



PRESS RELEASE: ROAD TRAIN RIGHT ON TRACK WITH NEW CD

Following 18 months of hard work and dedication, Vanessa Lea and her band, Road Train, are busy promoting their new album, *Red Stiletto*, which was released at the start of this year, debuting at #2 on GT's Top Ten albums on "Our Country" radio charts, making the Top 50 on CMC and Vanessa Lea & Road Train were also featured as the Artist of the week on the "Keeping it Country" website.

This new Cd is full of catchy, driving tunes, all penned by singer/songwriter, Vanessa Lea, and talented multi-instrumentalist and composer, Roger Faynes. The first single to be released is the beautiful "Only With you", a love song of sorts, which portrays travelling around various landmarks in Australia, such as Kakadu, Uluru, the Nullarbor and The Great Barrier Reef. The video clip for this song is currently being screened on CMC and has been featured in the TOP 50 CMC charts.

The clip was filmed in Coffs Harbour with the expertise of multi award-winning video director Ross Wood, who describes the tune as having "an incredibly appealing quirky nature" that "puts a smile on your face".

A new clip for the title track to the album, *Red Stiletto*, was filmed on Monday 22 August at Bellingen Courthouse and at various locations around Coffs Harbour. "Red Stiletto", is a unique

and clever song, which tells the story of a jilted lover throwing a red stiletto heel at her partner, which results in his accidental death.

The stories on the album are all very relevant, with modern topics such as the internet being discussed. "I've always been fascinated by the word, "Awkward", says Vanessa." Even the word "awkward" looks awkward. So I imagined a situation where someone would have an awkward moment. Everyone's using social networking sites, like facebook, today, but there are some people who misrepresent themselves and seem really attractive in their photo. What would happen if you met the person in real life, to find out they look and act nothing like the person described in their profile? There might be an awkward moment or two if you decide not to pursue the relationship any further, and in real life, you can't press "delete"! "Awkward" is a catchy little tune, whose light-hearted lyrics show a cheeky sense of humour.

The album also has songs about our heritage, with a gunfighter ballad about Australian legend, Ben Hall, and a tear- jerking ballad about the family of Ned Kelly, titled "Such is Life". There are songs about horses, outlaws, wheels and country music itself, as Vanessa also draws inspiration from her country upbringing in Gunnedah. This 13 track album is undeniably country, with banjo and slide guitar played by Roger Faynes, bass by Shaun Alexander and a guest appearance by drummer, Rohan Hems, who has also played in Phil Emmanuel's band for many years. The album also features mandolin, double bass and ukulele, and the harmonica is played by Vanessa. The album is already receiving very positive feedback, following its mastering at Garth Porter's Rancom St Studios, Sydney, where it was engineered by the talented Ted Howard.

It has been a very busy last two years for Vanessa Lea & Road Train, who began 2010 with Vanessa as a Finalist in Toyota Starmaker, in addition to 3 of their songs being selected in the CCMA Finals. This was followed with an impressive lineup of gigs, including appearances at the Country Music Festivals and Hats Off Festivals in Tamworth 2010 and 2011 and a huge success at The Gympie Muster 2010. They will also appear at Ballina's first ever Country Music Festival this October long weekend.

Vanessa, tagged "little girl with the big voice" by fans, is thrilled at the crowd reaction to the band's new songs, and is very excited to share these tunes with eager audiences. During their shows, Vanessa Lea and Road Train always give a captivating, high energy performance, with popular covers interspersed with a selection of their best originals.

Vanessa Lea & Road Train's new CD, 'Red Stiletto' is available for purchase at all shows, but they are also available online via itunes, www.wjodistribution.com.au, GumTree Music, Sanity, Leading Edge music, CD online, and bigpond music. For a full gig guide listing and any further information on Vanessa Lea & Road Train, please contact [Vanessa Lea on \[www.vanessalea.com\]\(http://www.vanessalea.com\)](mailto:Vanessa.Lea@vanessalea.com), [Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/vanessalea) or [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/vanessalea), via www.facebook.com/vanessalea and messages are welcome.