

# Arts Worker RESUME



Shirley Lynn  
Singer Songwriter  
Performer

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## AREAS OF FOCUS

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### PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

- Proficient, self-managed, self-motivated creative arts worker with collaborative and equitable work ethic
- Insightful songwriter and performer with professional integrity
- Skill diversity in arts, technology and education

### RECOGNISED AWARDS

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- 2018 - "Life's About the Little Things" - Tamworth Salute Awards – Winner in the Contemporary Ballad Category and Country Song of the Year.
- 2016 – ASC Song Awards – “My Kind of Paradise”[World], “Sea Turtle Quest” [Children's] and “Life's a Great Adventure” [lyrics only]
- 2016 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) – Successful Application for professional development funding to attend the Australian Songwriters Conference in June at Ettalong Beach.
- 2015 – BEST SONG – Max T Barnes Cairns to Nashville Song Competition
- 2013 - Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) – Successful Application & Project Development for Music Video collaboration with Kyle Wilson “My Kind of Paradise”
- 2013 – Song of Carnivale Port Douglas - “My Kind of Paradise” song recorded in Port Douglas with Larry Cash.

### PRESS & MEDIA

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- TSA Songwriter Salute Finalist 2018- Contemporary Country Ballad “Life's About the Little Things” - 2017
- Hot off the Press Q&A Article with Girl at a A Rock Show - In Depth Profile – Meet Shirley Lynn - 2016
- Official Fame Music Radio Group – interview with George Hegelmann - 2016
- Bumma Bippera 98.7FM Radio Interview with Alisha Matthew
- 4CA – Radio Interview with Murray Jones
- Cairns FM 89.1 – International Women's Day – 2016 with Irene B on Rock and Blues Downunder
- Exposed Vocals interviews "Shirl" Online Interview 2016
- Resonate – NQ Music Press – Andy Collins, Ju Ju Moon Eddie Skeba and Shirley Lynn 2016
- ABC Far North – Sharon Molloy Interview with Shirl re: Tablelands Folk Festival 2015
- Cairns Post - "Offerings to satisfy all tastes" - Reef Feast 2015
- Cairns Post Hit Awards, Shirl Nominated for Favourite Nth Queensland Artist solo or duo 2013 - 2015
- Cairns Music Stage “Top 10” – “No Matter What” Cairns FM 89.1[Marcus Smith] 2015
- NQ Music Media Article – “Her Kind of Paradise” by Todd McAlpine 2015
- Love The People You Meet – “Journey of the songwriter: seeking paradise” by Mel Irvine 2015
- Cairns FM 89.1 Cairns Music Stage - Marcus Smith interview with Shirl 2014, 2015
- The Life and Songs of Shirley Lynn – Part 1 and Part 2 by June Perkins 2014
- Australian Songwriter's Association , “My Kind of Paradise”, “Two Hearts” shortlisted 2013
- Cairns Coast FM 101.9 Maddi Goldberg interview with Shirl – 2013
- Cairns Post – Video Premiere to be Highlight of Songwriters on the Waterfront Event – 2013
- Tablelands Advertiser – Video reveals the heart of song - 2013
- Cairns Regional Council announces RADF Grant Awards – 2013
- Port Douglas & Mossman Gazette – Port Douglas Song of Carnivale - 2013
- Port Douglas FM 107.1& 90.9.1 Kim Hurley interview with Shirl- 2013
- Cairns FM 89.1 Col Johnson & Aleta Tulk, Irene Barrett and Bev Blaauw Interview– “Shirl” & “Silktones” 2013
- Australian Songwriter's Association “Peacekeeper's Song”– shortlisted 2012
- Cairns Post – “Shirley Lynn launches her debut EP It's About Time at Mondo Cafe & Bar” - 2012
- Port Douglas Carnivale Songwriter's Challenge – “Songwriters to Hit Right Note” finalist “Her Story” – 2011



