

# THE ROCK ACROSS AUSTRALIA 2006 END OF YEAR OVERVIEW

## QUICK FACTS – WEEKLY TOP 30

*The Rock Across Australia* (TRAA) chart is Australia's national Christian airplay chart.

Each week, it aggregates high and medium rotation airplay reports from 25 AC and CHR radio stations.

In 2006, a total of 135 songs from 84 artists secured positions in TRAA's weekly Top 30.

Of these artists, almost a third (26) made their first appearance in the chart in 2006.

Each of the songs gaining a position in the weekly chart was issued either on CD as a radio single or part of a distributor's radio servicing compilation. Or via a digital distribution service.

Interestingly, one song - tobyMac's *Made To Love* – was only released digitally. It came in @ #71/100.

This report looks at the Top 100 songs of 2006, and Top 50 artists.

## QUICK FACTS – 2006 END OF YEAR REPORTS

Nathan Tasker's *Like You Love Me* was the most played song on Australian Christian radio during 2006. It secured number one for a total of eight weeks.

Nathan held the top position on the chart longer than any other artist with two songs - *Like You Love Me* and *Narrow*. These shared the top spot for 11 weeks.

Both songs landed in the top 15 of the annual chart.

No other artist achieved this level of support throughout the year.

But ZOEgirl achieved two songs in the Top 25; while Delirious?, MercyMe and newsboys each gained two songs in the Top 30.

The song that held the number one position for the longest period was MercyMe's *So Long Self*. It stayed in the top spot for 10 consecutive weeks.

The song that stayed in the weekly survey for the longest period of 2006 was Avalon's *Love Won't Leave You*. It remained in the chart for half the year.

Superchick's *We Live* was the only song to hold a position in the top half of the annual reports for both 2005 and 2006.

The artist who released the most songs attaining a position in the Top 100 was Rebecca St. James. These were lifted from her CD *If I Had One Chance To Tell You Something*.

The most successful new artists were Ana Laura, Ayiesha Woods, and Brian Littrell who achieved a position in the Top 10 songs of the year with their debut hits. Ana Laura also gained a position in the Top 10 artist listing.

The composition of the Top 100 remains similar to 2005 with the same number of groups finding success, more females and fewer males.

Australians and New Zealanders held the same number of places as the previous year.

## 2006 TOP 100 SONGS

### TOP 10

Nathan Tasker's *Like You Love Me* was the most played song on Christian radio in Australia during 2006.

*Like You Love Me* debuted in the Top 30 on 19 December 2005, settling in for 24 weeks (22 in 2006) with eight weeks at number one.

The song was Tasker's fifth TRAA hit. His previous successes were *Your Love Changes Me* (HP #7), *Underneath* (#4), *Waiting* (#3), and *Floating* (#1).

In the second half of 2006, Tasker scored his sixth TRAA hit and his third #1 with *Narrow*, a remake of a song first released on his 2004 CD *A Look Inside*.

Nathan Tasker was the only Australasian artist to score a Top 10 song in the annual chart.

TOP 10 SONGS	Position	Song Title, Artist ALBUM   Label   Distributor
	1	<b>Like You Love Me</b> , Nathan Tasker MUST BE MORE   Cross-Word   Cross-Word
	2	<b>So Long Self</b> , MercyMe COMING UP TO BREATHE   INO   Integrity
	3	<b>Water</b> , Ana Laura ANA LAURA   Reunion   Integrity
	4	<b>Welcome Home (You)</b> , Brian Littrell WELCOME HOME   Reunion   Integrity
	5	<b>Nothing Left To Lose</b> , Mat Kearney NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE   Inpop   Crossroad
	6	<b>Happy</b> , Ayiesha Woods INTRODUCING AYIESHA WOODS   Gotee   Crossroad
	7	<b>What If</b> , Nichole Nordeman BRAVE   Sparrow   Crossroad
	8	<b>Free</b> , Shawn McDonald RIPEN   Sparrow   Crossroad
	9	<b>Love Won't Leave You</b> , Avalon STAND   Sparrow   Crossroad
10	<b>You Are The Sun</b> , Sara Groves ADD TO THE BEAUTY   INO   Integrity	

**2006 NUMBER ONE SONGS**

FIFTEEN SONGS made it to #1 on TRAA's weekly airplay reports during the year. This is four more than 2004 and 2005.

MercyMe's *So Long Self* spent 10 consecutive weeks at number one.

With *Like You Love Me* and *Narrow*, Nathan Tasker spent more time than any other artist at the top with a total of 11 weeks.

