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1ST SINGLE HITS TOP 5!!

Big Thank yous! go to all the wonderful Community Radio Presenters out there who have supported the single "This Ring". The first single release from "Blue Mountain Rain", has not only been played but played so much that it bounced into the charts and made it to No.5 on the National Australian "Country Tracks" Chart .. quite stunning really for a little Bluegrass song... we were just bowled over!

Bluegrass Guru Trev Warner - also tells me I've created a milestone! being officially the first Australian Female artist to record a full Bluegrass Album!.. The song also came in as the third highest played single for that period (out of about 23 songs) beaten only by Kasey Chambers and Brendan Warmsley, not a bad little effort we thinks!, So Thank you to the radio presenters and to all of you for listening!!!!,.....

MADNESS MONTH!!

Hello all!,... Well it's me again and that's what June was - sheer madness!. Now that I have stopped long enough to draw breath and write this long overdue Newsletter,... (my humblest apologies to you all!) I'll try and review what has been quite a few months of madness!. I guess with Tax & Apra returns now due it's generally a busy time for any music business - but with holidays and Tours,

Album Launches, Single releases, gigs and paperwork overload it's been an extraordinarily busy time. So!, now you've forgiven me (I hope?) for a very late Newsletter!,... what's been going on!. We've now released the second single from "Blue Mountain Rain", a slow one this time called "You're Running Wild". If you are listening to your favourite Bluegrass and/or Country program on your local Fm station and you are not hearing it,.. please ring them up and ask for it,.. if they don't have it - ring me up! and I'll ensure that they do!..... Our first reviews are also slowly coming in for the Bluegrass album (see page 3) and they are all saying what we already knew!,.. and that is that it is a truly wonderful

album and that we should be very proud of it !!,... (of which we are!!). Of course with all this happening and me only having one pair of hands and no secretary!,.. something must suffer and you'll notice the gig guide



Launching the Blue Mountain Rain Album at Southgate Inn, Tamworth - Jan 2002

looks particularly pitiful at this moment,.. but hey!, who's got time to chase gigs!??,.. never mind I'm sure we'll be picking up some more over the next few months and if you want to find out where I am, just look at the web site And YES!!, I know it it hasn't

been kept up to date either lately due to problems,... but they will be fixed in the next few months and the web site will progress. S o , . . . Pleeaaaaaaase be patient!
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SECOND WIND Blowing Strong!

Work has been progressing nicely on the new Solo Country Album, currently on schedule for a late 2002 release. Musically, all the tracks are finished & I am currently working on the art work.

This album will be my fourth and whilst "Six Days in December" was a great album for those who love an Australian Folk & Country music mix,.. and "Blue Mountain Rain" of course is a real treat for all those who love a Bluegrass and Country music mix,.. the new album is most definately the most Mixed Country album you'll hear from me since my debut album "Labour of Love". It fea-

tures a good spread of the ballads I love singing so much, along with some more contemporary songs that may pleasantly surprise you,.. but then again that's the idea!.

It features all the best Australian musicians and some great vocals from great singers such as Grant Richardson, James Gillard, Lyn Bowtell and even Bill Chambers! I only hope it doesn't get compared to the Bluegrass album, because it is just so different,.. but I guess the only way you prevent the industry from "boxing" you into a category, is to keep on sur-

GIG GUIDE

Saturday, June 1	Stroud Country Club, Stroud 2pm - 5.30pm with Acoustic Shock
Sunday, June 2	Punchbowl RSL Club, 2pm - Guest Spot with McAuleys Raiders
Friday, June 7	The Pub, Tamworth, 5-7.30pm - With Acoustic Shock Bluegrass Band
Saturday, June 8	The Pub, Tamworth, 3-6pm - With Acoustic Shock Bluegrass Band
Sunday, June 9	Scully Room, Southgate Inn Tamworth, 5-7pm - With Acoustic Shock
Sunday, June 9	CMAA Independents Concert, West Tamworth Leagues Club - Solo Appearance
Monday, June 10	The Pub, Tamworth, 3-5pm - With Pat Drummond
Thursday, June 13	Oak Flats Bowling Club, 5.30 - 9pm (Music with Meat Raffle)
Sunday, June 23	Smithfield RSL, Smithfield 2-5pm - Guest Spot with McAuleys Raiders
Thursday, June 27	Oak Flats Bowling Club, 5.30 - 9pm (Music with Meat Raffle)
Friday, June 28	Galston Country Club, 8.30 - 11pm - Guest Appearance with Pat Drummond
Fri - Sunday, July 5-7	Redlands Bluegrass Convention, Redlands Bay Qld, Concert Appearances and Workshops
Thursday, July 11	Oak Flats Bowling Club, 5.30 - 9pm (Music with Meat Raffle)
Friday, July 19	Fairfield RSL Club, Fairfield 8pm - Appearance with McAuleys Raiders
Sunday, July 21	MacQuarie Arms Hotel - Outside in Park, Windsor - Guest spot with Pat Drummond
Thursday, July 25	Oak Flats Bowling Club, 5.30 - 9pm (Music with Meat Raffle)
Saturday, July 27	Rozelle Neighbourhood Ctre, Cnr Darling St & Victoria Rd, w/Pat Drummond & Sommers Fam
Thursday, Aug 8	Oak Flats Bowling Club, 5.30 - 9pm (Music with Meat Raffle)
Saturday, Aug 17	Illawarra Folk Club, Wollongong - With Acoustic Shock - For details (02) 47573292
Sunday, Aug 18	Wine & Food Festival, Ulladulla - Guest Appearance with Pat Drummond
Thursday, Aug 22	Oak Flats Bowling Club, 5.30 - 9pm (Music with Meat Raffle)
Thursday, Sept 5	Oak Flats Bowling Club, 5.30 - 9pm (Music with Meat Raffle)
Fri - Sunday, Sept 13-15	Illawarra Folk Festival, Jamberoo - With Acoustic Shock & Pat Drummond
Thursday, Sept 19	Oak Flats Bowling Club, 5.30 - 9pm (Music with Meat Raffle)
Friday, Sept 20	Merry Muse Folk Club, Nth Canberra Bowling Club, Cnr McCaughey & Condamine St
Saturday, Sept 21	Rozelle Neighbourhood Ctre, Cnr Darling St & Victoria Rd, w/Acoustic Shock
Thursday, Oct 3	Oak Flats Bowling Club, 5.30 - 9pm (Music with Meat Raffle)
Saturday, Oct 5	Parkes Services Club - Downstairs Lounge with Pat Drummond
Monday, Oct 7	Promotional Tour, UK (Details to be Confirmed)

