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Welcome

It's the 6th edition of the Ned's News. Yes... I know, I have been a little slack at releasing newsletters this past year. To be honest, I just haven't been able to find the time to sit down and put pen to paper.

With Christmas already upon us, I want to wish you all a very merry Christmas full of love and happy memories. If, you are travelling over Christmas, please travel safe.

In this addition of the Ned News....There's a huge list of thank you's, a little about the fantastic Bedgerabong Country Music Campout, the successful Country Radio Stars Showcase, and the Dubbo Country Music Spectacular fun and more...

Happy reading ☺

Kind regards, Ned

Thank you!

It has been an absolutely remarkable year for Justin Landers Music and I just want to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have played a part in my music career to date. Firstly to my wonderful wife and son for your help, love, support and understanding and to our good friend Rebecca Jones for all your help and my dear Mother in-law Diana

Brown for all your help and support. Without these special people being there for me, I couldn't possibly do what I do week-in and week-out.

Thank you to my booking agents; Donna Marks at Axiom Entertainment for organising Tamworth this year and for 2020 and my regular performances out west and, Shane Scarr at Scarr Entertainment for organising my performance at the Australian National Field Days this year and the gigs at the Metro Hotel.



Thank you to the great Mal Norton for having me perform at the Dubbo Country Music Spectacular and a special thank you to the person or people who nominated me for a prestigious Dubbo Dusty Boot Award. I was unsuccessful this year but it was such an honour to be nominated. It is always a pleasure to be able to perform at such a fantastic event. Thank you also to Trevor

Hannan and the crew of Split Image Audio for the fantastic sound and lighting.

Thank you to Wendy Dixon and the Committee of the Forbes Country Music Club for having me perform at your July Muster and at the Bedgerabong Country Music Campout this year. My wife and I were overawed by your generosity and hospitality. We thoroughly enjoyed the weekend. The committee and helpers do such an awesome job at organising what is such a huge event on the Country Music Calendar. I was so glad to be a part of it. Also a huge thank you to Brendan Podger of Sound Workshop and Rick Llambias for your tremendous sound and mixing skills.

Thank you to Aly Cook and Therese Mckee at Keyz Artist Promotions for your awesome work at distributing and promoting my music. You are the hardest working girls in the industry.

Thank you to Simon Johnson and the team at Hillbilly Hut Records for your awesome production on my songs to date. You are the best in the business and it really is a pleasure to be able to work with such great talent.

Thank you to Lance Birrell, Kylie Adams-Collier, Michelle Walker, Vanessa Delaine and Rick Nash and Rick's Music Mix and Sara and the staff at the Orange City Bowling Club for making the Country Radio Stars Showcase such a successful event. Everyone

who attended loved the night and were so impressed by the amazing talent on show.

Thank you to Bob Holland and in particular, Jonathan of the Orange City Life Magazine for your awesome support of my music career and for your support of the Country Radio Stars Showcase.

Thank you to one of the great solo performers in town and a good mate, Neil Gill - MMM FM105.1 and long-time good mate Rod "Bloomers" Bloomfield - Radio 2EL AM108.9. Also a huge thank you to Mike Crozier - Valley FM, Ian Crombie - ZFM, Cherie Hall 2EAR FM, Warren Kearney - 4DDD, Bart Green - 2REM, Terry Kolstad - 8CCC, Wayne Osborne - Lake Maquarie FM, Mike Stuart on the Good Morning Country Breakfast Show, Nigel Jones - TYGA FM, Mark Eckel - OZCMR, Beth Brown - YASS FM, Athol Latham - Capital Country Radio, Rick Nash - 2MCE, Charmaine Pout - Valley FM and Mr Patrick Coomey - 100 Mile Groove for all your interviews and support on the radio and all the other radio stations across Australia and the world for playing my songs, without you dedicated people, my music cannot be spread around and heard.



