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The Black Eyed Peas, Susan Boyle & P!nk top 2009's key ARIA charts

ARIA unveils 2009's Top 100 Singles and Albums, Top 50 Music DVDs Guy Sebastian and Hilltop Hoods ranked highest charting Australian artists

"I Gotta Feeling", the quadruple platinum smash from The Black Eyed Peas, has topped the **ARIA 2009 Top 100 Singles Chart*** with three singles from the band's smash hit album "The E.N.D." making the top 10. "I Gotta Feeling" spent seven weeks at number one, an incredible 20 weeks in the top 10 and 29 weeks in the top 50. "Boom Boom Pow", the first single released from "The E.N.D.", was also certified four times platinum and charted at number four, and "Meet Me Halfway" finished the year at #8 with a platinum certification. "The E.N.D." was ranked at three on the **ARIA 2009 Top 100 Album Chart*** and also reached four times platinum. On hearing the news, Fergie said, "My first performance as a Black Eyed Pea was in Australia. Our fans have always been so loyal there and we're grateful to have them embrace I Gotta Feeling in such a big way! To also score a 4x platinum album on The E.N.D. is the best Christmas gift we could have asked for. Our tour down under was a lot of fun and hopefully we can come back soon!"

In a truly exceptional result, Susan Boyle has landed top spot on the **ARIA 2009 Top 100 Album Chart** with her debut album, "I Dreamed A Dream". Released on 20th November, the album remains at number one, accumulating a mammoth eight times platinum sales in the process and creating ARIA chart history by delivering two consecutive weeks with sales of over 100,000 units. The album has also overtaken Guy Sebastian's 2003 record for most number of albums sold in one week**, selling through more than double platinum in the chart of 28th December. "When I entered the Britain's Got Talent competition in Scotland earlier this year I could never in my wildest of dreams imagined having the biggest selling album of the year on the other side of the World by Christmas!" said Susan Boyle. "It's been a truly unforgettable year for me and I'd just like to say a very sincere thank you to everyone in Australia that's shown me the most incredible support, it means such a lot to me, you've no idea. I'm really hoping I might visit Australia in 2010 to thank everyone in person. In the meantime, Happy New Year and thank you, thank you, again!"

Susan Boyle's success has relegated P!nk to #2 on the end of year album chart for the fourth consecutive year, however the much-loved US singer has delivered the number one charting title on the **ARIA 2009 Top 50 Music DVD Chart***. "Funhouse Tour: Live In Australia" from P!nk has landed at #1, more than doubling the sales of the #2 title, "1's" from Michael Jackson, with a further two of her music DVD titles making the top 10. Upon learning the result, P!nk responded with her trademark enthusiasm, saying, "Wow what an incredible year! Thanks to my Aussie fans for making it so awesome! I had a blast down there and can't wait to get back to share more good times with you all".

With Susan Boyle at one, P!nk's "Funhouse" at two and The Black Eyed Peas at three, positions four and five on the **ARIA 2009 Top 100 Album Chart** were taken out by Taylor Swift with her four times platinum release "Fearless" and Lily Allen with the triple platinum "It's Not Me, It's You" respectively. Hilltop Hoods delivered the highest selling Australian album of the year with "State Of The Art" coming in at #12 with a platinum certification. MC Suffa said of the result, "It's really surprising for us, nothing we ever expected. I don't think it's just good for us though, I think it's good for the Hip Hop scene in Australia". Three of the top 20 sellers came from local artists, with Empire Of The Sun charting at #18 with "Walking On A Dream" and Jessica Mauboy at #20 with "Been Waiting" and 26 Australian releases in the top 100. Michael Jackson finished the year with five titles in the top 100, followed by P!nk with four and Kings Of Leon with three, including last year's chart topper, the five times platinum "Only By The Night".

In summary, the top 5 on the **ARIA 2009 Top 100 Album Chart** sees Susan Boyle at 1, P!nk at 2, The Black Eyed Peas at 3, Taylor Swift at 4, with Lily Allen rounding out the five.

David Guetta featuring Akon and "Sexy Bitch" slides into #2 spot on the **ARIA 2009 Top 100 Singles Chart** behind The Black Eyed Peas, chalking up triple platinum sales through the year and spending seven weeks at number one and sixteen weeks in the top 10. Leading the Australian contingent is Guy Sebastian at #7 with his double platinum smash "Like It Like That". On hearing the news, Guy Sebastian said, "That's great news! I'm so thrilled that people got into the song so much, it means a lot to me. Thanks to everyone that bought the single and to Denis Handlin and the team at Sony Music, who worked so hard to achieve a great result". Eighteen Australian artists featured in the top 100, with Kate Miller-Heidke at 10 with "The Last Day On Earth" and Jessica Mauboy leading the way with three singles featured, including "Burn", "Up/Down" and "Been Waiting". Beyonce and Britney Spears also delivered three singles each, P!nk chalked up five and Lady Gaga smashed the opposition with an amazing six titles in the top 100, including "Poker Face" at #11.

In summary, the top 5 on the **ARIA 2009 Top 100 Singles Chart** sees The Black Eyed Peas at 1, David Guetta featuring Akon at 2, Taylor Swift at 3, The Black Eyed Peas at 4 and Flo Rida featuring Ke\$ha at 5.

P!nk and Michael Jackson occupy the top four positions on the **ARIA 2009 Top 50 Music DVD Chart**, with Michael Jackson contributing six titles to the top 50. Andre Rieu continues to make his presence felt, finishing the year with six of his music DVDs on the chart, whilst P!nk and Il Divo deliver three each.

*The ARIA 2009 End Of Year Charts have been compiled using sales data accumulated from each chart between 5/1/09 to 28/12/09

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