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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS** - Please take a minute to adjust your records and change my Post Office Box number,... It's only the Box Number that's been changed - due to Post Office renovations & new boxes being installed, it's now "P. O. Box 250" (no longer P. O. Box 1000) & don't stress if you've sent something recently and wonder if it got to me?,... it will, the staff know me well, are friendly & efficient, and certainly will redirect it to my new box.

## HOME AGAIN AT LAST!!



.... and how wonderful that is,.. I have spent much time in the last year travelling and regardless of how exciting it sounds,.. it really can be quite hard,.. it's nice to be home and sit down to jot my Christmas note to you as 2004 slips away. Most recently our travels have taken me over to WA, a truly wonderful but seemingly un-

promoted part of our beautiful country!... where we met a great bunch of new friends and supporters and caught up with some old friends also. It was especially good to have Marty able to join me for part of the trip (something he's not always able to do), and we took some time out to do some site seeing around perth,... cruise the Swan River, ring the Bells & see an Aircraft Museum. It was also great to catch up with Ian Simpson, Jim Fisher and the guys from The Sensitive New Age Cowpersons and Paul & Maria From WA band Bluegrass Parkway,... we really didn't want to go home at the end of that week!., but I had no less than two wedding cakes to finish (just another of my little hobbies!) so home we went. Of course weddings are always the reason to make cakes and congrats go to my littlest sister Leanne (& Ray) who enter wedded bliss this month! While a wonderful family event, it also



With Ian Simpson, Paul & Maria Duff (Bluegrass Parkway,

became the first time in about 3 years we actually had the entire family together (except for one 3yr old!). Another highlight was catching up with old friends from the Sth. Coast Country Music Assoc. again while performing at one of their Luncheon gigs. Associations like this should not be undervalued, they keep Country Music alive at local level, help the community & have been responsible for nurturing some of our biggest talents.

Good news as Rod MacCormack has been confirmed as producer of my new solo Bluegrass Album. His reputation for great production has indeed been solidi-



### MERRY CHRISTMAS 2004 From Karen & Marty!!

fied over the past few years, but it's Rod's background in Bluegrass music that has made him my choice for producer on this project. As most Australians know, he's a champion Bluegrass banjo player & guitarist, with a long history in Bluegrass music and he's welcomed this project as something new & exciting for 2005.

December also marks the commencement of recording a new Collaboration album with Pat Drummond. This album will be a mixture of new versions of some of Pat's earlier recorded material and some totally new material. There are a number of songs I've been singing with Pat for ages that were never considered for

recording previously because they'd been already released on Pat's earlier albums. Many fans request the version we sing on stage, so these newer versions will be recorded along with some previously unrecorded songs. More exciting news as it's been confirmed that I will be touring with a small bluegrass format in UK & Europe in July 2005. It will be a wonderful chance to take Australian Bluegrass to other parts of the world, especially when there is no formal recognition for this most traditional type of Country Music in Australia (we hope to do some sight seeing as well!), so if any overseas friends reading

### LATEST TOUR NEWS

Following a nice Christmas break I'll be joining Pat at the Gulgong Folk Festival for the first time,... & then flying down to Tassie (one of my most favourite places in Australia!) to sing some Bluegrass at the Tamar Valley Folk Festival! I'm told both of these are gorgeous little festivals & they'll be a nice change in the lead up to the heat & bustle of Tamworth. I will be at tamworth again, however the Awards Schedule changes have meant that many of the gigs previously available to independent artists like myself in the earlier days of the Festival have

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been taken by the signed acts. With the Tamworth Festival being such an expensive exercise for most indies to support bands etc it means that once again "Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock" will not be appearing in any official capacity this coming festival (although I don't doubt there will be a few unofficial appearances here and there,.. so watch out for us!!!). Other festivals booked include Cobargo Folk Festival, a return visit to WA, the Mount Beauty Music Muster (with Acoustic Shock) & then back down to Victoria once again. Thanks to all those supporters who gave me such encouragement at Mildura,.. it was a real challenge doing a festival totally 'solo' (when I'm so used to working with my band &/or Pat Drummond), but it was a good experience. It was so good to meet up with so many friends and supporters and catch up with many artist friends I hadn't talked to for a while. I was also given the pleasure of presenting an Award this

year which was a great honour on this our "Indie" night of nights!

It was lovely to get over to Southern & Western Australia recently and meet some wonderful new people,... I also attended & performed at the FAA Convention (SA) which was a really enjoyable experience. It was really interesting to be involved and feel like an integral part of the Australian Folk music scene,... met some wonderfully interesting people too! Then it was over to WA for a great few weeks, spending much time with Rod & Kerrie Lee, bush poet extraordinaires! and organisers of the 'Diggers Camp', this years host to the Australian Bush Poetry Championships. It was nice to catch up with Murray, Ray, Marco & Shirley from the Naked Poets and be a part of their shows. Thanks to Jeff & Louise, John & Denise Schumann, Rod, Kerrie, Dave & Di Lee, Paul & Maria Duff & Ian Simpson for the Accommodation and hospitality during our travels. Achiever of the year this year though, has got to be Dave Prior - for not only his wine but his amazing ability to conjour up one spectacular Chocolate & Cherry Ripe Mudcake in my hour of need (which was well past midnight I might add!)... I will be eternally in your debt!. Anyway,... Christmas Greetings to you all,.. have a safe, happy & relaxing Christmas,... I know I will see many of you in Tamworth but please note that I have only a couple of gigs this year, so **please support our shows if you can!**,... May 2005 be a wonderful year for us all!

