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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

Welcome again to my world, it's November! and at the time of writing it's exactly six weeks to Christmas and

I'm looking at an awful lot of stuff that has to be done in that short time,... better not to think about it me thinks! So, where did this year go?,.. what was it's purpose?,.. what did we all learn?,.. achieve?,.. or was it a year of just 'keeping our dreams afloat'?,.. surviving perhaps?,.. yes, sometimes we have years like that they too are necessary, they keep us from drowning! For me, this year has been decidedly stubborn! I have finally brought a few things to fruition, but each one it seems had to be dragged kicking and screaming to it's conclusion, lucky I don't give up easily! It was a thoroughly messy year in many ways,.. I nearly didn't get out my third Newsletter for you this year for many reasons, but determined not to be beaten,.. here it is! I also finally managed to complete my unfinished 'mid year' edition so I've popped it in as a 'bonus' in this Christmas mail out!,.. better late than never I always say! So as I sit here wiping my brow, I wonder how all of you coped with 2010?, if you can spare a moment - tell me! I think I need to know that it's not just me that can't keep up with all the technology of this world that we live in. Did you have a good year or perhaps a 'strange' one?, go on, tell me!,... I need some hope and inspiration!,.. & could do with a laugh - if that's the case! On a more serious note, apart from all the technoproblems which have plagued our houshold we have also been spending much time caring for parents. It's something we never think we'll be doing until we are. Parents - We are them and we have them,.. we never think of them as growing old? And then suddenly they are. After all the years they care for us, surely it's now our turn. As women have children later and we live



Mummy's New Guitar

longer, perhaps we are the first generation that will be looking after small children and aged parents at the same time?,.. Interesting hey,.. but what we have discovered is that it is a very special experience, not a bad one at all. It gives us a chance to get to know them better and become closer to them after a life lived largely away from them as 'grown-ups'. This has been a busy but special and very reflective time for us and like much in our lives, makes us learn and become stronger. It is difficult - but a blessing indeed. Of course through out all of this I have been pulling out my hair trying to get a new album out!,.. a video finished & released, a new website up and numerous other tasks which contribute to an office where I can no longer see the floor & which displays a two feet high desk 'to-do' stack ,.. BUT within all this madness, perhaps the fact that you are actually reading this means that I have in fact achieved something after all!,.. regardless,.. 2011 here we come!

"HEART SONGS & LAUGH LINES" RELEASED!!

It's finally released!, Hallelujah!, sorry it took so long,.. it's schedule has been delayed & delayed,.. & delayed. From computer problems to ill health & a surprise tour for the graphic designer which took him out of the equation for a few months!, but hey, life's like that sometimes, but now it's finally here & it's definitely worth the wait! All



like that sometimes,.. but now it's finally here & it's definitely worth the wait! All pre-ordered copies HAVE now been sent. It's Country,.. Straight, Classic, REAL Country. This album grew over 4 years, under the working title of 'Heart Songs' – a title that expanded to "Heart Songs & Laugh Lines" more recently to reflect 'me' & who I am at this signpost on my musical journey. Initially the name change was because we discovered just how many albums of the same name were out there! (even one from the great Dolly herself!),.. but mostly because after 25 years in the business,..... I have laugh lines. Lots of them. I have learnt to love them & to (hopefully!?) wear them well. This collection are indeed "Heart Songs",.. true, traditional, sentimental songs (albeit at times a little soppy, so Herm tells me!) about 'Lurrve',... love gained, love lost, love that exists between lovers, friends, parents & their children, a very personal reflection of my life & love of music throughout it. You'll notice for the first time on any of my albums, my cover shot is a (rare) 'front-on' smiling shot,.. it seemed to fit, I have worked hard & love that I've been able to share my gift with so many, I am all too aware that not everyone gets that opportunity. I'm in a good space, & am pleased I left the comfort & security of a real job to give my music a go so many years ago. It has been difficult & frustrating at times but also so rewarding. This career & motherhood have made my life 'lived',... & it's not over yet. I was looking at that cover photo & thought that those 'Laugh Lines' were worth mentioning,...(Ok, so they're wrinkles!) they hold my life journey within them, they are part of who I am - & whom I'm proud of being. Thank you Herm (production), the musicians, Randy Kohrs (for singing with me!), Glen (photos & album artwork),.. It's wonderful!, you're going to love it!