Nathan Tasker and Superchick were the only artists to score two number one songs in 2006.

Ana Laura, Joy Williams and Mat Kearney scored their first number ones during 2006.

Ana Laura went to #1 with her debut release.

[Shawn McDonald was the previous artist to go #1 with his debut radio song *Gravity* in January 2005.]

	#1	Wks @ #1	TOP 100	Song Title, Artist ALBUM   Label   Distributor
	<b>NUMBER ONES</b>	2 Jan	2	47
16 Jan		1	18	<b>We</b> , Joy Williams <b>GENESIS</b>   Reunion   Integrity
23 Jan		4	33	<b>Remembering You</b> , Steven Curtis Chapman <b>THE LION, THE WITCH &amp; THE WARDROBE</b>   Sparrow   Crossroad
20 Feb		7	1	<b>Like You Love Me</b> , Nathan Tasker <b>MUST BE MORE</b>   Cross-Word   Cross-Word
10 Apr		1	10	<b>You Are The Sun</b> , Sara Groves <b>ADD TO THE BEAUTY</b>   INO   Integrity
17 Apr		1	1	<b>Like You Love Me</b> , Nathan Tasker <b>MUST BE MORE</b>   Cross-Word   Cross-Word
24 Apr		3	8	<b>Free</b> , Shawn McDonald <b>RIPEN</b>   Sparrow   Crossroad
15 May		1	3	<b>Water</b> , Ana Laura <b>ANA LAURA</b>   Reunion   Integrity
22 May		3	11	<b>You Are Loved</b> , Rebecca St. James <b>IF I HAD ONE CHANCE TO TELL...</b>   Forefront   Crossroad
12 Jun		10	2	<b>So Long Self</b> , MercyMe <b>COMING UP TO BREATHE</b>   INO   Integrity
21 Aug		3	15	<b>Narrow (2006)</b> , Nathan Tasker <b>MUST BE MORE</b>   Cross-Word   Cross-Word
11 Sep		4	5	<b>Nothing Left To Lose</b> , Mat Kearney <b>NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE</b>   Inpop   Crossroad
9 Oct		4	13	<b>Dead Man (Carry Me)</b> , Jars Of Clay <b>GOOD MONSTERS</b>   Essential   Integrity
6 Nov		1	14	<b>Stand In The Rain</b> , Superchick <b>BEAUTY FROM PAIN 1.1</b>   Inpop   Crossroad
13 Nov		2	13	<b>Dead Man (Carry Me)</b> , Jars Of Clay <b>GOOD MONSTERS</b>   Essential   Integrity
27 Nov	1	14	<b>Stand In The Rain</b> , Superchick <b>BEAUTY FROM PAIN 1.1</b>   Inpop   Crossroad	
4 Dec	2	27	<b>Wherever We Go</b> , newsboys <b>GO</b>   Inpop   Crossroad	
18 Dec	2	46	<b>The Beauty Of Grace</b> , Krystal Meyers <b>DYING FOR A HEART</b>   Essential   Integrity	

## 2006 STAYERS

ONE SONG secured a place in the Top 30 for six months in 2006.

Avalon's *Love Won't Leave You* snuck into the survey in late December 2005 remaining in the survey for 27 weeks – 26 of them in 2006.

But the combined number of appearances for Nichole Nordeman's *What If* was 31 weeks across late 2005 and most of the first half of 2006.

Each of the Stayers peaked in the Top 10, but only two made it to number one.

STAYERS	First week	Last week	Highest Position	Wks in Top 30	Song Title, Artist
	26 Dec 05	26 Jun	3	26*	<b>Love Won't Leave You</b> , Avalon <b>STAND</b>   Sparrow   Crossroad
14 Nov 05	19 Jun	3	25*	<b>What If</b> , Nichole Nordeman <b>BRAVE</b>   Sparrow   Crossroad	
27 Mar	18 Sep	10	25	<b>Praise You In This Storm</b> , Casting Crowns <b>LIFESONG</b>   Reunion   Integrity	
8 May	23 Oct	2	24	<b>Welcome Home (You)</b> , Brian Littrell <b>WELCOME HOME</b>   Reunion   Integrity	
17 Jul	^	1	24	<b>Nothing Left To Lose</b> , Mat Kearney <b>NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE</b>   Inpop   Crossroad	
20 Mar	28 Aug	1	24	<b>Water</b> , Ana Laura <b>ANA LAURA</b>   Reunion   Integrity	
3 Jul	11 Dec	3	24	<b>Happy</b> , Ayiesha Woods <b>INTRODUCING AYIESHA WOODS</b>   Gotee   Crossroad	

\* In 2006; ^ still charting

## CARRY OVER CHAMPIONS

A TOTAL OF 15 songs scored positions in both the 2006 and 2005 Top 100 song lists.