Thank you to my good mate and personal Photographer, Henry DeRooy for your photos and all your help in designing my album covers and promotional banners.

Last but not least, is you! Thank you to all my friends and fans for coming to my performances. For your wonderful words of support and for buying and streaming my songs and for requesting my songs on your favourite radio station. You are the people I do this for and you are the people that keep me doing this. So again, thank you.

There are so many people I need to thank and I sincerely hope I have not forgotten anyone! If I have forgotten to mention you, I am very sorry and I thank you too.

New Single's Released

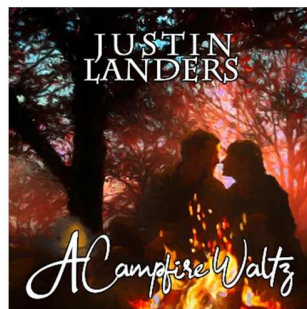
I have released two new singles over the last year. My most current new single "A Campfire Waltz", which is out now! and,

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"How 'Bout This Weather" which I will talk more about in a moment.

A Campfire Waltz is one of my first recordings with Simon Johnson and Hillbilly Hut Records. Simon is such an incredible producer and so easy to work with. The arrangement and instrument choices for this song really help bring images and memories of camping trips, campfires and the bush to mind.

A Campfire Waltz tells a story of a couple who go camping to get away from the stresses of the city and everyday life, to rekindle the flame of their love. To get back to the basics where their relationship was first established.



It seems that there are very few waltz songs being produced in recent times and so I just wanted to have a go at writing a waltz to diversify my skills and try something a little different to what I have been writing in recent times. That, and the fact that my wife and I haven't been camping in a long while is what inspired me to write this song.

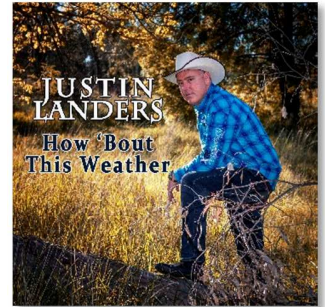
I am so proud to announce that A Campfire Waltz debuted at #30 on the Country Songs Top 40 Australian Airplay Chart and then quickly rocketed up the chart to peak at #8 on the 31st of August 2019. It remained on the chart for an impressive eight weeks.



I also entered A Campfire Waltz in to the TSA songwriter's Salute Awards 2020 and the song has reached the semi-finals to date. So, fingers crossed. Winners will be announced at the 2020 Tamworth Country Music Festival.

I am so thrilled to tell you about my second and latest single, "How 'Bout This Weather" which is also produced at Hillbilly Hut. It's a brand new single just in time for the Tamworth Country Music Festival. How 'Bout This Weather is available for pre-order right now on

iTunes and the Google Play store and will officially release on the 10th January 2020.



How 'Bout This Weather is a song about an ex-couple awkwardly meeting in the street after a relationship break-up. The inspiration for this song originated from an embarrassing event involving a girl that I was fond of at school. One day I managed to gather the nerve ask her out on a date only to find out later that she already had a boyfriend.

Both "A Campfire Waltz" and "How 'Bout This Weather" are available on all digital media stores incl; iTunes, Google Play, Spotify and Deezer and many more.

Bedgerebong Country Music Campout 2019

Wow!! What an event.... I feel so privileged to have performed at such a tremendous event. Wendy Dixon (President) and the Forbes Country Music Club Committee are to be commended on organising such a fantastic and well organised week-long event. All of the artists who performed at the campout were outstanding. Main artists included Kylie Adams-Collier, Kell-Anne Brandt, Jason Carruthers, Tanya Johnston, Alan Neal, Joe & Pam Reeves and me, Justin Landers.



The Forbes Country Music Club Committee

The weekend also included special introduced artists including Toni Rye & The Rusty Gates Band, Gracey Denham-Jones and Charmaine Pout. The walk-up artists were equally

outstanding but I have to say my favourite was Jenny Francis.

