

Music



Evermore

A new feather in Lana's Akubra

MACKAY-based singer/song-writer Lana Ross has added another feather to her country music cap by taking the title of Queensland's New Talent of the Year at the 2008 Gold Medallion Awards in Brisbane the weekend before last.



Lana Ross

The Gold Medallion Awards are designed to reflect radio activity and the success of artists and tracks within each respective state throughout the designated judging period.

Ross said she was proud just to be nominated, let alone win an award.

"It was really exciting going to the Gold Medallion Awards because I knew I would

be surrounded by some great country music talent," Ross said.

"To take out one of the awards was just a bonus."

Ross was also nominated in the 2008 Song-writer of the Year category.

The awards are administered and presented by the World Alliance for Radio Presenters (WARP).

The 2008 Queensland winners are:

- Male Vocalist of the Year: James Blundell
- Female Vocalist of the Year: Shaza Leigh
- New Talent of the Year: Lana Ross
- Bush Balladeer of the Year: Jeff Brown
- Musician of the Year: Lindsay Waddington
- Touring Artist of the Year: Graham Rodger
- Songwriter of the Year: Graham Rodger

Rock the reef

EVERMORE is set to rock the Whitsundays when the band headlines the Rockin' the Reef gig as part of this year's Reef Festival.

The dynamic trio first came onto the music scene after winning the annual New Zealand high school band competition, Rock Quest, in 2000.

The competition enabled the emerging young artists to forge ahead with their music career and helped to establish and fund their own recording studio.

From there, the rest is history and today the three brothers continue to attract a wide fan base with their catchy lyrics and alternative indie rock beat.

The band has since released two platinum albums, Dreams (2004) and Real Life (2006) and has been nominated for numerous ARIA awards.

Light Surrounding You and Running are perhaps two of the band's most renowned tracks off their latest album Real Life which has sold more than 140,000 copies in Australia.

On Friday, November 14 the Whitsunday Sailing Club is set to be a hive of activity when

and varied audience," Ms Springfield said.

"We expect to see a strong showing of tourists and locals, young and old at this live music event being held beside the Coral Sea at the Whitsunday Sailing Club."

Tickets are \$45 with free

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— TRACEY SPRINGFIELD

Evermore takes to the stage as part of this year's Reef Festival celebrations. Rockin' the Reef event co-ordinator Tracey Springfield said the all-ages gig was expected to be a sell-out event, and this was testament to the band's appeal.

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entry to those under 12.

The Rockin' the Reef concert is just one of the many activities planned for the four-day Reef Festival which will take place from November 13 to 16.

■ For more information and to purchase tickets online, visit www.whitsundayreeffestival.com.au.

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