



# TSA Newsletter

November 2015

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## *"First the Song"*

### **DUNCAN HILL – President**

We are pleased to announce the date and artist list for the Annual TSA Concert and Awards Show and also the date for the Annual General Meeting

Please go to the website [www.tsaonline.com.au](http://www.tsaonline.com.au) and see the page for the Awards Concert.

You will find the notice for the AGM and the nomination forms for office bearers in the "About" tab in the menu line top of the home page and we've also included the form in this issue.

Judging for the Song competition is well underway and the Semi-finalists are listed here. Congratulations to everyone who made it and a BIG thank you to the judges for volunteering their time.

The new TSA website is progressing and we hope to have the site up and running in early January 2016

See you in Tamworth January 2016!

The TSA Team

### **TSA Concert & Awards Show**

**Date:** 19th January, 2016

**Venue:** The Longyard Hotel – Tamworth, 7PM

**Tickets: \$20** (at the door) or pre-sold at the Longyard Hotel Bottle Shop or Pub Group (ph: 02 6765 5655)

**Compares:** Clare Hayes/ Angus Gill (also performing)

#### **FEATURING:**

- Amber Lawrence
- Tori Darke
- Justin Standley
- The Bobkatz
- Simply Bushed
- Brian Letton
- Megan Cooper
- Angela Easson

#### **+ Surprise *Golden Guitar* Artist**

- Pat Drummond
- Diane Lindsay Salutes Reg Lindsay
- Steve Passfield with Handpicked Band

Announcing and presenting prizes to the winners of the **National Country Songwriting Contest**, the **Salute Awards**, the **New Songwriter** and the **ANZAC** section.

Please send us your news via email to: [tamsongwriters@gmail.com](mailto:tamsongwriters@gmail.com) ... The next issue is March 2016 so please send your news and pics by early February. Thanks

Or post to: **Tamworth Songwriters Association**  
**PO Box 618 TAMWORTH NSW 2340**

# National Country Songwriting Contest 2015/2016



## SEMI-FINALISTS

### Blues Roots & Bluegrass Section

Hand In Hand – Andrew Swift  
Cry Out – Garry Hardingham  
Ghost Town – Billy Bridge  
I've Got The Working Man Blues – Stan Lenz  
Marmalade Jane – Graham Howle  
Long Gone – Cielle Kinross & James Church  
Razor Back – Alex Varlow  
Mountains of Gold – Karen Craigie  
Old Bones & Sharp Stones – Garry Koehler  
Fluoro Collar – Billy Bridge  
Just Fine – Nancie Schipper  
Your Last Chance – Lola Brinton & Kerrie Garside

### Novice Section

Border Collie Mac – Brian Pattison  
Long Haulin – John Urquhart & David Partridge  
Lend A Hand – Kerrie Dobbins  
Take Your Love Back – Holly Jones  
Jackaroo Sunset – Gary Jones  
Walking Free – Cielle Kinross  
High Country Hide Away – Lloyd Clark  
Laid Back Easy Going – Daniel Higgins  
Richer When I'm Dead – Ruby Gilbert  
Daisy Chains – Lloyd Clark

### Lyrics Section

Max Crockett – Kevin Pye  
The Hungry Herd And I – Maurie Marion  
Things I've Learned – John Walsh  
Smiles – Merv Webster  
Time To Settle Down – Robert Cooper  
A Library Shuts Down – Patricia Thompson  
The Gypsy's Promise – Kevin Pye  
Better The Devil I Know – Maurie Marion  
Ask Him To Sing – Kevin Pye  
Jack "The Kid" – LeAnne King  
Rose Petals In The Rain – Carmello Cacciola  
From You To Me – Maurie Manion  
New Chums In The Yard – Robert Cooper  
Be True To Yourself – Kevin Pye  
Anzac Angels – Patricia Thompson  
Empty Road – David Levell  
Stories of Us – Daniel Higgins  
Where Angels Can't Fly – Maurie Marion  
Man On The Land – John Walsh  
Kelly Dixon – Kevin Pye

### Open Contemporary

Just Us – Billy Bridge  
I Wanna Come Home – Dominic Maurice  
This Is Where I Leave You – Wendy Wood  
I'd Like To Say – Greg Williams