OUR BEST CHRISTMAS WISHES TO YOU ALL!

Martin and myself want to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas! May it be truly a chance to relax, soak in life and re-energise ourselves in preparation for a productive coming year,.. and of course we hope to see you at a show sometime in the future!

WEB SITE UPDATE

Congratulations to David & Amanda (MD Digital) on a brand new baby boy!,.. Now that's over with they can get on with my website!,... Only kidding,.. so glad all is well!, I've seen the drafts of the new design & it has a scrap booking theme (Very girly!) and very 'ME',... Stay Tuned!



William with the Aqua Ford F100 truck, at Harrietville

RADIO SINGLES UPDATE

Thank you all who supported the first single 'Every Time You Leave' from the new album, the NFS Feedback Data tells me it was the equal 3rd highest played single on that disc. Along side me in that position were friends Allan Caswell & Clelia Adams!, nice to be in such good company! Of course as you probably guessed, it didn't make the 'Chart' once again but that's OK as long as I know why. As I have said before,.. it's not that the chart is 'rigged',... it's just that the 'pool' of stations the airplay data is now drawn from is currently very small & musically, 'more specific' & more 'contemporary' in nature, so it no longer works as a fair summary of Oz Country Music 'airplay'. I'm not sure that there'll be anything on the new album that will be 'contemporary' enough to get high rotation on these type of stations, so it's doubtful that anything on this album will chart,.. but who knows, it might surprise me! I'm no longer worrying about charts, the goal is to get increased AIRPLAY across Australia. The next single will go out in February - one of my co-writes, a very personal & biographical song about my musical journey,... "The Road that brought me here". written with Allan Caswell,.. thanks to Felicity (Saturday Night Country) for allowing us to guest on her 'live' hour

- and to Dan, Nigel and Marty who came along and played in studio for me, was a lot of fun! Thanks also to DJs - Bill B, Bill Q & Bill R, Bob, Mike, Carolyne, Roger, Frankie T, Merle, Rob, John, Trish, Barry & Mal for the interviews of late - all very much appreciated!





ALBUM LAUNCH!

THURS, 20TH JAN, 10.30AM DOUBLE ALBUM LAUNCH -

KAREN LYNNE, LAUNCHING "HEART SONGS & LAUGH LINES" ALBUM 8

DEAN PERRETT LAUNCHING "CATTLE Town"

HERITAGE ROOM TAMWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE. CNR DARLING STREET & PEEL ST,

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES & RAFFLE, TEA & COFFEE AVAILABLE

FREE SHOW - OR GOLD COIN DONATION IF YOU WANT TO!



New VIDEO CLIP - to the song Blue Mountain Rain' is finished! (check it our via Utube or Facebook), It is currently undergoing format conversion so it can be sent to CMC, here's hoping they play it.& here's hoping U vote for it! (Please!)



Great to see our old mate Quincy back

from the desert & at Harrietville again,... & Æ Bruce & Judy enjoying the Harrietville sunshine



Frank Baker says Hi!

GIG GUIDE - Based on current information

Fri 19th - Sun 22nd Nov, Karen Lynne Bluegrass Circle, Harrietville Bluegrass Convention, Harrietville

Sat, 4th Dec, 8pm Karen Lynne & Martin Louis, Sydney Bluegrass & Trad CM Soc, Annandale Comm Centre, Johnston St (To Be Confirmed) Sun, 5th Dec, 11am Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Aristocrat Christmas Party, Mutt Park, Hurstville

Sat, 11th Dec, 7pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, The Belconnon Soccer Club, MacKeller, ACT, Support Artist - Fred Pilcher Sun, 12th Dec, 2pm Sun, 12 Dec 2010 South Wagga Sports and Bowling Club

Tues, 21st Dec, 8pm Karen Lynne, Full Moon Folk Gathering, 68 Waratah St, Katoomba (By invitation only)

TAMWORTH

Sat, 15th Jan, 8pm 'Country For Lifeline' Concert, Karen Lynne (Guest Spot) along with many other artists, Tamworth Town Hall, \$20 Sun 16th Jan, 9am, Karen Lynne, Tamworth City Bowling Club Bowlo, Auditorium, Guest Spot at the Bush Poetry Breakfast, Admission Tues, 18th Jan, 2.30pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne in Concert, Singer/Songwriter Concert, Tamworth Community Centre, Darling Street, Tamworth, Heritage room, \$10 Admission