## QUALIFICATIONS

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### MUSIC

- **3RD GRADE MUSIC - AUSTRALIAN MUSIC EXAMINATIONS BOARD**

### TEACHING, TRAINER AND EDUCATION

- Diploma in Teaching | Certificate IV - Training And Assessment (TAA) | Diploma of Naturopathy – QINS

### TECHNOLOGY

- Diploma in Web Development | Cert IV Web Design | Competencies - graphics, audio, web and video skills

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Instructional Designer**, TNQ TAFE– Indigenous Lead Centre [2008 - 2011] Learning Technologies Unit (2011 - 2013)

**Technical Officer**, TNQ TAFE – Learning Technologies Unit (2006 – 2008]

**Website Development**, James Cook University Cairns [2004 - 2006] Law and Sociology Departments

**Multimedia Development**, MultiMedia Projects (2003 - 2010)

Small business initiative - Website, Media, Graphic Design, and CD/DVD Development

**Primary Educator**, Queensland State Education Department (1977 - 2001)

## RELEVANT MUSIC EXPERIENCE

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**“Shirl”** - Singer Songwriter and Performer, North Queensland - [2010 - ]

**“Silktones”** Duo Performer, Cairns - North Queensland - [2008 - ]

**“Blue Tonic”** Band Performer, Cairns - North Queensland - [2010 - ]

**Solo performer**, Atherton Tablelands – Shirley Aldridge/Douglas [1982 -1986] Functions, venues and community events.

**Songwriting Collaborations:** David and Merelyn Carter, Mary Harrison, Sam Bellamy, Robyn Hull, John Collins, Rebeka Rain, Mick Evans, Chris Ellis, Andrew Cavanagh, Lance Toohey, Jim McCabe, Peter Grayson, Trevor Gane, Sue Day.

**Songwriter Competition Judge** - Tablelands Folk Festival 2015 - 2017

## PROFILE

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Shirl’s familiarity as a songwriter has grown since her song “My Kind of Paradise” won multiple awards including 2015 Best Song in the Max T Barnes Cairns to Nashville Song Contest amidst an impressive line-up of contenders. It was also 2013 Port Douglas Song of Carnivale. With RADF funding in 2013, an official video was created for the song. Since then a further awards have included TSA Salute Awards for “Life’s About The Little Things” a song co-written and recorded on Carter and Carter’s “Better Day” album.

Music is a vehicle for self-expression through which Shirl’s songs and performances reveal a contemplative folk, country, bluesy connection drawing on mindful authenticities that explore simple concepts, philosophical realms and insightful story lines.

*“It takes belief to affirm and be true to oneself to build on the foundation of what you’ve got. It takes commitment to keep on going when times seem tough. Not everybody gets who you are or where you’re coming from. It takes courage to bare your soul, speak up and say what you mean and mean what you say – when you know you’ve got so much to learn....”*

With original melodies and heartfelt lyrics Shirl’s songs are connecting and meaningful sharing positivity, a love of life and a love of her North Queensland home. Well equipped with a strong vocal, acoustic guitar, occasional harmonica hues and ukulele expect to find a simple uniqueness in “Shirl”.



## COMPLETED ARTS INITIATIVES



### **“Life’s About the Little Things” – David and Merelyn Carter, Mary Harrison, Sam Bellamy, Robyn Hull, John Collins and Shirley Lynn**

Songwriting collaboration recorded by Carter and Carter on their “Better Day” album. Winner of the 2018 Tamworth Salute Awards – Contemporary Ballad Category and Country Song of the Year. Currently available on iTunes.



### **Take on Today – Song Single - "Rebeka Rain & Shirley Lynn"**

Songwriting collaboration with Rebeka Rain, Mick Evans, Chris Ellis and Shirley Lynn recorded at MelPro Studios, Cairns as a Rebeka Rain and Shirley Lynn duet.. Currently available on iTunes.