### Open Contemporary (cont.)

Everything's Bigger In The Pilbara – Edward Sutherland  
The Keepers Of The Land – Graham Howle  
Carbon Copy Love Song – David Blyth  
Yarrook Street (1983) – Mark Drilling  
The Cross Ways – Gary Hardingham  
No White Card – Garry Koehler  
Mafeking Hill – Michael Waugh  
We Knew – Billy Bridge  
Love Gone – Sarie Mannering  
A Hero In Us All – Karen Guymer  
Almost Touched Love – Beck Fielding  
Heart Of The Valley – Michael Waugh  
Great And Ancient Land – Lloyd Clark  
Blue Eyes – Gary Hardingham  
Sound The Alarm – Andrew Swift  
Love Dances In the Rain – Karen Guymer  
Every Hour – Sarie Mannering  
Lost & Lonely – Terry Parker  
So Long – Karen Craigie  
Heartbreak Town – Billy Bridge  
Paul – Michael Waugh  
Lost For Words – Nancie Schipper  
Coffee At Home – Graham Howle  
He Went To Check The Water – Graham Howle  
This Lonely Old Road To Peace Of Mind – Graham Howle

### Open Traditional

From The Roper To The Mine (The Story of Jimmy Foster) – Dale Duncan & Ben Jacobs  
The Brand That Seared The Land – Graham Rodger  
Lone Pine – Maurie Manion  
Slim Dusty Rose – Terry Bennetts  
Dusty Stopes & Drives – Graham Rodger & Andrew Black  
The Kimberley Riders – Graham Rodger & Ben Jacobs  
Too Far Away – Warren Kearney & Maurie Manion  
Looking For A Ballad – Graham Howle  
Spirit Of The New Frontier – Gary Koehler  
Do You Sleep Well At Night – Warren Kearney & Maurie Manion

### Youth

There For Me – Sophia Chesworth  
Once Upon A Time – Cassie Hilbers  
Happy Shade of Blue – Cassie Hilbers  
Thank God For The Pain – Abbey Gardner  
Autumn Leaves – Abbey Gardner  
Deadly Storm – Kaitlyn Thomas  
No Glue – Phoebe Foster Griffith  
Haywire – Nancie Schipper  
Ghost – Ruby Gilbert

# TSA Songwriter Salute Awards 2015/2016



## SEMI-FINALISTS

### Bev Daniel Commorative Award for Traditional Bush Ballad of the Year

The Old Camp Oven- Terry Bennetts & Keith Lethbridge  
 The Big Rodeo - Virginia Hermel  
 Charlie - Dianne Lindsay & Peter Simpson  
 Red Dust on the Road - Maurie Marion  
 Old Timber Town - Garth Brand  
 The Drover and the Brumby - Graham Howle  
 Territory Man - Graham Rodger & Merv Maltman  
 Back To the Land- Maurice Hardy  
 One More Muster - Allan Caswell & Manfred Vijars  
 Stretcher Bearer - Brendan Smoother  
 Plain and Simple Drifter - Keith Jamieson

### Contemporary Song of the year

Spinning Wheels -Dana Hassall  
 Paramedic Suicide- Brendan Smoother  
 this too Will Pass- Michael Waugh  
 In your Arms - Peter Christie & Roger Corbett  
 Golden Rings – Kathryn Jones & Steve Passfield  
 Who Pays the Bills – Kathryn Jones  
 My Dad's Shoes – Michael Waugh  
 Until the Hurtin' Starts – Allan Caswell  
 Just Another Song About a Girl – Allan Caswell & Roger Corbett  
 Russian Joe – Allan Caswell & Marian

### Contemporary Ballad of the Year

While Women Wait - John Walsh & Imogen Clark  
 Stronger to be Me - Aimee Hannan  
 Bottom of the Tide - Anita Ree  
 Love Remains - Peter Shurley  
 Just Call me Tonight - Steven Serrah & Christine Sherrah  
 Warning Signs - Brendan Smoother  
 how Strong You Are - Aimee Hannan & Gina Jeffreys & Makaylie Foodey  
 Storm With You – Adam Power  
 Invisible – Aimee Hannan & Gina Jeffreys & Makaylie Foodey  
 Balance is the Word - Adam Power

### Comedy /Novelty Song of the Year

My Old Acco – Al Herbert  
 Little Old Fergie Tractor - Peter Salata  
 I Don't Drink Beer Anymore - Paul Owen  
 Everybodies Doin It - Darryl Bowen  
 On the Double - Gordon Station  
 Grandma Doing Bootcamp - Sharon Heaslip  
 Starting Over - Kerrie Garside  
 That is a Beautiful Beer - Greg Champion & Brent Parlane & Jim Haynes  
 Hairy Hunter – Anita Ree  
 the wallaby Hotel - Peter Salata