Tues, 18th Jan, 6.30pm Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Guest Spot at the TSA Outback Bar Showcase, Chillingworth Room Outback Bar, West Tamworth Leagues Club, Phillip St, South Tamworth, Free Show

Wed, 19th Jan, 10.50am Karen Lynne, Tamworth City Bowling Club Bowlo, Guest Spot at the Bush Poetry Breakfast, (show starts 10am) Admission Charge

Wed, 19th Jan, 1pm Karen Lynne & Martin Louis, Guest Spot at Gospel Tent, cnr of Kable & Bridge Streets, Tamworth, Free Wed, 19th Jan, 6.30pm Karen Lynne Bluegrass Circle, Bluegrass Concert, Tamworth Community Centre, Darling Street, Tamworth, Heritage Room, Special Guests "Coolgrass" Bluegrass Band, Tea & Coffee Supplied, Lucky Door Prizes & Raffle, Free Show - or Gold Coin Donation if you can afford it!

Thurs, 20th Jan, 10.30am Double Album Launch - Karen Lynne, launching "Heart Songs & Laugh Lines" Album and Dean Perrett launching "Cattle Town", Tamworth Community Centre, Heritage Room, Lucky Door Prizes & Raffle, Free Show - or Gold Coin Donation if you want to!

Thurs 20th Jan, 8pm, "Allan Caswell Presents", Karen Lynne Bluegrass Circle, Bluegrass Concert, Kootingal Hotel "Backyard Theatre", Kootingal, Free Show Fri, 21st Jan, 10am Karen Lynne Bluegrass Circle, Acoustic & Bluegrass Spectacular, North Tamworth Bowlo, Auditorium, Cnr Bligh & Piper Streets Tamworth, Free Breakfast is included with \$10 show entry, served from 9.30pm, Show starts at 10am (goes to 12.30pm)

Fri, 21st Jan, 7pm Karen Lynne Bluegrass Circle, Bluegrass Concert, Nemingha Pub, Nemingha, Armidale Rd Nemingha, (Opposite the post office/Servo) Local Bus service goes hourly on the 1/2 hr from &.30 am till after midnight, 5 minutes out of town!, Free Show

Sat, 22nd Jan, 9.10am Karen Lynne, Tamworth City Bowling Club Bowlo, guest spot at the Bush Poetry Breakfast, (show starts 8am) Admission charge

Sat, 22nd Jan, 11.30am Karen Lynne Bluegrass Circle, Acoustic & Bluegrass Spectacular, North Tamworth Bowlo, Cnr Bligh & Piper Streets, Free Breakfast is included with \$10 show entry, served from 9.30pm, Show starts at 10am (goes to 12.30pm) Sat, 22nd Jan, 3pm Karen Lynne, Guest spot with Pat Drummond, at the "Pat Drummond & Friends" Concert, Longyard, Goonoo Goonoo Room, (Singer/songwriter Concert), Free Admission

Sat, 22nd Jan, 6-8pm Karen Lynne Bluegrass Circle, Bluegrass Band, Guest Spot, North Tamworth Bowling Club, Cnr Bligh & Piper Streets, Andrew Clermont's Supper Club, "Bluegrass Night", Karen Lynne Bluegrass Circle, Admission charge Sun, 23rd Jan, 10am Karen Lynne Bluegrass Circle, Traditional Bluegrass Gospel Spectacular Concert, North Tamworth Bowlo, Auditorium, Cnr Bligh & Piper Streets Tamworth, Free Breakfast is included with \$10 show entry, served from 9.30pm. Show starts at 10am (goes to 12.30pm)

Thurs - Mon 21 - 25th April 2011, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, National Folk Festival (Duo - To be Confirmed by Pat) Sun, 1st May, 2011, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Collector Village Pumpkin Festival, Collector Sun, 29th May, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Cessnock Country Music Festival, Cessnock



