

What now for Allison?

IN REVIEW

By Rebecca Belt

ALLISON Forbes has put her heart on her sleeve with her debut EP *What'll Happen To Me Now?*

I think I can answer that question – people will want to hear more from this talented singer-songwriter and this won't be her last top-notch recording.

The EP, produced by Golden Guitar winner

Shane Nicholson, showcases Allison's raw singer-songwriter style to perfection.

All six tracks were penned by the country artist from Kootingal and Allison and Shane played all the instruments on the offering, except for a couple of appearances from Luke Moller on fiddle and mandolin.

As well as having a top producer in the hot seat, Allison has engineer extraordinaire Jeff McCormack.

Stand-out tracks for

me are *Devil May Care* and *Lie Lie Butterfly*.

There is something on *What'll Happen To Me Now?* for everyone who's a fan of songwriters who have something to say and artists who have the integrity to stay true to their music.

I'd recommend listening to the EP at a time when you can sit and listen to the lyrics.

Allison will launch *What'll Happen To Me Now?* with plenty of special guest mates at The Pub at 8 o'clock tonight.



LOCAL TALENT:
Singer-songwriter Allison Forbes.
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Music project in national win

A LOCAL program designed to encourage student involvement in music has achieved national success.

The New England Sings! project, developed in Armidale by the New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM), won the excellence in music education award at the 2013 ART Music Awards held in Sydney on Monday night.

The program, which involved some staggering logistics, was developed by NECOM program manager Corinne Arter and the Armidale Music Teachers' Association. More than 700 students from 21 local schools joined about 40 teachers and 74 young musicians to perform to more than 1600 audience members during two sellout performances.

"This is an amazing result for NECOM and I congratulate director Suzanne James and her hardworking team for achieving success on a national stage. NECOM truly is the jewel in the region's cultural crown. This award further cements its well-earned reputation," member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said.

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