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Sunset Over Bass Strait

## RADIO SINGLES UPDATE

Thanks to all the DJs who have been spinning "Spirit of the Southern Shore", released early in the year on the Australian NFS Radio Singles Series – 128. The third & final single release from this album will be one of my favourites... a Christmas song – & better yet, a really *tasteful* Christmas song called 'Carol Lights'. It was one of two songs on the album not written by Pat... instead written by his brother Jeff, it's gorgeous & a great shame it can't be played all year round! It captures the essence of the hot Australian Christmas 'Carols by Candle-light' celebrations that we enjoy in our communities all over Australia at Christmas time. This song will be released to Radio in early November on NFS 136, so please Request it!



Will's favourite Place, in the Garden with his Wheelbarrow

## WINTER GREETINGS!

Winter Greetings to everyone!, hopefully this update lands in your mailbox (real or cyber!) on as beautiful a day as it is here in the Mountains. While it's still officially 'winter', I can feel a warmth in the air that tells me spring is on it's way. My 3 year old is pottering around his favourite place (the garden) with his wheelbarrow and I have an all too rare a moment to rest and enjoy. It's been a tough old winter as far as illness's go and our thoughts go out to you all who have (or still are) suffering through these horrible colds & flu's as we

have been, hope you feel better now. William has turned three, it's a real milestone for me, my goodness!, it seems so little time ago I was pregnant. It is a lovely age though, every day there is a new discovery, a new saying, a new challenge and something new to learn (for

him and me!)... I can understand why he's so tired by the end of the day. What a wonderful time in life, everything so exciting, so new, not a care or worry in the world!... what a shame we can't recall our childhood days with so much more clarity when we want to!... sorry, I'm rambling... but it's so nice to see and feel that sunshine! Apologies for the lack of photos this month, usually I have a million to pick from!... but I constantly seemed to forget to take the camera lately - or had it but had a minute spare to get it out when I need it! Thanks to all who send me photos, sorry if I forget to acknowledge you!



Our hosts, Shirley &amp; Neil - after Georgetown Fest, Tas



'Pickin' on Shirleys Porch, Tas



Scary Huhl



Backstage after Canterbury Country Bluegrass. L to R. Nigel, Ross, Marty &amp; Me, Gary, Barry &amp; Holly, Jim, John &amp; Bryen

## "HEART SONGS"

Yes, it's most definitely on it's way,..... regardless of the weather & illness over the last few months I have managed to keep my 'head down, bottom up' and kicked the next project into top gear which, as I've mentioned is a beautiful studio Country album. Ok,... so I was being a little too optimistic to think it might be ready for Mildura Festival... but at least I gave it a shot and if all goes well it'll instead be ready for a Christmas release. I was hoping to finalise the bed tracks in August but producer Herm is pretty busy on some other projects so it will take a little longer,... but what we've done so far sounds great. Called "Heart Songs", as that is exactly what they are. This is a wonderful collection of true, traditional style, gorgeous, sentimental songs (albeit at times a little sloppy, so herm tells me!) about 'luurve',... love gained, love lost, love between lovers,



Will &amp; Cameron (Skarratt) join the band on stage at Cooks River Boat Club

friends, parents & their children - even the love between me & my music!.... but all about the wonder, warmth,... and wrath of taking a chance!. Even in my life's madness... I have still managed to contribute in the writing stakes once again with two co-writes with one of Australia's best Country Music writers, Allan Caswell. One song is very special to me - a very personal reflection of my life & love of music throughout it. This is the most Country album since "Second Wind" **country-er** in fact!!, so if you loved that one, you'll love this one even more... so stay tuned!