### Alt Country, Blues and Bluegrass Song of the Year

Letting You Go - Michelle Walker  
 Kimberley - Aly Cook and Alan Jansson  
 Whirlwind - Marilyn Steele & Tony Martin  
 Trolley is a Worry – Pearse Coleman  
 Do you Remember – Shaza Leigh  
 Lonesome and Blue – Virginia Hermel  
 The Devil's a Garden – Lola Brinton & Jasper Shelton Hollis  
 Lousy Coffee - Allan Caswell & Melissa Bajric  
 I Don't Need no Plastic Jesus - Jeff Aschmann

### Gospel Song of the Year

Angel Called Rose - Allan Sinclair & Leonie K Wheeler  
 My Shepherds Call - Carmelo Cacciola  
 Jesus is a Working Man - Virginia Hermel & Jim Hermel  
 Reach Out Your Hand - Virginia Hermel  
 With Love for My Lord - Sharon Heaslip  
 Praise the King – Peter Christie & Roger Corbett  
 Their Love was Built on Stone – Steven Serrah  
 I'm Doin' Fine - Linda Milne  
 Trying to Pray – Lola Brinton & Jasper Shelton Hollis  
 Golden Bridge – Virginia Hermel

### APRA/ TSA New Songwriter of the Year

It's a Great time in Tamworth – Graham Brennan  
 I've been Missing You – Graham Brennan  
 Shadows – Loni Manners & Mercia Manners  
 I Wrote this One for You - Becci Nethery  
 Walk Away – Becci Nethery  
 Gypsy in my Heart - John Williams  
 Raindrops on the Window – Tracey Stewart  
 Batman Song - Eden Green  
 Even Cowgirls Sing the Blues – Kathryn Jones  
 100 years the Anzac – Rodney Moar

### TSA Anzac Song of the Year

My Last Goodbye – John Krsulja  
 The Anzac on the Wall – Hendrick Koopman & Jim Brown  
 I'm Surrounded by Mates – Jim Bibby  
 Such A Shame – Terry Bennetts  
 Stretcher Bearer - Brendan Smoother  
 Three Gumleaves in Tobruk – Dianne Lindsay  
 Castlereagh Digger – Virginia Hermel & PCoat & L Coad  
 God Bless the Fallen – Jay Poder  
 My Grandfather and I – Jim Bibby  
 Baptism of Fire – SvenTydeman & Williwim Britt  
 The Lost Soldier – Peter Campbell & Brendon Walmsley

## TSA ANZAC SONG of the Year ( cont)

Beersheba Wells – Robert Pearce

Mates - Hendrik Koopman & Duncan Butler

The Battle of Long Tan - Graham Rodger & Alan McPherson

Heartbeat of Australia - Dianne Lindsay & Peter Simpson

I'm Proud to be an Anzac - Billy Bridge

While Women Wait - John Walsh and Imogen Clark

100 years the Anzac – Rodney Moar

The Boy I Left Behind – H Doubleday & Tom McIvor

### TSA SHOWCASE Hog's Breath Café

JAN	Fri 15th	Sat 16th	Sun 17th	Mon 18th	Tues 19th	Wed 20th	Thurs 21st	Fri 22nd	Sat 23rd	
1pm		Entity	The Long & Short Of It	Daniel Higgins	Lloyd Clark	Michael Waugh	Roland K Smith	Ray Pratley & Sam Bellamy	Entity	
1.30		Maurie Marion	Catherine Gunther	Linda Smith	Carolyne Morris	Geoff Williams	Sophia Chesworth	Sophia Chesworth	Peter Campbell	
2pm		Kylie Castle	Marcus Greene	Melissa Robertson	Billy Bridge & Rebecca Lee	Cassie Hilbers	LeAnne & Katie King	Kerrie Garside	Sami Cooke	
2.30		Ian Burns	Kalesti Butler	Peter Salata	Bowen & Clare	Bruce O'Hara	Stephen Kiely	Grazy's Country	Old Married Couple	
3pm		Natalie Baker	Taylor Pfeiffer	Lloyd Black	Kathryn Luxford	Maurice Hardy	Sandy Rasmussen	Brenda Lee Kelly	Johnny Huckle	
7pm	Allan Sinclair	Rachel Summerell	Dunc 'n Sons	Maurice Hardy	Sophia Chesworth		Isabella Richardson	Beck Fielding	Natalie Baker	
7.30	Catherine Gunther	Angus Gill	Becci Nethery	Susan Lily	Daniel Higgins		Aimee Hannan	Dunc 'n Sons	Peter Eliot	
8pm	Mark Shay	Angela Easson	Hayley Marsten	Peter Eliot	Aimee Hannan		Norma O'Hara Murphy	Norma O'Hara Murphy	Kalesti Butler	
8.30	Jenny Taylor	Kaitlyn Thomas	Rachel Fahim	Laura Byrne & Chloe Styler	Mark Shay		Bowen & Clare	Shirley Lynn	Kylie Castle	
9pm		Allan Sinclair	Ray Pratley & Samantha Bellamy	Becci Nethery	Emma Gene		Dave Stewart Ingleton	The Wayward Henrys	Marcus Greene	