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THANKYOUS**  
for help & support  
at Mildura, photos  
accom. & gigs,..  
Jenny & Finley,  
Gina, Lorraine &  
Alan, Kaylene, Phil  
Rourke, Jillian, Paul  
& Maria, Ian, Jeff  
& Louise, Rod, Kerrie,  
Dave & Di &  
Pat.

## GIG GUIDE

NB: For those that asked questions about why I have had no recent Award Nominations in the various Annual awards,... the reason is that I've had no new product out in the eligible period.

Thur 2nd Dec, 4pm, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Parramatta Mall, Parramatta  
Sat 18th Dec, 11am, Pat Drummonds Annual Shoestring Records Christmas Harbour Cruise, boat leaves from The Pier behind The Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour, phone (02) 4788 1157. Cost \$22, leaves Pyrmont Bay Wharf 11.45am, Ph 02 4788 1157  
Sun, 19 Dec 2004, The Everglades, Leura, a beautiful day in the heritage gardens at one of Australia's most notable historic estates, Performances from Pat Drummond, Karen Lynne, Nigel Foote, Dawn Egan on Irish harp & others, Ph Kerry 4784 1938  
Fri, 31 Dec 2004, 8pm, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, New Year's Eve Celebrations @ The Chalet Guest House, Medlow Bath  
Sat 1st - Mon 3rd Jan, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, The Gulgong Folk Festival, Ph Mike (02) 63742005  
Sun, 9th Jan, 12noon Guest spot with Pat Drummond, Wisemans Ferry Inn (**Ring 0407 603277 to Confirm**)  
Thurs, 13th Jan, 8pm, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Lindisfarne RSL Club, Tasmania, ph Ron (03) 62437877  
Fri 14th - Sun 16th Jan, Karen Lynne & Pat Drummond, & Acoustic Shock Bluegrass Band, Tamar Valley Folk Festival, Georgetown, Tasmania, Email Bob - [diamond5026721@yahoo.com](mailto:diamond5026721@yahoo.com)  
Tues 18th, Jan 10pm, Karen Lynne guest spot on 'The Girl's Night' as part of Andrew Clermont's Supper Club, North Tamworth Bowling Club, with Leslie Avril, Wendy Jackson, Belinda Walmsley, Sophie Raymond, Hannah, Stephanie & Annette Eldridge, Merri-May Gill.  
Thurs 20th Jan, 3pm, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne Concert, Tamworth, Function Room, Alandale Motel  
Sun, 23rd Jan, 11.30am Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne Show, Tamworth Golf Club, Tamworth  
\* Note Also appearing with Pat Drummond for Guest spots during the Bush Poetry Shows at Tamworth City Bowling Club on Thurs 20th (10.45am), Fri 21st (5.30pm), Sat 22nd (10.45am) & Sun 23rd (10am)  
Sat, 5th Feb, Stephen and Debbie Scheaffer's Backyard Bash, Glenbrook (Private Party)  
Sun, 6th Feb, 1pm, Guest spot with Pat Drummond, Wisemans Ferry Inn (**Ring 0407 603277 to Confirm**)  
Sat, 12th Feb, 7.30pm, Bankstown Sports Club, Bankstown, 'All Kinds of Country' With Pat Drummond, Allan Caswell and full band  
Sun, 13th Feb, 2pm, Guest spot on Pat Drummond's Show, Jamberoo Hotel (**Ring 0407 603277 to Confirm**)  
Sun, 20th Feb, 5pm, Bomaderry Pub, Bomaderry, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne  
Fri 25th -27th Feb, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Cobargo Folk Festival, Cobargo  
Fri, 4th March, 8pm, Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock, Crawdaddy's Quarters Cajun Restaurant, Penrith (**Ring 0407 603277 to Confirm**)  
Sun, 6th March, 2pm, With Pat Drummond, Jamberoo Hotel, Jamberoo near Kiama, 2PM (**Ring 0407 603277 to Confirm**)  
Sun, 13th March, 1pm, With Pat Drummond, Wisemans Ferry Inn, Wisemans Ferry (**Unconfirmed at Present**)  
Mon, 14th March, Karen Lynne & Pat Drummond, event for Warrigal Care during Seniors Week, For info contact Community Relations Manager, Ph: 4256 7812  
Fri 1st - 9th April, Touring in Western Australia, **Gig Details To be Advised**  
Sun, 10th April Karen Lynne, Guest Appearance at the South Coast Country Music Association Annual Country Music Festival, Dapto

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**TAMWORTH,  
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OUR SHOWS**

**Thurs 20th Jan,  
3pm, Function  
Room, Alandale  
Motel  
&  
Sun, 23rd Jan,  
11.30 am  
Tamworth Golf  
Club**



.... **AND THE JOURNEY CONTIN-**

I should note at this time that my songwriting had not been forgotten and while not a prolific songwriter, my skills were increasing & after my initial efforts on "Labour of Love" and a number of wins for "Grandma Used to say", I picked up a couple of Awards with Pat for "The Rush" (on the "Six Days" Album) & I was really feeling like I was finally a songwriter, with the confidence to sing my songs in front of people,.. I guess looking back, ..... I'd come a long way!

