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CLOCKING UP THE MILES!.. IN 2005

Well, I'm on our back deck, home for a few weeks and typing this **very** overdue note to you all. I've just had a pretty busy week ending in a trip to the Mount Beauty Music Muster and then a very long day trip to Nelson Bay and back so I'm feeling a bit tired but it's really only days like this that I truly appreciate our little piece of heaven here in the Blue Mountains. Our deck overlooks the Gross valley and with the autumn sun shining overhead and the birds at the feeder a few feet from me,... there is absolutely no place I'd rather be. Once again I must apologise for such a late Newsletter,... especially when for once it was actually going to be out early! Yep,.. I had most of the info all mapped out and ready to go when bam! all my best laid plans were flattened with one foul swoop!.. computer strife! We are still not sure what the problem was but it meant my PC (which houses my newsletter software) was down for 3 weeks and has created havoc with many things (but it did allow me a whirlwind holiday weekend to kangaroo Island, SA,.. that was nice!). Delays like that I just don't need on top of the travelling I do but then to top it all off, I got a nasty dose of some dreaded throat lurgy - which wasn't helpful at all!. These things are sent to try us I'm told & try us they did!, however, rising to the challenges presented to us has it seems become a bit of a theme for 2005 as along with illness & puter strife, the organisation of the upcoming Overseas tour for the band has certainly shown itself to be a most ambitious task for me (& certainly a big learning experience), but will be hopefully one of our best achievements to date (more about that later!).

Firstly I should start by welcoming all my new friends & supporters out there who have had enough interest in our music to add themselves to our mailing list. I always mean to start the writing of a newsletter with those thanks,.. but I always seem to forget & if you can't remember why you're receiving this?... then it simply means that sometime in the last few months you must have (hopefully) enjoyed a concert enough to place yourself on the newsletter list (either at a Pat Drummond Duo show or Acoustic Shock concert,.. or maybe it was just me singing alone!). I should also add that I send only to those who willingly sign up & don't solicit names from any other sources. If of course you dont want to receive it please let me know as I don't wish to annoy people or spend funds unnecessarily.

Meanwhile I have been out clocking up the miles again & have just realised that in the short space of 2005 so far,.. I have visited every state in Australia except NT & QLD! (and with an upcoming - albeit brief visit to the Kalbar Show in June,.. we'll cover QLD too). This means it has been a busy year but also means I've made many new friends - particularly in Tassie and WA,.. thankyou for making me feel so welcome,.. it's been exhausting, but fun!

Sorry about the printing glitch on the last newsletter,.. it was only a few words missed out but annoying!(when I try to check everything so carefully!).. I guess after a while your eyes see only what they want to see!.. (although I'm sure that my puter secretly plots against me & eats a sentence or two here and there when I'm not looking!). Nice to hear from a number of people willing to take the newsletter via email. It does save me a few pennies that way,.. but please also understand I intend to continue to send it via the post if that's still the best way for you. Sometimes I feel it's the only way I can give something back to you all after the support you give me. It seems such a little thing,.. but I guess often it's the little things that are most important. I also apologise if I make a mistake on your name or address, sometimes our book is placed in dimly lit corners at gigs & isn't always easy to write in clearly or decipher in the light of day, just let me know & I'll fix it.

BIG THANKYOUS!!! to **EVERYONE** who came to my gigs!.. especially Des, Brian, Kaylene, Trevor, Mary, Narelle & Peter, Elaine, Chris, Barbara, Sandra (WA, for going the extra mile to track my music down!), Marg & Tom, Pat, Betty L, Jim & Robyn, Bill & June, Nola, Stewart & Beverly, Nick (& his mum!) & David, Diana & Marie from WA, Anne, Uncle Rob & Auntie Jan!, Dad!, John, Warren M, Britton & Mick & Brenda. For accommodation & help with the gigs, thanks to Rod & Kerry, Peter & Jill, Carmel & Eric & organisers from the WA Folk Federation, Sharon Bowers, All my friends from the South Coast CM Assoc, Shirley & Neil, Hank & Donna Marie, Athol & Charlene, Jillian, Sue & Lorraine,.. to Raina who helped me with my puter!.. & Debbie who not only rescued me after my car broke down!.. but took me to my St Patricks Day gig & back,.. and then gave me a much needed bed for the night!