The Sound for the event was supplied by Sound Workshop with the amazing Brendan Podger at the helm with assistance from his father in-law, Rick Llambias. They were more than happy to look after my every need as a performer.



Brendan Podger & Rick Llambias from Sound Workshop

Each morning of the campout you are awakened at 8am with the sounds of the country including Australian Native Bird calls, the bleats of sheep and sounds of cattle and domestic farm animals. The day starts with the poet's breakfast where you can take your camp chair and breakfast (or you could also purchase a fair dinkum egg & bacon roll and a coffee from the local lions club van) and sit down and listen to some of the bush's best poets rattle off their own or existing compositions of the greats. Each day the music kicked off at 10am.

There were also some olden time farm machinery on display and some in action and an awesome modification to a Holden wagon that was a tribute to Ned Kelly which was really cool.



The Ned Kelly Holden Wagon

My wife and I really enjoyed the whole experience and we had a lot of fun camping and catching up with some of the performers and the crowd were fantastic. I really enjoyed performing and talking with some of the people in the crowd and hearing where they came from.

On the Sunday there were markets where I bought some really cool hand made gifts.



Justin Performing on the Main Stage and some of the crowd at the Bedgerebong Country Music Campout

All in all if you like your country music and all things country, I highly recommend heading over next year. Due to the grounds hosting a wedding next year on the normal weekend for the campout, The 2020 Bedgerebong Country Music Campout will be held from the 29th September to the 4th of October 2020. For more information, contact the Forbes Country Music Club publicity officer on Mob: 0419 414 623 or email forbescountrymusicclub@gmail.com.

Ned's Mates

I have gained a number of very good friends who are very talented people within and connected to the Music Industry here in Australia.

For this edition of Ned's Mates, I would like to introduce to you my good mate and personal photographer, Henry DeRooy and his business, HD Restorations & Photographic Services.



Henry DeRooy

I have known Henry for at least the last 15 years. I first met Henry when I started in the engineering department at Electrolux Home Products. Through various projects that I worked on with Henry, I quickly discovered that Henry and I had the same interests and we became very good mates.

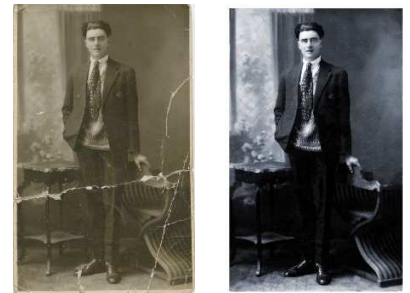
Henry has a huge passion for video production and photographic restoration and photography. Henry is the guy behind all the professional photos you have seen of me to

date. He has also helped me with the design of my album covers, social media banners and posters and more.

Henry is quite handy behind the video camera too. Have you seen my music videos for Honey, Take Me Home and My Old Man? If not pop on over to my YouTube Channel and check them out; https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWyhH_WUPDT51kpMoHAj-T1A

These were produced with Henry on the camera and he also did all the work in post-production for these.

His photographic restoration work astounds me. He can take almost any photo and completely restore it.



Before & After Henry's Photo Restoration

Henry is very good at what he does and he is very affordable to boot. So, if you ever require some photographic restoration, family photos, promotional photos and banners, a music video for your latest tune or just have some old VHS's converted to DVD, look up my mate Henry DeRooy. Check out his webpage here; <https://www.hdrestorations.com/>

Australian National Field Days

I was so glad to be a part of the Australian National Field Days on the 25th of October this year although it was pretty warm for that time of year and the wind and dust were relentless.

However, I was kept well hydrated and looked after by the Pioneer Brewing Company! Thank you guys. Now, I don't mind a beer, as most of you folk would know... I highly recommend the Cargo Gold. It's a beer that tastes like beer and was easy to drink with a crisp mouthfeel. Check out the range of beers these guys produce on their website at www.pioneerbrewing.com.au or head on out to their distillery at 339 South Bowan Park Road, Bowan Park.