### **My Kind of Paradise – Song Single 2015 Best Song – Max T Barnes Cairns to Nashville & 2013 Song of Carnivale – Port Douglas**

North Queensland is a paradise, a special place where the rainforest meets the sea. This song is about that and more. It is about the paradise to be found within. On any day, the way we view our world is coloured by the dimension we have within. Paradise within paradise. We paint ourselves into our own reality. Our vibrations can be felt through our thoughts, responses and actions we take. As we Taste,

Watch, Dance and Play our ever changing experiences are coloured from the inside out. Paradise is already here.

- CD Promotion & Marketing – **“My Kind of Paradise”** single work submitted to public collections for sale including iTunes, CD Baby – with website integration and social media references
- CD Label Design – **“My Kind of Paradise”** 2013 – revised 2015
- CD Recording - **“My Kind of Paradise”** – song recorded by Larry Cash – Port Douglas [Song of Carnivale prize]
- Original work created and performed at Song of Carnivale - 2013

### **My Kind of Paradise – Music Video 2013**

“My Kind of Paradise” music video was created with funds provided by Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) for the collaboration with Kyle Wilson [Little Earth Productions] to produce the video drawing on imagery from the North Queensland locality.

- RADF Project Outcomes Report – **“My Kind of Paradise”** Project Stages - Prezi Online Presentation and DVD
- Video Premiere Promotion – **“My Kind of Paradise”** Promotional Posters, Invitations, Flyers
- Video Premiere Event - **“My Kind of Paradise”** – held at Mondos Café Bar & Grill -2013



### **It’s About time – Debut CD – “Shirl”**

Shirl's debut CD "It's About Time" is a concept album with each song relating in some way to the concept of “Time”. Bass guitar and keyboard tracks added by Chris Ellis and flute by Morag Gane to the song "Fly like a Bird" add a nice touch to the album without steering it away from its original intent. Shirl plays acoustic guitar, adds a hint of harmonica and has laid vocal harmonies to the songs. 1. Procrastinator’s Lust 2. Yesterday’s Tomorrow 3. Grand Illusion 4. About Time 5. Two Hearts 6. Fly Like a Bird

- CD Promotion & Marketing – **“It’s About Time”** Works submitted to public collections for sale including iTunes, CD Baby – with website integration and social media broadcasts
- CD Launch – **“It’s About Time”** – Shirl – at Mondo Café Bar & Grill – 2012
- CD Label & Cover Design **“It’s About Time”** - 2012
- CD Recording – **“It’s About Time”** – co-produced with Terry Doyle at Grumpy Old Man Studio, Gordonvale with included musicianship from Chris Ellis and Morag Gane





### Sea Turtle Quest – Song Single –“Shirl”

Shirl wrote the song for the opening of the Fitzroy Island Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Centre where rescued sea turtles are cared for before returning them back to the ocean to fend for themselves. The song continues with its aim to raise awareness of the Rehabilitation Centres in our locality and to reference the troubles our sea turtles are faced with.

- CD Promotion & Marketing – **“Sea Turtle Quest”** Single work submitted to public collections for sale including iTunes, CD Baby – with website integration and social media references
- CD Label & Cover Design **“Sea Turtle Quest”** 2014
- CD Recording – **“Sea Turtle Quest”** – co-produced with Peter Grayson at Tonic Sound Studio, Yorkeys Knob
- Original work created **“Sea Turtle Quest”** and performed for Fitzroy Island Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Centre



### “Liberty” – Debut CD – Silktones

This album is comprised of six(6) catchy tunes with elements of slide, swing blues, folk and easy listening country grooves. Recorded at Tonic Sound, Yorkeys Knob.