Although, as much as I was enjoying my foray into bluegrass music, I decided that the next Solo Country album (that I'd been working



Winning TSA Award -

**N**ew Projects!.. In addition to the 2 new album projects mentioned earlier, I thought I'd also let you know other projects I'm working on,... planning ahead keeps me focussed so I've been doing some long term thinking. While the next Bluegrass album is a solo effort, we are also planning a Bluegrass gospel album,... another Country album (of course),... and an Australian folk style singer/songwriter project with my sister Liz so,... stick around & enjoy the ride with me,... if you will!

Please note we have free "Trad'N Now" Magazines to giveaway at gigs with CD purchases,... don't forget to remind me so that you get yours

on behind the scenes for over 2 years) needed to be completed and the time seemed right. I wanted this album to make as big an impression as the Bluegrass album had, but to do this successfully I knew it had to be a complete success - **in it's own right**. I didn't want it to be compared in anyway to the previous one, nor try & make it successful by 'copying' the formula of 'Blue Mountain rain', as many artists do. This meant I'd be swinging from the very traditional Acoustic, to the more contemporary electric-type sound, (...well, as modern as I'd ever go!!) of which "Second Wind" displays so beautifully,... & the title?... well I guess I won't deny that after 3 good solid albums, numerous Award Nominations, a number of Awards and 15 years 'paying my dues' in the industry, I was realising that our "Golden Guitars", - supposedly our most prestigious awards, were fairly unattainable for us quiet achieving independents,... there is just no way we can compete with the budgets and promotional machines available for signed acts,... and sadly it really has nothing to do with talent!. I knew that making the impact required to



Karen & Marty with Tall Ship, Perth

gain such 'votes' was just not possible for one person. Effectively I was starting to accept that these accolades would probably never be mine,... it was hard,...you could say, I was a bit 'puffed out'... but never one to be easily deterred, I knew it was time for finding that wind to fill my sails once again,.. grab my 'second wind' &

Congrats to Prizewinners Jay Nelson, Barb Foster & James Tobin, for winning the prizewinners run from all those who submitted names of their local Community DJs who should be contacted & sent some music to play!.. thankyou!

**SIX DAYS IN DECEMBER**  
Track List & Reviews



I have had a request to list the tracks on my CDs,.. in case anyone has an interest in a particular song they've heard, but doesn't have web access,... so we'll start with "Six Days In December" since we've never listed any reviews either.

TRACK LIST

1. The Rush
2. The Song Of the Quilt
3. Old Time Country Show
4. Everyone was Right
5. The Days When we were Young
6. Freedom in Her Eyes
7. Certainty Of Miracles
8. Honky Tonk from Hell
9. Paradise Creek
10. The House at 21
11. When you Say Goodbye

Reviews,..

"Country at it's best,sweet, bittersweet, simple, heartfelt, gentle, pure,... it wraps around you with warmth & sincerity,..."

- Cap News

"Karen possesses one of the most emotionally convincing voices you're ever likely to hear,... matched to Drummond's rich, heartfelt tones is like a perfect marriage,..."

- Country Music Int, UK

"... vocal quality seriously good, phrasing & diction better than average,..."

- Rim Music Publishing

".. precisely balanced harmonies from two passionate performers,..." - Country Music Annual - Top 50, 2000

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**LABOUR OF LOVE (1998)**  
Karen Lynne - First Solo Album  
KLF0704 - 001/SR 15 (16 Tracks)  
Contains a mix of both Traditional & Contemporary Country, Folk & Bluegrass (3 originals).

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## ALBUM ORDER FORM

**SECOND WIND - (2002)**  
Karen Lynne - Second Solo Album  
KLF0704 - 004/SR 38 (14 Tracks)  
Contains a mix of Traditional & Contemporary Country music including a duet with Grant Richardson. (3 originals)

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**SIX DAYS IN DECEMBER - (2000)**  
Karen Lynne & Pat Drummond - Duet Alb.  
KLF0704 - 002/SR18 (11 tracks)  
Contains a number of Duet & Solo tracks from Karen & Pat. All tracks are Australian and pure Country!.

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**BLUE MOUNTAIN RAIN - (2001)**  
Karen Lynne & Martin Louis - Bluegrass  
KLF0704 - 003/SR 20 (18 tracks)  
Genuine Australian Bluegrass!, featuring Acoustic Shock Bluegrass Band & many great Aussie players (1 orig & 2 instrum.)

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