Justin performing on stage at the Australian National Field Days

During my performance breaks, my wife and I sat and watched the Sheep Dog Trials that were being held nearby to where I was performing. We were so impressed by the skill of the dogs in managing to get three sheep through each obstacle. This was the first Sheep Dog Trial I have ever watched and I found it really interesting how some trainers used only whistles to command the dog. When I would roust-a-bout for my uncle and help out on the farm, my uncle would use a mix of whistles and voice commands for his dog Seiko, which mostly ended up in him yelling at the dog and telling him to get back in the truck in the end!! ☺ I was just in awe of how clever and professional the dogs at the ANFD's were.



The DogPro Sheep Dog Trials at the ANFD's

If you have not been to see the ANFD's, I highly recommend it. Some people think the Field Days is just a bunch of tractors, motor bikes and farm equipment but I can tell you it is so much more. There are entertainment acts, handmade furniture, clothing, a whole heap of weird and wonderful inventions to help you out in your everyday life, plenty of food and more. Go along and have a look at next year's exhibition. Take a good pair of walking shoes! If you don't feel like walking, they have mobility carts available for hire too. The Australian National Field Day's are held in October each year visit the website for more information; www.anfd.com.au

🤪 Ned's Lame Jokes

Q: Which side of the zebra has the most stripes?

A: The outside of course!



I got an invite to a wedding once that was "Black Tie Only" but, when I got there everyone was wearing tuxedos!

Q: Where do you find Giant snails?

A: On the end of their fingers!

Country Radio Stars Showcase

The Country Radio Stars Showcase was an idea and dream of mine that came from wanting to show off some of the awesome talent that exists within the independent Country Music industry to the people of my hometown, Orange.

The first ever Country Radio Stars Showcase was held at the Orange City Bowling Club on August 17th 2019. The show consisted of Kylie Adams-Collier, who was also the Master of Ceremonies for the show, Michelle Walker, Vanessa Delaine, Lance Birrell and myself. It was a huge success and a complete sell-out. Tickets were just \$15 each and sold out quite quickly.

The night opened with a good ole country "yodel-lay-it-dee" from the very funny Kylie Adams-Collier to which the audience wholeheartedly replied back with the same. I must say, Kylie did a fantastic job being the MC for the night. After a few words, Kylie introduced the first act of the night, which was me, and then I performed for the first set. I played my latest single at the time "A Campfire Waltz" and my then, yet to be released, "How 'Bout This Weather" and a few covers from my favourite artists. Next to perform was "Kylie Adams-Collier". Her original bush ballad style songs and stories had everyone captivated. Then came Michelle Walker who performed some of her original songs and a few of her favourite covers songs that had people on their feet dancing.



Kylie Adams-Collier & Justin Landers



Michelle Walker

There was a short break to allow people to talk to the artists and have the opportunity to take photos and buy some merchandise. Then it was back to the main business of the night with the very mesmerizing Vanessa Delaine on stage who had the audience hanging on her every note. Then came Lance Birrell with his brand new instrumental single "Trailblazer" and more of his original tunes and cover songs that had the dance floor packed again.



Lance Birrell & Vanessa Delaine

At the end of the night, Radio Presenter Rick Nash, said a few words to congratulate the artists on their talent through the night and also presented each artist with a memento to commemorate the first ever Country Radio Stars Showcase.



The Performers at the end of the Country Radio Stars Showcase Night

The night was so much fun that I have decided to hold another Showcase in 2020. I can now tell you that I have confirmed three main acts so far for the 2020 show and they are absolute crackers! I can't wait to bring these artists to Orange for your entertainment. The 2020 Country Radio Stars Showcase will be held at the Orange City Bowling Club on the 22nd of August 2020.