1.Liberty 2. No Matter What 3.Her Waves 4. Stay Awhile 5.New Tomorrow 6. Long Time Dead

- CD Promotion & Marketing – **“Liberty”** Works submitted to public collections for sale including iTunes, CD Baby – with website integration and social media broadcasts

- CD Launch – **“Liberty”** – Silktones – at Mondo Café Bar & Grill – 2014
- CD Label & Cover Design **“Liberty”** - 2014
- CD Recording – **“Liberty”** – co-produced with Peter Grayson, Jim McCabe at Tonic Sound Studio, Yorkeys Knob
- Collection of 6 original works created and prepared for recording album **“Liberty”** – collaboration with Jim McCabe



### “Blue Tonic” Video – Live Performance by Blue Tonic for Balcony TV Cairns

The song “Blue Tonic” was written by Shirley Lynn and recorded with Blue Tonic Band at The Jack Hotel, Cairns with Kris Hutchison for Balcony TV. This video is viewable on Balcony TV Cairns Portal, You Tube and Shirley Lynn Website - <http://www.shirleylynnmusic.com/shirleylynnmusic/music.html>



### “Crocodile Wise” Video – Live Performance by Silktones for Balcony TV Cairns

The song, “Crocodile Wise” written by Jim McCabe and Shirley Lynn was recorded at the Shangrila Hotel, Cairns with Kris Hutchison for Balcony TV. This video is viewable on Balcony TV Cairns Portal, You Tube and Shirley Lynn Website - <http://www.shirleylynnmusic.com/shirleylynnmusic/music.html>



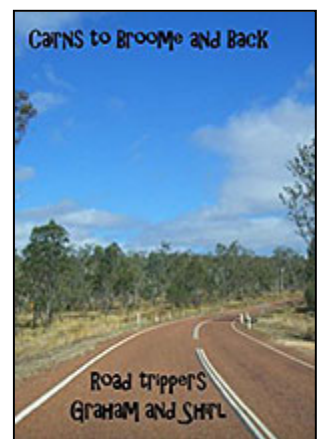
### “Barron River Dreaming” Project

The culminating product from Family Research and personal anecdotes for Leslie Alfred Aldridge - “Snow”, including two songs, “Barron River Dreaming” written by Shirley Lynn and “New Tomorrow” written by Jim McCabe and Shirley Lynn.

### “Road Trippers” Project

The road trip from Cairns to Broome and Back provided inspiration for some creative writing. A document was produced telling the story about our trip and new songs were written inspired by the adventure and trip away. "Road Trippers Cross", "Kimberley Moon", "Staircase to the Moon", "Nature Calls". Published online at Issuu.

[https://issuu.com/e\\_projects/docs/thedreamison\\_v21\\_home](https://issuu.com/e_projects/docs/thedreamison_v21_home)



## HIGHLIGHT PERFORMANCE EVENTS

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- House Concert – Burleigh Waters - “Shirl” 2018
- Mimi Tanaka Photographic Exhibition – “Silktones” 2017
- Reef Hotel Casino – “Shirl” 2015
- Tanks Unplugged - [Tanks Art Centre] “Shirl” support act with Chris Wighton for Claretown & Leanne Tennant -2015
- Atherton International Club – Max T Barnes “Shirl” and Karl Edwards - support act 2015
- Balcony TV - “Silktones” – 2016 – Shangrila Hotel | Balcony TV- “Blue Tonic” – The Jack – 2015
- Festival Performances – Tablelands Folk Festival, Reef Feast etc. [see below]
- Business of Music & Songwriting workshop conducted with Terry Doyle - Atherton “Shirl” – 2014
- Locals Ball Merrilands Hall - Atherton - invited local performer “Shirl” – 2013
- Queensland Music Festival Song Trails “Shirl” – 2011 & Tully Concert 2012

