

# Karen's Korner

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These gigs get pretty boring after a while, I guess there's always CDs to play with!

## ABC HEARTLAND SERIES

Good news as the ABC Music contracts have been signed and my first ABC release will be a version of my "Changes" album as part of their "Heartland Series". I don't know many details at this stage, but I believe it will happen in the first half of 2009... & I will keep you posted.



DORRIGO FESTIVAL

**A**s usual I am asking if there's any Tamworth 'locals' out there who would put up some posters for us in town as I won't be there until the second week and usually all the poster spots are gone by then!... if you can help, please let me know.

Also if there's anyone planning to come along to my Monday 19th, concert at the Longyard (@ 2.30pm), who could watch young Will for me, that would be appre-

## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS!

*Christmas Blessings to you all!!, whether you've had a wonderful year or a 'difficult' one, may you be blessed as we venture into 2009. As December rolls around I am reminded how quickly the years seem to pass, although it is good to see that age and wisdom do seem to increase at a similar rate and that allows me to see more clearly the most important things in life. It is amazing the treasures we miss when we stop looking. Our little family has had a stressful few years encompassing changing roles, parenthood and changing careers for Marty, but we are finally 'seeing the light' at the end of the tunnel as Marty takes on some full time employment and we move into a new phase once again. I am feeling good however, that amidst all this I've still been able to keep my music part of our – and your, lives. 2009 looks bright!, although some challenges await with the impending departure of our Bass/Guitar/Dobro playing mate, Quentin who may be changing his career for a while and spending some time in over in the West,... (he swears he'll get us some gigs over there,... but we're aren't so sure!. Regardless I'm sure we will find some way to continue to bring you some great*



*Here's hoping Christmas will be a time for sharing and celebrating all the good things in our lives and may the new year hold love, joy & PEACE for us all.*

*Australian Bluegrass music. I have a lovely straight 'Country' Album in the workings at the moment, so I'd like that one to be the next one that surfaces and am planning to use some time over Christmas to complete some originals for that project,... and between that and 'potty training' I'll be keeping myself quite busy!*

## TAMWORTH GIGS & ALBUM LAUNCH

2009 will bring yet another Tamworth festival for me... and while it will be a little quieter this year, there is some good things happening. I have secured a few shows with Pat Drummond as usual and would especially like to invite you all along to our Official Tamworth Launch of "Long Journey Home". It'll be held at the Frog and Toad Function room on Goonoo Goonoo Road on Wednesday, 21st January, 2009 - at 3pm. It's a very nice venue but really needs some bodies to fill it and help us celebrate our little project. We have decided to make all the Tamworth shows that **WE** have set up **FREE** Shows!, although due to the hundreds of dollars we have to spend on venue hire costs, we'll be putting out a gold coin donation bucket at the door to help us cover hire costs - if you are so inclined. Most of the bluegrass band will be up once again, although as I've already mentioned it will probably be the last visit from Quentin for a while... so come along & say hi... & Bye! Our main Bluegrass gig will be at a lovely venue called the Tamworth Community Centre & as it'll be held over lunch, the CWA ladies will be there making & selling good value lunches for our visitors. We hope to get a little crowd as we'd love to see you & also help support these ladies as they do a lot for the community. Please check out the gig guide & make sure you see us at least once, (& hopefully