Dubbo Country Music Spectacular 2019

The Dubbo Country Music Spectacular is held on the long weekend in June every year at the Dubbo Macquarie Inn. The spectacular is held over three days with day 2 being the main day where the main headline acts perform and the Dubbo Dusty Boots Awards are presented.

The 2019 headline acts were, Pixie Jenkins, Dale Hooper, The Shelly Jones Band, Johanna Hemara, Cactus Flats. Other acts over the weekend included, Lance Birrell, Bill Kosseris, Kirsten Minnick, Wayne Metcalf, Sue Smith, Jayson O'Brien, Hell & Heels, Justin Landers and the Yobbo from Dubbo (Mal Norton, event organiser), and the backing band the Westerners. The event was free and also child/family friendly.

It was an absolute pleasure to perform at this year's Dubbo Country Music Spectacular and it was an incredible honour to be nominated for a prestigious Dubbo Dusty Boot Award for services to country music. I was unsuccessful in attaining one this year but I must say, it really was a huge honour to have been nominated and the nomination certainly has been added to my resume! ☺



Justin Landers Performing at the DCMS
Photo Courtesy of Donna Marie Photography

The Independent Country Music Australia (ICMA) president and professional photographer, Donna Marie came all the way down from Queensland this year to photograph the Spectacular. Most of the artists, including me, took part in a photo shoot with Donna on the Saturday morning at the Dubbo Turf Club. The morning was a lot of fun but was made so much more fun by the very funny Pixie Jenkins who had everyone in hysterics and also made it a lot easier to smile for the shots.



Pixie's shenanigans with Justin Landers & Wayne Metcalf
Photo courtesy of Donna Marie Photography

Donna is the founder and manager of the ICMA (more on that in the next issue of Ned's News) and is also a freelance photographer who is fantastic at live stage photography. I know you have to know your camera and settings well to be able to take consistently great photographs in an ever-changing live stage environment. Check out Donna on her Facebook page at; www.facebook.com/dmphotographers. I have an exclusive tip for you, If you haven't had a family portrait done in a while, Donna will be running a photography special during the 2020 Dubbo Spectacular for family portraits for just \$80. Contact Donna through the Facebook page above.

The backing band for the DCMS this year were The Westerners' and they were awe-inspiring. Band members were; Lance Birrell (Steel Guitar), Pixie Jenkins (Fiddle), Greg Franks (Lead Guitar), Jeff Hall (Bass), TC Brown (Keyboards) and Brett Graham (Drums).



Mal Norton & The Westerners
(Photo courtesy of Donna Marie Photography)

The Westerners band name belonged to Mal's Dad and were known as Johnny Norton and the Westerners. When Johnny passed away, Mal registered the band name and buried it with his dad, never to be used again. But about a month before the 2019

Spectacular, Mal decided to resurrect the name especially for the event. I'm sure Johnny, Mal's dad, would have been so proud.

Sound and lighting for the event was supplied and mixed by Dubbo's best PA and Gear hire Company, Split Image Audio. Owner operator Trevor Hannan is very good at his craft and ensures the event and all artists and performers are shown in their best light.

The Dubbo Country Music Spectacular is a fantastic event that is well organised and is well worth coming along to for a great weekend away full of country entertainment.

Be sure to come along to the 2020 Dubbo Country Music Spectacular to be held at the Macquarie Inn Dubbo on the June Long Weekend 5th, 6th and 7th. It is a free event and family friendly. The Macquarie Inn also offers some great food and accommodation too.

Ned's Did You Know?

This editions of Ned's "Did you know" facts are all about Christmas.

Did you know that the song "Jingle Bells" was written for Thanksgiving and not Christmas? The song was written in 1857 by James Lord Pierpont and published under the title "One Horse Open Sleigh". It was supposed to be played in the composer's Sunday school class during Thanksgiving as a way to commemorate the famed Medford sleigh races. "Jingle Bells" was also the first song to be broadcast from space.