Superchick's *We Live* was the only song to secure positions in the top half of each year's chart.

CARRY OVER CHAMPIONS	Top 100	Top 100	Song Title, Artist
	2006	2005	ALBUM   Label   Distributor
	7	88	<b>What If</b> , Nichole Nordeman <b>BRAVE</b>   Sparrow   Crossroad
	16	71	<b>Scream</b> , ZOEgirl <b>ROOM TO BREATHE</b>   Sparrow   Crossroad
	18	95	<b>We</b> , Joy Williams <b>GENESIS</b>   Reunion   Integrity
	33	65	<b>Remembering You</b> , Steven Curtis Chapman <b>THE LION, THE WITCH &amp; THE WARDROBE</b>   Sparrow   Crossroad
	36	58	<b>Alive</b> , Rebecca St. James <b>IF I HAD ONE CHANCE TO TELL...</b>   Forefront   Crossroad
	42	62	<b>If I Carry On This Way</b> , The Lads <b>THE LADS</b>   Independent   Independent
	47	39	<b>We Live</b> , Superchick <b>BEAUTY FROM PAIN 1.1</b>   Inpop   Crossroad
	54	70	<b>Love Is For Always</b> , Kara Williamson <b>UNDISGUISED</b>   INO   Integrity
	67	37	<b>Lifesong</b> , Casting Crowns <b>LIFESONG</b>   Reunion   Integrity
	73	85	<b>Always (Forever)</b> , Paul Colman <b>LET IT GO</b>   Inpop   Crossroad
	74	74	<b>The Way I Was Made</b> , Chris Tomlin <b>ARRIVING</b>   Sixsteps Records   Crossroad
	80	49	<b>In The Blink Of An Eye</b> , MercyMe <b>UNDONE</b>   INO   Integrity
	86	79	<b>Borrow Mine</b> , Bebo Norman <b>TRY</b>   Essential   Integrity
	89	76	<b>Carry Me Away</b> , juliagrace <b>JULIAGRACE</b>   Parachute Music   Integrity
	92	23	<b>Cry Out To Jesus</b> , Third Day <b>WHEREVER YOU ARE</b>   Essential   Integrity

# ARTISTS

## TOP 10

LIKE TRAA's Top 100 Songs report, the Top 50 Artist Chart draws from TRAA's weekly Top 30.

Throughout the year, 84 acts scored a position in the weekly report.

Of these, 71 acts secured songs in the Top 100 Song chart.

Nearly 30% (that's 20 of the 71) were newcomers.

Of these, Ana Laura, Ayiesha Woods, Brian Littrell, Mark Harris, Monday Morning, Leigh Nash, Hawk Nelson, Lincoln Brewster, NEEDTOBREATHE, and Phil Wickham made the biggest impact.

Interestingly, Nathan Tasker, ZOEgirl, and Superchick are the only acts to hold a position in the Top 10 Artists charts of 2006 and 2005.

And ZOEgirl is the only act to gain a position in the Top 10 Artists charts of the past THREE years.

2005's most played artist, Bethany Dillon made no appearance in TRAA's Top 100 in 2006. Her song *All That I Can Do* came in at #115.

Ana Laura is the only newcomer to gain a position in both the 2006 Top 10 artist and Top 10 song listings.

TOP 10 ARTISTS	2006	2006	2004	Artist
	1	5	17	Nathan Tasker
	2	16	2	MercyMe
	3	44	55	Rebecca St. James
	4	-	-	Ana Laura
	5	2	39	newsboys
	6	10	3	ZOEgirl
	7	32	46	Shawn McDonald
	8	13	45	Nichole Nordeman
	9	38	4	Delirious?
10	4	78	Superchick	

### ARTISTS WITH THE MOST SONGS IN THE TOP 100

THE ARTIST with the most songs in the Top 100 was Rebecca St. James with four songs.

This is the most number of airplay songs that Rebecca has achieved in TRAA's annual reports since its inception in 1999.

MercyMe and Casting Crowns each had three.

