track, one of the late Phil Ochs' best known songs, would seem to bear this out, speaking not just of a natural cycle of events in nature but emotional changes within relationships that touch most of us with the passage of time. Many of the chosen songs fit the overall theme, including the Wayland Patton/ Jim Rushing composition, 'We Should only have time for Love'. An Australian country radio mix of the song is also included at the end of the album as a bonus track. Gordon Lightfoot's 'The Circle of Small' relates to a long suffering woman who clings to her partner though fully aware he is cheating on her. Once loving relationships which end either in death, as in Roses in the Snow, or infidelity, gradual drifting apart, jealousy, wanderlust or the inability to accept that love has died, are exemplified in songs like 'It's Over', Ron Block's 'There is a Reason', Paul Craft's 'Jealous', Irene Kelly's 'It Wasn't Me' and Ronnie Bowman's 'The Healing Kind'. All are sung convincingly with either a sense of acceptance that this is the way of the world or admission that the guilt cannot always be laid at the door of others. Lynne has proved herself to be a talented writer, offering two contributions here, 'Loving Arms' & 'Blue Mountain Rain', which was the title of an earlier album. Changes is an excellent mix of authentic bluegrass & contemporary country. Noted producers Rod McCormack & Herm Kovac have assembled a group of Australia's best bluegrass musicians, in a wholly acoustic setting, who collectively match many American bands in terms of craftsmanship, timing, cadence & understanding & appreciation of the traditions of the genre. McCormack's own contribution on guitar & mandolin is impressive, along with James Gillard on vocal harmony. Lynne must be given full credit for continuing to build on the quite distinctive country scene which has thrived in Australia for many years now. She goes from strength to strength & on this showing can take her place with supreme confidence on any international stage.



**"THE SINGLES" ALBUM OUT**



Yep... as I mentioned last Newsletter, it's out,... my sixth album, "The Singles", complete with a PC Playable Video clip. It's a compilation album of many of the Radio Singles released from all five of my previous albums to date, so it won't be eligible for Awards etc, however it's kind of Celebration of all my years singing and recording in Country & Bluegrass music, and a really nice summary of me & my musical journey so far. It contains only previously released material, but if you perhaps only have one or two of my albums to date, then there will be plenty of songs on it that you haven't heard. To celebrate it's release, you can buy the new "The Singles" Album for the VERY special price of \$10 or get it absolutely FREE with any other CD purchase,.. will make a great Christmas present!.. Merry Christmas!!!!

**SAY HOWDY! TO OUR NEW MANAGER!...** He's young, cool & loves Bluegrass music!?! (it's not everyday you get that combination!). Let's face it, I never thought I'd ever get a Manager because most would think I was too old & my music too 'eclectic' in taste!, but even though I'm not blonde, size 10 or the rest!..., he's found me, LOVES the music we make and wants to help us get it out there & heard by many more people (& with an 18 mth old to keep me busy, it's help VERY much appreciated!),.. Please welcome William Blakeley on board & check him out at <http://www.myspace.com/williamblakeley> or email him on bookings@williamblakeley.com

**ABC 'SUNDAY NIGHTINGALES' CD track**

Great news as, after being dropped in the final cull of not one, but TWO! previous ABC 'Saturday Night Country' releases,.. my track 'The Circle is Small' has been included in the final selection of songs recently released by ABC's 'Coodabeen Champions' (who present ABC's very funny & rather 'eclectic' Sunday evening Radio show). The ABC released album is called 'Sunday Nightingales' & presents my track neatly in the company of such greats as Suzanne Vega, Brenda Lee, Bobbie Gentry, Lulu, Olivia Newton-John, Lesley Gore & many more!, & was a lovely surprise (on top of the already wonderful support that these guys give my music on the show). BIG Thanks to Billy Baxter, Greg Champion, Jeff Richardson & Ian Cover for this constant support, & if you ever listen to the show,.... request me!



Group shots taken at the Get together meeting for Motor Nuerone Disease

# ALBUM ORDER FORM



**LABOUR OF LOVE  
(1998)**

Karen Lynne  
First Solo Album  
(16 Tracks)  
KLF0704 - 001/SR 15  
Contains a mix of both  
Traditional &  
Contemporary Country,  
Folk & Bluegrass  
(3 originals).



**SIX DAYS IN  
DECEMBER  
(2000)**

Karen Lynne &  
Pat Drummond  
Duet Album  
(11 tracks)  
KLF0704 - 002/SR18  
Contains a number of  
Duet & Solo tracks from  
Karen & Pat . All tracks  
are Australian (10 Orig)  
Country/folk in style



**BLUE MOUNTAIN RAIN  
(2001)**

Karen Lynne  
& Martin Louis  
Collaboration Album  
(18 tracks)  
KLF0704 - 003/SR 20  
Genuine Australian  
Bluegrass!, featuring  
Acoustic Shock Bluegrass  
Band & many great  
Aussie players  
(1 original & 2 instrumtl)



**SECOND WIND  
(2003)**

Karen Lynne  
Solo Album  
(14 Tracks)  
KLF0704 - 004/SR 38  
Contains a mix of  
Traditional & Contempo-  
rary Country Music  
including a duet with  
Grant Richardson.  
(3 originals)



**CHANGES  
(2006)**

Karen Lynne  
Solo Album  
(13 tracks + Bonus Mix)  
KLF0704 - 003/SR 55  
Contains a mix of  
Traditional Bluegrass &  
more contemporary  
Acoustic Style Ballads  
(2 originals)



**THE SINGLES  
(2007)**

Karen Lynne  
Solo Compilation Album  
KLF0704 - 004/SR ??  
(15 tracks + Bonus PC  
Playable Video Clip )  
Contains a mix of Tradi-  
tional & Contemporary  
Bluegrass & Country.  
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ously released material.  
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