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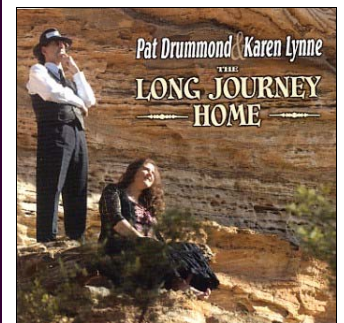
A big hello to all my friends once again, some close by, some a world away, but thanks to the internet, not so far at all!. It's been a few months since my last newsletter, but there's been lots of things happening in my family including a new baby (not mine!), an engagement and a wedding that's about to happen,.. and personally, a few months of computer chaos with my lovely 'Old faithful' 10 year old IMAC finally biting the dust. Sad though it was, it gave me a watertight excuse to buy a NEW one and I didn't spare the horses! Being that I spend an awful lot of time staring at it (as does Marty these days), I decided a 20 inch screen was a must! I'm sure it's going to take of it's wonders but I'm enjoying the packed it in (in Sympathy perhaps?) so one will have to do until we sell a few more Cds!),.. oh and that reminds me,.. anyone still using an older printer that takes Epson Stylus Colour Cartridges 400/440/460/600/640/660/670/740/760/800/850/860/1160/1520 & Scan 2500, PLEASE CONTACT ME as I have some very expensive, unused cartridges that are going FREE to a good home! BIG NEWS this month as we have a brand new album for you, you can read all about it here and (if you so feel the urge,...) even buy it!, remember, Christmas is coming fast!



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I got in trouble in my last edition for sounding a bit 'defeated', even dare I say it, a little depressed?, (did I really?) mmm, I always write my newsletters to you straight from the heart, they come from me,.. not some Agent, Manager or Publicist, and therefore they tend to be reflective of the writer – at the time of writing. With me, what you see is definitely what you get,.. always has been, always will be. I have always thought you would rather read a note from the real 'warts 'n all' me rather than a glossy media release,.. I guess I look at other artists and like to think that they are not so 'invincible' as they seem,.. that they too have their share of trial & disappointment,.. and it's the fact that they are able to rise above it and keep going is far more inspiring to me,.. – as I hope I may be to you,.. but point taken, I shall try my best to keep it positive,.. and in short, don't give up on

NEW DUET ALBUM FOR PAT & KAREN



Some very good news to bring to you this month with the release of my seventh album, "Long Journey Home", the long awaited follow up duet album with Pat Drummond. Unlike our first collaborative album, which was a selection of Country flavoured 'love story' songs, recorded in a very traditional country style, this project is a completely acoustic effort and a collection of true stories and their characters, as well as some social comment songs of the type that Pat is well known for. It's a special album as it's a celebration of our 10 years singing and touring together and everything – from the title; the stories collected on our travels; the CD artwork (containing tour photos & maps of places we've been), right down to our dedication of it to all the gig organisers, billets, community groups etc is a celebration of that time. The sensitivity of the stories is reinforced by wonderful acoustic arrangements of guitar, banjo,

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GIG & TOUR NEWS

Over the coming months we'll be in Mildura, Richmond, Wagga Wagga, Bunyip, Barham, Dorrigo, Wollongong & even Tasmania!.. thanks for everyone who supported our gigs over the last few months, especially the local ones I wasn't able to advertise properly due to my computer problems. Special thanks to Will Blakeley, my 'soon to be' Ex-Manager, who departs for the USA in October to take on new manage-



ment responsibilities over there. It's rather sad for me as I believe we could have continued the quest to raise the bluegrass profile in Oz & beyond, but regardless, I thank him and wish him all the best with his new endeavours (mind you, as soon as we're ready to tour in the USA, we'll be on the phone to him!). As well as getting some gigs for us over the last year, Will has been central in harnessing my first ABC release deal where they will (hopefully) be distributing a version of my "Changes" album as part of their "Heartland Series". It should include a selection of songs from that album plus a couple of new tracks (yes Herm, I'll be on the phone very soon!). We are really hoping that it is all signed and sealed soon,.. but as it is something I could not have negotiated myself, I thank Will for this wonderful opportunity. To Pat Drummond who helped me get my new computer happening and for recovering all my much needed data etc, I would still be in a right computer mess if it wasn't for your help. And yes,... you deserve a brownie point for all your work (I said you 'deserve' one,... not that you're getting one!.....). Thanks to Diane, Margaret & Jim, Peter(s), Rick, Cheryl & Rob for supporting the Heritage Hotel gig, Bob & May Craven & especially to John (Taste Canowindra), hope you had a lovely night. To all who supported us at Mt Beauty Muster & Peter Denahy who guested with us on fiddle. To all those who took the chance and came out on such a cold night at the Railway bowling club, we