## FESTIVALS

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- Tablelands Folk Festival – one of three songwriting judges for TFF Songwriter Competition 2015 – 2017
- Tablelands Folk Festival – “Shirl” “Silktones” “Silktones Plus” & “Blue Tonic” – 2012 – 2016
- Tamworth - Songwriter Showcases - Hog's Breath; Hogs Breath Stage Peel Street & Post Office Hotel – 2016
- Kuranda – Rock This Country Blue – “Silktones” “Blue Tonic” – 2016
- Tablelands Folk Festival – Workshop – Songwriters Share Circle – 2015 - 2016
- Palm Cove Reef Feast – “Shirl” “Silktones” & “Blue Tonic” – 2014 – 2016
- Yorkeys Festival of the Knob “Blue Tonic” - 2011 – 2015
- Festival Cairns – Esplanade Stage “Silktones” – 2014
- Mission Evolve [Songwriter Showcase] “Shirl” “Blue Tonic” – October 2012 – 2013

## SPECIAL CHARITY EVENTS

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- Yorkeys Christmas Carols “Blue Tonic” - 2011 – 2015
- Christmas at Kewarra – Marlin Coast Vocal Academy evening “Shirl” 2014 - 2015
- “Turtles in Trouble” Photographic & Art Exhibition Christian Miller & Kerryn Hill – The Canopy, Cairns – 2015
- Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Centre, Fitzroy Island “Sea Turtle Quest” – song written, performed & recorded 2014
- Relay for Life “Silktones” 2013 – 2014
- Mo Blues – 12 Bar Blues “Silktones” – 2014
- Race 4 a Cure Duchene Foundation – “Silktones” – 2013 – 2014
- Trinity Beach State School Fundraisers – Ma Baker’s Tonic, Tropicarnivale “Silktones” – 2012 – 2014

## GENERAL GIG AND PERFORMANCE PLACES

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- Elixir Tapas Bar – “Shirl” 2017
- Tanks Songwriter Stage – “Shirl” 2016 – 2017
- Apres Beach Bar & Grill – Palm Cove “Silktones” 2015 - 2016
- Hobart - Murphy's Irish Pub - Songwriter Sessions “Shirl” 2016
- Strait on the Beach “Silktones” - 2013 – 2016
- Cairns Airport - departures and arrivals – “Shirl” 2015, 2016
- Resonate Ladies Night – “Shirl” 2015
- Super Sunday of Song – Music Collective - Palm Cove Surf Club “Shirl” – 2015
- Finest Female Songwriters – “Shirl” at the The Jack – Cairns – 2015
- Handmade Expo Xmas Market – “Shirl” 2015
- Raintrees Tavern – “Shirl” 2015
- Cairns Esplanade & City Place - “Shirl” “Silktones” “Silktones Plus” & “Blue Tonic” 2012 – 2015
- Mondos & Tanks Markets - Songwriters “Shirl” & “Silktones” - (Host on occasions) 2011 – 2015
- Holloways Sporting Complex – “Shirl” “Silktones” “Blue Tonic”- 2015
- Botanic Gardens & Tanks Precinct “Silktones” – 2015
- Kewarra Beach Resort & Spa - “Silktones” & “Blue Tonic”- 2014 - 2015
- Barron River Hotel – Cairns – “Silktones” 2015
- McGintys Irish Bar – “Silktones” – 2015
- Palm Cove Surf Club “Silktones” – 2015

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- Palm Cove Tavern “Silktones” - 2015
- Palm Cove Australia Day Big Breakfast – “Blue Tonic” – 2015
- The Jack Hotel – “Blue Tonic” – Unplugged Acoustic Originals - 2015
- Cooktown Bowls Club “Shirl” – 2014
- Grand Hotel, Railway Hotel, Balaclava Hotel, Cock and Bull – “Silktones” “Blue Tonic” 2013 – 2014
- Yungaburra Hotel Jam Sessions – “Silktones” 2013 - 2014
- Ivanhoes Football Club “Silktones” – 2013
- The Inn – “Silktones” 2014
- Marlin Coast Vocal Academy - Guest “Shirl” - Palm Cove, Hotel Grand Chancellor, Lime Tree Restaurant 2014
- Hilton Hotel – “Silktones” 2013
- Rustys Festival of Music – “Silktones’ – 2013
- Vocalist for National Anthem at Cairns AFL “Shirl” – 2013
- Australia Day - Redlynch Beret – “Blue Tonic” 2012

