

COMPETITION RULES - BRAND NEW STAR 2020 January 2021

The Organiser of Brand New Star is Coast Community Broadcasters Inc. t/as **todayscountry94one**.

All performers who enter and participate in the **todayscountry94one** Brand New Star (the Competition) acknowledge they are subject to the following rules and requirements.

Entry Criteria - Entry to the Competition is free.

Entry is open to single performers and duos aged **16 years and older as at 10 January 2021**.

Volunteers and employees of Coast Community Broadcasters Inc. are ineligible to participate as entrants.

Entry by Application - All entrants must complete an entry form and provide all requested supporting documents and mp3 / videos attachments.

Entries must be received by 5pm on **Thursday 24 December 2020**.

An Entry Acknowledgement Receipt will be sent to the email address provided on the entry form.

To ensure that entries and attachments can be opened:

Documents will only be accepted in PDF format

Music will only be accepted in mp3 format

Videos will only be accepted in AVI, WMV or MP4 formats.

The number of contestants is limited to 20 - If more than 20 entries are received, applicants will be selected based on their application and supporting material. All applicants will be advised of the success or not of their application and which heat they have been allocated by **Thursday 31 December 2020**.

Venues for Heats and Grand Final

The Competition is held on Sunday afternoons, commencing at 2pm.

Heat 1 - Sunday 10 January - Club Wyong, 15 Margaret St, Wyong

Heat 2 - Sunday 17 January - Everglades Country Club, Dunban Road, Woy Woy

Grand Final - Sunday 24 January - Halekulani Bowling Club, Budgewoi

All Heats and Grand Final take place on licensed premises.

Great prizes for the top three Finalists chosen by the Judges

Other prizes;

: A one song recording with renowned producer Simon Johnson at Hillbilly Hutt Studio

: Singer/Songwriter Mentoring Session with Gina Jeffreys

: Mentoring with Stuart Coupe, Music Journalist, Band Manager, Music Label Founder

: 3 x 4 pieces existing Music Charts by John Coker from Readymade Music

Performance Rules - At the Heats and Grand Final, all entrants are required to sing **two songs**, one of which can be an original or co-written song. The other song **must** be a Cover of a country song. Alternatively, entrants can sing two Cover songs.

Songs must be a maximum of **4 minutes** each.

Entrants must register with the Stage Manager at least 1 hour before the nominated start time.



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Information & Additional Obligations for Grand Finalists - Grand Finalists may vary their performance or use the same songs as were used in their Heat performance. Grand Finalists will be performing with a Band but may elect to perform one of their songs solo or with their accompanist.

Grand Finalists will be required to provide music charts and an mp3 / video (a smart phone recording will suffice) of themselves performing the songs of their choice for their Grand Final performance for the backing Band to review. If assistance is required the contact details for the Music Director can be provided. Grand Finalists must arrive to go over their charts with the Music Director between 12 noon and 1:00 pm. Further details on this will be supplied to all Grand Finalists. The failure to supply charts may result in disqualification and replacement with another entrant in the Grand Final.

Adjudication - At the Heats there will be a minimum of three(3) adjudicators. At the Grand Final, there will be a minimum of four(4) adjudicators. The adjudicator/s' decision in accordance is final. Any adjudicator who is related to, or has taught or coached privately or has a perceived conflict of interest with any entrant will not adjudicate on the performance of that entrant. Communication with an adjudicator in relation to an entrant's performance prior to or during the Competition is strictly prohibited. If it is established that an entrant or person associated with an entrant has made personal contact with the adjudicator before or during a session to influence an adjudicator that entrant may be disqualified.

Entrants may seek feedback from the head adjudicator or individual adjudicators at the conclusion of each Heat or the Grand Final.

Tickets - There is no cost for the public or family and friends of the Entrant to attend the Heats. There is an admission charge for the public and family and friends to attend the Grand Final at Halekulani Bowling Club, Budgewoi. Each Grand Finalist will be admitted free and given two complimentary tickets for family or friends.

Right to Broadcast, Publish and/or Photograph - **todayscountry94one** reserves the right to record, film, broadcast, video or photograph any Entrant in the competition without notification and any such photograph, recording or broadcast may be used at their discretion for publicity or promotional purposes. No remuneration or compensation is payable to any entrant so featured.

todayscountry94one may promote or publicise the profile of the winner and other entrants in competition results, including photos via electronic and printed media at its discretion. The winner may be required to provide at their own cost a suitable photo for media publicity or website use.

Personal details provided by an Entrant on the entry form are for **todayscountry94one** use only and are not released to third parties except at **todayscountry94one** discretion after consultation with the entrant.

General Matters - Entrants perform at their own risk. No liability will be accepted for any injury sustained.

A high standard of decorum is expected from all participants and patrons. Actions to the contrary may result in disqualification. Any person or group found responsible for defacing or damaging a venue or equipment will be disqualified and **todayscountry94one**, the venue, or other persons may take steps to recover any costs incurred. **todayscountry94one** will not be liable for personal items lost or stolen.

If an Entrant requests a variation to the rules for whatever reason, this request will, if practical, be considered by the Competition manager, head judge and stage manager as soon as practical after the request.

No expenses or reimbursement for travel, meal and/or accommodation costs for Entrants to attend the Heats or Grand Finals are paid by **todayscountry94one**, sponsors or prize givers.

Failure to comply with any of the foregoing rules and conditions may cause withholding of prizes, disqualification, and/or a future bar. The decision of **todayscountry94one** in all questions or disputes arising out of or not provided for by these rules and regulations will be final. All entries are received in accordance to these conditions and in the



spirit of friendly competition upon which the Competition is based, and no dispute shall become the subject of any appeal at law.