## GIG NEWS

Not heaps to mention here but certainly some thanks due. Firstly to Jim & Mary Grocott & those at Orange Community Radio who organised our Mothers Day Station Fundraiser, ... probably not the best day to hold a concert, but hopefully we'll have a chance to do it & promote it more successfully next year. To Margaret Bradford for running such an enjoyable & relaxing house concert for myself and Pat, ... to Rhonda and Greg (and helpers!) for once again getting the Cessnock CM Festival happening (and especially for the amazing soup!!), ... to the HUGE crowd who turned out at the Nelson Bay Bowlo, what a surprise! ... and ok, ok, so I got a bit confused with the starting time, but I noticed Pat had no trouble keeping you entertained until I got there! To all those that came out to Gartelmans Win-

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## SATURDAY NIGHT COUNTRY COMPILATION CD

It was great news to hear that the track "Dreams" from *Long Journey Home* has been included on the recently released 'John Nutting's Saturday Night Country 15th Anniversary Edition' Cd. Released by the ABC, it's on a two CD set and includes tracks from many well known artists including John Williamson, Kasey Chambers & Shane; Melinda Schneider, Sara Storer, Lee Kernaghan, Anne Kirkpatrick, Peter Denahy, Carter & Carter & even Ralph Stanley! I'll be honest and tell you that I'm not terribly fond of mixed artist compilations but this one's actually not too bad at all! ... so if you're looking for a nice birthday gift it might be a nice idea, ... that's only of course if they haven't got a Karen Lynne album yet! ... ☺



### GIG GUIDE (Based on Current Info known - Check the website for Changes [www.karenlynne.com](http://www.karenlynne.com))

Sun, 9th Aug. 1pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne. Jamberoo Pub. Jamberoo Pub. Jamberoo  
 Sun, 16th Aug. 3pm. Karen & friends. The Marrickville Bowling Club Bluegrass Sessions. 91 Sydenham Road  
 Fri, 21st - Sun, 23rd Aug Karen Lynne & Blue Mountain Rain Bluegrass Band, 11th Annual 'Kelly Country Pick'. Bluegrass and Old Time Country Music Convention. for details <http://www.kellycountrypick.org/>  
 Sat, 5th Sept. 8pm Karen Lynne & Martin Louis. Sydney Bluegrass & Trad. Country Music Association. Annandale Comm Centre. Johnston St. Annandale (To be confirmed)  
 Wed, 9th Sept. (Arrival 10.30 for an 11am start). Karen Lynne. South Coast CM Assoc. Luncheon Show. Albion Park Bowling. tickets \$18 (includes 2 course luncheon) BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Ring (02) 42953452  
 Sun, 13th Sept. 3pm Karen & friends. The Marrickville Bowling Club Bluegrass Sessions. 91 Sydenham Road  
 Sat 19th Sept. 8pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne. Illawarra Folk Club Concert. City Diggers Club. City Diggers, corner Church & Burelli Streets. Wollongong. \$10 Members. \$15 Non Members  
 Sun, 20th Sept 1pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne. Wisemans Ferry Inn. Wisemans Ferry on the beautiful Hawkesbury River. North West of Sydney (To Be Confirmed)  
 Sun, 27th Sept. 10am Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne (& Marty as well!). 3rd Annual Camp Quality Fundraiser run by the The Rotary Club of Upper Blue Mountains. It's held at the beautiful property "Bronte" in Bullaburra and the tickets include lunch, music, entertainment, silent auctions, raffles and auctions. more details from David Hart 4787 6982  
**Tues 29th - Sun 4th Sept, Karen Lynne (Solo and with Martin Louis Bluegrass/Acoustic Duo & Trio with Dwayne Elix), Mildura CM Festival, Various Venues as follows:-**  
 Tues 29th Sept. 7.30 - 10.30pm. Karen Lynne & Martin Louis-Bluegrass Trio with Dwayne Elix. Coomealla Golf  
 Wed, 30th Sept. 7.30 - 10.30pm. Karen Lynne & Martin Louis. "Don Costa Show". Club Da Vinci  
 Wed, 30th Sept. 1pm. Karen Lynne - Karen Lynne & Martin Louis - 'Country on the Darling'. Wentworth Wharf  
 Thurs, 1st Oct. 2.40pm. Karen Lynne - Solo. Mildura City. Langtree Mall. Olive Bice Show  
 Thurs, 1st Oct. 8 - 11pm. Karen Lynne & Martin Louis. Edge Hotel. Buronga  
 Fri, 2nd Oct. 8 - 10.30pm. Karen Lynne (Solo). Merbein Citizens Club  
 Fri, 2nd Oct. 2pm. Karen Lynne. Henderson Park  
 Sat 3rd, Oct 6-8pm. Southern Stars. Australian Independent Country Music Awards. Mildura Arts Centre Theatre-  
 Sun, 4th Oct. 12-5pm. Karen Lynne & Martin Louis Duo. 'Country Round Up' Show. Henderson Park  
 Sun, 4th Oct. 4 - 6.30pm. Karen Lynne. Solo. 'Laura Downing Show'. Coomealla Club. Dareton. Upstairs Aud.  
 Sun, 4th Oct. 8-10.30pm. Karen Lynne. Solo. 'Laura Downing Show'. Coomealla Club. Dareton. Upstairs Aud.  
 (\*NOTE - Same songs will be performed at both these two shows)  
 Sat, 7th Nov. 8pm Karen Lynne & Martin Louis. Sydney Bluegrass & Trad. Country Music Association. Annandale Comm Centre. Johnston St. Annandale (To be confirmed)  
 Fri 13th - Sun 15th Nov. Karen Lynne & Blue Mountain Rain. Majors Creek Folk Festival. Braidwood  
 Fri 20th - Sun 22nd Nov Karen Lynne & Blue Mountain Rain. Harriettville Bluegrass Convention. Harriettville  
 Sat, 5th Dec. 8pm Karen Lynne & Martin Louis. Sydney Bluegrass & Trad. Country Music Association. Annandale Comm Centre. Johnston St. Annandale (To be confirmed)