Karen, Pat & the Tassie 92.1Fm Crew

LATEST TOUR NEWS

I hope you are happy & healthy and the year has started well for you all. Christmas was a quiet one for me, but just as well, as January was very busy. I usually struggle through the Christmas madness then reward myself with 3-4 weeks of Rest and Relaxation in January as it's a quiet time for gigs, then I resume work at the Tamworth Country Music Festival. It's always been a welcome way to start the year, a time to rejuvenate, catch up and then organise the year ahead.

Unfortunately it didn't happen this year!.. from New Years Eve we went to Gulgong for their festival,.. then to Tasmania,.. then straight to Tamworth without a break!. Suddenly there I was and it was *February* and I was feeling anything but rejuvenated or organised!!, but hey,.. it was fun!

I have tried to find the time to catch up,.. but suddenly all the new year projects are demanding attention,.. so if you haven't heard from

4TH AUST. SINGLE RELEASED

YEP,.. TIME FOR ANOTHER SINGLE FROM MY 'SECOND WIND' ALBUM THAT HAS DONE SO WELL SINCE IT'S RELEASE!.. THIS TIME A LITTLE UP-TEMPO TRACK CALLED "HEART OF A HEARTACHE".. CURRENTLY RELEASED IN AUSTRALIA ON THE NFS RADIO RELEASES,.. AND EVERY REQUEST FOR THIS SONG WILL HELP IT CLIMB THAT CHART SO PLEASE TELL YOUR LOCAL DJ!

2. KAREN'S KORNER

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(from Pg 1) me for a while... or if I owe you something?... don't worry, it may take a little longer... but it will happen. I guess I have long since accepted that this little career I forge is so much more demanding with just me at the helm and it's something I doubt will ever change... & sometimes at times like this, I grieve a little for not being one of the 'chosen ones' that get all the help, but strangely it spurs me on to remember that I still have something great to contribute. Not a lot of new info to tell you this time... no music Awards lately - as I haven't had new product for a while... but rest assured I intend to make up for that soon, in a big way!

Initially Pat & I set off after new year for the Gulgong Folk Festival. This festival is only small but was very welcoming & the town is a lovely setting for it. We had a fantastic time & met some great new people. Then it was off to Tassie to play music there for the first time. The wonderful people from 92.1Fm & the Lindisfarne CM club really welcomed us & put a lot of effort into organising our gig. We not only had a really nice night, but a whole bunch of people took the plunge & dared to see us for the first time!. Then we travelled up to the Tamar Valley Folk Festival with both Pat & the Bluegrass Band, thanks are due to Bob & the organisers who made us feel very welcome indeed!... it was also nice to catch up with my old mate Vince Brophy!. Thanks especially to all the banjo players that came along to Marty's Banjo workshop, he couldn't believe how receptive the audience was. Special thanks to Hank & Donna Koopman & my sister Shirley & Neil who let our weary travelling party of three make themselves a home away from home,... (although the biggest thanks probably ought to go to the GPS unit we had in our hire car, now that's a bit of technology that every travelling muso should have!)... we really had a good time & would happily have stayed longer if it weren't for commitments in Tamworth,... but don't worry,... we'll be back! It was then time to hit Tamworth, where Andrew Clermont & Sam Smyth allowed us some showcase spots... (& thanx to Pat Drummond for getting up so early & joining me... that WAS asking a lot!). To all who came along to the Pat & Karen shows... it was much appreciated. The first one was only small & I thought we'd have even LESS coming to the Sunday concert

