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Illawarra Festival Jam



RADIO SINGLES

Thank you to all the DJs out there who played "Carol Lights", the Australian Christmas track from our 'Long Journey Home' album. It is a great Christmas song but I truly didn't expect it to get the airplay it did... it was actually the MOST played single released at that time - and still didn't make the 'Country Tracks - Top 30', (which probably tells you something about the validity of "Australia's leading Country Music Chart" these days,...). The next single will be a 'forthcoming' single from the new country album & it will be released hopefully in August. It's a great cover of the Louvin Brothers song "Every time you leave" and a duet with US based singer Randy Kohrs, please request it!!

↓ Charlie Fraser & William jam at Marrickville Bluegrass 'Duelling Ukeleles'



BELATED EASTER GREETINGS & COMPUTER

Hi everyone, I have seemed to have been a bit quiet lately!... haven't I!... & for many reasons - including computer problems, the new album, (lots of) illness and a few resulting bouts of "I just can't deal with this right now!" this Newsletter is very late indeed! However lots of things have been happening here 'under the radar' so to speak... so I will try & update you all in as few words as possible, (which is very difficult for me!), but will try. Our year started off well with appearances at Gulgong, Illawarra, Tamworth & Bunyip festivals and then collapsed in a crash of computer problems in March, which knocked me for six! Initiated by a simple blackout, some strange little gremlin not only shut my machine down - but took with it every email I'd ever received, sent or kept in folders (for information, future reference, later action etc),... & also my entire address book. It has been seen by a few computer experts since and we are still none the wiser to what actually happened... but it seems to be irreversible and all has been lost... *and Don't talk to me about back-ups!!... I'd just purchased a new backup drive and for various reasons, it hadn't been set up yet (too long a story!...).* So, no... *No back up.* As a result IF YOU HAVE EMAILED ME AT ALL - ABOUT ANYTHING - RECENTLY or NOT SO RECENTLY... email me again. If you sent me a new email address - I probably don't have it. I luckily had other address books on other data bases so I have been able to recover many addresses but if perhaps you are reading this on my website and haven't heard from me for a while?...



Blue Mountain Rain - National Folk Festival © Ian Fisk

EMAIL ME. It took a number of weeks to get the computer back on line (lucky I had a laptop which still ran 'dial-up' to get my email - which mind you, took ages & cost me a fortune!), but I was unable to use it for work on a normal daily basis. Within 2 days of getting that finally sorted & back on line, my modem was nuked and wasn't replaced for nearly 4 weeks due to two Telstra incompetents who didn't seem to know how to order a new one for me!... (how hard could it be to take my money?)... third time lucky, thank goodness! Anyway... if I haven't replied to your email or sent you what you've asked for,... please email me again!



Floreena, Bendigo



Peter Denahy, Peter & Evelyn Sheahan & Me

GIG NEWS

Thank's so much to all those who came to our Tamworth shows! Was a busy time there as always, and we are slowly trying to find some decent, family friendly, affordable venues we can

use in the future as we're no longer getting any work - or even a simple response from most of the main stream venues,... guess we all have our 'use-by' date,... what can I say, except stuff 'em, where there's a will, there's a way! We have been able to re-book the Tamworth Community Centre (quiet, comfortable, air conditioned, with access to morning tea!) for some concerts and will also be a part of a new morning bluegrass venture going ahead at one venue (hopefully?) along with a concert at Kootingal where Allan Caswell is hosting a little 'mini-festival', so you WILL see us once again in 2011. Apologies for the rather short spot on Pat's Longyard show. I was incorrectly informed this was a 'Duo' gig, when apparently it was only a 'guest spot', sorry to all who came to hear me and more duets. Thanks to those supporting our Community Centre shows and especially to those who made door donations to help cover our hire fees etc, I will really endeavour to keep at least one show here 'free' as I know Tamworth is an expensive place to be during festival time, even though I did get chastised by a few people saying that I should charge for our show,... Now don't get me wrong, I don't doubt for one minute that we

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COMPETITION WINNER

To all those who took the time to post or email me some suggestions of content for the future newsletters - even though I now have lost the ones that came via email... (Please send them again!) Thank you!... they included suggestions about the albums I have released, what I like to listen to, my recommendations, information on recording processors etc. I appreciate ALL suggestions but there could only be one winner, who was... Peter Hudson, from Tassie! There wasn't much response to the competition idea so I'll keep that to a minimum, although I would like to give away a copy of the new CD "Heart Songs" so if you'd like to be in the draw for the new album, email or post me your name & address & I'll announce winner next Newsletter.

