

## » Leanne Hawkins

### BAND STORY

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Singer/songwriter and Second Generation Forgotten Australian, **Leanne Hawkins** has recorded and recently released an EP of her family's experiences at Ironfest called *In Memory of Forgotten Australians*.

Leanne's original song Momma was selected in the final 20 at Tamworth's Capital Country Music Songwriting Competition 2009.

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### Forgotten Australians

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Leanne (nee Pannowitz also known as Lane) is second generation children's church home survivor along with her older brother Neville and younger sister Jennifer after being placed in care by her mother when she could no longer cope, has compiled this EP from some of her experiences from her past. The song's tell some of her story. Leanne went to 9 schools, finishing school in 2nd form(year 8)with moderated marks.

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### STATS

visits  
3,189  
streams  
437

plays  
437  
downloads  
0

### featured songs

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|---|---|------------------------|------|
| 1 |  | <b>Momma</b>           | Folk |
| 2 |  | <b>Born With Label</b> | Folk |

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Please read the apology from our Prime Minister, Mr. Kevin Rudd on November 16th 2009. Go to [www.clan.org.au](http://www.clan.org.au).

To our little sister Annissa born with fluid on the brain, who died at 3 years of age. Little angel you deserved so much more but received so little. In those days babies and children with special needs were automatically institutionalized. The Senate inquiry into the Forgotten Australians 2004 tells stories of these babies and children strapped to potties all day or babies like Annissa were just left lying in cot's. Annissa died after she had several experimental operations to relieve the fluid from her brain, which an infection had set in and killed her.

### Tracks:

1. Momma
2. Born with a Label
3. Woman that I am

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