

## **HOMESTEAD YOUTH TALENT EXPO 2010**

Wow, what a great day filled with exciting, talented young performers.

The Homestead Youth Talent Expo 2010 has again produced a day of fantastic entertainment by young artists from all over Queensland and as far away as Sydney.

The Juvenile Winner, Tori Somers has only been performing for about 12 months. Proudly a Homestead member, Tori has a big future ahead of her in Country Music.

The Junior winner, Melissa Kellie, again had the audience enraptured with her outstanding performances throughout the day.

Melissa topped it off with a beautiful rendition of 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' which bought tears to the eye and a standing ovation from the audience.

The Overall Champion for 2010 is Brodie Holmes. 17 year old Brodie is a polished performer who has a genuine rapport with his audience.

Brodie will be performing on the Main Stage on the Saturday of the 2011 Urban Country Music Festival in a 30 minute paid spot as part of his prize.

Brodie's career will undoubtedly take off from here as he will have a busy year ahead and he has many winning titles to his name so far. The Homestead Youth Talent Expo wishes him all the best with his future in Country Music.

As Coordinator I am so proud of this event and congratulate all the competitors who gave the Judges a headache trying to sort out the winners as the talent on show was at a premium. Well done !!

You will see the 'Juvenile Champion' Tori Somers, the 'Junior Champion' Melissa Kellie, the 'Overall Champion' Brodie Holmes and the 'Bands Choice Award Winner' Becc Holdorf performing on the Homestead Stage at the 2011 Urban Country Music Festival as part of their Prize Package.

The 2009 Overall Champion, Amelia Richards, entertained us with her talents as our Special Guest Artist.

Amelia also wowed her audience with her performance on the Main Stage at the Urban Country Music Festival.

Amelia, a talented songwriter and vocalist, will soon be a household name in Country Music so watch out for her. She has just released her first CD and the good news is that she has sold out of the first run. I believe another CD is on the horizon. We are proud of you Amelia, you have been a great Ambassador for the Homestead Youth Talent Expo.

All the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place getters at The 2010 Homestead Youth Talent Expo will be invited to compete in The Champion of Champions Quest, which will be held in November this year at Kedron Wavell Services Club. I wish all of our place getters good luck in this prestigious competition.

The Committee members and all of the Homestead volunteers and friends who turned out on Saturday, deserve a huge pat on the back. They kept the Competition running in a very professional way and the smiling faces helped to make it a great day for all the competitors and the audience alike.

Please accept my personal, heartfelt thanks once again for making the day such a huge success.

The food from the “Old Skool Muscle Car Catering” was excellent and plentiful as usual. Thank you all for your support.

A day such as this could not be held without our fabulous sponsors. There were 21 sponsors for this year’s Youth Talent Expo, too many to name here. I most sincerely thank them all including our Major Sponsors, Radio 101.5 FM, Quest Newspapers, Your Office Choice, Moreton Bay Regional Council and Morayfield Music.

The \$1299 Washburn Anniversary Model guitar, sponsored by Morayfield Music was won by Homestead Member Jan Smith.

Many thanks to Queenie Lodge, the “Raffle Queen”, for her help again selling a record number of tickets in the guitar.

Well another year has gone by and we look forward to our 5th Anniversary Homestead Youth Talent Expo which will be held on 06/08/2011. Again Congratulations – Well done – and onward and upward to the 2011 Homestead Youth Talent expo.

Laurie Sterling – Coordinator