GIVEAWAY FOLLOW-UP

Thanks for those who took some of my office giveaways,... it was such a waste to trash them all. Now it's my turn to ask!... anyone got a VHS Video player in working order that they don't want?... if so, I would be happy to take it off your hands!



Tamworth Street Banner

HEART SONGS' UPDATE

The new album is very close to completion and advance 'pre-release' copies will be available soon (hopefully August). The 'official' release date will hopefully be in October, just in time for an Official Launch in Tamworth, but pre-release copies will be available for my supporters on my Newsletter list in Aug/September. As I said before, it's a REAL country music album - the old-style 'country music'.... Not this new 'country Rock/pop' stuff.... So if you're not into real country music then you're not going to like it. It's very traditional - but no bluegrass this time... Plenty of pedal steel, fiddle, dobro, mandolin & country piano though!!... and even a couple of originals - one which is the most personal song I've ever (co) written! The album is tentatively called 'Heart Songs'. It's gorgeous & after recent albums from my duo and bluegrass formats, this CD allows me a gentle return to that lovely old fashioned country music that I have always loved (and have never strayed far from). It has been recorded by amazing musicians and includes a beautiful duet with Randy Kohrs (USA) and some of the best love songs ever written... even a version of 'Crazy' which I've been singing for 25 years but never been game to record.



Will turns 4! & wants a 'Stegasaurus' cake! ;
Decorating the Christmas Ginger House



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are worth a \$10 ticket at least!... it's just that most people have limited \$ to spend on concert tickets in Tamworth and many use it on the 'Major' artists, who are sometimes charging up to \$50 per ticket or more. Let's face it, after buying a few \$50 tickets there's not a lot left over in your budget to spend on other equally as worthy artists, so i guess we're trying to make it a bit easier for you to come and see us... but remember, a 'door donation' is exactly that... it's as much, or as little as you can afford and please know that those donations & raffle monies are used to cover hall hire costs which averages about \$200 per concert. The 25th Anniversary was a rather expensive 'indulgence' for me... but hey, after 25 years... you just got to do it!...and thanks firstly to Dan Watkins, Liz Frencham,

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MUSIC DVD

I'm starting to put together historical and other footage to make up a DVD of my musical life and career... quite a difficult job actually, and one which might take a few years,.. made even harder still by the fact that when you are up on stage you are there-fore Not generally behind a camera at the same time,.. So,.. here's asking,.. If you have - or know of anyone who has any video footage picked up of any of my performances, solo, duo, band or otherwise,.. I would appreciate it!

CD SAMPLERS! We are currently just working on 'dressing them up' a bit, but once that's done we'll be sending a few out in each Newsletter run... so you may just be the lucky recipient! If you haven't heard a Karen Lynne album for a while, then please use them to 'catch up' on all my product... not interested?... then please either give them away to someone else who you think might like my music?... or - if you don't want to waste them, return them & I'll 'recycle'.

WEBSITE

We started to make overdue changes to the site but for various reasons, have had some huge difficulties getting them to work due to 'hosting' limitations and old software, and have finally come to the conclusion that it's just TOO hard. I've now pulled in the Big Guns and instead of 'fixes', the site will now be getting a complete overhaul! The current site will stay up for a few months,... (and should at least keep an updated gig guide which is necessary),... but stay tuned, Big changes are on their way!



The Davidson's, Tamworth



Blue Mountain Rain Band Band, Harrierville



Band with Guest Pete Fidler, Tamworth



with our friend Patrick, Bendigo



w/Jeff Brown, Pete Winkle & Pete Denahy, Bunyip



Will dreams, All those Guitars!!!



