



## GUIDELINES, CONDITIONS & ENTRY FEES

- The competition is opened to all Australian residents aged from 10 years of age to 25 years of age.
- A JUNIOR is someone who has turned at least 10 years of age as at the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010.
- A SENIOR is defined as someone who has turned 16 years of age on or before 1<sup>st</sup> October and is no older than 25 years as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010.
- AMATEUR, SEMI-PROFESSIONAL artists who do not have a publishing or recording contract are eligible to enter any of the categories of the “2010 Maitland Muster Young Talent Awards”.

### Singer/Songwriter Section

- Available for 16-25 years old (as above) but in special circumstances we will consider applicants under 16 years of age.
- CDs etc need to be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010.
- A non-refundable fee of \$20 for the first song then \$15 for each subsequent song. A singer/songwriter may submit more than one song for judging. Therefore an entrant in this category may be asked to perform more than one song if they proceed past the pre-selection assessment. The judges reserve the right to restrict the number of entrants proceeding to the heats.
- In the Singer/Songwriter Section the entrant must only submit ORIGINAL COUNTRY SONGS and either own the copyright themselves or have explicit permission from the Copyright owner to perform and record the material presented for judging in this talent search. Entrants in this category will need to sign the appropriate form declaring their right to enter the song.
  - Utilising the support of the Backing Band provided at the Awards judging, or
  - Accompany themselves as a solo artist (cannot use a CD backing), or
  - Other options will be considered but without commitment.

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**Junior Female, Senior Female & Senior Male Singing Sections  
(not the Singer/Songwriter Section)**

- CDs and/or charts need to be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010. (The judges reserve the right to select the number of heat entrants in each of the category.)
- Entry fee of \$20 (includes 2 songs). Entry fee is non-refundable.
- Each successful applicant will perform the two nominated songs in their heat. All finalists are allowed the change their song choice (but if using the backing band they will need to ensure the band is familiar with the songs) or sing they same two songs from their heat.
- The Entrants in the Junior and Senior Male and Female Sections will be required to provide their own CD and/or charts by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010 so that the backing band becomes familiar with the songs prior to the competition. They can of course accompany themselves as a solo artist but cannot use a backing tape in the competition.
- All entrants accept that the Judges decision will be final.
- The winner of each category agrees that Maitland City Centre Management is able to use artist photos and recorded material for promotional purposes relating to the “Maitland Muster Country Music Festival” and “Maitland Muster Young Talent Awards”.
- All Winners that are invited to perform at the Awards Presentation agree to do so as a promotional activity only (there is no payment for performance).
- All entrants who are able to back themselves may also take the opportunity to perform/busk in the Maitland City Centre during the course of the Festival from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Please book your spot by contacting Maitland City Centre Management on 02 4934 1981.
- All entrants will be covered by our public liability insurance policy at the Festival, at the agreed times but the organisers will not accept responsibility for any negligent activities.
- Neither Maitland City Centre Management nor any of the venues accept responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged equipment. Please make sure your possessions are secure at all times.
- The participation of entrants is at the organisers’ discretion.
- The number of entries may be limited due to time constraints

Please pay entrant fee by credit card, money order, cash or cheque, made payable to Maitland City Centre Management and post to:

“Maitland Muster Young Talent Awards”  
PO Box 88  
MAITLAND NSW 2320

All Singer/Songwriter entries are to include a pre-paid postal bag if CDs are to be returned; otherwise they will be available for collection at the time of the event. Uncollected material could be destroyed after 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

All song submissions are subject to the pre-selection assessment before proceeding to the heats.

**Entries close on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010.  
Entry fee is payable when formal application is made.**