## CURRENT ARTS DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECTS UNDERWAY

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### Current Arts Development and Projects Underway:

- Blue Tonic currently recording collaborative CD from multiple songwriters in the band with the inclusion of the following songs from Shirl: “Blue Tonic”, “Liberty”, “Hullabaloo” “Celebrate Good Memories” “I Know the Reason” “Tropical Mojo”
- Songs completed ready for publication include: “Life – Keep it Real”, “Love is Here”, “Here and Now”, “You are There”, “I Pray for the Simple Things”, “Cry Baby Cry”, “Christmas Anywhere”, “Two Sides” [Anzac Song] “Take Me Away”, “Still”, “Heading Bush”, “Going Down, Coming Round”, “Walsh River Jig” “Her Story”, “Peacekeeper’s Song”, “Crocodile Song” [collaboration with Jim], “Life’s a Great Adventure” [collaboration with Andrew Cavanagh] “You Can’t Make Me Love You” [collaboration with Lance Toohey]

## ONGOING ACTIVITY

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- Shirley Lynn Website created [www.shirleylynnmusic.com](http://www.shirleylynnmusic.com) – development updating and maintenance 2012 – 2016; Marketing, Branding and Promotional activities for Shirley Lynn Music including graphic development and social media management. [Entertainment Cairns, Facebook, Twitter, Reverbnation, Sound Cloud, You Tube.]

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

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Shirl actively engages in professional development, continually gaining access to greater learning experiences, network opportunities and collaborative endeavours.

*Some previous professional development activities have included:*

2018 – *Essentials Guitar Workshop with Richard Gilwitz – Burleigh Waters*

2017 – *Songwriting Workshop with Carter and Carter, Cairns*

2016 – *Australian Songwriter Conference – Ettalong Beach, NSW - RADF funded grant*

2015 – *Money (That’s What I Want)- Arts Queensland and Creative Partnerships Australia*

2015 – *Pat Pattison – Masterclass and workshop for Songwriting Tools and Strategies – Brisbane*

2015 – *A Game Seminar – Capacity Building Music Industry Workshop - Tanks Art Centre*

2015 - *Max T Barnes - Songwriting Masterclass - Write Better Songs and Get Them Cut -Holloways Sporting Complex.*

2014 - *Summersong Music Camp – Lennox Heads – 2014 – song writing, instrumentation, percussion, performance, band labs, music reviews, and vocal development.*

2013 - *Songwriting Course – Berklee College online Songwriting course - conducted by Pat Pattison*

2013 - *Face the Music – Music Conference Melbourne 2013 – Songwriting masterclass with Courtney Barnett;*

*Songwriter’s Campfire with song feedback on two of my songs from Jeff Lang and Charles Jenkins.*

*Workshops included: arranging strings for music, incorporating digital elements into live performance, songwriter’s campfire, presentations, forum and panel discussions covering a broad range of current topics for music industry.*

2013 - *Music on Magnetic – Magnetic Island 2013, 2011, 2010 a great experience immersed in music culture, sharing and learning with others - strong friendships and return visits ensue. People’s creative endeavours are well supported and encouraged.*

2012 - *Queensland Music Festival Song Trails - another great experience immersed in the music culture - song writing and recording - 2011 in Atherton and 2012 in Tully. Experienced mentors - Peter Farnan and Morganics ran workshops and facilitated collaborative outcomes creating and recording songs and preparing for collective performances at the community concert as a culmination to the experience.*

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2011 - Exposing Your Music and Festival Application Workshop - The A Game held at the Tanks Centre. Paul Watson, Chanel Lucas, Mickie Sellton and Fleur McMenamin provided lots of resourceful information on how to expose your music and tips for making successful applications for festivals.

## REFEREES

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