



# Young Aussies Get Up and Go! Country Music Is for Everyone

## ROZ GILES AND COUNTRY MUSIC...

By way of introduction, I am wife and manager of country artist **Craig Giles**. I have always listened to and enjoyed **Country Music** as well as many other styles of music.

My first taste of the Music Industry was back in the mid 1970's when I managed a **Country Rock Band** around the **Wollongong** area. I also had my own business of buying, training and selling horses. I have been involved with horses since before I could walk.

I became professionally involved in the **Country Music industry** in 1986 when Craig and myself, after a long discussion and a lot of soul searching, decided to leave our individual professions and seek a career in **Country Music**. I knew Craig had a great voice and the makings of a good entertainer and I was fairly confident I could manage the business side of things. So it began! It wasn't easy, nothing worthwhile ever is. We both had a lot to learn but we were determined to make it work. We soon found out that being able to sing... and ring venues to secure jobs... was only the tip of the iceberg if you want to survive in this very competitive business.

In the late 1990's I formed an **Entertainment Agency** called "**Big River Entertainment**". Through this agency I secured work for many **country artists** at various venues and events. I have since expanded "**Big River Entertainment**" and now also act as an **Events Organiser and Venue Consultant**. Among the Events that I co-ordinate are "**The Echuca Country Music Festival**" in Victoria, "**The Lamerook Country Music Festival**" in S.A., "**Remembering The Legends Show**", "**Craig Giles Rockabilly Show**", the annual "**Rising Stars Show**" and many others Australia wide.

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT from Roz to Young Artists:

There are many levels in the country music industry. You may want to be part time, full time, signed to a company, remain an independent etc etc. Firstly decide what you would like to achieve. Be honest with yourself and don't set your goals higher than your capabilities.

As your ability and experience grows then you can re-assess your goals.

Always have a professional approach to your music. If you are using a backing band supply them with clean, readable charts so they can do their best for you on stage.

Dress appropriately and not like you couldn't care less.

Always give your best performance as you never know who is listening or watching.

Don't be afraid to ask questions. Most people are happy to share their knowledge. Remember that you never stop learning. Nobody knows everything and everyone knows something.

If you are participating in a **Talent Quest...** instead of taking off when you are finished to sit around chatting with your mates... **take notice of the professional acts** that are usually a part of these shows. They are there for you to benefit from. Watch and learn. Above all respect and believe in yourself, follow your dreams and stay in control of your ego.

**Good luck, enjoy the journey and hopefully I'll get to see you on stage somewhere someday.**

*Roz Giles*

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'Promises are like the full moon, if they are not kept at once... they diminish day by day.'

Support our YOUNG ARTISTS.

Support LIVE MUSIC

Complacency is the enemy of opportunity!

If you are an established artist or a band or involved in any way with Country Music We would love to hear your words of support and encouragement for young artists.

"It's not necessarily the amount of time you spend at practice that counts; it's what you put into the practice."

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# LAMEROOK S.A. Country Music Festival

Lamerook Memorial Hall, Railway Tce South  
**Saturday 1st May, 2010**  
11am-9pm

Two great venues under one big roof!  
The Main Hall features a large dance floor and plenty of seating. The Supper Room is a good place to relax & enjoy lighter entertainment. Snacks, meals, soft drinks, tea and coffee available at reasonable prices.

Come and see the talented line up!  
Craig Giles, Graeme Hugo, Rick Bartlett, David Croser, Chooka Williams, Allan Carroll, Luke Fritsch, Texettes, Kristal Collins, Heartland, Wild Card & The Cruisers.

**Early Bird Tickets \$15**  
(Available until 16th April) or pay \$20 Entry at the Door!

For all ticket or accommodation enquiries, phone Kath on 08 8576 3395  
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