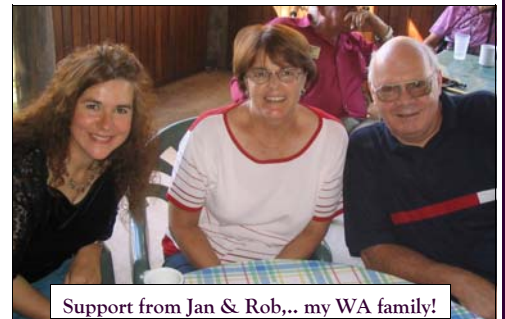


Pat & I with Tassie friends Hank & Donna

(being the last festival day'n all)... but you surprised me with a 40 strong turnout!, to those that came, please know it was appreciated. In February we headed for Cobargo Folk Festival... again another gorgeous place to hold a festival & thanks Athol & Charlene for the wonderful accommodation, what a beautiful place to live!, then I had a rare 'local' gig at 'Crawdaddy's Restaurant' with Acoustic Shock, a real top little night... great food, atmosphere & music... who could ask for more!... & more there was!, with Niki Gillis & Bryen Willemms singing a song, thanks guys! Then it was down to Wollongong to Macckandr Village, thanx to Dad, Brenda & all who came out to that one. Apologies to those in WA for not having the newsletter out in time to give you proper gig details, hope you didn't mind the extra note being sent & BIG thanks to those who made the effort on such short notice to come. WA was fun!, the Diggers Camp is a lovely venue & Rod & Kerry really work hard, so get on the mailing list & support it. Thanx to Carmel

