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LATEST SINGLE - MAKES TOP 20

Thanks once again to all those Community Radio Presenters and supporters out there, who have requested & played my latest single occasionally, as it (Track 3 - "Till You Loved Me") has made it to the Number 11 Position on the Australian National Country Tracks Chart. This makes it the third Charting single from the "Second Wind" album. This was a very good position (& unexpected!) as there was a lot of high profile tracks competing for chart positions in this time period. These included latest singles from Kasey Chambers, Sara Storer, Beccy Cole, Troy Cassar-Daly, Melinda Schneider, Lee Kernaghan & Catherine Britt, Graeme Connors, Carter & Carter, Kenny Chesney, Adam Harvey & Brendan Walmsley. That time period proved a tough one to release a single and with that kind of competition I didn't think my little song had a hope... but thankfully I was wrong.



Around the World & Back Again!...

..... Or so it seems!... Welcome back everybody, it's (well past) Newsletter time again... but since the last edition was a little late I thought I'd better delay this one a little also so I had lots of new information. Hasn't the year flown!... so much to do and so little time... and what happened to that 'year of a little peace & quiet' I was intending to have you ask??... I don't know either!??... but it certainly by-passed me!

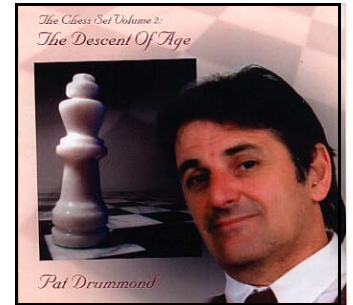
I wish I could afford some office assistance... as I can't seem to get all done that needs to be done... but I guess I'm not the only one that has that problem. Anyway, the last few months have really flown and my feet have barely touched the ground! I'd like to be able to say it's because I've been off winning lots of Awards and bring news of fame & fortune, but sadly no...it's instead due to a few months hard work 'pounding the pavement' so to speak, then a little 'musical holiday' thrown in at the last minute. The holiday was more for my long suffering husband - than me, but it was a chance to get me away from the phone & computer for a

while (mind you he had to take me to America to do it!)... but as busy as life was... it just seemed the right time to do it. We haven't been able to get to America to check out the latest Bluegrass festivals for over 5 years... so it was time. While there, we didn't stray far from the music, and lets face it... as far as Bluegrass goes, America has the very best you can get. The festivals on the Agenda included the Cherokee Bluegrass Festival



& (by special invitation) the Delaware Valley Bluegrass Festival. The entertainment we took in was nothing short of phenomenal!... and artists included Rhonda Vincent (my hero!), Ricky Skaggs, Osborne Bros, Del McCoury, Valerie Smith, Claire Lynch, Ralph Stanley, Marty Raybon, Larry Sparks, Doyle Lawson, Jessie Mc Reynolds, Lynne Morris, King Wilkie, Lonesome River Band, Blue Highway and the list goes on... I was also most humbled to be offered a walk up spot on both festivals -(which I kindly turned down! in the presence of such greatness...) but it's an open opportunity I can take up with the whole band next time we return!

NEW ALBUM FOR PAT AT LAST!!



Good News! - 7 Years is a long time between Solo albums, but that's how long it's been since Duo partner Pat Drummond had a solo album out, but finally it's here - in fact both of them!. Although a little ahead of our time (complete with full computer interactive) it's a fairly intellectual concept package with both albums presented as 2 "Pat's" - one, the heavily political & somewhat grumpy persona 'battling' the alterego, a more accepting & responsive soul. Of course it's full of exceptionally written gems - many of which have already become crowd favourites. At \$50 a set, it's a great buy, but have that cup... er sorry... POT of tea ready before you put it on!... for info www.patdrummond.net

Congrats! to all the Mildura Finalists! of which I'm not one this year as I have no new product out... but I must say it's kind of nice not to be gnawing at my fingernails awaiting the announcements & it will be especially nice to sit back and enjoy the Awards for once!!... Oh & sing a song too - as it's always a great honour!!

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The trip also included meet 'n greets with Rhonda Vincent, Claire Lynch, Ricky Skaggs and Lynne Morris and husband Marshall - both whom we hadn't seen for 5 years. Lynne has been quite sick following a stroke a year or so ago, but she's looking extremely well and determined to be playing & singing up to scratch again in the near future. I was also asked to sing in Nashville with Chris & Sally Jones - which was very nice of them. We even caught up with our talented little guitar



Lynne & Marshall

picking mate Jedd Hughes, who has his new album out in the USA and is taking the industry by storm. Of course Patty Loveless just happened to be at Jedd's gig!... so we got to meet her too. We did try and catch up with our

friends Kym Warner & Carol Young... but unfortunately Texas was a little too far away for this trip. I also found the time to do some songwriting so it was a pretty amazing trip all in all.