Karen & Pat, Tamworth



Peter Denahy



Blue Mountain Rain, Tamworth



w/John & Lena

GIG GUIDE (Based on Current Info Known, Check the website for changes - www.karenlynne.com)

- Sun, 13th Jun, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Nelson Bay Bowling Club - 02 4981 1272 Stockton St, Nelson Bay
- Fri, 30th Mar, 8pm Karen Lynne & Martin Louis, Full Moon Folk Club, Katoomba
- Fri 9th -Sun 11th July, Redlands Bluegrass Festival, Redlands, QLD
- Sun, 18th July, 3pm, Karen Lynne & Martin Louis & friends, Sunday Bluegrass Sessions, Marrickville Bowling club, Marrickville
- Wed, 21st July, 12noon, Karen Lynne & Barry Thompson, Guest spot at Probus Club meeting & Luncheon, Carrington Hotel, Katoomba
- Sun, 21st July, 1pm, Karen Lynne Solo, Guest spot at Blacktown Country Music Club, w/Max Talbot's CD Launch (To Be Confirmed)
- Sat, 7th Aug, 8pm, Karen Lynne & Martin Louis, Sydney Bluegrass & Trad. Country Music Association, Annandale Community Centre, Johnston Street, Annandale (To Be Confirmed)
- Sun, 8 Aug, 1pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Jamberoo Hotel, Jamberoo (To Be Confirmed)
- Mon 16th Aug, (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, 12th Sept, 1pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Jamberoo Hotel, Jamberoo (To Be Confirmed)
- Sun, 26th Sept, 1pm, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Wisemans Ferry Inn, Wisemans Ferry
- Sat, 9th Oct, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, The Belconnon Soccer Club, MacKeller, ACT (Times and Details here soon),
- Sun, 10th Oct, 2pm, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Jamberoo Hotel, Jamberoo
- Sat, 13th Nov, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, The Belconnon Soccer Club, MacKeller, ACT (Times and Details soon)
- Sun, 14th Nov, 2pm, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Jamberoo Hotel, Jamberoo
- Fri 19th - Sun 22nd Nov, Karen Lynne & Blue Mountain Rain, Harrierville Bluegrass Convention, Harrierville
- Sat, 11th Dec, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, The Belconnon Soccer Club, MacKeller, ACT (Times and Details here soon)
- Sun, 12th Dec, 2pm, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Jamberoo Hotel, Jamberoo



COOLGRASS!



William Jamming, Ill. Folk Festival



On stage, Bunyip Fest. with Pete Denahy & Lachie Davidson



Jim Haynes has now completed his Country Music book which he started many years ago. The "ABC Book of Australian Country Music" is a comprehensive list of many Australian country music artists who are active and successful in Country Music or have made an indelible impression on the Australian Country Music scene. Included in it are lists of major country music award winners and a guide to the major country music festivals around Australia. I seemed to have been missed in all the previous Australian Country Music books, even though I've been in the scene for over 20 years!... so it was really nice to know that Jim didn't forget me, or my contribution... Yeah!, Thanks jim... and don't forget, it might be a great gift for someone who likes Country Music!

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Martin Louis & Nigel Lever from our Bluegrass band, special guest musicians Pete Denahy & Pete Fidler... and all our other special guest artists - Pat Drummond, Alan Caswell, Jane Kellaway, Mark Tempany & Alison Hams & Natalie Foley for singing on the show... we hoped to see a few more artist faces that promised to be there - but I guess I'm just not famous enough! ☺ Thanks also to Nigel & Pat for help



Mark Tempany & Alison Hams

with the PA. Our Bluegrass concert was fantastic and the support from a nearly 200 strong audience just knocked us for six!, Thank you so much for attending and supporting Australian Bluegrass, thanks also to our mates in 'Coolgrass' who did a guest spot, and to the Davidsons once again for a spot at their breakfast show (we hope to do a big combined bluegrass show one year!). Big thanks to all who came to our Tamworth shows! Now... did any of you see the updated 'Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne' street Banner?, Cool hey!, only took 25 years for me to get on one but hey, it's there - at least for one year! Thanks to the TSA for a spot on the Songwriters Concert - and a chance to play some bluegrass for a change!... and to Sam, Jenny and Emily for putting on the Bush Po-