GIVEAWAYS!

You'll notice in the gig guide that I have been accepted to perform at the Illawarra Folk Festival in September. This will be especially fun as I'll be performing in both the Bluegrass band and as a folk 'n country Duo with Pat Drummond. This festival is a truly fantastic little festival held down at the beautiful country town of Jamberoo - and to celebrate I have some of their 2001 Festival promotional CDs to Giveaway!. It's a Folk music CD called "Jamberoo - a Change of Season" & anyone who orders any of my CDs & who tells me they like Aussie Folk music and would like one! ..will get one!.. (until they run out of course!).

INVITATION!

How would you like a great evening of Australian stories in song,... in a great little non smoking, wonderfully intimate, candlelit venue,... table seating,...Great food and coffee available,... great atmosphere - kids and families welcome?!,...Come along and support us at the Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre (cnr Darling & Victoria Rds, Rozelle) 27 July, 8 - 11pm, & yes, there is a cover charge of \$10 - but that's pretty cheap for a night out these days! There will also be a support band - a young family Bluegrass band - The "Sommers Family". (Bookings 0414 240 014)

Did you Know!?,.. that there is a number for Telstra Directory Assistance that is free?,... but it's NOT 12455 - which is the number they've been advertising!!.. That number is actually charged at 25 cents!,... Don't get stung, instead ring 1223 - this one IS a free call, ..it works too!

The Journey Continues!,.....

1999 started out really well,... my debut album "Labour of Love" had gained a lot of good reviews and had put me on the map. By this time I had been a full time professional singer for over a year and I was keeping my head above water,... it felt good. Not having a day job meant I got to widen my scope of gigs,... (and get more sleep!).

The work with the band was continuing although I was slowly coming to the realisation that as much as I loved playing in my dance band, I really wanted to be singing full time in the Country music genre.

The guys were good about this and also pretty supportive of the fact that the album was getting a lot of attention and so we started actively advertising the band as a Country



band and "Karen Lynne and the Lynch Mob" was born, but unfortunately there still wasn't a lot of Country

music gigs around and the dance band gigs were still very much a part of my life & livelihood.

I was also working the occasional gig with Pat Drummond and even dabbled with a trio with Pat and my sister Liz (who is a great bass player & singer and now with folk band Jigsaw)... along with Pat's material we sang our material too and a mix of well known country and folk songs - all with a very acoustic sound. That was interesting, but not "clubby" enough for the venues we were playing,... but regardless, it was opening my ears and heart to a new direction and I could

feel the 'winds of change' a comin'. Another big change in my life at the time was becoming engaged ("about

*BLUE MOUNTAIN RAIN
ALBUM REVIEW - Trev Warner*

At last a new Australian bluegrass album!. This release from Karen Lynne and Martin Louis together with Martin's band Acoustic Shock is just superb. The singing and playing is first class and the choice of material is excellent.

The album features some of Australia's foremost bluegrass pickers and singers including Acoustic Shock members Martin Louis (banjo, vocals) Jim Rush (guitar, vocals), Nigel Iever (mandolin, vocals) and Quentin Fraser (bass, dobro) and guests include Ian Simpson (banjo), Kym Warner (mandolin), Andrew Clermont (fiddle & mandolin), Mick Albeck (fiddle), and Elisabeth Frencham (bass, harmony vocals).

It is hard to pick out the best tracks because they all shine, but my favourite pick is the Hazel Houser song "The Touch of the God's Hand". Other great tracks include the Kasey Chambers song

"This Flower", Darren Coggan's "Homefires" and the Don Reno song "You're No longer a sweetheart of mine".

Karen is one of Australia's best singers of traditional country and Folk music and has wanted to do a Bluegrass album for some time. The wait has been well worth while. I know the album will do well both in Australia and overseas and with 18 tracks it is good value.



time",... everyone said!) and I knew this would mean eventually moving from my home town of Wollongong,... where everything had always seemed so secure. Suddenly nothing in my life was secure,... in fact, the band was probably the only thing that was somehow steadfast around me,.. until lead guitarist, Bruce (and friend of many years) gave his notice - and headed for a new life in Queensland. It was a really difficult time,.. so much change, but I struggled on. I also experienced my first short concert tour,.. only for a week or so,.. but to places I'd never seen before and to sing for audiences I'd never sung to before, it was a real eye opener - and I loved it. I was learning so much and I finally felt like I was starting to do what I really wanted to do. Then in the midst of all this confusion I was offered the opportunity of a lifetime - a promotional tour to England,..... why me?,... I really don't know, I guess I was just lucky enough to meet someone who had faith in what I could do,..... and he did. (TBC)

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Karen Lynne - Solo Album
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