Ray Marshall & the Blugrass Deputies, Harrietville



William Makes & Rides his 'Chair Bus', Harrietville



<u>TAMWORTH FESTIVAL PLANS</u>

Yes,.. believe it or not, it's that time again,.. and I'm off to Australia's Country Music Capital – Tamworth, for my 26th Festival I I will say that the Festival has become much less relevant to me after all these years, but I want you to know that I go only for all you supporters out there who want to catch up as in some cases Tamworth festival gigs are the only place I get to meet you! The festival focus is more and more on the young artists who sell country rock & pop,.. and of course the signed artists' chance to sell you an expensive 'big ticket' concert,.. but it's not all bad & if you're willing to look hard there is some Top class Country Music to be found, so don't despair. I'm hoping to guest on the Annual Lifeline Fundraiser concert (15^t Jan) which gets me up there a little earlier than planned,.. but hey, might get to actually 'see' something this year instead of just working! There is only one official "Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne" Concert this year (Tues 18th) being held at the community Centre (a lovely venue) but I do have a few 'guest spots' together on other shows if you can't make that one. As promised, I am once again putting on

ONE non-ticketed Bluegrass show (Entry is Free – but Donations to help cover venue hire costs are welcomedl). The band will be made up of some familiar faces - Martin Louis, Nigel Lever, Daniel Watkins and Bruce Packard - and will feature a guest spot from Victorian Bluegrass Band "Coolgrass" once again,.. please support this show, there will be a raffle and tea/ coffee available. On Thursday morning (20th), at the Tamworth Community Centre,



I am putting on a (free) Double Album Launch which will feature myself launching my new "Heart Songs & Laugh Lines" Album and my Bush Balladeer friend Dean Perrett launching his new album "Cattle Town" (which actually features a track we have duet-ed onl). Nothing flash this time (like some launches in the pastl), in fact I'm not even sure if we can afford a backing band for this show so it might be a more acoustic style show, but still a great chance to hear all the new songs from us



both,... and of course if you love what you hear,.. please help us by buying an albuml. Thanks to my friend Val, there'll also be something new for the Bluegrass Breaky lovers - especially those who can never get up early enough for the one at West Tamworth Leagues club,... and therefore never get a seatl Nigel Lever is hosting an "Acoustic & Bluegrass Spectacular" at North Tamworth Bowlo, Auditorium. There will be a Free Breakfast included with the \$10 show entry, which is served from

9.30pm, Show starts at 10am (goes to 12.30pm). The morning shows will include sets from myself & my 'Bluegrass Circle' and also Innes Campbell and his band 'Present Company', along with guest spots from Coolgrass, Kerry Walsh (Those Gals) and others to be confirmed. This should be fun and please note - does not compete with the Davidson's Breaky show at the Leagues (their gig is 8-10am) you can even come to both!! Once again I've been given some spots to sing at the Bush poetry breakfast up at the City Bowling club, this is a really nice morning which gives a lot of well & lesser known poets a go along with a lot of musical interludes throughout the morning, so if you like bush poetry, give it a go. We also have a spot at the TSA Songwriter Showcases and I have a spot on Pat's 'Pat & Friends' show at the Longyard. For those who'd like to try something new, a full bluegrass concert is being run for the first time at the Nemingha Pub, which is on Armidale Rd (just as you leave Tamworth opposite the post office/Servo). Don't worry about transport as there's a local Bus service which goes hourly on the 1/2 hr till after midnight and it's only 5 minutes out of town,... and it's a FREE Show. Likewise our good friend Allan Caswell is running a 'Kootingal Minifest' and presenting a selection of shows at Kootingal Hotel (Backyard Theatre). Each night he'll be doing a set and then 'presenting' another artist/band and on Thursday (20th) it will be us singing you some bluegrass,.. great meals,.. and once again a FREE show so give it a go. If you like to relax in the gospel tent during the day then pop in on Wednesday (19th) as myself and Marty (and anyone else we can round up) will be doing a spot.



◆Harrietville pics - Marty playing guitar, Kat Mear (fiddle), Bruce Packard (Bass), Gospel show











GIG NEWS

I have been recently able to share the stage at Pat Drummond's new monthly "Country/Folk" evenings at Belconnen Soccer Club. Guests so far have included local bluegrass trio John Taylor & his 'Tennessee Tuxedo Band' & Craig & Simone Dawson. They are to continue into the new year (not always with me



