

# WHYALLA NEWS

## WRS Launched To The World

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Three promising singers from the Eyre Peninsula are chasing stardom after benefitting from the **Whyalla Recording Scholarship**.

Winners **Shakira Lea Fauser**, 19, of Whyalla, and **Liberty Tuohy**, 18, of Port Neill and Runner-Up **Jaylee Daniels**, 15, also from Whyalla released their songs to the world on Sunday thanks to the Scholarship.

In an amazing achievement for South Australian, and Regional music, **Jaylee's "Papa's Song"** has reached **NUMBER 7** on the **iTunes Australia Country Music Chart** while **Shakira Lea "I Miss You"** is at **NUMBER 18**.

**Liberty Tuohy's "Time Stays The Same"** is selling strongly on iTunes **Australia Pop Chart** and streaming services.

She will launch the tune to the **Triple J** and **Double J Unearth networks** within two weeks.

The inaugural Scholarship was launched in August, 2016, by Whyalla's one-stop music shop **Stormfront Productions**, a **Brand SA Hall Of Fame Inductee** for services to country music and arts.

The Scholarship provides the opportunity and resources for a young regionally-based original musician aged 12 to 21 to audition for and then win a professional recording studio package worth more than \$10,000.

A "who's-who" of musicians feature on the songs including **Grammy Award Winner Andrew Synowiec**, **Jim Riley** from platinum-selling group **Rascal Flatts** and mastering in New York by **Randy Merrill**, who has been recently acclaimed for the **"A Star Is Born"** Soundtrack.

Stormfront's **Mark Tempany** and **Alison Hams** have worked since October guiding the talented trio through their first professional recording experience and readying them for an International release of their music.

*"In 25 years of studio recording, I have never seen three young people achieve such amazing results on their first venture - and I just cannot wait for the world to hear these kids and fall in love with their songs,"* Mr Tempany said.

**Jaylee Daniels' "Papa's Song"** is a tribute to her late grandfather.

According to the studio, this bluegrass song will have everyone singing around the campfire as soon as they hear it.

**Shakira Lea Fauser's "I Miss You"** is dedicated to anyone who's experienced loss and found a way to heal.



TRIBUTE: Whyalla Recording Scholarship runner-up Jaylee Daniels has written a song that is sure to be popular around the campfire.

This power ballad showcases her emotive vocals and sincere message, which is backed by electric guitar. It features a sing-along chorus and will likely move many to tears.

**Liberty Tuohy's "Time Stays The Same"** tells the story of **Liberty's** life and is very relatable for anyone who has grown up in the 2000's.

With a truly unique sound and ultra-cool vibe that blends blues, folk, pop and country, **Liberty** and her wealth of original music are waiting to be discovered.

*"Not working in studio conditions much before, and certainly not to the highest professional standards, the three prize winners have seen first-hand what goes into recording and releasing music and that it doesn't happen easily or overnight,"* Mr Tempany said.

Ms Hams said: *"**Liberty, Shakira and Jaylee** all now have the opportunity to showcase very different songs, styles and personalities and in **Jaylee's** case a story that's important to her whole family."*

**"Papa's Song"** is a tribute to **Jaylee's** beloved late grandfather as she follows his footsteps with a passion for country music.

*"My papa **Rusty Kelly** was well known for playing the bones and spoons and singing **Slim Dusty** songs around the campfire. Releasing my song is a dream come true and keeps his memory alive,"* she said.

The toe-tapping folk track features **Alan Jackson's** fiddle player **Bobby Bowlin** and **Jim Riley** from **Rascal Flatts** on drums.