



The 2008 Charters Towers
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Pen your lyrics and tune your guitar for a chance at \$30,000

Thousands of lovers of country music from throughout Australia and overseas will again congregate at the Towers over the May Day long weekend, for three days of country fun and festivities. The occasion is the 2008 Townsville Bulletin Charters Towers Country Music Festival, now entering its 31st year.

The call for entries has now been released and the festival is seeking interest for participation in a total of 20 categories. Paul Carney, Charters Towers Country Music President says this is a fantastic opportunity to be to be part of Australia's largest country music talent quest. "With more than \$30,000 in cash and prizes up for grabs in the competition, no other country music festival in this nation, including the annual event at Tamworth, attracts this number of amateur competitors." The annual event attracts more than 700 entrants for the talent quest. Competition entry forms are available online – www.charterstowerscountrymusic.com with songwriting entries closing 1st March and overall entries closing 1st April.

Winner of the 2007 Gold Queensland Country Music Award, Sera Jane Moore will make a special appearance as one of the lead guest artists at the 2008 Festival. The winner of this prestigious award in 2008 receives \$4,000 plus guest spots at Toyota Muster, Gympie and Queensland Champion of Champions, Brisbane. The highest scoring overall senior solo performer appears at the Norfolk Island Country Music Awards.

The 2008 Festival, to be held on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th May will again incorporate the Queensland Country Music Awards for which it holds sole rights. Since its inception in 1978, the Festival has continued to expand. It now attracts huge audiences, more than 2,000 of whom camp or stay in hotels or motels at Charters Towers for the full three days, while others commute from nearby cities, such as Townsville, Cairns and Mackay.

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