## TSA SHOWCASES TOYOTA PARK

### SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JAN

### MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JAN

11AM	Long & Short Of It	11AM	Rachel Summerell
11.20	Kylie Castle	11.20	Michael Waugh
11.40	Peter Campbell	11.40	Becci Nethery

## TSA SHOWCASES

### THE ALBERT

MON 18<sup>TH</sup> JAN

### THE ALBERT

WED 20<sup>TH</sup> JAN

### SOUTHGATE

THURS 21<sup>ST</sup> JAN

12.30PM		12.30PM		12.30PM	Emma Gene	
1PM		1PM		1PM	Kalesti Butler	
1.30PM	Angus Gill	1.30PM	Lloyd Clarke	1.30PM	Grazy's Country	
2PM	Kerrie Garside	2PM	Rachel Summerell	2PM	Isabella Richardson	
2.30PM	Michael Waugh	2.30PM	Billy Bridge & Rebecca Lee Nye	2.30PM	Kaitlyn Thomas	
3PM	Aimee Hannan	3PM	Melissa Robertson	3PM	Alice Benfer	
3.30PM	Ian Burns	3.30PM	Andrew Swift	3.30PM		
4PM	Sami Cooke	3.30PM	Leann & Katie King	3.30PM		

## SONGWRITER'S NIGHTS ....



During the annual Tamworth Country Music Festival, there are two Songwriter's Nights with Lawrie Minson at the Hogs Breath Café on Peel. Here's the info: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of January and the Grand prize draw on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of January. The show on the 13<sup>th</sup> is a 7.30pm start and the 20<sup>th</sup> will be from 7pm.

The prize draw is a Mini Maton guitar and \$1,000.00 worth of recording time at ENREC Studios. Names that go in the draw are Song of the Night winners from the past year and those who have regularly attended (as performers) Songwriters @ the Pickin' Pen. Have a great Christmas and hope to catch up during the festival.

Cheers, Lawrie



Aleyce Simmonds runs a Music jam at the Oxley Bowling Club Tamworth on the last Tuesday of the month. I was at the first one last year and the musos came out of the wood work to play and sing, a packed crowd. Check out the gig guide for details if the Music Jam nite is on during the Festival.

Also, just wanted to mention Aleyce has been nominated for her sixth Golden Guitars, APRA Song of the Year so we wish her all the best.

The Oxley Bowling Club is at 158-168 Piper St, North Tamworth, last Tuesday of the month, 7pm

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**If you know of any Songwriters nights to share, please email us:  
tamsongwriters@gmail.com**



## TSA MEMBERS

### \*\*\* NEWS \*\*\*

#### BECCI NETHERY



Exciting news as Becci's debut single *I Wrote This One For You* and her 2nd single *Livin' In A Love Song* were #1 hits on the Tasmania Country Chart and #14 and #9 respectively on the Australian Country Tracks Top 40 Chart throughout 2015.

Becci won the TSA Open Contemporary Songwriting Section award at Tamworth in 2015 with *I Wrote This One For You*. Becci has also been awarded the Brumby Award for "Best Female Vocalist 2016" for this song.

Her grandad Fred Burdell, a genuine bush balladeer, began teaching her guitar when she was 8yo and she studied music through her school years and is now completing her Bachelor of Music Degree (Performance) at the Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA). She has performed at country gatherings and music festivals all over Queensland and in Tamworth ever since those early lessons.

She is a very proud graduate of the CMAA - 2012 Junior Academy of Country Music, having won a scholarship from the Walkamin Country Music Club for performances at the Far North Queensland Country Music Festival. Attendance at this elite academy, which accepts 20 of the finest young singers, songwriters & musicians from Australia and New Zealand for the week long annual course in Tamworth, was a huge stimulus for her.

