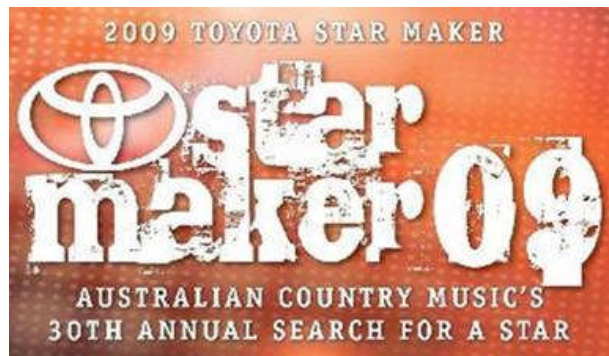


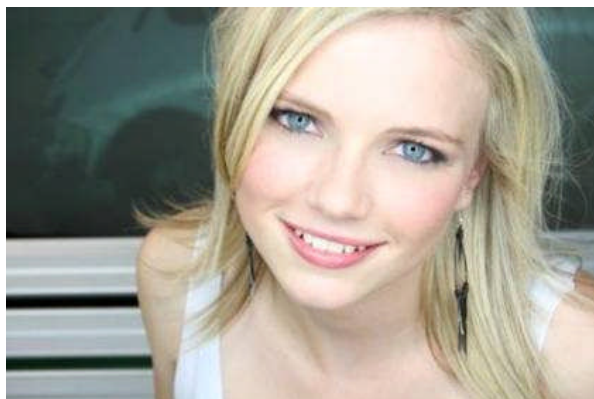
*Kaylah Anne 2009 Starmaker Top Ten Grand Finalist airs debut clip on CMC*

A newest addition to the grand finalist list of thirty years of Starmaker hopefuls, Kaylah Anne set her sights on a career in country music just a little over two years ago.



Eagerly applying for an opportunity at excellence, she was accepted at the country music's most prominent academy, successfully graduating from the 2008 CMAA College.

Within a year she recorded and released her debut EP, released her first single End of the Ride in July, and her latest Why Me this week to radio across the country, and aired last week on pay tv's CMC, with a perky little film clip emulating exactly the vitality and fun of the vivacious youngster from Newcastle in New South Wales.



'Why Me' is my first music video' Kaylah says, 'I had no idea what to expect and no idea how it was going to go. Duncan Toombs was the director, he did such a great job. We shot the clip on the Central Coast over one huge day, starting at 4am and didn't finish til 5pm.'

'I was on such a high the whole day and could barely keep a smile off my face. We did some early morning shots on the beach then headed to the set where the main scenes were filmed.'

'The EP was something we decided to do after I won a song writing competition a year and a half ago at Nelson Bay' she adds.

'That's when I was first introduced to Rod McCormack. He is a fantastic producer. I had a handful of songs that I wanted to record. We picked our top 4 and they came out better than anything I ever hoped.'

'It's contemporary country but with my own kind of style mixed into it.

It's important to me to have my own style, I don't want to copy anyone else, I want to be me.'

Reflecting on the last year, she says 'Working in the studio is something that I could do every day. I love hearing and seeing a song be constructed from just one idea and be built into something extraordinary.'



The past 2 months have been all about promoting the EP for the inspired singer-songwriter with a lot of live performances as well as radio interviews and festivals, in addition to an already tight schedule studying music business at TAFE.

'I want to go about my career in the right way and I want to know about everything in the music industry including the business side. I could never see myself in other fields other than music, so if I'm going to do this, it's going to be with all guns blazing. It's so inspiring seeing other musicians doing what they love. I get my motivation and inspiration from that, especially the big names in Australian country music. I'm always saying to myself 'I want that to be me one day.'

'Being announced a grand finalist in Toyota Star Maker was amazing. I've been working really hard the last year and a half trying to get my name out there and being recognised for my efforts is really rewarding.'

'Tamworth 2009 was always going to be a big festival for me but knowing I am in the grand final is the icing on the cake.'

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