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Sth Australian Country Music "Hall of Fame"

The 2006 Victorian Entertainer of the year has now been honored with an induction into the South Australian Country Music "Hall of Fame".

One of Australia's most popular Entertainers, "Rodney Vincent" proudly accepted the award at the "Rocky Page" Country Music Museum at Barmera on the long weekend in June 2011.

Rodney along with many other special guests was invited to perform at the 33rd South Australian Country Music Festival in the beautiful Riverland Region, an area of Australia that he has visited many times .

This is another great Honor for Rodney to add to the many others that he has received and they all give him a great deal of pride and satisfaction that he is being rewarded for working in an industry that he has been so proud to be associated with over the years.

His inscription reads Rodney Vincent "Entertainer", as that is what he is all about .

A variety of country, comedy , story telling to rock and roll plus a lot of fun .

Music has been his passion from when he first picked up a guitar and that first strum, he was hooked , that is what he wanted to do .

It has been a journey of many tours , places , weeks and months spent away from family and friends , too many kilometers to count , highs and lows , and a lot of hard work but totally rewarding . He has performed alongside of and toured with some of the best entertainers from overseas and Australia , the likes of Col Elliott , Lucky Grills , Geraldine Doyle , Gloria Loring , Freddie and the Dreamers , The Delltones, The Four Kinsmen , Rolf Harris and Elvis to the Max .

Without a doubt a career highlight has got to be Five Australian tours with the late great American rock and roll Legend "Gene Pitney".

It was a standard condition of the negotiations with Gene's Australian Promoter, that Rodney must be secured to travel and perform on the Australian Tour with no exception. Gene was not comfortable with anyone else as his Special Guest Artist on those tours.

Gene and Rodney, became close friends and they wrote and recorded two songs together, the first one of which was launched on the "John Laws" morning radio show, another supporter of great Australian Artists.

Awards are not high on Rodney's agenda as he always says "you are only as good as your last performance" but he does admit to being an "applause junkie" . There is nothing like the high you get when you do a great show and hear that applause, it's a good feeling to make people happy .

His greatest satisfaction is when people come up after the show with a smile on their face and say what a great time they have had, for him that is what it is all about!

His love of performing has taken him from the old time dance band days , to live television programs , "In Melbourne Tonight" , music hall , cabaret , festivals , and major venues in Australia , QPAC – Brisbane, Burswood Resort Casino Perth, Wrest Point Casino , Hobart , Twin Towns on the Gold Coast and The Palms at Crown, Melbourne .

The day was made even more special when he was inducted alongside a good mate Wayne Horsburgh , one of Australia's great country music performers . Rodney grew up in Wangaratta and Wodonga while Wayne was just down the road at Benalla .

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