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Upcoming Major Event Dates:

2-12th June – Barmera CMF
1st July – Country Music for Cancer
6-9th July – Hats Off To Country Festival
22nd July – Adelaide City Muster
29th July – SA Champion of Champions
22-27th August – Gympie Muster
22nd Sep-1st Oct – Mildura CMF
5-7th October – Country Music Roundup
27-29th October – Blanchetown Campout
25th November – South Australian Showcase



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FRANKIE GOES AROVING

How strong is the Country Music scene in SA? Four weeks have passed since I last put pen to paper. With seven events under my belt, I've been asked to keep it shorter than my last full page.

Congratulations to Jeanette Wormald on the launch of her magnificent CD "Opal Blue". The Encounter Bay Football Club was packed. One hundred fifty attended the Trinity Church Venue on 9th April with a special appearance by Chris Dodd from Oak Valley Aboriginal Community (516km northwest of Ceduna). The four piece band which included Trev Warner on Banjo and fiddle was wonderful.

I passed through Port Augusta on Friday 21st and saw Jodi and Craig Stringer, Kimberly Rodgers with Michael Godfrey on drums as "Crossfire" in the backing band for the Port Augusta Festival. Then I travelled 200kms north to the Prairie Hotel at Parachilna for "The Tastes of the Outback" event. James Blundell appeared with his band. It was a fantastic seven hours of music. James did 23 songs in one bracket. Also on stage were our John O'Dea and Penny Burke (wonderful harmonies). Garry Mannon and Jasmine Risky were top class locals along with a whip cracking performance by the South East's Stuart Bryant. The owner of the Prairie also owns the North Star Inn at Melrose. Melrose hosted Steve Forde and the Flange along with Penny, John and Emily Reed plus a Ute Muster on the May 6th/7th weekend.

The List Country Barn at One Tree Hill was the venue for a packed show on 29th April, Travis List with Alby Pool; what a great combination. The others Alby brought included his 15 year old daughter Melody, a great songstress with a professional future. Travis Collins was called upon at the last moment to replace Alby's lead guitarist. He is a show stopping act in his own right.

It was lovely to talk with Travis's new American wife, Jessica – she did us proud as she manned the BBQ through the night.

The Adelaide Club hosted Bush Balladeer Star Quest 2006 winner Julie Perandes from Queensland on 7th May backed by Bernie and the Bandits. A highlight was a bracket of duets by Julie and our Tiffney Stroh. Pitch perfect, they could be the next "Sunny Cowgirls"!

Must sign off with thanks to the Marion RSL and President Brian Selby for becoming members of SACCM and supporting Country Music. It is a great venue acoustically, holds 250, has a dance floor and economical meals on Friday nights. Book your band in and check with our website for the latest.

Regards Frankie Baker

Refer to page 1 for Travis Collins photo

Port Augusta Festival

Congratulations to Jodie Thomas and Kristal Collins who were awarded the Senior (Jodie) and Junior (Kristal) 'Entertainer of the Year' Awards on 23rd April 2006 at the Port Augusta & Districts Country Music Festival.



Lee in Adelaide!

On May 13th Lee Kernaghan made an appearance at "The Muses", Rundle Mall and sang a few songs from his new CD "The New Bush". He stayed around a long time after, signing his CD and offering to sign just about anything else too!



While in Adelaide Lee was interviewed on air on Friday by Maurie Huxley on Coast FM and on Saturday morning by Wally Sparrow on Radio Adelaide.



Country Music Radio

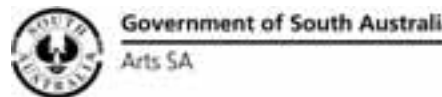
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Travis Collins pickin' up a storm
The Country Barn! Report on Pg 4



Thanks to the team at John Reynolds who supply our Senior Champion with a recording opportunity!



Thanks also go out to RM Williams, who have kindly donated \$1000 worth of country clothing to our Senior Champion!

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SA Champions Approaching Fast

Who will be the Senior and Junior Champion of Champions for 2006?

Come and find out at the Burnside Town Hall 29th July 2006

The 2006 Champion of Champions event is a special Council initiative and will be held at the Burnside Town Hall on Saturday 29th July 2006. Eligible contestants will be contacted in June 2006 and are South Australian winners of first or second place in a solo vocal event at one of the recognized talent quests in South Australia.

The heats commence at 10.30 am and the finals commence at 7.30 pm. The finals show will feature the top 12 talent quest solo artists in the state. Tickets are \$10 for Adults for the day and Children 16 and under are free. The venue is catered and there is excellent parking.

The backing band is a class act with Alison Hams on Bass and Musical Director, Paul Orchard on Drums, Anthony Stewart on Acoustic guitar and Kevin Bergen on lead Guitar.

See you there!

2005 Senior Champion of Champions Emily Reed



During the past year Emily Reed has been representing the SA Council for Country Music at different Country Music Clubs, Festivals and at some prestigious shows around South Australia, including being guest artist with James Blundell in March and Steve Forde and the Flange in April.

Also as part of her prize package, Emily had the great opportunity to represent South Australia at the Queensland Champion of Champions event in November last year. Also in November last year, Emily was a guest artist at the South Australian Showcase, run by the SA Council for Country Music.

In October Emily went on tour with the Blue Light Outback Rock Tour to promote Country Music. The tour covered country areas including Tradina, Whyalla, Port Augusta, Roxby Downs and Ernabella.

In the next 12 months, Emily is working towards being accepted to the Tamworth Camerata, and the CMAA Australian College for Country Music in further years.

2005 Junior Champion of Champions Tiffney Stroh



After winning the Cindy Shelton Memorial Scholarship to attend the Tamworth Camerata in 2005, Tiffney Stroh has recently received official confirmation of her acceptance to attend Camerata once again. She has been working non stop to raise the necessary funds to be able to attend and would like to take this opportunity to thank all those wonderful people who have and continue to support her efforts.

The lead up to the College has so far seen her busy with shows at the Port Augusta Festival, her regular show each week on the MV Proud Mary, as well as a trip to the Western Plains Championships at Dubbo in May.

A dream come true, Tiffney appeared at the Elder Park Carols by Candlelight in December 2005 in front of an audience around 40,000 people.

Tiffney is looking forward to developing her guitar skills and writing her own material in the lead up to recording her first album late 2006.