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William and his little girlfriend, 'Alyson' at Quialigo 'Back to Basics' Campout →



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mandolin, fiddle, even tin whistle & accordian! which gives the album a feel that's much more on the 'folkier' side of Australian country music and the real scary thing is that it's produced entirely and totally,.... by me. The song selection is quite vast, from Pat's wonderful character portraits in song, to a few very gentle and extremely personal efforts that reflect the very hearts & spirits of us both... but we think worth every cent. It contains some real gems including 'David's Watch', 'Spirit of the Southern shore', 'Dreams' and a most beautiful Christmas song from the hand of Pat's brother Geoff, called Carol Lights.

know that "Bluegrass" is not something you get 'live' in the Goulburn area very often so thanks for giving it a go. William especially had a ball, enjoying himself so much that he decided that being on stage was more fun than being off in the second set! Please blame the band for allowing him to stay there! - it wouldn't have been my choice, but I was out-voted!. Thanks to Glen who played with us that night too. We had the joy of attending the Redlands Bluegrass Convention for the first time in about 5 years and it was wonderful to see how it has grown in that time. Everything, from the venue, to the food, organizers and accommodation was simply great. The workshops & jams made the atmosphere wonderful - especially for William, who joined in

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NEW BAND FORMATS

I HAVE HAD LOTS OF PEOPLE ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VARIOUS LINE-UPS OF "ACOUSTIC SHOCK" THEY'VE SEEN ME WORKING WITH AND EVEN A FEW LINE-UPS GOING UNDER OTHER BAND NAMES AS WELL. WORKING WITH ACOUSTIC SHOCK HAS BEEN WONDERFUL, BUT ALL MEMBERS ARE NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE AND THEREFORE THE LINE-UPS HAVE HAD TO TEMPORARILY CHANGE. A LOT OF YOU HAVE ASKED ABOUT JIM (RUSH) WHO HAS NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR SOME TIME AND WHILE HE IS ON A BIT OF A BREAK AT THE MOMENT, WE TOO HOPE THAT YOU'LL SEE HIM BACK IN THE LINE-UP SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE. I HAVE TRIED TO USE A DIFFERENT BAND NAME TO SHOW WHEN THE BAND LINE-UP WASN'T ACTUALLY 'ACOUSTIC SHOCK' BUT IT SEEMS THAT THIS JUST CONFUSES EVERYBODY EVEN MORE BECAUSE THEY STILL SEE SO MANY FAMILIAR FACES. NEVER MIND, I BET NEXT YEAR WILL BRING A FEW CHANGES TO OUR BAND LINE-UP ONCE AGAIN, BUT REMEMBER... IT'S STILL ME!

GIG GUIDE (Based on current Info known, details may change)