MOST SONGS	Artist	Top 100 2006	Song Title
	<b>Rebecca St. James</b> (4)	11	You Are Loved
		36	Alive
		81	God Help Me
		96	Take All Of Me
	<b>MercyMe</b> (3)	5	So Long Self
		29	Coming Up To Breathe
		80	In The Blink Of An Eye
	<b>Casting Crowns</b> (3)	25	Praise You In This Storm
		67	Lifesong
83		Does Anybody Hear Her	

### ARTISTS WITH THE MOST SONGS IN THE TOP 100 FROM THE SAME ALBUM

THE ARTIST with the most songs from the same album in the Top 100 was Rebecca St. James.

She had four songs from *If I Had One Chance To Tell You Something*.

This is the most number of airplay songs in any one year that Rebecca – or any other artist - has achieved in TRAA's annual reports since its inception in 1999.

Casting Crowns generated three songs from *Lifesong*.

ALBUMS		Top 100 2005	Song Title
	<b>IF I HAD ONE CHANCE...</b> Rebecca St. James	11	You Are Loved
		36	Alive
		81	God Help Me
		96	Take All Of Me
	<b>LIFESONG</b> Casting Crowns	25	Praise You In This Storm
		67	Lifesong
		83	Does Anybody Hear Her

**RETIRING AND PAUSING ARTISTS**

WHILE MANY NEW ARTISTS entered the survey for the first time in 2006, several artists who had chart success in 2005 did not resurface.

Some simply did not release new music, others have moved into another phase of their career, while others did not receive sufficient high rotation airplay.

These were:

Adrian Rowse, Alabaster Box, Building 429, Christian City Church Oxford Falls, Christian City Youth, Detour 180, Jaci Velasquez, Josh Bates, Katie Vanderzaag, Michelle Tumes, Monk & Neagle, Out Of Eden, Overflow, Paul Wright, Point Of Grace, Rachael Lampa, Revive, Sarah Brendel, Seventh Day Slumber, Taylor Sorenson, Skillet, and The Swift.

Several of these, including Michelle Tumes and Revive, have new releases scheduled for 2007.

**TRENDS FOR MALES, FEMALES AND GROUPS**

The balance between male and female artists was equal in almost all sections of the Top 100 throughout 2006.

The number of group positions remained the same in 2006 as the previous year.

The number of songs by male solo artists that achieved a position in the Top 100 fell by 4%, while the number of songs by females rose the same amount.

TRENDS	Top 10		Top 50		Top 100	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
	Male	4	3	14	18	31
Female	4	4	14	11	29	25
Groups	2	3	22	21	40	40

**AUSTRALASIAN MUSIC**

EIGHTEEN Australasian acts scored positions in TRAA's Top 100 songs of 2006.

These acts accounted for 30% of the Top 100 comprising 25% Australian and 5% NZ. This was the same as 2005.

Brooke Fraser, juliagrace, Nathan Tasker, newsboys, Paul Colman, Rebecca St. James, Reuben Morgan, Roma Waterman, Simeon, and Tania G successfully scored two or more songs in the Top 100.

2006 also introduced radio audiences to Katy Ray (formerly Kate Spence), Michelle Gibson, Mark Cullen, Leigh Cunningham, and Lucas Parry.

MOST AU-NZ SONGS IN TOP 100	Artist	Top 100 2006	Song Title
		11	You Are Loved
	<b>Rebecca St. James</b> (4)	36	Alive
		81	God Help Me
		96	Take All Of Me
	<b>Nathan Tasker</b> (2)	1	Like You Love Me
		15	Narrow (2006)
	<b>newsboys</b> (2)	12	I Am Free
		27	Wherever We Go
	<b>Simeon</b> (2)	22	Home
	100	I Hear Your Voice	
<b>Paul Colman</b> (2)	31	Holding On To You	
	73	Always (Forever)	
<b>Brooke Fraser</b> (2)	35	Saving The World	
	87	Arithmetic	
<b>juliagrace</b> (2)	38	Tin Cars	
	89	Carry Me Away	
<b>Reuben Morgan</b> (2)	42	The Fear	
	91	All For You	
<b>Roma Waterman</b> (2)	52	Wings Of Love	
	93	Sing Like An Angel	
<b>Tania G</b> (2)	63	Lay It All Down	
	94	I Still Believe	

Several other Australasian acts enjoyed chart success in 2006 outside the Top 100.

These were Tarun Stevenson (for a second year), Matt Lucas, and Daniel Kay whose song *Between Here And There* was released in December.

Keep an eye out for them as they develop their skill and abilities over the next few years.