*Taking it all in!*

**GIG NEWS** We are looking forward to catching up with friends we made in Georgetown few years ago with an upcoming appearance on the "George Town On Show - Festival On The Tamar" in December, and note, with an even stronger line-up! Then it's Christmas and then appearances at the Illawarra Folk Festival, Tamworth Festival, Barham & Bunyip Festivals... so don't forget to say Hi! The Bluegrass band line-up may have to change a little after that... but all I can say about that at this stage is... watch this space! Thanks to Craig & Simone who did a wonderful support gig for us recently at the merry muse in Canberra and also to John Taylor who played Bass for us and helped us with the advertising, Eileen and the volunteers, Donal Baylor who filled in on fiddle at VERY short notice!, Beth who watched William for me and Sharon & Martyn for your hospitality! It was a really nice gig and apart from spending the rest of the night in Canberra hospital... (too long a story I'm afraid!), it was a real pleasure to be there again. Thanks to Pam Merrigan and the organisers of the Turning Wave Festival. It was our very first visit there and apart from an interesting night above the local 3am disco (that took me back!!!,) and another artist collapsing outside our room & the hospital trip that ensued, it was a lot of fun. Then I was back in Mildura for the Indie Festival for the first time in 4 years?... wow, a lot has changed! Thanks to everyone who gave me such a warm welcome back, big thanks especially to Dwayne Elix who shared the stage with us and allowed us to do some 'almost bluegrass band' spots (we did have fun - and any photos out there of that one would be appreciated!), to Stueie French for the emergency guitar strap... Jan, Kylie & Pele for the much needed babysitting, Judy, Ron & John... & to all the DJs I caught up with - Rod, Mark, Max, Dennis, Bill, Annie & Russell... to Ron, Gordon and Kylie for the photos and David & Merelyn for sharing our interview at Hotfm... Goodness, I haven't laughed so much in a long time! It was lovely to be a part of the Awards show once again & a side from the first day's panic as we drove into Mildura with only a few hours to spare, it was a good week. We

## CHANGES TO THE AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY MUSIC CHART

I have released many radio singles in my 20 something years in Australian Country Music & all have been well received & supported. I've always enjoyed great support from the many Radio DJs across Australia (and beyond!), from those in the bigger country stations that play the 'lions share' of country music, to many of the 'little people' at the community stations of who may only play a couple of hours a week. I would like to stress that ALL this airplay in the past has contributed to the success of my profile as an Indie artist & has allowed me to see this support materialise in my many 'Hit Singles' that have often made their way up the "Country Tracks Top 30" which is considered Australia's leading weekly Country Music Singles chart & is compiled from radio airplay of tracks in Australia. Times have changed and unfortunately for lower profile, 'non-mainstream' artists - like myself, changes made in the last 12 months to the method of extracting airplay feedback & changes relating to the 'sources' of the feedback used to compile this chart, will mean that my Radio Singles will probably not get the profile of airplay that will be necessary to make the chart. I won't attempt to explain the changes, suffice to say I will be moving my focus off these Radio Singles in future. I WILL of course continue to let you know when we release Radio Singles - as we still want & NEED you to request our songs, singles & albums from your local community DJ...but whether these songs make the chart or not, will no longer be as relevant or a true record of airplay.

headed out to our accommodation in Redcliff, not realising that my first gig was in Wentworth (a 100 km round trip!)... I actually made it with 5 minutes to spare, with the petrol light well and truly ON... then realized I'd left all my charts back at my room!... and finished the day off by ripping a big hole in my skirt on the fencing wire just behind the stage... luckily the rest of the week wasn't so eventful! To Dez & Richard and all at the Macquarie Towns Music Club - what a lovely night we had there! It was topped off with a surprise visit from Geoff Drummond and NO PA to pack up! Thanks to everyone involved. Great night once again at the Cooks River Bluegrass sessions which will run till the end of the year, but not sure after that. A great part of that special show was a performance from the Bill Monroe Tribute band and they put on a great show! Then it was up to Dorrigo for the Bluegrass and Folk Festival and once again we had a lovely time - with a VERY special & rare moment

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**BILL MONROE TRIBUTE BAND**



*Marty & Dwayne captivate the Mildura audiences with Duelling Banjo's!*



Alison, Will & Marty, Dorrigo

## GIG GUIDE (Based on Current Info known - Details may change - For Alterations check website)

Sat 29, Nov 5pm Special Folk Club Concert - Support spot to piano/vocalist Jan Preston, Wongawilli Community Hall \$8 Members / \$12 Non Membs, dinner between 6pm & 7.30pm at extra cost

Sat, 6th Dec, 2pm, Karen Lynne & Martin Louis, Private Party, Glenbrook

Sat, 6th Dec, 8pm Karen Lynne & Martin Louis, Sydney Bluegrass & Trad. Country Music Association, Annandale Community Centre, Johnston St, Annandale

Dec, 11am Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Aristocrat Christmas Party, Mutt Park, Hurstville Sat, 13th Dec, 5pm & 8pm, Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock, GEORGE TOWN ON SHOW 2008, Festival on the Tamar, GEORGE TOWN, Tasmania