Liz On Stage,  
Bunyip Festival,  
Isn't she Beautiful!

Belated Thanks  
to Pat Jones  
for babysitting  
William in  
Tamworth!!!



Nig On Stage,  
Bunyip Festival,  
Isn't he, .....  
working hard!



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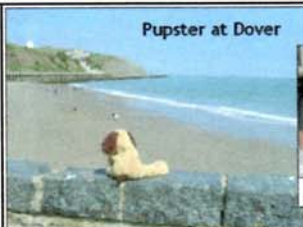
ery, another great afternoon and concert, special thanks to Jan & Jorg for all their hospitality. Please note that Gary Brown's monthly bluegrass sessions have recently moved from Cooks River Boat Club to Marrickville Bowlo, we hope it will continue to be a success. Thanks to Lydia & Darryl for the spot on the Lynwood 'Country/Folk' afternoon in June, a gig which luckily happened before the axe fell... thanks to a great bunch of artists & audience there, such a lovely venue too. Congrats to Gary Brown who was given the 'unenviable' job of running the 'Canterbury Country Show' while Bob Howe was in the UK. The night was a 'Bluegrass Spectacular' with Barry & Holly Tashian as our international guests. We had a terrific evening and I got to 're-unite' & sing with Sydney's original & Best Bluegrass band "Acoustic Shock". Thanks to Marty, Bryen, Nig, Jim, Gary, John, Al, Tom & Terry and - apart from my necklace falling off mid-song (what a catch!!) it



was a really top night... great to catch up with so many DJ & other friends also. Finally thanks to all those at the South Coast CM Association who once again put on a great festival at Dapto. It was a great joy for myself and Marty to be a part of it this year and lovely to catch up with many old friends here too. Thanks to my babysitters, Dad & Leanne (which reminds me to mention that if anyone going to Mildura Festival is planning to come to any of our gigs & can help mind little William... please contact me). Apologies to anyone who tried to catch me at Lynwood Country club at the end of July, I'm afraid the club cancelled all the entertainment at very short notice until their finances improve... and hopefully that'll be soon! Also no thanks to my winter flu which caused me to cancel my appearance at the South Coast CM Assoc. Luncheon show & my guest appearance at Winter Magic. It also prevented us ALL here from getting to the monthly bluegrass nights at Annandale... better luck next month I hope!