GIG GUIDE

- Thurs, 17 Mar, 6pm Karen Lynne, Guest spot with Andrew Clermont and his band at a St Patricks Day Celebration, Heritage Hotel, Bulli
- Sat, 2 Apr, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, 'Diggers Camp', 160 Blair Road, Oakford, WA, 8pm, supported at WA shows by Peter Blyth (Albany Bush Poet and Yarn Spinner), Dave Lee & Bush poets Kerry & Rod Lee.
- Sun, 3 Apr, 2- 5pm, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Churchlands Senior High School Auditorium (20 Lucca Street, Churchlands), Cost: Adults \$15 WAFF Memb. \$10 Children \$2, Afternoon tea provided, supports-Carmel Charlton, Dave & Rod Lee & folk duo 'No drama'
- Tues, 5 Apr, 1pm, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, 'Diggers Camp', 160 Blair Road, Oakford, WA
- Wed, 6 Apr, 1pm, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, 'Diggers Camp', 160 Blair Road, Oakford, WA
- Thurs, 7 Apr, 1pm, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, 'Diggers Camp', 160 Blair Road, Oakford, WA
- Fri, 8 Apr, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Argyles Tavern, Albany, supported by Peter Blyth (Albany Bush Poet)
- Sun, 10 Apr, Karen Lynne, Guest Appearance at the SCCMA Annual Festival, Dapto Leagues Club, NSW
- Fri, 15 Apr, 7-10pm Karen Lynne Duo (with Ron Wiggins), Antill Park Golf Club, Picton, NSW
- Fri, 22 - 24 Apr, Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock, Mount Beauty Music Muster, Mt Beauty, VIC
- Mon, 25 Apr, 2pm, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Anzac Day show, Nelson Bay Bowling Club, (02) 4981 1272, Stockton St, Nelson Bay, NSW
- Fri, 29 Apr, 8pm, Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock, Crawdaddy's Quarters Restaurant, Penrith, NSW
- Sat, 7 May, Geelong FM Country Show, w/Pat Drummond and Carter & Carter, Australian Croation Hall 101-109 Separation Street Nth, Geelong, VIC, 3215, Ring 5274 2422, 8pm
- Sun, 8 May, Noon, W/Pat Drummond (& Carter and Carter?), Mother's Day Lunch show, Banfield Theatre, Philip Island, 192 Thompson Ave, Cowes, Vic, 3922 Please Prebook, Tickets etc Ring Rick Banfield On (03) 59522486
- Thurs, 12 May, 8pm, W/Pat Drummond and Carter & Carter, Ringwood RSL, Ringwood, VIC
- Fri, 13 May, W/Pat Drummond and Carter & Carter, Brunswick Arms Hotel, Function Area, 163A Sydney Road, Brunswick, VIC, For bookings (03) 9380 8322, * **NB - this gig will possibly be cancelled if not enough bookings, Ring to confirm)**
- Sun, 22 May, 1pm, Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock (4 pce band), Jamberoo Pub, Jamberoo Rd, Jamberoo, NSW
- Wed, 25-26 May, 11am, With Pat Drummond, The Australian Cotton Growers Trade Fair, Moree Showgrounds, Moree, NSW
- Sun, 29 May - NOTE - Either of two possible gigs:- Either 12noon, With Acoustic Shock Bluegrass band, Nepean Rowing Club, Penrith **OR** 1pm, With Pat Drummond, Wisemans Ferry Inn, Wisemans Ferry, NSW **(To Confirm ring 0407 603 277)**
- Thurs, 9 June, With Pat Drummond, Parramatta Mall, Church Street, Parramatta, NSW, Amphitheatre 12.15PM - 1PM & 1.15PM-2.00PM
- Fri, 10 June, 7pm, With Pat Drummond, Parke Hotel, Bathurst, NSW (in conjunction with the Bathurst Folk Club) **ring to confirm 0407 603 277**
- Sat 11 June, With Pat Drummond, Lazy River Estate, Dubbo, NSW, Event for the Cellar Club 100 **(to confirm ring 0407 603 277)**
- Sun, 12 June, With Pat Drummond, Commercial Hotel, Gulgong, NSW
- Sat, 18 June, Solo Guest spot at the Kalbar Show, Kalbar Showground, Kalbar (a little town near Boonah), QLD
- Sat, 25 Jun, 8pm, Guest spot on Pat Drummond's Show - Drover's Camp Family Restaurant, Near Maitland, NSW, Bookings Essential Ring Neil Jones On (02) 4938 1009. **(Due to the Overseas Tour I may NOT be able to do this gig - to Confirm ring 0407 603 277)**
- Sun, 26 Jun, 1pm, With Pat D, Wisemans Ferry Inn, Wisemans Ferry **(Due to O/S Tour I may NOT be able to do this gig - ring 0407 603 277)**
- 30 June - 3 July, Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock Bluegrass Band, Skagen festival, Denmark - www.skagenfestival.dk
- Sat, 9 July, Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock Bluegrass Band, Kotz, Germany, Email cms-country@cms-country.nl or see website
- Tues, 12 July, Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock Bluegrass Band, Nieuwkoop, Holland, Email cms-country@cms-country.nl or see website
- Fri-Sun, 14-16 July, Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock Bluegrass Band, Norsk Country Treff festival, Breim, Norway
- Thurs, 21 July, Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock Bluegrass Band, Astor theatre, Deal, England - Email Jon - jonjohanson@hotmail.com
- Sat, 23 July, Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock Bluegrass Band, Country Durham, Eng, Email Joann - info@grovefarmbreaks.fsnet.co.uk



Support from Jan & Rob... my WA family!



Pat, Peter Blythe & I

**BLUE MOUNTAIN RAIN
TRACK LIST & REVIEWS**



Reviews: "A quantum leap in Bluegrass recordings in Australia",... Mike Kear, Bluegrass Radio, Australia.

"In this period of considerable interest in non-pop Country Music, she has something special",... Nick Erby, CM Radio, Australia.

"Superb... singing & playing is first class & choice of material is excellent",... Trev Warner, Cap News

"As long as you do not expect the high lonesome sound nurtured in the mountains of Appalachia, you will not be disappointed by the music on this recording, which does show that the band takes their Bluegrass seriously. This recording stands up well in the genre of contemporary bluegrass,..." Bluegrass Unlimited Mag, USA

Two Bluegrass Singles Released Overseas

Two Bluegrass songs are being released as singles O/seas prior to the July Tour. They are 'This Ring' & 'Send me the Pillow' & are available to O/S DJs for airplay, if you know DJs in Europe/UK that will play them, please contact me.