Of course life before that little sojourn was pretty busy also and included a number of weeks touring & promoting the album in Victoria and ongoing preparation of the new recording project which has not got as far as we would have liked due to some unpreventable delays... but I guess patience is a virtue of which I'm learning much about this year! Regardless, it's good to be able to sit still long enough to write to you all again before life takes off on me again. This time it's off to Mildura, SA and even a quick little peek at WA... so please check out the gig list and if I'm passing, please drop in and say Hi!

Latest Tour News

Originally 2004 was planned as a recording year as the latest album was (officially) released late in

2002 and so we were hoping for a Nov 2004 release for our new Bluegrass offering, but due to a number of unexpected and unavoidable delays it's now doubtful this will happen. However, not one to squander a minute, I had a touring & promotional year for "Second Wind" - and it's been getting great response everywhere I go. For those of you reading that haven't yet heard the album... what can I say... maybe you haven't heard one of my albums since the first one?... beg, buy or steal one... you will not regret it. Lately we've trampled a lot of turf

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w/ Pat & Ronnie
Rae Rivers @ Cant
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GIG GUIDE

- Fri, 6 Aug - With Pat Drummond, Bathurst Folk Club, Panarama City Hotel Motor Lodge 8PM
 Sat, 7 Aug - Guest spot at Fundraiser For The Leukemia Foundation, Tempe Hotel, Tempe
 Fri 17-19th Sept - Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock, Illawarra Folk festival, Jamberoo
 Sept 26-3rd Oct - Mildura Independent Country Music Festival, Mildura (See below - for show Details)
 Sun 26th Sept - RED CLIFFS CLUB Mildura, KELLY COUNTRY SHOW, 7.30pm - 10.30pm, Stars: Karen Lynne, Peter Pratt, Donna Boyd, Sweeney Killeen, Sharon Benjamin, Travis List, Joy Adams
 Mon 27th Sept - PLAZA CROSSROADS show, Mildura, 1.45pm
 Mon 27th Sept - EDGE HOTEL BURONGA, Mildura, 8pm - Midnight, CRAIG BYRNE COUNTRY SHOW, Stars: Karen Lynne, Alby Pool, Travis Collins,
 Dean Perrett, Jeff Brown, Joy Adams, Margaret Bates, Matt Manning, June Harrison
 Tues 28th Sept - COUNTRY ON THE DARLING Show, Mildura, 12.15pm,
 Tues 28th Sept - MERBEIN CITIZEN'S CLUB, Mildura, 8pm - Midnight, OWEN BLUNDELL PARTY TIME, Guests: Donna Boyd, Michael Bryers, Karen Lynne, Kelly Black, Travis Collins, Travis List, Casey Watt, Lee Forster, Sandra Humphries
 Wed 29th Sept - MILDURA CITY OLIVE BICE SHOWCASE, Mildura, 1.00pm
 Wed 29th Sept - MERBEIN CITIZEN'S CLUB, Mildura, 8pm - Midnight, MAGPIE COUNTRY SHOW, Guests: Karen Lynne, Corinna Cordwell, Peter Pratt, Col Finley, Jack Pledge, Ronnie Rae Rivers, Shelley Evans
 Thurs 30th Sept - EDGE HOTEL BURONGA, Mildura, 8pm - Midnight, CRAIG BYRNE COUNTRY, Stars: Owen Blundell, Laura Downing, Costa Brothers, Karen Lynne, Smokin' Joe, Gail Smith, Matt Manning, Margaret Bates, Gary Smith, Adam Kilpatrick
 Fri 1st Oct - COUNTRY ON THE DARLING SHOW, Mildura, 11.45am MILDURA
 Fri 1st Oct - CITY OLIVE BICE SHOWCASE, Mildura, 3.00pm
 Sat 2nd Oct 2004 - Australian Independent Country Music Awards, Hosts: Felicity Urquhart, Double Decker Dave, Mike Smith, Stars: Mark Tempney, Carter & Carter, Peter Horan, Peter Pratt, Michael Bryers, Karen Lynne, Col Finley, Donella Plane, Billy Bridge, Nicki Gillis, Jeff Brown, Shelley Evans, Ronnie Rae Rivers, Donna Boyd, Travis Collins
 Sun 3rd Oct - 3MA LAST ROUNDUP HENDERSON PARK MILDURA, 12.00pm - your favourite stars sing one song in the biggest Non Stop Country Music show you have ever seen
 Sun 3rd Oct - COOMEALLA CLUB SHOW, Dareton, Upstairs Auditorium, COOMEALLA STAMPEDE (Two Shows - 4pm - 6.30 pm & 8pm - 10.30pm Stars: Carter & Carter, Craig Giles, Fisk & Cristian, Karen Lynne, Owen Blundell, Donella Plane, Kylie Harris, The Breakers, Adam Kilpatrick)
 Fri 8th Oct - Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne Concert, Loxton Church, Loxton - For More info Contact Me 0407 603277
 Sat 9th Oct - Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne Concert, Karoonda Community Hall, Karoonda For More info Contact Me 0407 603277
 Fri 15-17 Oct - Australian Folk Alliance Convention, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne Guest Spot, Sat 2.30pm
 Fri 22nd Oct - Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne Concert with Dave Lees, Como, WA For More info Contact Me 0407 603277
 Sun 24th Oct - Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Geraldton Hotel, Geraldton, WA For More info Contact Me 0407 603277
 Sat 13th Nov - Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Rozelle neighbourhood Centre, Darling St, 8pm, For More info Contact Me 0407 603277

