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"..a brilliant singer and songwriter" Jeff Lang

"..totally believable songs...outstanding" Billy Pinnell

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WAHINE, pronounced wah-hee-neh, is my latest album on Croxton Records, home of great independent and free-spirited Australian roots, country and rock'n'roll. I am very proud of this record and all it contains; it was great fun to make although its moods range from sombre to joyful. It was created in collaboration with the wonderful Marcel Borrack, multi-instrumentalist, engineer, producer and guide. WAHINE also features all my favourite musicians and singers...well, a good many of them anyhow, including Chris Wilson, Leigh Ivin, Andy Baylor, Barry Stockley, Dan Warner, Chris Tabone, Stretch Teakle, Andy Reid, Graeme Fletcher, The Melbourne Horns, Shula Hampson, and Suzannah Espie!!! And, Gary Young, who not only played on one song but let my kids use his kit to do one!! But a good part of the music was made by just me and Marcel. It was heaps of fun trying my hand at some drums, different guitars, layering harmonies and hand percussion, and it was just magic being able to pull all these fabulous elements together and have it emerge from the Croxton oven done to a turn. What a privilege. You can buy WAHINE from www.croxtonrecords.com, and my website, www.sarah67comeback.com; or order it at any record shop you like! It's out through MGM, so you can get it anywhere! Best of all, I'm launching it October 11th at The St Kilda Bowls Club, towards the end of a lovely tour I'm doing with Mick Thomas and Van Walker, so come and buy it then and get a kiss and a hug from me chucked in!

SOME OTHER FACTS OF (MY) LIFE.....

I currently teach ukulele at Ocean Grove Primary School and Barwon Heads Primary, singing for fun at Queenscliff Primary School, and conduct occasional singing and songwriting workshops for young people in Geelong at The Courthouse Youth Arts Centre and at Bellarine Secondary College.

I am the Director of The Tides Of Welcome Soul and Gospel Choir, a 35 piece community choir based in Queenscliff, Victoria, shortly to have its 5th birthday.

I have also worked in public radio for 20 years, and have been an announcer at 3RRR, 3CR and currently 94.7 The Pulse in Geelong. I have performed live in the studios of radio stations around Australia, and am a regular guest at 3RRR in Melbourne.

I have played music professionally for 16 years. The bands I have been part of are The Ofays, GIT, The Junes, The Unconscious Brothers and The Pirates of Beer, a band formed especially to back US guitar legend Bill Kirchen in September 2007, which were also the hottest draw on Peel St last Tamworth Festival. I also perform solo, in duos with my husband, Chris Wilson, and with Andy Baylor, and as a trio with Dan Warner and Marcel Borrack with whom I toured nationally in the winter of 2006.



My most cherished moment from Tamworth 08, out of many, was the late night spot Leigh Ivin and I did outside The Vault, with spoken word from Andrew Hull, a fantastic poet from Bourke. It was spooky and magnificent.

Renowned rock and folk singer Mick Thomas, whose label my records are on; Van Walker, also on Croxton, and I are touring the southeast of Australia during late winter and spring 2008 to play our new songs for new audiences. These shows will be along the lines of the highly regarded Croxton Neapolitan tour, with the three of us becoming one musical entity. Van Walker and I have albums out this year, and Mick's band The Sure Thing are recording as I write this. Much to look forward to!

Whilst working with GIT I toured America 3 times; to Austin, TX twice and to Nashville, TN once. We also did two national tours of Australia; one with Mick Thomas and one with Jeff Lang. We wrote most of our own material and released 5 recordings during our 8 year lifespan. The last one was a collaboration with Bill Kirchen, with whom we giggered in Austin, and with whom I maintain a very warm friendship.

Since the demise of GIT, I have formed a similar band, The Junes, with two interstate members, the fabulous Gleny Rae Virus and Dougy Bull. We play twice a year in intense bursts. The Junes were guests recently on ABC quiz show Spicks and Specks, and have just recorded our first collection of songs; these include swing gems, calypso, bluegrass and a Spanish love ballad!

You can see the video of us at www.myspace.com/thejunestunes, and buy the cd there if you like!

I have recently produced another artist's album for the first time; guitar and uke duo Sweet Delores, who have written some beautiful songs. We hope to get their CD out in time for Queenscliff 08.

The Unconscious Brothers is a soul/rocksteady combo based in Barwon Heads, Victoria which features Tim Neal ..board. We have begun touring together playing my original material and I plan to take them to Tamworth someday, as they have displayed a firm grasp of the country idiom.

I have played in most inner city Melbourne hotels, holding residencies most recently at The Spanish Club in Fitzroy. I have a loose monthly arrangement with the lovely St Kilda Bowling Club, my favourite venue in Melbourne. I have also helped to get a great local (for me) venue, The Piping Hot Chicken Shop in Ocean Grove, off the ground this year which is hosting regular and diverse all-ages musical events. The only part of Australia I have not been to or played in so far is the Northern Territory. My favourite tour destinations have been in NSW and Tassie, although I also love Adelaide and regional Victoria.

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FESTIVALS:

Port Fairy Folk Festival (4 times)
Apollo Bay Music Festival (3 times)
Queenscliff Music Festival (5 times)
East Coast Blues and Roots (NSW) (2 times)
Tamworth (NSW) (3 times)
Woodford (Qld) (2 times)
St Kilda Festival
Brunswick Music Festival (3 times)
National Folk Festival (ACT)
Bilyana Folk Rhythm and Life (8 times)
Great Southern Blues and Rockabilly (NSW)
Nymagee Outback Festival (NSW)
Barwon Heads Festival of the Sea (2 times)
SXSW (Austin TX) 2 times Folk Alliance Convention (Nashville TN)

DISCOGRAPHY:

2008 THE JUNES COLLECTION (indep.)
2008 WAHINE Croxton Records
2007 Rhythms Magazine 15th anniv. CD, track from YIPPEE
2007 Croxton Christmas Sampler, track Ukulele Bitchfight
2006 YIPPEE Croxton Records
2006 Pirate Girl EP Croxton Records
2006 The Unconscious Bros EP Indep.
2004 Satellite (GIT with Bill Kirchen) Croxton
2003 Flowers (GIT) Croxton
2002 The Rising Sun Sessions (GIT) Indep.
2001 Mixed Up (The Ofays) Indep.
1999 Sweet (GIT) Indep.
1998 Fishburger (GIT) Indep.