Nigel & Andrew C



ABC In Store, Tamworth



William Tuning, Tam

WISHING WELL - TRACK LISTING

1. Wishing Well Blues
2. Sweetheart Darling of Mine
3. The Circle is Small
4. When I Close my Eyes
5. It's Over
6. Changes
7. Jealous
8. The Healing Kind
9. Blue Mountain Rain
10. Once More
11. Loving Arms
12. We Should only Have Time for Love



Lachie Davidson



William in the wings, National Folk Fest. © Ian Fisk



Jane Kellaway



Natalie Foley

Congratulations to Liz (my sister) and her (now) husband, Steve who were married in April. Many of you know her from her work in the Folk scene and from playing Bass with our Bluegrass Band. William and two of his cousins got to be 'attendants',... ring bells,... carry the rings, & have a lot of fun!



etry Breakfasts once again. Thanks to Andrew Clermont for his hard work at the supper club & Rob Long for filling in on guitar - it's always nice to work there and you see such an amazing array of interesting &



Nikki, me, Mike, Wayne, Johanna & Frank Iffeld, Canterbury Country

talented artists! Thanks also to Mark Moulynox & band for backing us at the Gospel Tent show. To Bruce & Gina who helped put up posters and distribute flyers!, to Deb, Val & Rhonda for all the help on the doors, selling CDs & raffle tickets etc... we can't do it without you! Great to be a part of Gulgong Folk Festival once again... thanks to a great big listening audience, we hope to be back again at the Prince of Wales sometime this year. Thanks to the Illawarra Folk Festival for giving us a gig at the 25th Silver Anniversary festival!... we have been a part of this festival since it was held at Jamberoo all those years ago and is a great place to catch up with old (and young) friends. Lovely to catch up especially with my first 'Manager-come-supporter' from my 'Maritime Services Board' days, lovely to see you Bryan! Thanks to dad for watching Will and for all the players who joined in our officially 'programmed' Bluegrass Jam (Bruce, Jim, Dan, Nigel, Marty). Then it was off to Victoria for a station fundraiser in Bendigo... thanks to Peter & Evelyn, Floreena & Geoff and all at Pheonix Fm for the help in getting the show happening, special thanks to Ted & Faye for returning William's forgotten guitar!...and also to Peter Denahy who filled in on fiddle with us at short notice. Bunyip Country Music Festival was an absolute Gem once again!, thanks to

ABC ISSUES 2ND SINGLE FROM WISHING WELL CD

A few weeks ago, ABC Music issued a 2nd single from the Wishing Well album. The song is the 2nd 'new' track on the album, a Claire Lynch penned track called "Sweetheart Darling of mine"... please request it from your local Radio Station!



Allan Caswell



Heather Mandich & I, Harriettville

Jigzag for getting Liz to the festival after her van broke down and Lachie Davidson for playing amazing mandolin for us also! Apologies for the Wyong date that was listed which ended up a 'no-goer', I wasn't aware that it didn't come thru till only a few weeks before. Thanks to Greg and Rhonda for the Bubblewrap and post packs! thanks to Gina, Ian, Deb & Rhonda for the photos and to Mike for the info! It was great to be invited to the National Folk Festival after so many years, we were starting to think we'd killed an albatross or something!... but we finally got a chance to do it again. Thanks to Kat Mear for 'fiddling' for us there, what a great band sound! and lastly to all those who joined us once again for our lovely spot at Macquarie Music Club,... a lovely venue & audience to be sure! Well, Not much on the calender at the moment but that's OK, I am enjoying some time at home getting some other much needed work done, but hopefully we will see you around the traps soon,... with a slightly different Bluegrass line-up - "The Karen Lynne Bluegrass Circle"!! ☺

George & Kat, National Folk Fest, © Ian Fisk



FACEBOOK,... Yep, never thought I'd be 'hip' enough to be up on Facebook... but I am, so if you are a Facebook-er too, come and say hi!... And 'be my friend', haven't worked out how to get photos and music etc on it yet... but I will (& remember, I can't get on too often, but i try to visit and comment when I can!... C U There!

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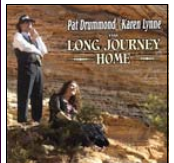
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