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Ned's News

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Welcome

Welcome to the third edition of the Ned News. There's a lot to talk about in the world of Justin Landers Music. That's because there has been a lot going on over the last quarter. A big welcome to those who are new to the Justin Landers Music family. I hope you enjoy the read! ☺

I have included a number of links throughout the stories in this newsletter to pages that offer chances to win CD albums from upcoming independent Australian recording artists. Be sure to keep an eye out for those!

Finally, I would like to wish all the mums out there a belated happy Mother's Day. I hope you were spoilt and had a fantastic day.

The Great Transformation

The transformation from "None But Ned" to "Justin Landers Music" has been a slow process but it is now complete!!

Those who have been following me for a while would know that I used to perform under the name of None But Ned....

The name None But Ned is a performance name I made up to kick start my solo act after the duo, "Guess What", with Eddie Freedman, ended. Some of you would know that Eddie and I performed together for a very long time. Eighteen years actually!!

And, yes, we had a good run but it was time for our partnership to end because our paths drifted in different directions.

The idea for the performance name "None But Ned" came from my nickname, Ned. This name was given to me some years ago by my work colleagues. They nicknamed me Ned because in typical Aussie rhyming slang, Justin Landers rhymes with Ned Flanders from the popular cartoon the Simpsons and the name just stuck (By the way, please feel free to still call me Ned anytime). So, the performance name of None But Ned meant that it was just me, "Ned" on my own.

Some of you who follow me on Facebook and through my webpage may have already noticed the change. If you haven't, you may need to book into Specsavers for an eye appointment!! LOL.

Why did I change my name? I hear you ask! And so your question, I must answer.... There are a few reasons but the most important reason is because, most of you know, I have recorded and released my own original songs. I'm sure you would agree that it was a wise decision to release the songs under my actual name and not a performance name ☺

When my songs are played online and on the radio, they are announced as songs by Justin Landers and people outside of my home town of Orange do not make the connection that Justin Landers is None But Ned.

So inevitably it had come time for me to perform under my real name to make sure there is no confusion.

I hope the name change hasn't caused too much grief and that you will continue to support me in my career. After all, it is just a name change! ☺

Good Morning Country

Back in April, the Local Community Radio in my home town of Orange, FM107.5 hosted the renowned radio presenter Kevin Walsh (AKA Walshie) and the very popular breakfast radio show "Good Morning Country". I was ecstatic to learn that the guys at the station, Matt Bryant and Patrick Coomey, had organised for me to be interviewed by Walshie, live on air while he was in Orange.



For those who don't know, Good Morning Country is broadcast nationally via selected stations on the Community Radio Network from 5am to 9am every weekday morning.

As an early riser, I listen to Good Morning Country every weekday morning through my local station FM107.5. The Good Morning Country Team are prolific for promoting Country Music and in particular, established and upcoming independent Australian country artists.

I was really nervous because this was my very first nationally broadcast radio interview and it was live to air. But, I did enjoy the experience enormously. Kevin commented that he was impressed by my original songs and he was equally impressed that the album (None But Ned) was self-produced and recorded. I had a brief but, fantastic interview with Kevin and he played my cover version of Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues" and my original song "Aint Nothin' Gonna Steal My Heart". We also had time for a brief chat off air. Kevin is a top bloke and a very knowledgeable and down to earth guy and I have to say it was an absolute pleasure meeting him.



Kevin Walsh Presenting Good Morning Country

He was also more than obliging to consider my album to be featured on one of their upcoming "Album of the Week" segments which features a detailed interview and a track from the album every weekday morning for a whole week. I am so proud to say that this was a dream goal of mine and I am so happy and thankful that I have achieved this goal. My album was featured the week of 25-29 of June. If you missed either the FM107.5 Orange interview or the Album of the Week interview, you can listen to them via the SoundCloud website. Go to www.soundcloud.com and just search for Good Morning Country and or Justin Landers.

Good Morning Country is a fantastic breakfast program with interesting segments, national news and album giveaways every week day. I highly recommend tuning in to your local community radio station for a listen. If your station doesn't air the show, you can stream it though my local station, FM107.5 via the Tune-

in app (search for Orange Community Broadcasters Inc.) or by visiting their webpage; <http://fm1075.com.au/index.php/home/listen-live/>

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Matt Bryant, Patrick Coomey and my local community radio station, FM107.5, and the great Kevin Walsh and the team at Good Morning Country for these enormous opportunities to promote my music. I am so grateful and humbled by your support.

Debut Album - None But Ned

The debut album "None But Ned" is available now for purchase. The album is a self-produced and recorded release consisting of ten tracks with four of the tracks written and arranged by me, Justin Landers. ☺



Album Track Listing;

1. Kiss An Angel Good Morning
2. To Love Somebody
3. Honey, Take Me Home*
4. Folsom Prison Blues
5. Little Sister
6. Ain't Nothin' Gonna Steal My Heart*
7. Don't Rock The Jukebox
8. Summertime Blues
9. Crazy Love *
10. I Miss You Girl *

* Original Song: Written and Arranged by Justin Landers

Copies of the album on CD are available from me at my performances or from my website www.justinlandersmusic.com. The songs from the album are also available through all online digital media stores. Just search for "Justin Landers".