Becci currently lives in Sydney and still takes every opportunity to head home to her beloved FNQ whenever possible.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Congrats Becci on your success, Your hard work and dedication are paying off and we wish you every success with your music. The same can be said for Justin Standley, who I first met during his Dubbo days. Justin has been thru the ropes and it's great to see him at the top of the charts. He'll be performing at the TSA Awards concert!*

#### JUSTIN STANDLEY



It's been a stellar year musically for Justin Standley who has collected a swag of achievements - 2012 X Factor Finalist, TSA/APRA New Songwriter of the Year, two top 10 hits (*Return of the Stockman* and *Hard Easy*), currently #2 on the Country Track charts, a new EP (*Red Light*) and he's about to release his second single from his 2<sup>nd</sup> album *Hold On To Love* (produced by Matt Fell).

*100 Droving Days* is essentially a love song and a fresh interpretation of the Australian Bush Ballad. "I wrote the music a long time ago and the lyrics are inspired by the stories and poems of Banjo Patterson and Henry Lawson, he said. "I realise this song may divide some people: some have loved it, others have pooh-pooed it because it's not a real bush ballad. I hope you all like it and that it finds traction."

Standley describes the album as "special" and plans to release four singles in 2016. "This album is special, from the moment it was conceived," he said of it being produced in Australia & Nashville. He plans to spread out the singles with this single being released in January. "I know this will seem crazy, especially as I still have two songs in the #5 in the CMR charts (*Hard Easy* and *Man Gone Missing*).

Justin and his many supporters raised \$30,000 to produce the album (all the sponsors are listed in the cover artwork). The album features a duet with his daughter Charlotte, all original material and world class musicians, he said. "It is proudly and unashamedly Australian."

Justin is also a Toyota Star Maker Finalist 2014, Most Promising Country Artist 2013 - Trans-Tasman Entertainer of the Year Awards and QLD Champion of Champions 2012

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### \*\*\* NEWS \*\*\*

#### ANGUS GILL



With authenticity in his voice, a Gibson over his back and a songwriting knack, 17 year old Angus Gill is propelling through his apprenticeship in the Australian Country Music Industry.

The TSA junior award winner and twice graduate of CMAA Academy of Country Music has already supported TROY CASSAR-DALEY on his *My Life in Song* tour and in 2014. He was among a selected few to co-write the music education anthem for Music Count Us In with JOHN FOREMAN and HARRY ANGUS (CAT EMPIRE). It was a thrill for Gill to find out that half a million school children sung the song (*Paint You A Song*) at the same time, on the same day, in Oct 2014.

Freshly back from the USA, Gill widened his bag of songs in Nashville, writing with Matt Scullion (LK) and Bill Di Luigi (Chris Young). He also spent a week in upstate NY with 3 time Grammy Award winner and Americana legend Steve Earle, along with like-minded songwriters.

Angus' new radio single *Mouth of a Dragon* (CRS 185), co-written with 5x Golden Guitar winner Felicity Urquhart, tells the story of a couple who lost it all in an unexpected house fire which blackened sixty years of memories in a bare six minutes. The track came from an honest place, as the house of Angus' grandparents' Vera and Barry burnt down, back in 2011, after a gas bottle exploded in his Grandfather's shed. "You never quite know what life may throw at you, but you have to be prepared to pick yourself up and build your house from scratch again," he said. "Writing *Mouth of a Dragon* with Felicity was so much fun," he said. "She kindly sung harmonies on the recording as well, which for me, was another layer of specialness to the already poignant story." The song was produced by Simon Johnson at the Hillbilly Hut, and is Angus' first single from his forthcoming album *Nomad*, due for release in early 2017. Angus is the co-compere at the 2016 TSA Awards and will be performing on the night.

#### CATHERINE GUNTHER



Gold Coast singer songwriter Catherine Gunther is quickly spreading her stories around the country with her debut EP [\*Livin' On The Land\*](#), (launched in July 2015), currently receiving airplay around Australia. Armed with her guitar and her unique voice she will be launching a new acoustic record, ***Bitter Sweet Memories***, set to be released at the *2016 Tamworth Country Music Festival*.

With a passion for writing authentic music, the 19yo has been influenced by the diversity of adventures she has had in her life, from the sands of the sunny Gold Coast to the dusty paddocks of the outback. Whether playing the guitar or the fiddle, every song has its story and a purpose.

She's performed her original music at festivals and venues in Australia, including *Woodford Folk Festival* 2014-15 and 2015 *Tamworth Country Music Festival*. Catherine continues to make a name for herself in the country music scene and will be playing at the 2016 Tamworth festival. Checkout her website [www.catherinegunther.com](http://www.catherinegunther.com) for details and you can also download a digital copy of her debut EP *Livin On The Land* for free.