Thu, 18th Dec, 10am Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Three Trees Lodge Christmas Party, Lithgow

Sun, 21st Dec, 1pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Wisemans Ferry Inn, Wisemans Ferry on the beautiful Hawkesbury River, North West of Sydney **OR**

Sun, 21st Dec, 3pm Sunday Bluegrass Sessions, River Boat Club, Tempe (To Be Advised)

Wed, 31 Dec, 8pm, The Chalet, Medlow Bath, New Years Eve, 'Aloha' Beach Party, Dinner & Drinks (till midnight & except spirits) \$90 pp, Reservations 4788 1122, Limited bookings

Sun, 4th Jan, 1pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Jamberoo Pub, Jamberoo (To Be Confirmed)

Fri 16th - Sun 18th Jan, Karen Lynne & Blue Mountain Rain, Illawarra Folk Festival, Bulli Showground **Monday 19th - Sun 25th January - TAMWORTH SHOWS - See SPECIAL LISTING NEXT PAGE**

15th Feb, 3pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Scheaffer's Annual Backyard Bash (Private), Glenbrook & Sat 20-21st Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock, Barham Country Music Stampede, Barham, VIC

Feb, 10am Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock, Bunyip Country Music Festival, 20th Anniversary Celebrations, non stop music 10am - 6pm, stars Adam Harvey & also Stui & Camille, Bunyip, VIC

Drummond & Karen Lynne, 'Greens' Fundraiser, Cessnock

Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Cessnock Country Music Festival, Cessnock

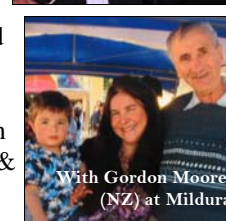
gigs after this date see www.karenlynne.com - as it should be up to date by then!!



↓ Thanks to Jan, Willwatcher, Mil-



Donal Baylor



With Gordon Moore (NZ) at Mildura



**TRACK LISTING FOR "LONG JOURNEY HOME"**

1. 18 WHEELS
2. THE DARLING DOWNS
3. CALLING ME
4. DAVID'S WATCH
5. THE BRIDGE (THIS TREE)
6. DREAMS
7. LOVE & IRRATIONAL HOPE
8. IF A MAN IS A MAN
9. AMISH MOURN
10. THE SPIRIT OF THE SOUTHERN SHORE
11. THE BUNYIP OF HOOLIGANS CREEK
12. HEARTS ABOVE THE WATERLINE
13. CAROL LIGHTS
14. WILDFLOWERS
15. ARROGANCE



↑ Macquarie Towns Music Club  
 ↓ Will joins our rehearsal, Dor-

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on the Sunday where my banjo playing hubby Marty played guitar & sang for the first time in public!! (Scruggs-style of course!!) and even I ended up playing guitar (can't remember how, someone just handed it to me?) in the all-in Bluegrass Gospel finale! Thanks again to Alison for allowing us to share her home (and for giving us a 'sleep-in' by taking Will for a morning walk in the garden & some fun in her Yoga Studio (he's still talking about the big balls & windmills!) also to Lindsay & Denise for the photos. Thanks to Rhonda & Greg, Denise & Jacqui for William sitting!.. Sam & Emily for the interview at Tank FM, Bruce for coming all that way to play bass for us, Brigitte and all the organisers! Special thanks to Raina for my little 'holiday' at Coffs Harbour on the way home. Then it was a quick trip to Wagga Wagga for a Charity Fundraiser - where more than \$5,000 was raised for CanAssist, thanks to Nancye, Alan, Don & Joe, Rob & Band, & especially to Lisa & Iain Harvey for William watching!... and then to our most recent trip which was to Harrietville to appear at the Annual Bluegrass Convention. Thanks as always to Rod & Judy Jones and Nick & Janet Dear who have the unenviable job putting it all together, except from Nigel having his car side-swiped & some of our band making the gig by the skin of their teeth! (not happy Jan!), it was a lovely few days and a great pity we couldn't stay the Sunday. Thanks to Jim, Monica, Nig & Richard - who shared the house with us and to Mick & Brenda for William watching. Suppose I should wind this up or Christmas will be over before I finish it and send it out... a quick apology for me advertising a spot at the Illawarra Folk Club on 7th Nov... not my mistake however... and anyone who feels guilty by throwing used postpacks & bubblewrap away - feel guilty no more!... Just send