### GIVEAWAY!

I have a "The Singles" album to Give away for Fathers day... To enter just submit the name of your favourite "Dad" & they'll go in the draw. Email me (with 'Dad's Day Competiton' in the subject bar) or send to me by post, their name & address (& yours). Draw will be on 1st September & I'll send the winning dad their CD direct!



Pupster at Dover



Dave & Us!

### ..... And the journey continues!

After returning from Europe, it was back to England where all five of us joined Fran and David at his lovely home in Uxbridge to stay while we did the UK run of gigs. This time proved a lot of fun and laughs, walks, dinners, DVDs and lots of 'picking' music and practising! I don't think poor David knew quite what he was in for... but it seems he has since missed us getting in his way, so it must have been an overall good experience! Us five & David shared the 3 available rooms while Fran took refuge in her own 'bluegrass-free zone' - a tent in the backyard! Everyone was remarkably well behaved & even managed to not break the only rule - (Dave's house is meat-free!)... and in fact all took turns to cook & amaze us (& themselves!) as to how adept they were at vegetarian cooking!... which is not easy if you are used to eating steak! Nigel, Quentin & Marty all passed with flying colours & got to wear the 'Apron of Fame' as a sign of their achievements in vegetarian cooking, well done boys!



Marty - Pasta & pumpkin sauce; Nig - Prawn something?; Quincy - Ricotta pasta

Our first few UK gigs were down in the lovely South east area - around Kent and we spent time in Dover, Deal and Folkstone site-seeing and sampling the local fish'n chips. The gigs went really well & we were left with a couple of extra days free to explore as we wished. Nigel spent some time with his relatives, Liz spent time with friends she met on previous trips & Quentin went site-seeing in London, which he particularly liked. Marty decided he might try his luck with late tickets to the Ashes at 'Lords'



THAT Crossing!



Pupster on Tube!

(I agreed to join him only if I could take a book!), but it wasn't to be. Instead we happened upon the famous Abbey Road Studios (& yes... I walked across the crossing and got the photo, .. you got to do it!!) and then we spent the day in Regents Park - Marty watching the cricket on the big screen and me enjoying a good book - amidst the company of millions of roses in the gorgeous Queen Mary's Garden - just my kind of place! Then we were back in work



mode and tripped up to the Wolvestock Festival in Wolverhampton, where we bore the brunt of English weather at it's absolute worst!!!!... and where the linedancing goes on rain, hail or shine (and even in a neckbrace!???)... which is not necessarily a good thing... but each to his own we say!! Truly, it must have rained the entire day without stopping, and although we were announced correctly as "Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock"... we fully believed they would be back-announcing "Karen Lynne & Electric Shock" because there was water everywhere! Believe me... while standing on a truck a-wash with water and open powerboards everywhere it gave us a particularly good feeling to simply finish our set that day... alive! We also did some lovely (packed!) folk clubby-type gigs in Nettlebed and Maidstone which were well organised and fantastic, but the best gig venue would probably have to be our final gig, a fabulous finale at the "North Wales Country Music Festival" where we played in an 800 seat theatre in place of Billy Jo Spears who had unfortunately been taken ill. It was certainly a great experience and we met many wonderful people and collected many great memories we won't forget in a long time!



Relaxing at Dave's



Bluegrass Free Zone



Nig & Quincy, London



Packing Again,....!



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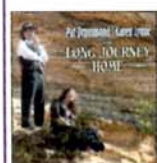
**LABOUR OF LOVE (1998)**  
Karen Lynne First Solo Album (16 Tracks)  
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Karen Lynne & Pat Drummond - Duet Album (16 tracks)  
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**BLUE MOUNTAIN RAIN (2001)**  
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