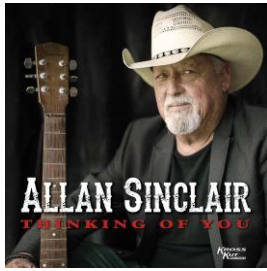
Catherine is currently studying a *Bachelor of Popular Music* at the *Queensland Conservatorium of Music* on the Gold Coast, developing and refining her sound whilst pursuing higher education. She plans to then complete a *Masters of Primary Education*, to bring music education back to rural communities. You can listen to more of Catherine's music on Soundcloud and join her Facebook page [CatherineGunterMusic](#)

**EDITOR'S NOTE: *All the best to rising stars Angus Gill and Catherine Gunther with your songwriting, albums and studies, (Cat). Very impressed by both of you for your get up and go, can do attitude and techno savvy promotion in pursuing your dreams!***

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### \*\*\* NEWS \*\*\*

#### ALLAN SINCLAIR



Allan Sinclair released his debut album *Thinking Of You*, of all original material this year and this month he released the first single of the same title, also the title track.

Allan is an award winning singer/songwriter who brings a special quality to each live performance. He has a wide ranging repertoire which is influenced by such genres as pop, folk, country, jazz and blues artists.

Allan started his music career at an early age with his father Danny and his Uncle John in his home town of Ayr in Queensland. He has been involved in many bands including one of the most successful Queensland bands, Saddletramps, who were Golden Guitar finalists and Roadside Gang. When Allan moved to Tamworth he formed Out of the Blue which was very popular and successful in northern NSW.

#### **Some of Allan's achievements include:**

- Over-all winner - Charters Towers Festival as lead singer of 'Saddletramps'
- Champion of Champions - Townsville Country Music Festival
- Final 5 for Best New Talent as lead singer of 'Saddletramps' 16th Australasian Country Music Awards
- Entertainer of the Year - Tamworth
- Over-all winner - Charters Towers as lead singer of 'Roadside Gang'

Check out his website for further information:  
[www.allansinclair.com.au](http://www.allansinclair.com.au).

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Allan has shown it's never too late to release your debut album of originals and it was perhaps a long time coming. Looking forward to hearing your songs on the radio Allan!*

#### MELISSA ROBERTSON



In 2015 singer/songwriter Melissa Robertson debuted on the Australian Country Tracks Chart with the Title Track from her EP "My Heart's On Fire". Followed by another charting Single "Old House On that Hill" also making the top 30 on The Australian Country Tracks Chart. In 2016 Melissa will make the journey to the Tamworth Country Music Festival for the seventh time and will host her own event called The Songwriter's Showcase with Melissa Robertson and Friends to be held at Econo Lodge on Sunday 17 from 10 am – 6 pm showcasing 15 songwriter's in air-conditioned comfort with a fully licensed bar and light meals. Melissa will also perform on a couple of TSA showcases, Fanzone, and the Coca Cola Stage for all dates please go to

<http://melrobertson.weebly.com/gigs.html> In 2016 Melissa will release another single from her EP called 'Burnt That Bridge' on (CRS 188) and through AirIT. Beginning with a great guitar hook and from there the straight talkin' lyrics and Country Blues Rock really gets you moving. We've probably all been in a situation where we had to Burn That Bridge!! This song is about moving on with our lives. Produced by Simon Johnson at Hillbilly Hut with some of the best musicians in the country including Simon himself on Bass, Glen Hannah on guitars, Trent Simonson on Drums, Dave Ristrim on Dobro and banjo, and Vaughn Jones on Piano. Available through itunes <https://itunes.apple.com/au/album/my-hearts-on-fire/id950606851?i=950606859&ign-mpt=uo%3D4>

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Go Mel! You're such a hard worker and you deserve the recognition!*



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### PETER CHRISTIE



Peter Christie released his first Country Gospel single into the USA Market earlier this year. The success of the song *My Father's House* led to the winning of two awards at the Christian Voice Magazine Gospel Awards in Kentucky in May. The song (Australian of course) then worked its way into the top 10 of the USA Country Gospel Charts where it reigned for the months of August, September and October. It peaked in October at No. 6. Peter has just released his 2nd song into the US market - *'You Alone Are Worthy'* – “So we are keen to see if this song manages to chart,” he said.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

*It's not easy for an Australian to crack into the US charts so congrats to Peter for managing to do with your gospel songs. We'd love to hear your songs here so please keep us in the loop!*

### 2016 FLOAT CANCELLED



**NO FLOAT:** Unfortunately due to ill health and personal reasons the committee organisers have decided to cancel the TSA float for the 2016 Cavalcade. It's a HUGE effort by the organisers and volunteers who are planning to be back bigger and better for 2017. More hands always make light work!