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MANY THANKS this month to our friends that helped with Accommodation on our recent VIC tour - Merelyn & David Carter, Brent Parlane & John Wallace, (Wallis & Matilda) The Banfields, Neil Higgins & Family, Gerry & maria, Shane & Mal.

LOST CD! - I don't know how it happened,... but I somehow have sent a 'Second Wind' CD Cover out there with a 'Labour Of Love' CD inside,.... if you got this by mistake,.. please contact me urgently,



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with our first trip to a lovely little Folk festival at St Albans (NSW),... The site is just perfect for a folk festival and the crowds were really friendly and hopefully we'll get that one again someday. Then once again myself and Pat trekked up to Goondiwindi for a lovely show with funnyman Murray Hartin. Not a huge audience but certainly an appreciative one where we met quite a few new friends and supporters - to you all, thanks for coming. Then it was off to Mungindi for their annual Show once again, thankfully the grass looked a bit greener this time as

some rain had finally fallen. Thanks to all those friends that came along and saw us at Cant/Hurlstn Park RSL,, Nevertire & braved the icy outdoor show at Dubbo,... (yes I did take my trakky pants off from under my dress when I went on stage,... although I can tell you I didn't want to!), I was touched that some of you made such a special effort. It was also nice to meet some new friends during our Victorian tour, you're all much appreciated!... in fact, the only Raspberries going out this month are to the slackos that pinched our Product Box (full of Cds!!) from the stage at Mungindi Show,...(the police are now looking for thieves with very poor musical taste!!).

2005 Country Music Calenders Released

June Underwood has been at it again!... releasing her 'best yet' 2005 Country Music Calender. They are wonderful calenders containing many new photos of Australian Country Music artists - both Major label and independents. It retails at \$25 (inc P&H) and is real classy!... and of course as usual you can get them from me...just send your money and details and we'll get one out to you asap!



I even got to do a little research in Bendigo & found out my Great Great Grandad was one of the first to find gold in Bendigo,.. (and he looked like my brother!),. but more on that next time!!!

...And so the Journey Continues!...

I have always loved Bluegrass Music, Dad had some in his vast record collection and even the CM I loved was always on the 'traditional acoustic' side, however I never sang Bluegrass music earlier in my career as not being a good 'player' I found it hard to become a part of the scene. I was attending the Sydney Bluegrass and Traditional CM Society as soon as I had a license, but I found that most Bluegrass gatherings were full of musicians in circles picking various traditional tunes. There didn't seem to be much opportunity to join in as a singer & singing seemed to be only as an accompaniment to the music,.. besides, I was pretty shy and would never have

had the confidence to ask them if I could join in!. However, after going to Acoustic Shock gigs with Marty - as he was the banjo player, it wasn't long before I was asked to sing and the result was really nice,... and really different. These guys were one of the few Bluegrass bands in OZ that took their traditional harmony singing as seriously as their playing and that really impressed me. Sure, there were some 'purists' who said that I was 'too country' to sing bluegrass



and i'm the first to admit I don't have that 'high lonesome' Bill Monroe voice,.. but neither do Claire Lynch or Alison Krauss,.. so I just did it anyway!. The result was really beautiful and a wonderful collaboration CD of which was 9 times Award nominated and won the "Best Independent Release" at the VIC CM Awards. I still love this format although we find it hard to get together at the moment as some of the players are working with other bands a lot - making it hard to secure bookings, but I'm afraid the Bluegrass is here to stay and as I can't always sing with Acoustic Shock these days, I will be getting another band together to use as well, as it's become an integral part of what I do and who I am,... and I love it!.. so watch out for it at a gig soon!... Best Wishes... Karen

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