Did you know that Christmas wasn't always on December 25th? Though Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, there is no mention of December 25th in the Bible. Most historians actually believe that Jesus was born in the spring, not the winter. And his birthday itself didn't become the official holiday until the third century. Some historians speculate that the date was actually chosen because it coincided with the pagan festival of Saturnalia, which honoured the agricultural god Saturn with celebrating and gift-giving. Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

Did you know that the Coca-Cola Company played a huge part in the way we see Santa today? According to Coca-Cola, Santa used to look a lot less jolly — even spooky. It wasn't until the beverage company hired an illustrator named Haddon Sundblom in 1931 to create images of Santa for magazine advertisements that we got the warm and friendly looking Santa we know today.

Ned's Legendary Heroes

Ned's Legendary Heroes features achievements, facts and other information on a famous artist who is legendary in Ned's eyes.

Ned's legendary hero for this edition is the great Mr Johnny Cash.



JR Cash was born on the 26th February 1932 to poor cotton farmers, Carrie Cloverree (née Rivers) and Ray Cash in Kingsland, Arkansas USA, who, I'm sure could never have imagined that their 4th born child would become the most prominent country artist to be known across the entire world. Johnny passed away from complications from diabetes on the 12th September 2003 at the age of 71 which was less than 4 months after his wife, June Carter Cash had passed away.

In my opinion, Johnny Cash had an incredible life and career full of both adversity and privilege. He experienced everything a person possibly could in their time here on this big blue ball from being a poor cotton farmer, losing a sibling through the most tragic of circumstances, battling severe drug addiction through to someone who survived the great depression, performed for the President of the USA, recorded songs with the king of rock 'n' roll (Elvis), became a famous Actor and whose songs attained world fame.



Johnny Cash's Boyhood Home. Heritage Listed.

Early in his career, Johnny was given the name "The Undertaker" by his fellow musicians because of his habit of wearing black clothes. At the time, he said he wore them because black was easier to keep looking clean on the long tours. He is quoted in his song "Man in Black" that the reason he always wore black was "on behalf of the poor and hungry, on

behalf of the prisoner who had long paid his dues for his crimes and on behalf of those who have been betrayed by age or drugs".

Johnny cash was a very spiritual man and many of his songs were about overcoming adversity, sorrow, moral tribulation and redemption. It is said that Johnny has written over 1000 songs. For me, Johnny's songs speak of truth and reality and that adversity can be overcome. His songs also traversed a number of music genre's and has received multiple Country Music Association Awards, Grammys, and other awards, in categories ranging from vocal and spoken performances to album notes and videos.

In a career that spanned almost five decades, Johnny Cash was the personification of country music to many people around the world. He was a musician who was not defined by a single genre. He recorded songs that could be considered rock and roll, blues, rockabilly, folk, and gospel, and exerted an influence on each of those genres.

Johnny Cash truly is a legendary hero!

Upcoming Performances

I look forward to seeing you at one of my upcoming performances around the central west.

Please note: the dates listed below are subject to change and new dates are being added all the time so it is best to visit my webpage to confirm the dates before attending the shows. Please Visit;
www.justinlandersmusic.com/calendar

January

Saturday 11th @ 8pm – Bathurst Panthers
Thursday 16th @ 7pm – The Paradise Caravan Park – Tamworth Country Music Festival
Friday 17th @ 8pm – The Qurindi RSL Club
Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th – Busking in Peel St – Tamworth Country Music Festival
Friday 24th @ 7pm – The Ophir Hotel Beer Garden
Friday 31st @ 7pm – The Dubbo RSL

February

Saturday 8th @ 8pm – Orange City Bowling Club
Friday 14th @ 8pm – The Metropolitan Hotel

March

Saturday 14th @ 7pm The Ophir Hotel Beer Garden

Wishing you all a



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Thanks for reading my newsletter. I hope you enjoyed it. ☺

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Best regards,
Ned. (AKA Justin Landers).