### Pittwater Country Music.

Pittwater RSL Club is the new home of the country music club which was held at Belrose Bowlo for thirteen years. When such a change occurs there is much to consider. There are some accomplished songwriters involved.

In the re-titled backing band, The Pittwater Country Playboys, leader Gordon Station has several albums to his credit and guitarist Peter Eliot has recently released his first album.

Master of Ceremonies, Geoff Williams has won awards with his songs on his three albums. He was responsible for the introductory song and the finale music at Belrose, so naturally he had to compose fresh songs for the new venue. “Pittwater Country” was an instant hit with the band so it was well received by the large audience. Also the finale is now even more “country” than the previous “Saints” based outro tune. All of the singers and musos now join in with their special “thank you” verses to the tones of “You are My Sunshine” adapted by Geoff for each show. It's always a real hoot.

“There's a New Moon Over Pittwater” is another song that Geoff launched in the first show at Pittwater RSL.

Dianne Lindsay was there as Patron and led the celebrations, which also included The Borderers, all the way from Adelaide The Indian Cowboys, The Drego Brothers also performed.

Shows are still held in the afternoons of the last Sunday each Month so if you're in the area, go along and support the club.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

*Good luck and best wishes to the Pittwater CMC. It's great to get involved as a singer, songwriter or spectator. It's a platform for youngsters to make a start and should be encouraged from a young age!!*

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### \*\*\* NEWS \*\*\*

#### TAMWORTH 2016 notices

Hi! I have a Debut CD Launch in Tamworth during the Tamworth Festival. Saturday 16th January - Album Launch. The DAG Sheep Station, Nundle 11am - John K Krsulja - Travellin'

Travellin' was produced by Karl Broadie featuring guests from his Debut Album & friends include Karl Broadie, Katie Brianna, Hayley Wilson, Aleyce Simmonds + Mystery Guest & intimate band.

Regards John K

TWO GALS (aka Wendy Wood and Carlyne Morris) are hoping to launch a brand new album during the Festival. Carlyne is also endeavouring to produce her debut solo album of original songs in 2016. If you'd like to support

<https://www.gofundme.com/carolynemorris>

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And a BIG Congratulations to TSA member Stan Lenz. After winning the T S A Children's Song Of The Year 2015 Salute Award with his song "The Wombat Wobble" Stan has scored a double by winning the ASA's Children's Song Of The Year gong with the same song. The good news was announced at the ASA's Concert and Awards night on Dec 4. Well done Stan!

Hi Patricia,

I'll be releasing my album during the festival. The unofficial launch is the 20th January at 2pm at the South Tamworth Bowls Club (This Ones For the Girls Showcase). Thanks for asking around!

Thanks, Dana.

**Dana Hassall**

**Singer Songwriter**

w: [www.danahassall.com](http://www.danahassall.com)

f: [www.facebook.com/danahassall](https://www.facebook.com/danahassall)

y: [www.youtube.com/danahassall](https://www.youtube.com/danahassall)

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Hi! I have a debut album launch coming up during the Tamworth Festival at the LBS Studios Album Launch Concert on Thursday 21st January 2016. The album is titled "No Secrets" and was produced by Lindsay Bulter OAM at LBS Studios (I am on their roster of artists). "No Secrets" features 12 tracks and 11 of them are my own compositions, (1 cover). The album also includes two pre-released singles; "I'll Miss You" in 2014 and very recently; "You're My Man" which also accompanies a stunning video clip. Thanks

**Rachel Summerell**

#### SOME COMPETITIONS and FESTIVALS ....

The annual Tamworth Country Music Festival is from Friday **15 January** to Sunday **24 January 2016**. It's Australia's largest music festival and one of the top 10 music festivals in the world.

[www.tcmf.com.au/festival-info/](http://www.tcmf.com.au/festival-info/)

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**Bonnie Doon Music & Busker Festival – February 19-21 (see flyer in this newsletter)**

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<https://hollywoodsongwritingcontest.com/enter-contest> April 30th, **2016**: Final Call for Entries Closes ... May 20th, **2016**: 2015 Hollywood **Songwriting Contest** Winners, Nominees, and Official Finalists announced.

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2015 Unsigned only Music Competition <http://www.unsignedonly.com> .. Deadline March 16, 2016

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The Bruce Dawe National Poetry prize ... Google ; Bruce Dawe Poetry



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February** - Free entry with three stages available for music performance. Walk ups, busking and Jam sessions for all to enjoy. Bush dance in the Hall. Food and drink available on site.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February** - Ticketed day with the main stage running from 12 midday to 11 PM. Eight performer/artists playing the main stage with other music performances on the "walk up stage" and the Hall. Line dancing in the Hall on Saturday morning. Food and drink available on site.

