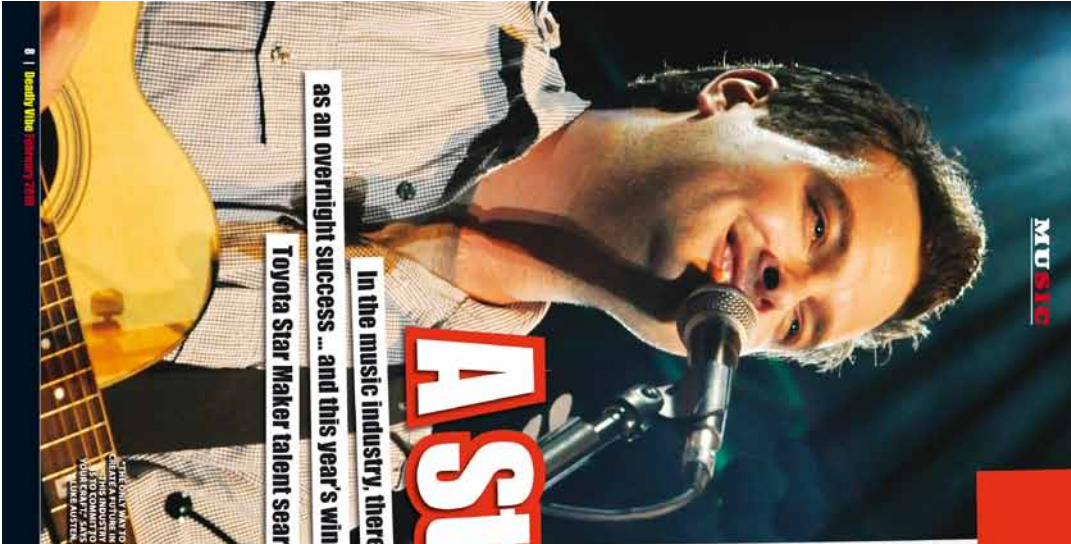


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In the music industry, there's no such thing

as an overnight success... and this year's winner of the prestigious Toyota Star Maker talent search is no exception.

The young performer to hone his skills and also tour through some of our most remote Aboriginal communities, set out to the road, says the young country kid, to offer in the Tarnant Desert and the pitjantjatjara lands was amazing as no one really gets a chance to take their music out there. Younger's been taking his band out

LUKE AUSTEN RECENTLY WON THE STAR MAKER QUEST, WHICH HAS LAUNCHED THE CAREERS OF MANY COUNTRY MUSIC GREATS. BUT LUKE IS NO NEWCOMER TO THE SCENE, IN FACT HE'S BEEN SLOGGING AWAY BEHIND THE SCENES IN COUNTRY MUSIC FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS.

When he first picked up a guitar, he joined his family's band, The Outlaws, at age 12, performed his first gig at age 13 and continued to perform with his father into the late 1990s.

there for the last 30 years, and I learn a lot from him. The most beneficial thing he taught me was that whether you are playing to two people, 200 people or 2000 people, you put on the same show. If people are coming to see you, then they deserve your best."



LUKE WITH COUNTRY MUSIC GREATS STARRING COMBLES AT TARNANT.

When I was 16, I wrote Brian and asked if I could go out on the road, but he said I was too young. So I went on to study, graduating from the College of Country Music in 1991. I received a nomination for the Golden Guitar award at Tarnworth the next year and met Brian in person. When he asked me how old I was, I told him I was 17 but would turn 18 on the road. Then he asked, "Do you know how to play bass guitar?" I said, "No, but I'll learn."

It's an honour to be able to call Troy a friend. He's a great fella and genuine at the day is long. He loves taking music to people and sharing it with them, which is what music's about for me. Another thing we have in common is that we're both Clarence River boys."

Luke says, there have been many highlights during his time with Troy, including playing at major country music events, such as the Tarnworth Country Music Festival, Gimpele Muster, Aboriginal Dreaming Festivals, Coochinthe Uthen Music Festival, A Day on the Green concert, North City Muster and Darwin City Muster, as well as appearing on Sunrise, Today, The Morning Show, Mornings with Kent, Arvo and the Golden Guitar Awards. He has also been lucky enough to share the stage with Australian music legends, such as Jimmy Barnes, Kasey Chambers, Paul Kelly, Dave Gibson (The Screaming Jeal), Kevin Bennett (The Flood), Shane Howard (Goonah), Sara Stone, Wendy Matthews, Betsy Cole and Jimmy Little.



LUKE AUSTEN WITH HIS WINNING BAND, THE OUTLAWS.

"So I went on the road with Brian for four years. It was hard playing bass and singing because I was used to playing guitar and singing but it was also great because I was broadening my horizons as a musician. That was a huge learning curve for me, but it opened up a lot of opportunities for me because there is a real lack of backing singer band players in our industry."