A tired little boy after a hard day's jamming!! →

Mon, 7th July, 1pm Karen Lynne & Martin Louis Duo, NAIDOC Celebrations, Campbelltown, w/Col Hardy
 11th, 12th & 13th July Redlands Bluegrass festival, Redlands, QLD
 Thurs, 17th July, 2pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Three Trees Lodge Aged Care Facility, Lithgow
 Sun, 27th July, 4pm Sunday Bluegrass Sessions, Cooks River Boat Club, Tempe
 Sat, 9th August, 7pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Lightning Ridge Hotel Motel, Lightning Ridge Sun,
 Sun, 10th Aug, 2pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Dirranbandi Hotel, Dirranbandi
 Sat, 23rd Aug, 5.30pm for 6pm start (to 9pm) Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Fundraiser Concert for the Holy Trinity Playgroup, playground Equipment, Concert w/ Indian Meal, Holy Trinity Anglican Church Annex Hall/ Meeting Room Cnr Falls Road & Armstrong St, Wentworth Falls
 Sun, 24th Aug, 3pm Sunday Bluegrass Sessions, Cooks River Boat Club, Tempe
 Fri, 29th Aug, 8pm Karen Lynne & Blue Mountain Bluegrass, Support acts - Craig Dawson & Simone Olding, Merry Muse Folk club, <http://www.merrymuse.org.au/> admission is \$12 members & conc \$15, Polish Club 38 David St Turner ACT 2612
 Thurs, 4th Sept, 9pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Blackheath Folk Club, New Ivanhoe Hotel (Dining Room), Great Western Highway, Blackheath (cnr Govett's Leap Road)
 Fri, 5th Sept, 6.30pm - for 7pm start (to 10pm) Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Fundraiser at the Morven Gardens Aged Care Facility, Morven Road, Leura
 Sun, 7th Sept, 1pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Jamberoo Pub, Jamberoo
 Thurs 18th - Sun, 21st Sept, Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock, Turning Wave Festival, Gundagai
29th - 5th Oct Mildura CM Festival, Various Venues In Mildura area as follows:-
 Mon 29th Sept, 9.10 - 9.45pm, Karen Lynne & Martin Louis - Bluegrass Trio with Dwayne Elix, Coomealla Golf Club
 Mon 29th Sept, 2.40 - 3pm, Karen Lynne - Solo, 'Country on the Darling' Wentworth Wharf
 Tues 30th Sept, 9.05 - 9.45pm, Karen Lynne & Martin Louis - Bluegrass Duo, Coomealla Golf Club
 Tues 30th Sept, 10.20 - 10.40am, Karen Lynne - Solo, Mildura City, Langtree Mall, Olive Bice Show
 Wed, 1st Oct, 9.35 - 10pm, Karen Lynne - Solo, "Don Costa Party Time", Club Da Vinci
 Thurs, 2nd Oct, 8.55 - 9.20pm, Karen Lynne, (Format TBA, Probably a bluegrass trio gig with Marty & Dwayne), Irymple Hotel, as part of "The Tom Maxwell Show"
 Fri 3rd Oct, 7.30 - 7.55pm, Karen Lynne & Martin Louis - Bluegrass Trio with Dwayne Elix, Coomealla Golf Club
 Fri, 3rd Oct., 3.40 - 4pm, Karen Lynne - Solo, Mildura City, Langtree Mall, Olive Bice Show
 Sat, 4th Oct, 6-8pm, The Southern Stars, Australian Independent Country Music Awards, Mildura Arts Centre Theatre
 Sun, Oct 5, 12-5pm, Karen Lynne & Martin Louis Duo, 'Country Round Up' Show, Henderson Park
 Sun, Oct 5, 4 - 6.30pm, Karen Lynne - Solo, 'Laura Downing Show', Coomealla Club, Dareton, Upstaris Auditorium
 Sun, Oct 5, 8 Sun, Oct 5, 8-10.30pm, Karen Lynne - Solo, 'Laura Downing Show', Coomealla Club, Dareton, Upstaris Auditorium, (*NOTE - Same songs will be performed at both these last two shows)
 Sat, 18th Oct, 8pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Macquarie Towns Music Club, Richmond Neighbourhood Centre, West Market Street, Richmond, \$10, Refreshments provided (Tea, Coffee, Cake & Bikkies), BYOG, Info Ph. Dez Ph 02-4578 5215
 Sun, 19th Oct, 3pm Sunday Bluegrass Sessions, "Bill Monroe Tribute", Cooks River Boat Club, Tempe
 25-27th Oct, Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock AND Karen Lynne & Pat Drummond Duo, Dorrigo Bluegrass & Folk Festival, Dorrigo Showground, Dorrigo
 Sat, 1st Nov, 18th Annual 'Tamworth on Parade' Spectacular, Wagga Wagga Commercial Club Fundraiser for the Cancer Support Organisation
 Fri, 7th Nov, 8pm Karen Lynne & friends, Support for "The Hottentots", Illawarra Folk Club, City Diggers, Wollongong Members \$8, Non-members \$12
 Sun, 9th Nov, 1pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Jamberoo Pub, Jamberoo (To Be Confirmed)
 Fri 14 - Sun 16th Nov, Karen Lynne & Blue Mountain Rain, Harrierville Bluegrass Convention, Harrierville
 Tues, 25th Nov, 1pm Karen Lynne & Pat Drummond, Motor Neurone Disease Association of NSW Meeting, Kingswood
 Sat, 6th Dec, 2pm Karen Lynne & Pat Drummond, Duo, Private Party, Glenbrook
 Sat, 6th Dec, 8pm Karen Lynne & Martin Louis, Sydney Bluegrass & Trad. Country Music Association, Annandale Community Centre, Johnston St, Annandale
 Sat, 13th Dec Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock, Georgetown on show 08, Festival on the Tamar, Georgetown, Tassie
 Sun, 21st Dec, 1pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Wisemans Ferry Inn, Wisemans Ferry on the beautiful Hawkesbury River, North West of Sydney (To Be Confirmed)
 Fri 16th - Sun 18th Jan Karen Lynne & Blue Mountain Rain, Illawarra Folk Festival, Bulli Showground
 Sat, 14 Feb, 3pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Stephen and Debbie Scheaffer's Annual Backyard Bash (Private), Glenbrook
 Fri & Sat 20-21st Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock, Barham Country Music Stampede, Barham, VIC
 Sun 22nd Feb, 10am Karen Lynne & Blue Mountain Rain, Bunyip Country Music Festival, 20th Anniversary Celebrations 10am