Visiting The Harveys,

**WEBSITE NEWS:-** More good news as we are finally making some changes and additions to the website which has remained stagnant for some time. It won't happen straight away but it will finally receiving some much needed attention over the next few months. Most importantly the Gig Guide will be being regularly updated - which is better for those wanting to know what gigs are happening, as well as a new section on 'Acoustic Shock' (including album details and sound samples), as they have been a big part of my Bluegrass experience and deserve some profile.



Merry Muse gig  
 Left - Craig & Simone  
 Right - Blue Mountain Bluegrass with Donal Baylor &



**TAMWORTH GIGS & ALBUM LAUNCH**

Mon, 19 Jan, 2.30pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Longyard Hotel, Goonoo Goonoo Room Quart Pot Lane, New England Highway, Tamworth  
 Tues, 20th Jan, 2.30pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Longyard Hotel, Goonoo Goonoo Room Quart Pot Lane, New England Highway, Tamworth  
 Tues, 20th Jan, 9pm Karen Lynne (with help from Pat Drummond), Guest spot at Andrew Clermont's Supper Club 'Girls Night', Nth Tam Bowlo, Cnr Bligh & Piper St, \$15 Wed, 21st Jan, 3pm, Official Tamworth Launch of "Long Journey Home" Album, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, The Frog and Toad' Function Centre 236 Goonoo Goonoo Rd (next to The Comfort Inn), Gold Coin Donation Only  
 Thurs, 22nd Jan, 9.05am Karen Lynne & Pat Drummond, Guest spot during the "Bush Poets & Balladeers Breakfast Show" at Tamworth City Bowling Club, Tamworth  
 Thurs, 22nd Jan, 8pm Karen Lynne, Guest spot on CMAA Fundraiser, CMAA Bluegrass Party, featuring Rod McCormack & "Bluegrass Allstars" & Special guests, TREC  
 Fri, 23rd Jan, 9am Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock, Guest spot during the "Bluegrass Breakfast", West Tam leagues Club - hosted by the Davidson Bros, Free  
 Fri, 24th Jan, 11am Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock Bluegrass Concert, Heritage Room, Tamworth Community Centre, Darling Street, Tamworth, CWA will be making good value, healthy lunches available during this concert, Gold Coin Donation Only  
 Sat, 25th Jan, 10.30am Karen Lynne & friends, Guest spot during the "Bush Poets & Balladeers Breakfast Show" at Tamworth City Bowling Club, Tamworth  
 Sat, 25th Jan, 6-9pm, Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock, Guest spot as part of Andrew Clermont's Bluegrass Concert, 'Supper Club', North Tamworth Bowling Club, \$15

**RADIO SINGLE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY**

Australia day. It's called 'The Spirit of the Southern about Australians and the guiding National values that us - as a people & a culture, need to hold important and valuable. It's out in December & please give your local community DJ a request to play it... if he doesn't receive the NFS Radio Singles, get him to just contact me!

We have a new single out, a song for DJs to play in the lead up to and on Shore' and is a lovely song



Marty plays guitar at Dorrigo ➔

**NEW CD FOR LIZ FRENCHAM**

My very talented sister Liz has released her second 'solo' album,.. although it's actually an album of 'duets', so for anyone aware of her career in the Folk/pop/jazz world I thought I'd let you know she has a new album out. A nice album although I will admit I still like her first one "Jericho" best! Available through me, please send \$33 and we'll get you one.



[www.karenlynne.com](http://www.karenlynne.com)

# 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).



**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)



**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



**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)



**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).



**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)



**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.

**Also Avail-** Original Acoustic Shock Double album released in 1994 (a conversion of their two cassette releases "Picker's Choice" & "Shocking" in the 80's).   
 Solo album "Jericho" & Duet album "You & Me" from Liz Frencham - Contemp. Folk, mostly original tracks.

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