

folk-pop. At 19, Sue-Anne arrived on the Sunshine Coast with her guitar and a dream. She immersed herself in what she felt was a vibrant music scene, surrounded herself with talented musicians, and started performing to audiences.

Like most musicians, Sue-Anne had day jobs to pay the bills, but deep down, she dreamed of making music for a living.

Then, in 2000, she was standing in the crowd at the Bluesfest at Byron Bay, watching Ben Harper perform, and suddenly she had a moment of clarity.

"It was pretty much the point in my life when I went, 'Wow. That's exactly what I'm going to do with my life'. I thought, 'He travels the world and plays music and does what he loves. That's exactly what I want to do'."

In 2002, Sue-Anne independently recorded and released her first self-titled EP. Her song, *Spring*, was selected for a regional compilation and received significant airplay Australia-wide on the ABC and community radio stations. The following year, she released her first album, *Vivid*.

With travel high on her agenda, Sue-Anne toured extensively across Australia, America, Canada, England and Europe, promoting her album and developing a global fan base. Now after 12 months back home, Sue-Anne has a new EP ready to hit the shelves, and she can't wait to start recording her

second full-length album.

As an independent artist, Sue-Anne has had to learn everything as she goes, often through mistakes. *Vivid* was recorded live, which Sue-Anne concedes probably hindered the songs getting airplay on radio, so she admits she didn't push too hard promoting the album to record labels.

With *Embrace*, Sue-Anne has done everything the right way. She's taken her time, picked the best musicians and a quality producer, and the result is four beautiful tracks that she's immensely proud of.

There have been times when Sue-Anne has questioned her future, with people in the industry suggesting she find herself a record label before she takes the next big step. True to her own words, though, Sue-Anne felt in her heart that the time was right, and she is putting faith in her abilities in the hope that a record deal will come her way.

"On a personal level, this has been a long time coming. I feel like I'm at a peak in my musical career... it's exciting and a little bit scary at the same time."

Sue-Anne will perform tonight at the J Room at Noosa, and tomorrow night at Zachary's at Mooloolaba.
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