

# Locals are making waves in the music industry



SONGWRITING TALENT: Mick Wilson

At the Australian Song Writers Awards held in Sydney last week there were two of our own in the final 10 listings.

Cill Van Der Velden was a finalist in the

Lyrics Section and Michael Wilson, in the Australian Song Category.

Mick recently moved to Tweed Heads, but is still attached to us

through his family and his working and music career here.

His father George Wilson is a well known local identity.

Mick played with the

local band Uncle Jack and worked at Angus Place Colliery for 17 years.

Mick came fourth in the placings in the Australian Song Category with a song from his new album, Blame Train.

The song is called 'Run Piggy Run'.

Cill placed eighth in the Lyrics Section.

When talking of those rankings it is indeed representing the short list from not only the whole of Australia, but with International entries also being accepted.

The Awards are sponsored by APRA which is the governing body for songwriters.

Cill and Mick were seated together on the gala night where they rubbed shoulders with Brian Cadd, Glen A Baker, Little Pattie, Jane Rutter and just about anyone who was anyone from the music industry.

Cill reports she was able to do 'a little networking by approaching some of the big names'.

"This was a make your own opportunities

event and I knew I had to capitalise on it!," she said.

"Everyone was interested, responsive and friendly to me - particularly Glen A Baker who promised to listen to the Angelina's CD and well remembered Brian Wilkinson and Al Keogh being members of The Black Diamonds and Time Piece."

Glen is renowned for knowing absolutely everything that ever happened in the Australian music scene.

Mick's impression of the awards night was:

"It was a top class event and it was an amazing feeling to be part of it. Producing my album Blame Train has been a special journey for me and to have it recognised by the industry is a great bonus."

Mick Wilson is working on a new album and says he will be happy to consider some of Cill's lyrics so it will be interesting to see what next year's Australian Song Writers competition will uncover.

Story and photos contributed



RUBBING SHOULDERS: Local Identity Cill Van Der Velden (right) with Glen A Baker