More Radio Airplay

My Country Australia (MCA) is a digital country radio station started by Pete Matthewman of Apple FM 98.5 in Bacchus Marsh, Victoria in early 2015. The station can be streamed from their website at; www.mycountryaustralia.com. MCA also stream feeds of their live request shows and video shows on their Facebook page. I had the privilege of having my music video, "Honey, Take Me Home" being aired during their Anzac Day special video broadcast with Dave Daniel.

2RRR is a community radio station based in the suburb of Ryde in Sydney. I had the pleasure of being interviewed by Ron Montague on Mother's Day. Ronnie or "RonnieBoy" as he is known presents the Country Roads program between 6-8am on Sunday's. Ronni plays a great mix of country and rock-a-billy. To tune in, go to; <http://2rrr.org.au/>

8CCC is a community radio station based in Alice Springs in the Northern Territory. I like to tune into Country Sunday with Terry Kolstad via their webpage every Sunday morning from 8:30am EST. Terry is to be commended for his support of independent country artists and he puts on an excellent show with a huge range of country music and a few laughs as well. To listen in, go to; <http://8ccc.com.au/live/>

Ghost Rider Radio is an online radio station based in the UK. Ghost Rider Radio is run by the UK's most well-known country promotional manager, Sid Randell. The station promotes itself as believing that songs should tell a story. There is an awesome mix of the country greats and independent artists from all over the world. To tune in, go to; <http://ghostridercountryradio.co.uk/index.html>

There are many more that I will talk about in upcoming newsletters.....

Sending out a huge thank you to all the radio stations around the country on the community radio network and the online stations around the world for playing my songs and for their support. Also a massive thank you to my avid fans that request my songs to be played on their favorite station. It's your support and requests for my songs that helps share my music with more and more people.

Ned's Mates

This is a new segment to the Ned's News. With the recording and release of my debut album, I have gained a number of very good friends who are very talented Aussie independent artists. These guys have been so supportive of me with me being new to the recording game. In this new section I'll tell you about one each newsletter. So here's the first...

Lance Birrell

Lance Birrell is a Tamworth award winning artist originally from Port Pirie in South Australia and is now based in Dubbo. Lance is a renowned Guitar Picker and Pedal Steel guitarist and is a highly regarded session musician all over the country. He has played alongside and recorded with artists such as Adam Harvey, Becky Cole, Tommy and Phil Emanuel and also Keith Urban. So when you hear recordings of these artists, chances are that you are also hearing the fantastic handy work by my mate Lance in the music mix.



Lance Birrell

I first made contact with Lance through my agent, Donna at Axiom Entertainment. I was having trouble finding a pedal steel guitarist because they are as "Rare as rocking horse s*#!" (as Lance later explained) and I asked my agent if they could help me out. With luck and to my surprise, they had Lance on their books and kindly put me in contact with him. I remember thinking, there is no way such a renowned artist like Lance would ever consider recording steel tracks for my songs but there is no harm in asking right?

It turns out that Lance is in fact a very down to earth guy and he was very easy to get along with. I am so pleased and proud to have such a renowned and very talented musician perform his magic on my debut album "None But Ned".

Lance has recently recorded and released a single he was asked to write for the opening of a memorial Kokoda Track that links Quirindi and Werris Creek. I must say it is a fantastic contemporary country track and is

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well worth a listen. You can buy Lance's single "The Ballad of Kokoda" and other albums he has recorded from his website at; www.lancebirrell.com.au

Lance performs his own shows all over Australia most weekends, when he is not working or recording for another musician. If you see that he is performing in a venue near you, I highly recommend that you get along to one of his shows and check him out!!

Dubbo Country Music Spectacular

The June long weekend saw me travelling to Dubbo to take part in the Dubbo Country Music Spectacular. I must say it was a fantastic weekend. The spectacular was a well organised and executed showcase of some of the great independent country artists from all over Australia.



Justin Performing at the Dubbo Country Music Spectacular

I got the chance to meet and hang out with some well-known independent country greats including Lance Birrell, Floreena Forbes, TC Brown, Mal Norton and many more.

I performed some of my favorite covers on the big stage on the opening night to a very appreciative crowd and then finished off the weekend with a performance at the Mitchell Inn at Geurie on the way home.

I would like to formally thank and congratulate Mal Norton for organising such a fantastic event every year and for inviting me along to perform at this year's Spectacular.

Mal is very passionate about Country Music and he organises and runs the event every year in memory of his late father Johnny Norton and I must say, what an awesome way to memorialise your dad Mal. I am eagerly looking forward to next year's Country Music Spectacular. Keep up the great work mate!



Mal Norton with Floreena Forbes

The Dubbo Country Music Spectacular is held over the June long weekend every year. Do yourself a favor and head over to next year's event.



Ned's Lame Jokes

Q: Why can't a chicken coop have more than 2 doors?

A: Because if it had 4 doors it would be a chicken sedan.