During one of his tours with Brian, Luke met Troy Casserley, who was to have a huge impact on his career. Now 28, Luke has spent six years as part of Troy's backing band. "During that time, Troy came out with Brian Young for a reunion tour - he did his first tour with Youngie - so Brian was there to film it for a documentary. When the tour finished Troy said he had a gig in Melbourne and asked if I was interested. Of course, I said yes and here I am six years later still in his band."

While Luke says he has loved every minute of his time with Troy, he has kept his eye on his dream of one day forming a band of his own as a singer-songwriter. In 2005, he released his debut album, The EP. He says he is still in the process of finishing the album and hopes to have it out in the next few months. "I love this place we've been on, Troy's AWA Award winning album, The Bow is the only way to be able to provide for my family. Not only will he be providing for his family, but Luke also looks set to follow in the footsteps of his inspirational mentor and many of country music's greats."

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BIOGRAPHICAL RECOUNT

Born in Margate Qld, country music singer Luke Austen recently won the Star Maker Quest. This annual competition searches for new Australian country music stars and is the nation's most significant, most successful and influential new talent event in country music.

Luke started playing the guitar when he was only six years old and started performing with his family's band The Outlaws when he was thirteen. He became better known when he started playing with Brian Young and toured more remote Aboriginal communities.

Now 28 years old, Luke has travelled Australia for the last six years as a backing musician with Troy Casser-Daly's band.

ACTIVITY 1: UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU READ

Read A Star is Made on page 8

Shade one bubble.

1. Luke Austen recently won

- a Deadly Award.
- the Star Maker Quest.
- an ARIA Award.
- a Country Music Festival Award.

2. Luke performed his first gig at the age of

- 6
- 12
- 13
- 28

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3. His first big break in the industry came when he was asked to join Brian Young's band.

- His "first big break" means
- it was the first time he performed in a band.
- the first time he played, he broke his guitar.
- he became more widely recognised.

4. According to the text, what were some of the best things about touring with Brian Young's band in remote Australia?

5. When Luke describes the competitiveness of the Star Maker competition, he says, "I felt like a poodle at a rottweiler party."

- This is an example of
- a metaphor.
- alliteration.
- a simile.
- an adjective.



ACTIVITY 2: SPELLING

Each sentence has one word that is incorrect.

Write the correct spelling of the word in the box below it.

1. The Star Maker Quest has lornched the careers of many country music singers.

2. Luke is no newcomer to the seen.

3. Luke was six years old when he picked up a gitar.

4. His first big brake came when he started playing with Brian Young.

5. No matter weather you are playing to two or 2000 people, they all deserve the best show.



ACTIVITY 3: LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

Shade one bubble.

1. Luke ***** to perform with his father's band in the 1990s.

- continues
- continuing
- continue
- continued
-

2. Luke ***** been working in the music industry for the past ten years.

- is
- was
- were
- has
-

3. Luke ***** the star Maker Quest last month.

- win
- winning
- wins
- won
-

4. Luke's career ***** always been easy.

- hasnt
- hasn't
- has'nt



ACTIVITY 4: SCAFFOLDING A BIOGRAPHICAL RECOUNT

A Biographical Recount retells the stages in a person's life.

This genre of text always starts with an Orientation to explain why the person is remembered, then gives a Record of Stages in the person's life.

A Star is Made is structured the same way:

Orientation

Luke Austen recently won the Star Maker Quest, which has launched the careers of many music greats.

Record of Stages

Luke Austen was six years old when he first picked up a guitar.

STAGE 1 - early life He joined his family's band, The Outlaws, at age twelve, performed his first gig at 13 and continued to perform with his father into the late 1990s.

Record of Stages

His first big break in the industry came when he was asked to join

STAGE 2 - first break He joined the band of legendary country balladeer Brian Young.

The content words have been highlighted below:

Luke Austen recently won the Star Maker Quest, which has launched the careers of many music greats.

Luke Austen was six years old when he first picked up a guitar. He joined his family's band, The Outlaws, at age twelve, performed his first gig at 13 and continued to perform with his father into the late 1990s.

His first big break in the industry came when he was asked to join the band of legendary country balladeer Brian Young.

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These wordings become notes for rewriting the text in your own words.

Each new sentence starts with a bullet point:

- Luke Austen – won – Star Maker Quest – launched the careers – music greats
- six years old – picked up a guitar
- joined – family's band – The Outlaws – twelve – first gig at 13 – perform – father – late 1990s
- first big break – join the band – Brian Young

TASK: Rewrite a Biographical Recount about Luke Austen in your own words, using the notes above as a guide. Make sure you follow the structure of the genre.

For example, the first sentence could be rewritten as:

Many great country music singers have started their careers by winning the Star Maker Quest. Luke Austen has just won this year's competition.