Yvonne, Marlene & Linda
SCCMA Luncheon



Pat & Kids, Holy Trinity Fundraiser



Fri Marty's Banjo Workshop, Redlands



Laura, Mt Beauty Muster



Greater Southern CM Club gig



William ↑ Jamming at Redlands

with much gusto! He most definitely got the lions share of attention – and most deservedly so, as he tottered around with his little “tar” (a very battered old ukelele) inviting himself into many a jam session... strumming away (in meticulous time of course!), singing, and even doing a bit of a jig when he felt so inclined!... talk about cute enough to bottle (he even made the bluegrass page in Cap News Mag and I was at least 20 before I got my pic in that!). Special thanks to Neil & Cilla & all the organizers for making us feel so welcome . To Pam & Daniel Mistry & all who came to the concert at Caves beach Uniting Church (and to all who bought my Fundraising chocolates!); to Herm, Rhonda & Greg, Sandra (and many more of whom I just don't have the room to mention here!) who came to our gigs at the Bluewater CM Festival, what a great night at the RSL we had! ... and it wasn't in the least affected by the third year of rain!; Rob Wilson & the band at the Cessnock RSL club; Everyone at Opal Fm Community Radio for setting up the gig at Lightning Ridge & for organizing a lovely trip down to the “Chambers of the black hand”... it was fascinating!; to Trish & Bryan, Val & Arthur & all who supported the show at Bomaderry, it was a great!; to



FIRST REVIEWS IN FOR “THE SINGLES” ALBUM

“The Singles” is a great compilation album that encapsulates a snapshot of my career so far & here is one of the first reviews to come in:-

THE SINGLES - KAREN LYNNE



Over a ten year recording career Karen Lynne has showcased her voice in styles from folk to country and bluegrass – her third album, *Blue Mountain Rain*, set her as the first Australian female to record a complete album of bluegrass tracks. This collection covers all those styles in abundance, with almost all tracks having gained high ranking marks on the radio airplay charts. Her voice makes for compelling listening and there's no denying that these 15 tracks – and one video – clearly highlight her tonal quality and emotive vocals. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the five albums that these tracks come from, this compilation is the perfect way to introduce yourself to this talented performer and a tasty treat for long time fans as well. The acoustic treatment on most of the songs perfectly suits Karens sweet vocals and the mix includes some very good covers, original songs and duets with long time stage companion Pat Drummond. **Jon Wolfe, Cap News, Australia's only monthly Country Music Magazine – June 08**



