

Awards will be announced at
31st Annual Mildura Country Music Festival 2017
 (September 29th — October 8th 2017)
Awards are organised by the Mildura Country Music Festival Committee Inc.

Open to all CD product by Independent Australian Country Music Artists that is self funded for release in Australia in the period from July 1 2016 to June 30 2017 on labels other than those specified as "Excluded". "Excluded": is material that is funded and/or managed and distributed by a corporate record company. Independent artists that are self funded and manage all aspects of their own product are eligible. Entry eligibility will be at the sole discretion of the organisers and their decision will be final.

CATEGORY NO	CRITERIA
1. Independent Country Music Single of the Year	Open to all CD product released as a Single (a Single is a CD of eight tracks or less) or on CRS, Door 2 Door, Digital Single releases to radio, ABBA, LBS Country Collection compilation or similar promotional compilation as a single issued in the qualifying period.
2. Independent Album of the Year	Open to all eligible compact disc albums of nine tracks or more released in the qualifying period. In the case of previously released material there must be an equal number of first released tracks. When nominating, list album title and artist only. Artists must be able to produce evidence of a commercial release of a minimum of 500 units if required.
3. Independent Heritage Track of the Year – Traditional	This category is open to artists who nominate a track that is recorded in the Australian traditional style. Entry is by eligible track. *The song on the track must not have been recorded previously.
4. Independent Rising Star Male Award	Open to individual artists only. Artists can enter a maximum of three years. Winners of the AICM Awards, Star Maker or the Golden Guitars are not eligible. The youth and/or potential of each entrant will be of major consideration. Entry is by eligible track*.
5. Independent Rising Star Female Award	
6. Independent Male Vocalist of the Year	Open to male independent artists not entered in category 4. Entry is by eligible track*.
7. Independent Female Vocalist of the Year	Open to female independent artists not entered in category 5. Entry is by eligible track*.
8. Independent Group/Duo of the Year	Open to permanent Groups and/ or Duos. Entry is by eligible track*.
9. Independent Artist of the Year	Selected from artists entered in any of the above categories (1 to 8) and judged separately.

* An eligible track can be from any CD Single or Album released in the qualifying period.

Name..... Mobile.....
 Address..... Suburb..... Postcode.....
 Email..... Signature.....

CATEGORY NO	TRACK (OR ALBUM)	SONGWRITER	ARTIST

Rules and Regulations

Nominations close June 30 2017. Judging panel will be determined annually by the committee. Four finalists will be announced in each category by August 16th 2017. **Special Notes** : i) We require 7 copies of your album. However, for singles, if your track is on CRS we have already been supplied. Please check with the principals of other eligible compilations as to who supplies the tracks. ii) Tracks which have been used by an artist on a compilation distributed by a non-eligible company are not eligible. iii) In judging the album of the year the judges will be asked to consider the overall standard and the country appeal to both radio and the public. iv) Only one entry per artist per category. v) An independent artist signed to a major label prior to August 16th 2017 becomes ineligible. Entry eligibility determined by organisers and judges decisions are final. All product must be commercially released, burnt product is not eligible.

Post Entries To:
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The Southern Stars The Australian Independent Country Music Awards

Saturday October 7th 2017 at 5.30pm
 Tickets available from July 1 2017
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