I have a crazy friend who has the heart of a lion and also a life time ban from the Dubbo Western Plains Zoo.



Q: What do you call a sleepwalking nun?

A: A Roamin' Catholic

Q: What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary?

A: A thesaurus

I asked my North Korean friend the other day how it was going over there after the North Korean Summit with Donald Trump, he said "he couldn't complain!"



On the subject of equality; Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy!

Ned's Legendary Heroes

Another new addition to the Ned News!

Ned's Legendary Heroes features achievements, facts and other information on a famous artist who is legendary in Ned's eyes. There will be a different artist every issue. This edition's artist is Alan Jackson of course! ☺ As most of you know A J is my most favorite country artist so it is only natural that he be the first one.

Alan Jackson born Alan Eugene Jackson 17/10/58 in Newnan, Georgia, USA has sold over 80 million records worldwide. He is a member of the Grand Ole Opry and was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2017 by Loretta Lynn.



Alan Jackson

Jackson got his start in country music with another favorite artist of mine, the great Glen Campbell (who I will talk about in my next issue) back in the early 1980's. I admire Alan's song writing skills. I and the way he tells his stories. The emotion evoked by his vocals is true county music to my ears.

My favorite song of his that rings true to me is "Drive" (for Daddy Gene)". This song brings memories to my mind of when my Dad taught me to drive. I learned to drive on a property called "Mt Drysdale" on the Bourke Rd about 40 km's out of Cobar when I was 11 years old. It was an old Austin A40 Ute (circa 1950) that dad found rusting away in a paddock on the property. He got it going, gave it a lick of paint (with a paint brush) but he could never get the brakes to work properly so we used to just gear down to 1st gear and roll into the house yard and switch it off and it would jump and "kangaroo" until it stopped. Let me tell you, the timing had to be just right to prevent running into the house yard fence!! Lol.

Another favorite song of mine, penned by Alan Jackson, is Where Were You (When the world stopped turning); A tribute song to the people killed in the 9/11 terror attacks. Jackson certainly managed to capture the emotion and memorialise the catastrophic event in this Download a digital version of this Newsletter at www.justinlandersmusic.com/downloads

song. I am already astounded by his song writing skills, but this song is by far an incredible achievement in my eyes.

If, by any chance, you have never heard an Alan Jackson song, then may I suggest you get yourself a copy of one of his many greatest hits albums. I am certain you will enjoy every song.

Album Giveaways

I'd just thought I'd take time out to tell you a little secret... Did you know there are quite a few places on the internet and on radio stations where it is possible to win free CD's of up and coming Australian independent artists?

Let me tell you about a few.....

Justin Landers Music

I am running my own competition to win a free copy of my album on my Facebook page www.facebook.com/justinlandersmusic. To enter the competition, all you have to do is "Like" my page and you will be in the draw for the album. The winner will be drawn once the Facebook page hits 500 likes.

The number of "Likes" at the end of June was 388, so there are just 112 likes to go. If you are on Facebook and haven't already liked my page, head on over and give my page a like to enter for your chance to win a free debut album. Please also share my page with your friends too. ☺

Shrek's Pest Request

There is also a Facebook page called Shrek's Pest Request which is run by a mate of mine, Rick Nash. Rick gives away a CD from emerging independent Australian artists every Sunday.



All you have to do is join the group and answer the posted question asked by Shrek. Place your answer in the comments section during the day and Rick draws the winner that afternoon. Take a look and join the group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/shrekpest/>

Good Morning Country Breakfast Radio Show

The Good Morning Country radio show is broadcast on selected community radio stations every weekday morning from 5am. It has a segment called "Album of the Week" where they feature an album from an

Australian independent artist for a week. You can enter every weekday morning. To enter for a chance to win the album of the week you just have to call to enter your name in the draw after a track is played from the album of the week. Listen to the Good Morning Country radio show for the number to call.

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. Please visit my webpage to confirm www.justinlandersmusic.com/calendar

July

Wednesday 11th @ 11:30am – The Orange Ex-Services Club Lunchtime Legends Show. Tickets are \$25 and includes a meal and show. Tickets are available at www.oesc.com.au/shows
Saturday 14th @ 8pm – The Orange City Bowling Club
Saturday 21st @ 8pm – The Waratah's Sports Club
Friday 27th @ 7:30pm – Club Mudgee

August

Friday 3rd @ 7:30pm – Club Dubbo
Friday 10th @ 8pm – The Metropolitan Hotel, Orange
Saturday 18th – Private Function
Saturday 25th @ 8pm – The Orange City Bowling Club

September

Saturday 8th @ 8pm – The Metropolitan Hotel, Orange
Saturday 15th @ 8:30pm – The Victoria Hotel
Saturday 21st @ 8pm – The Waratah's Sports Club
Sunday 23rd @ TBA - Spring Hill Pub Car & Bike Show
Friday 28th @ 7:30pm – Warren United Services Club

Thanks for reading!

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

This newsletter is also available in digital format from my website at; www.justinlandersmusic.com/downloads Please share it around with your friends.

Best regards,
Ned. (AKA Justin Landers).