Track listing:-

1. My heart skips a beat
2. This flower
3. This ring
4. Pathway of teardrops
5. Dream of me
6. Big ben
7. Send me the pillow
8. Dreaming
9. I heard the bluebird sing
10. Homefires
11. The touch of God's hand
12. Wildwood flower
13. You're no longer a sweet-heart of mine
14. You're running wild
15. One tear
16. Blue
17. Memories
18. Pardon me

.. And the Journey Continues!...

Second Wind was a real achievement for me. It's success came at a time when I was feeling like maybe I should give the game away,... so I didn't... & I'm glad! Herm Kovac was the driver at the wheel and he was the best producer I had ever worked with... he just seemed to say what I was thinking and do what I was wanting done,... why he hasn't been recognised as yet as 'Producer of the year' at the OZ CM Industry Awards is totally beyond me!!.

He did a beautiful job & the result achieved no less than 11 Award Nominations & two major Australian Awards - Female Vocalist of the Year (Aust. Indie CM Awards) and the Bluegrass & Trad. Country Award (Vic & National CM Awards). It was a joy to sing the songs... some were a little more contemporary than I was used to,... but it was a challenge & it really stretched me vocally.

It was great to sing another great track from Pat (The Outback's been getting the rain) and have Bill Chambers & Grant Richardson sing with me,... when others in the industry wouldn't,... & being an indie I had fun with the cover artwork too!,... & there's some real photo gems that reveal some snippets from my past tucked away in the booklet!,... Most of all it



2004 VIC CM Awards w/Donna & Gene Fisk & Diana

proved to me that even though we love to get Awards etc, they really aren't important... what is really most important is being true to yourself & making great music... & I intend to do that just that!

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WA Folk Fed. who put on a great gig for us, also Sharon at the Argyle Tavern in Albany who gave us a replacement gig venue at very short notice,.. & Jill & Peter for the beds!,.. & for those that asked, yes, Pat did remember my birthday while out on tour & presented me with what must have been the most Wicked MudCake ever baked,.... it really would have been death by chocolate if I'd eaten any more!,.. it's really not much fun to be away from family on your birthday so it was nice to celebrate it. Then after a mad dash across the country on the last seat on the midnight to dawn flight, I got to the SCCMA Festival concert, a great night. Our Mt Beauty Muster gig with Acoustic Shock had been one we were really looking forward to, but which proved a challenge as the weekend neared. Firstly Jim (guitarist) needed urgent medical treatment in Sydney, which left us without a much needed player for the weekend,... Quentin then caught the dreaded lurgy from me & was not 100%, both Marty & I were still in recovery mode & had only half healed voices,.. mechanical problems in one car left 3 of us, 3 instruments & luggage piled in the other for the trip,.. and Quentins guitar (which had been expected back following repairs) didn't arrive in time,.. (thank you Jodie for the loan of a guitar!)... amazingly we rose to the challenge & still had an enjoyable (albeit difficult) weekend with Quentin & Nigel sharing 3 instruments!. Anyway,.. Look out Victoria - we're heading your way very soon, please support the gigs, it'll be fun having Merelyn & David Carter along with us this time! Other stops before we head Overseas include Gulgong, Dubbo, Bathurst, Kalbar, Moree, Jamberoo



Catching up with old Friends from the Sth Coast CM Assoc.

SCCMA SERVICE AWARD - Thankyou to those in the South Coast CM Assoc. for the Club 'Service Award' presented to me at the recent Festival,.. it was a real surprise & a great honour! I grew up in this CM Association,.. & after many years of performing in shows, serving on committee & even putting together their 30 year History! it was really special to have it recognised, Thankyou!

Look out!, Oz Bluegrass heads across the big pond!

Yep!... with gigs in Denmark, Germany, Holland, Norway & England,..we're off! (who needs record companies!!!). If you are one of my overseas friends & can help with gigs, accom, transport, promotion etc,.. please contact me and pleeeeeease! come to one of the shows & bring some friends! The line-up will be myself, Marty, Liz, Quentin & Nigel, please Support us!!



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BLUE MOUNTAIN RAIN - (2001)

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