

# What's on

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HOME TURF: Sue-Anne Stewart is looking forward to returning to her home region to show off her musical talents.

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## Young singer works on a musical dream

By LUCY KILLIP

### Bundaberg region in for a treat

RECEIVING a guitar as a present from her father as a young girl changed the course of Sue-Anne Stewart's life.

As a teenager living in sleepy Agnes Water on a farm with no electricity, she spent most of her time jamming and writing original songs.

At the age of 19 she made the move to Maroochydore on the Sunshine Coast, with the aim of meeting like-minded artistic people and beginning her career as a musician in more upbeat surroundings.

"I had a lot of artistic people around me," Sue-Anne said.

Since then she has been

travelling Australia and the world in search of her musical dream.

With regular gigs at Coolum's Sol Bar and Mooloolaba's Zachary's, the former Gladstone girl has drawn quite a fan base in the Sunshine Coast music scene.

In 2003 she toured Canada for four months with fellow Aussie band Oka, which she said was an amazing experience.

She had the opportunity to meet many enthusiastic people who warmly received her funky, folksy tunes.

"It went really well. They

are such lovely people," Sue-Anne said.

"It was really good to meet a lot of great musicians."

She has also played throughout Europe.

Currently, Sue-Anne is gearing up for the release of her second album *Embrace*.

She describes the sound of her second album as "upbeat and dynamic".

The environmentally conscious singer will be venturing back to her home stage in the coming weeks to bring her funky new sound to audiences in central Queensland.

Sue-Anne will appear at the

Amarco 1770 Festival on Saturday, May 24 at 1.45pm and then later at 7pm.

Bundaberg is then in for a special treat when this talented young artist arrives at the Old Bundy Tavern on May 29 for a one night special performance.

"I really look forward to it," Sue-Anne said.

Sue-Anne said Australian music was her passion, and believed the sunburnt country had produced a multitude of amazing artists.

"Australian independent music has a lot of positive messages," Sue-Anne said.

## DVDs rated better than snail-stream television

THE writers strike has ruined me.

I used to be a TV addict. I loved coming home each night to watch my favourite shows.



### Pass the remote

with Nikki Sorbello

I set my week by what shows I would be watching that night.

That was until all my favourite television shows became suspended during the writers' strike.

When my shows stopped mid-stream, I was left feeling lost, empty, not knowing where to turn to for my nightly fix of relaxation.

But, like every addict, I found a new source for my fix — DVDs.

I have been buying TV boxed sets like they are going out of fashion — everything from my favourites when I was a kid to shows I couldn't stand to miss just a few years ago.

But now some of my current favourite television shows have started back up again.

And again I find myself lost, torn between the real television and the convenient television that has uninterrupted viewing and doesn't make me wait seven days for the next instalment.

I am afraid that latter is winning out.

I no longer have a tolerance for real TV, the ads and the waiting. It's not like I haven't tried to go back to TV either, because I have.

In fact, I am one of the last die-hard *Lost* fans. I was persistent in watching the new season on television. But then I decided to tape it in favour of continuing a DVD. Then one night I forgot to set the tape and missed an episode.

In the past this would have been a tragedy, but in this instance, I didn't care.

I shrugged it off because I know, in a matter of months, I will be watching it again — in widescreen — on DVD.

After that, I gave up on television all together.

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