

# Port Augusta & Districts Country Music Club

August Newsletter

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***Kimberley***

***Jake***



## Kimberley

Kimberley Rodgers is 21, and hails from South Australia. She may only be young, but Kimberley has a lot of years of musical experience behind her. She competed in Talent Quests for 6 years, always taking home a trophy. In this six years, Kimberley took away over 100 awards - over 60 of those being 1st places. She has won numerous overall awards, and became a household name around the Country Music Circuit.

In 2001, Kimberley stopped competing, and decided to concentrate on performing professionally. As a result of this decision, she has been approached to play in many different bands, doing professional shows. She played in Young Country for 2 years, Graeme Hugo & Ironbark for 3 years, and also filled in for The Sherrah's and the Radio Cowboys. She was lucky enough to travel to Melbourne with the Radio Cowboys to record a song for the Open Road 3 Compilation Album which was produced by ABC Country. Kimberley also appears in a film clip for that song. In the last 6 years of performing professionally, she has had the enormous opportunity of providing harmony vocals for some of Country Music's biggest names, including: Kasey Chambers, Adam Harvey, Grant Richardson, Jake Nickolai, Michael O'Rourke, and many others - too many to mention. In 2005, she recorded an EP titled 'Something I Just Had To Do', in her home studio with her partner, Mathew Nitschke. This EP was released at Lake Charlegrark in February 2005. This was extremely well received by the crowd, which resulted in her selling out shortly after. At the end of 2005, she collaborated with her partner Mathew Nitschke, and Jodi & Craig Stringer to start a new band - 'Fine Form Party Band'. This outfit concentrates on mainly party music, which has taken them all over South Australia, and are now known as one of South Australia's premium party outfits. They made their debut performance at 'Hugo's Place' in 2005 to a crowd of 1500 people, who were blown away by the new style and performance. Since then, they have been constantly travelling, taking music to the South Australian Outback. Coober Pedy, Glendambo, William Creek, Oodnadatta, Wilmington and Melrose are just some of the outback places they have been to - mainly performing for Gymkhana's and Rodeo's. They have been lucky enough to be the support band for many big name artists such as: Lee Kernaghan, Adam Harvey, The McClymonts, Steve Forde & The Flange, and Tania Kernaghan.

In November 2006, Kimberley married her partner of 6 years Mathew Nitschke, and have now moved into a bigger house, with a brand new recording studio. 'The Back Room' studio was built by Mathew, and is now in high demand by musicians in the industry. At the moment, Mathew is working on recording projects with Gary Mannon, Graeme Hugo, and Kimberley is preparing to go into the studio to work on her debut album, which is set for release in mid 2008.

One lasting footnote. Kimberley has a god given talent to take a song and make it her own. She has a beautiful voice and impeccable intonation. She has the ability to take the Country Music Genre to new levels. Keep in mind she is only 21!!!!

For more information or bookings contact Kimberley on 0407798266 or 0419378185

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### **August Show**

Compact Country and JJ Shannon.

What a great night. We had a good turn out. Feet were tapping too JJ as he took us through his great repertoire of country music. Wow isn't Debbie his wife a great bass player and she sings as well.

Our raffle was won by Kimberley Rodgers.

Well done, I hope you share!!!!

As we were celebrating Grahams Birthday as well, We were feeling a little sorry for ourselves the next day..

### **Sunday:**

Accoustic session in the church was a nice afternoon.

Lots of our young talent turned out to give us some lovely entertainment.

The acoustics of the church were just beautiful.

David Mcdougall gave us some magic music with his exceptional piano playing and wide and diverse musical styles. Thanks David

## **September 15th Show**



*Maries Deep River Duo*

*Cooinda Club*

*8pm till late*

*Come here Marie sing Patsy Cline like no other*  
**\$7.00 Admission Dinners Available. Book Early**

## **September 16th**

**Augusta Hotel Beer Garden. Walkup Show**

**Barbecue Available.**

**Come and enjoy a great afternoon in the Sun**

## Jake Nickolai

As the new Publicity Officer of the Port Augusta CMC I was anxious to start a Newsletter and

Bring some new Blood to our Community. I couldn't think of a better start than to ask Jake Nickolai for an interview. Jake was home for a few days to catch up with family and friends after finishing a show at Oonadatta for the Bronco Branding Competitions. He was amongst great mates from the Fine Form Crew. Kimberly Rogers joined Jake and did some great work.

Another talented Lady.

On driving up to Nickolai residence I had to take in a deep breathe to look at the view from there home. Its just so beautiful with the views across the gulf, town and the flinders Ranges . I then knew why we had moved to this town. Its stunning!!!!

Jake was there to greet me. I had to say my 6 daughters would of loved to have been in my shoes!!!! Sorry girls...

At first glance he is shy and lacks eye contact, but moving on through the interview I saw a young man who knows exactly where he is going and he has drive and determination to get there. I know he can thank his wonderful family for there absolute support and love to get him where he is today. Jake is a remarkable guitarist, singer songwriter. His ability to move his fingers through the fret board with ease would make most guitarist envious.

He has supported some great homegrown talent as we all know. Beccy Cole being a fantastic Platform to enter the industry.

Jake lives in Sydney and performs the clubs. Unfortunately not everyone loves country as much as us and Jake has been known to start with a few Contemporary songs just to ease his audience into the country field. I as an entertainer have also known this to be so. Country to some listeners means tragedy and lost loves.

Country is diverse. Its takes in Balladeers, Poetry, Bluegrass ,Traditional Country, Contemporary and Country Rock.

Jake is in the process of rolling up his swag and heading offshore to Nashville with his mate Luke Herbert his drummer, where he will join friends, Jedd Hughs, Catherine Britt and others. It is the next step to his aspiring career and he knows that he may have not have many contenders here, but Nashville is a whole new ballgame. Jake had the opportunity to study and College in Nashville, but decided against it with no regrets. He will have the opportunity to chase up some publishing companies that have shown interest in his songwriting.

We all know that if you have the ability to write and sing you're own music then the full monetary rewards belong to you..

He well knows the hard work and drive it will take to establish his music in Tennessee , the pitfalls are all around as in any music genre and life can be extremely tough. Jake has great faith in his ability and you just know when you spend a little time with this guy that he has the tenacity to make it. Jake has some wonderful musicians he calls masters. Them being Brad Paisley, Brent Mason , and home grown success stories Keith Urban and Jed Hughs.

On a lasting note, Jake says he loves this town and will miss the beauty and people, especially his family.

Good Luck Jake. It was a pleasure meeting you.

By Marie Hodson

# Cooinda August Show

## Party Girls



## Graham Birthday Boy