there, but I hope to get down there and do a few more guest spots as the year goes on). Pat & I also had the opportunity to perform a rare totally acoustic concert at Humph Hall,.. What a great gig! (please invite us back!), unfortunately I could only participate in one set due to my 'care' commitments but what a lovely setting (can't wait to see the video!). We've been having a little 'by invite only' folk night up in the Mountains called 'Full Moon Folk' and it's been just lovely, thanks Nigel & Dawn, we hope you can keep it running for us all in 2011. I had the pleasure of joining Pat and Simon Watts at the annual Big Backyard Bash out at Hartley a few weeks ago (almost local!),.. was lovely to soak up a good old 'Country Show' and hear some other local talent as well! Once again it was great to be able to sing some songs at the Motor Neurone Disease Assoc. Christmas Get-together, I keep thinking they're going to get sick of hearing us,.. but they don't? I finally got to gig again at Jamberoo Pub in November with Pat (en-route

from Canberra),.. it was initially a worry as I thought we'd lose any crowd we had when the bikers turned up for their pre-arranged luncheon!, but luckily I was wrong. Lovely to catch up with Monica & Julia,... and thanks for the records Dad,.. I am still trying to wrestle the Arlo Guthrie one back off Pat Drummond!! I received a surprise invite up to Wyong RSL for a guest spot on their Hillbilly Heaven show also recently



and found it to be a lovely evening,.. thanks to all those who stayed after the 'walk-ups' and to Rob Wilson & the boys for playing so well. Lastly I'll finish this update with a note about the annual Harrietville Bluegrass Convention,.. we were blessed with wonderful weather, great music and the chance to catch up with a lot of friends we don't see very often. Thanks to Nig, Dan, Bruce, Marty, Quincy and Kat Mear for playing for my set – what a great performance! (where's the video camera when I actually want one!). I wasn't going to put my hand up for the gospel concert this year - just didn't get the chance to prepare anything,.. but



Harrietville Gospel Concert



someone upstairs thought differently and we managed to rustle up a great band and bunch of gospel songs anyhow, even some the band didn't actually know! - prompting me to actually PLAY guitar at a bluegrass convention (my amazing new South Aussie made 'De Gruchy' six string), that was a first for me! Thanks to Nig, Bruce, Marty, Quincy & Jim for playing, it was like the old 'Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock' days,.. Acoustic Shockers Jim & Marty also sang songs in the set which was lovely,.. (sometimes the 'spontaneous' shows are better than the 'rehearsed' ones!) William also had a ball although at the moment too shy to play his 'guitar' in front of strangers, which is a great pity as he plays it very well. He did have fun and

amused himself and quite a few others by arranging all the unused plastic chairs in a big circle outside the concert tent,.. he was very pleased with himself indeed,.. funny how their little heads work! Lovely to see Moanna & Leo & kids there also (we will gig together one day!), I should add here that Harrietville Bluegrass Convention is moving to Beechworth for future conventions,.. good luck to all the organisers on this move. Thanks to Carol, Phillipa & Ian Fisk for the photos, Rhonda for the postpaks & bubblewrap,.. Thanks to Mick for the CDs, 'Mrs Bill Davis' for the DVD (sorry I don't know your name!), Big thanks to my DJ friend John for 'coffee at katoomba',.. and to DJ Jean-Luc from New Caledonia for inviting me down to lunch on one of his Oz visits (see Pic Page 1), was absolutely lovely to catch up with another DJ friend (and fine bluegrass-er!) 'in person' in this our mostly cyberspace world! Coming up for us is a couple of local gigs and also some in Canberra & Wagga Wagga and then a rest over Christmas,.. (am needing that!). No New Years Eve show booked yet (wow! that's weird!...)... No Illawarra Folk Festival,.. in fact not much at all till Tamworth,.. wow!, Gee, I

could actually get a Christmas holiday this year! It'll be great to have a bit of time to take stock and think about new band formats, albums & new year plans etc,.. Have a Safe & Happy Christmas all of you, & here's to 2011! Moanna & Leo Kerr



ALBUM ORDER FORM			
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Karen Lynne Second Wind	SECOND WIND (2003) Karen Lynne - Solo Album (14 Tracks) KLF0704 - 004/SR 38 Contains a mix of Tradtional & Contemporary Country Music including a duet with Grant Richardson (3 originals)	Also Ava	HEART SONGS & LAUGH LINES (2010) Karen Lynne - Solo Album (14 Tracks)KLF0704 - 006/SR 87 Contains Old Fashioned "Classic Country" Music, includes a duet with Randy Kohrs (2 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)	AFSO AV	AFTER SHOCK (1994) Original Acoustic Shock Double album released in 1994 (a conversion of their two cassette releases "Picker's Choice" & "Shocking" in the 80's), Traditional Bluegrass.
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