Marty, Rob Long & Liz



Pam & Daniel Mistry

TOP 30 FOR AUSSIE SINGLE

Good news as the fifth & final Radio Single from my beautiful “Changes” album, ‘Blue Mountain Rain’ hit the Top 30 again but didn't get far, stuck in the queue with a couple of artists holding the top spot for weeks & thus clogging up the chart well & truly... but hey, I am always happy just to make the chart at all... and it's always a much bigger achievement when you do it with a bluegrass track! August brings the release of the first Radio Single from the new Duet album to Australian radio. A song called “Dreams” which looks at how dreams inspire us & motivate us – no matter how silly they look from someone else's perspective. An original Pat Drummond song – and although released many years ago on one of Pat's solo albums, it has been given complete new life as a duet. Please request it from your local Community station!



Greg & Rhonda Astill, Rod & Victoria Ballie, Kevin & Peggy Parson, Cessnock

Mummy & William down an Opal mine



Don't Do it Pat!!!! (Caves Beach)

CAN YOU HELP?... Unlike a lot of younger entertainers with little children – who have husbands, mothers, sisters & brothers etc ‘on tap’ to mind their children when they're performing, I am not so lucky. I have been asked to perform down at the Mildura CM Festival this year & am looking forward to it as I haven't been down for quite some years. While my banjo champion hubby husband marty is to be Primary ‘William Watcher’, we have at least four ‘Duo’ & ‘Trio’ Shows (with Dwayne Elix), which will leave us without a babysitter for these gigs. To complicate things even more, I'm now told that some of these venues involved, don't allow young children even in the venue at night, so we need a bit of help. If you ARE going to the Mildura Festival and are interested in helping us in this way, please contact me. You will be paid – either in cash or ‘in kind’,... & I'm proud to add here, he's very cute, good natured and well behaved!



Mark, Trev & Quentin - On stage Red-

Nellie & all who organised & attended our fundraiser show at Morven Gardens Aged Care facility; to Carolyn, Jodie & all who did so much to get the Holy Trinity playgroup ‘Playground Fundraiser’ show happening also... we hope to do those two shows again next year... also to Col Hardy, Greg and the band who invited us to sing at the NAIDOC week show, and to John & Eileen for help with the Merry Muse promo. Special thanks to all my Babysitters!!!... Laura, Marty Warner, Norma ‘Grandma’ Pooley, Linda, Deb, Krista, Liz, Judy & Denise, Beth & Nellie, I can't do this without you!... to Alan & Loretta McMonagle, Sharon & Martyn, & Chris Henger for accommodating us... and lastly to Trev, James, Glenn, Bruce & the SCCMA band, Mark Webber, John & Donal, Michelle, Bryen, Lindsay & Gary, Craig & Simone, Peter & Arthur for lending us your talents at these gigs.

FOUND at a Tamworth Gig - purple & silver pen, inscribed “Sally & Brendan's Wedding, 21st Oct 2006”...May have sentimental value?.....

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 Australian (10 Orig) Country/folk in style



THE SINGLES (2007)
 Karen Lynne - Solo Compilation Album KLF0704 - 004/SR72
 (15 tracks + Bonus PC Playable Video Clip)
 Contains a mix of Traditional & Contemporary Bluegrass & Country. NB. Contains all previously released material. All tracks have been released as Singles to Australian Radio (4 originals).



LONG JOURNEY HOME (2008)
 Karen Lynne & Pat Drummond - Duet Album (16 tracks)
 KLF0704 - 004/SR75
 Contains 13 Duet tracks from Karen & Pat and 3 solo tracks. All Australian material. Folk/Country 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 instrumentals)



SECOND WIND (2003)
 Karen Lynne - Solo Album (14 Tracks)
 KLF0704 - 004/SR 38
 Contains a mix of Traditional & Contemporary 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)

Also Avail-



\$25

Original Acoustic Shock Double album released in 1994 (a conversion of their two cassette releases "Picker's Choice" & "Shocking" in the 80's), and solo album "Jericho" from my sister Liz Frencham - a great Australian "Contemporary Folk" CD, mostly original tracks.

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