

# Clare's 'Banjo Girl' a hit at Tamworth

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Dubbed the "Banjo Girl" at Tamworth, Taylor Pfeiffer of Clare South Australia became a hit with the locals.

While busking at the recent Tamworth Country Music Festival, Taylor was joined by banjo player Hamish Davidson in Peel Street.

Hamish Davidson is one of The Davidson Brothers and together the pair busked for about half an hour after he spotted her. This was just one of the highlights to her time at the Country Music Festival.

Taylor learned to play the banjo at the age of 7 after hearing the song Skippy, and she hasn't looked back.

Now 11, Taylor has just purchased her second banjo, with money earned from competitions and busking. Taylor's pickup wasn't working on her banjo and, after spending all day trying to fix it, she found Laurie Minsen, who fixed it for her. Little did they know Laurie was a Golden Guitar winner and Lee Kernaghan's banjo player and guitarist. Taylor went on to play as a special guest in seven shows at Tamworth.

After being spotted by Hamish Davidson, Taylor was invited to perform with the Davidson Brothers at their Bluegrass Breakfast gig at Wests. While at this gig Taylor performed the instrumental Ballad of Jed Clampett (The Beverley Hillbillies) and This is your Land by Shirley Thoms in front of a packed out venue.

Prior to leaving for Tamworth Taylor had auditioned for a ticket to Melinda Schneider's Schneider Idol.

She was one of eight people from Australia to receive a ticket to compete. Taylor performed Be Yourself, she was the youngest performer and this was the only competition she entered while in Tamworth.

Taylor learnt some wise words from all celebrities she met. "I learnt that, every time I pick up my banjo, to learn something new and that nothing is impossible," Taylor said.

One special show was the ABBA Star Quest at Diggers, where Taylor performed in front of Joy McKean – the late Slim Dusty's widow. After the performance, Joy spoke with Taylor and told her how much she loved how Taylor sang and played the banjo to Slim's song Saddle Boy.

Taylor practices the banjo every day and has lessons once a fortnight with her instructor Peter Miller. She's not the first to play the banjo in her family, her grandmother also played.

Taylor follows in the footsteps of her older sisters who also plays instruments and sings.

"I hope to become famous with singing and playing the banjo," Taylor said.

Well done Taylor. You are setting a good example to other young artists on how to achieve your goals. The combination of enthusiasm, determination, talent and your big smile will I'm sure lead you on the path to success. C'mon all you young musicians, Country Music is waiting for you!

## You Are What You Eat

If all of the eight desserts listed below were sitting in front of you; which would you choose (sorry, you can only pick one!). Trust me....this is very accurate.

Pick your dessert, and then look to see what psychiatrists think about you.

REMEMBER - No Cheating. Make your choice before you check the meaning.

Here are your choices:

1. Angel Food Cake
2. Brownies
3. Lemon Meringue Pie
4. Vanilla Cake With Chocolate Icing
5. Strawberry Short Cake
6. Chocolate Cake With Chocolate Icing
7. Ice Cream
8. Carrot Cake

Now that you've made your choice, this is what the researchers say about you.....

1. ANGEL FOOD CAKE -- Sweet, loving, cuddly. You love all warm and fuzzy items. A little nutty at times. Sometimes you need an ice cream cone at the end of the day. Others perceive you as being childlike and immature at times.

2. BROWNIES -- You are adventurous, love new ideas, and are a champion of underdogs and a slayer of dragons. When tempers flare up you whip out your saber. You are always the oddball with a unique sense of humor and direction. You tend to be very loyal.

3. LEMON MERINGUE -- Smooth, fun, & articulate with your hands, you are an excellent caregiver and a good teacher.... But don't try to walk and chew gum at the same time. A bit of a diva at times, you set your own style because you do your own thing. You shine when it comes to helping others and have many friends.

4. VANILLA CAKE WITH CHOCOLATE ICING -- Fun-loving, sassy, humorous, not very grounded in life; very indecisive and lacking motivation.. Everyone enjoys being around you, but you are a practical joker. Others should be cautious in making you mad... However, you are a friend for life...



5. STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE -- Romantic, warm, loving. You care about other people, can be counted on in a pinch and expect the same in return. Intuitively keen. You can be very emotional at times but a true person in every way. You like to do things for yourself and help others learn about themselves.

6. CHOCOLATE CAKE WITH CHOCOLATE ICING-- vivacious, always ready to give and receive... Very creative, adventurous, ambitious, and passionate. You can appear to have a cold exterior but are warm on the inside. Not afraid to take chances. Will not settle for anything average in life. Love to laugh.

7. ICE CREAM -- You like sports, whether it be baseball, football, basketball, or soccer. If you could, you would like to participate, but you enjoy watching sports... You don't like to give up the remote control. You tend to be self-centered and high maintenance.

8. CARROT CAKE -- You are a very fun loving person, who likes to laugh. You are fun to be with. People like to hang out with you. You are a very warm hearted person and a little quirky at times... You have many loyal friends. You were meant to lead and teach others. A wonderful role model

An email from Brenton Spry

Well all you lovely people... How's about letting your Newsletter Editor know which dessert you like best? And do you think the analysis of your personality is accurate? I can't wait to hear from you.

Ed Les

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