**Saturday tickets will be \$35.00**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February** - Free entry with three stages available for music performance. Walk ups, busking and Jam sessions for all to enjoy. Poets breakfast on Sunday morning. Food and drink available on site.

*Planned program is subject to change so view the website for updates*

### **Artist lineup**

The Stray Hens, The Hollands, Rattlincane, Famous Will, Bowen and Clare, Bad Hobbits, Billabong Bush Band and lots more to be announced closer to the festival.

### **Camping on site available from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Camping will be available on site for Tents/Swags and SELF Contained Rvs. Camping on the Festival site will only be available to patrons who have purchased a Saturday pass. There is no power available in the camping area and showers will only be available to patrons who have paid the camping fee. Local Caravan Parks offer more comprehensive services for camping. The Bonnie Doon Caravan Park is a 5 minute walk from the Festival site.

Camping Fees	Tent/Swag site	Caravan/Motorhome
One night	\$12	\$15
Two nights	\$22	\$28

Camping will be available for a maximum 5 nights. For more information Go to [www.bonniedoonmusicfestival.com](http://www.bonniedoonmusicfestival.com) and click on the camping link or call Chris on 0408565760

For more information

**Website is [www.bonniedoonmusicfestival.com](http://www.bonniedoonmusicfestival.com)**  
**Facebook - [www.facebook.com/bonniedoonmusic](https://www.facebook.com/bonniedoonmusic)**  
**Email - [info@bonniedoonmusicfestival.com](mailto:info@bonniedoonmusicfestival.com)**  
**Phone - Chris on 0408565760**

To get on the mailing list - go to the website (Contacts) or Facebook (Email sign up in left column)



**To all our members.**  
**Wishing you a very Merry Christmas**  
**and prosperous New Year. See you at**  
**the 2016 Tamworth Festival**



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Dear TSA Members

Our Annual General Meeting will commence promptly at **9.00am** on **Wednesday 20th January 2016** in the St Andrew Room at the **Uniting Church Hall** Marius Street, Tamworth

**Nominations** for Office-Bearers and Committee members are to be **submitted to the Secretary, LorrainePfitzner at PO Box 1207, Tamworth NSW2340** on the enclosed Nomination Form by Monday **21thDecember 2012..**

Positions to be filled are:

**PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, PUBLICITY CO-ORDINATOR, MEMBERSHIP CO-ORDINATOR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS. A person can hold more than one position.**

According to rule 34 (3)(a) & (b) of our Constitution, the Committee shall appoint a Co-ordinator or Co-ordinators for each State annually. Nominations for State Co-ordinators will be accepted at the AGM. It would however be of assistance, if present State Co-ordinators could let us know beforehand whether they are willing to take on the position again, as all State Co-ordinators cannot always be present at the AGM, and it is difficult to know whether they are willing to be nominated again in their absence.

Should there be more than one nomination for any position, a vote will be taken at the Annual General Meeting to determine who will hold that position.

When accepting a nomination for a position, please consider whether you will be able to attend meetings to assist in decision making and to keep up to date with what's happening, and to take an active part in assisting with the time consuming tasks. Committee members are reimbursed for their petrol costs, and paid a nominal fee to assist with accommodation. We usually only have three or four meetings a year, and we try to schedule these meetings at a time suitable to the majority of people interested in attending. Please contact Lorraine or Duncan if you require further information.

As soon as possible after 24th December, we'll be sending out a list of persons nominated for positions, together with a Proxy Form (if required), and the Agenda for the AGM. If you wish, you can use this Proxy Form to appoint another TSA member to vote on your behalf at the AGM. You must return these Proxy Forms to the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the AGM. **If you would like any item of business placed on the Agenda for the AGM, please forward to the Secretary in writing by Wednesday 16th December 2015.** We will need to have all information by this date to allow sufficient time to send out the agenda and proxy forms (if required).

Yours sincerely

*Lorraine Pfitzner*

Secretary

23rd November 2015



**APPENDIX 3**

**Rule 14(1)**

**TAMWORTH SONGWRITERS' ASSOCIATION INC.**

**NOMINATION FORM**

**OFFICE-BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

I.....  
(full name of member making nomination)

of.....  
(address)

wish to nominate.....  
(full name of member being nominated)

of.....  
(address)

for the position of.....  
(President, Secretary, committee member etc.)

signature of member making nomination.....

date.....

signature of member seconding nomination.....

date.....

signature of member accepting nomination.....

date.....