On Wednesday 10th July the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) will celebrate thirty years since it produced its very first ARIA Chart.

On that day in 1983, Bonnie Tyler topped the Singles Chart with “Total Eclipse of the Heart”, while Michael Jackson’s landmark release “Thriller” took out the number one spot on the Albums Chart.

Since that day and that Chart thirty years ago, the Australian music-loving public has been tuning into the ARIA Charts week in and week out to find out how their favourite artist is “charting” and to see what music fans across the country are listening to.

They’ve seen Australian artists dethrone international superstars at the number one spot, unknowns emerge from obscurity to reach the pinnacle of the Charts, and have seen records set that may never be broken.

A look back at the ARIA Charts reminds music fans of important milestones in their life; whether it was finishing school, getting married or the birth of a child.

We hope this 30th anniversary celebration brings back some of those memories.

For those artists that reach the pointy end of the Charts, a number one record can be viewed as a measuring stick of success or a sense of reward and self-achievement after years of hard work and sacrifice. Artists will forever be able to preface their biography with ‘ARIA Chart-topper’ and tell their grandkids that they once had a #1 record.

The ARIA Charts have grown immeasurably since long-time ARIA Charts Manager Ian Wallace would call each record store on a Monday morning, to find out how many copies of John Farnham’s “Age of Reason” they had sold. Since the 10th July 1983, ARIA has calculated 440 #1 Singles and 527 #1 Albums, across vinyl, tapes, CDs, downloads and more recently through the introduction of an ARIA Streaming Chart. During this time artists from Cold Chisel to Adele, Dire Straits to Delta, Pink to Powderfinger and U2 right through to Gotye, have taken over the Charts and the imagination of Australian music fans in the process.

As ARIA embarks on the next thirty years, we invite you to take some time to reflect with us on a selection of the truly remarkable ARIA Chart records and hear from some of the legendary artists whose names are synonymous with ARIA Charts success.

To all the music fans out there, thank you for your continued support of the ARIA Charts and for buying and listening to great music, both new and old. It is your passion for music that makes the ARIA Charts possible each week.

Here’s to another 30 years!

The ARIA Charts Team
THE COUNTDOWN CHART

1st Official ARIA Chart – 10 JULY 1983

TOP FIFTY SINGLES

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### Most weeks at #1 – SINGLES CHART

**ALL ARTISTS**

- **MADONNA** - 38 weeks (10 singles)
- **KYLIE MINOGUE** - 30 weeks (10 singles)
- **BLACK EYED PEAS** - 30 weeks (8 singles)
- **RIHANNA** - 29 weeks (6 singles)
- **EMINEM** - 27 weeks (7 singles)

**Australian Artists**

- **KYLIE MINOGUE** - 30 weeks (10 singles)
- **GUY SEBASTIAN** - 15 weeks (6 singles)
- **DELTA GOODREM** - 12 weeks (8 singles)
- **SILVERCHAIR** - 12 weeks (3 singles)
- **JOHN FARNHAM** - 11 weeks (2 singles)

### Most #1 Singles

**ALL ARTISTS**

- **MADONNA** - 10
- **KYLIE MINOGUE** - 10
- **BLACK EYED PEAS** - 8
- **DELTA GOODREM** - 8
- **EMINEM** - 7
- **PINK** - 7

**Australian Artists**

- **KYLIE MINOGUE** - 10
- **DELTA GOODREM** - 8
- **GUY SEBASTIAN** - 6
- **SILVERCHAIR** - 3
- **SHANNON NOLL** - 3

### Most weeks at #1 – ALBUMS CHART

**ALL ARTISTS**

- **JOHN FARNHAM** - 47 weeks (8 albums)
- **DIRE STRAITS** - 35 weeks (2 albums)
- **ADELE** - 32 weeks (1 album)
- **JIMMY BARNES** - 31 weeks (9 albums)
- **DELTA GOODREM** - 31 weeks (3 albums)

**Australian Artists**

- **JOHN FARNHAM** - 47 weeks (8 albums)
- **JIMMY BARNES** - 31 weeks (9 albums)
- **DELTA GOODREM** - 31 weeks (3 albums)
- **SAVAGE GARDEN** - 25 weeks (2 albums)
- **THE 12th MAN** - 19 weeks (7 albums)

### Most #1 Albums

**ALL ARTISTS**

- **U2** - 11
- **MADONNA** - 10
- **JIMMY BARNES** - 9
- **BON JOVI** - 9
- **JOHN FARNHAM** - 8

**Australian Artists**

- **JIMMY BARNES** - 9
- **JOHN FARNHAM** - 8
- **THE 12th MAN** - 7
- **CROWDED HOUSE** - 5
- **SILVERCHAIR** - 5
- **POWDERFINGER** - 5
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ALL ARTISTS

Most weeks at #1 – SINGLES CHART

COOLIO: Gangsta’s Paradise - 13 weeks (1995/96)
EMINEM: Lose Yourself - 12 weeks (2002/03)
BRYAN ADAMS
Everything I Do (I Do It For You) - 11 weeks (1991)
SPICE GIRLS
WHITNEY HOUSTON
I Will Always Love You - 10 weeks (1992/93)
SANDI THOM
I Wish I Was a Punk Rocker (With Flowers in My Hair) - 10 weeks (2006)
LMFAO feat. LAUREN BENNET & GOONROCK
Party Rock Anthem - 10 weeks (2011)

Most weeks at #1 – ALBUMS CHART

DIRE STRAITS
Brothers In Arms - 34 weeks (1985/86)
ADELE
Truly Madly Deeply - 8 weeks (1985/86)
DELTA GOODREM
Innocent Eyes - 29 weeks (2003/04)
JOHN FARNHAM
You’re The Voice - 7 weeks (1986)
SHANIA TWAIN
Come On Over - 20 weeks (1999)

Most weeks at #1 – SINGLES CHART

AUSTEN TAYSHUS
Innocent Eyes - 29 weeks (2003/04)
SAVAGE GARDEN
Truly Madly Deeply - 8 weeks (1997)
GOTYE FEAT. KIMBRA
Somebody That I Used To Know - 8 weeks (2011)
JOHN FARNHAM
You’re The Voice - 7 weeks (1986)
PSEUDO ECHO
Funkytown - 7 weeks (1986/87)
KYLIE MINOGUE
Locomotion - 7 weeks (1987)

Most weeks at #1 – ALBUMS CHART

DELTA GOODREM
Innocent Eyes - 29 weeks (2003/04)
JOHN FARNHAM
Whispering Jack - 25 weeks (1986/87)
SAVAGE GARDEN
Savage Garden - 19 weeks (1997)
ICEHOUSE
Man Of Colours - 11 weeks (1987)
AUSTRALIAN CAST
Jesus Christ Superstar - 10 weeks (1992)
CROWDED HOUSE
Recurring Dream - 10 weeks (1996/97)

Youngest chart-toppers

SINGLES: GABRIELLA CILMI
- Sweet About Me (2008, 16 years, 6 months, 4 days)
ALBUMS: MILEY CYRUS
- Breakout (2008, 15 years, 9 months, 23 days)

Oldest chart-toppers

SINGLES: CHER
- Believe (1999, 52 years, 8 months)
ALBUMS: BOB DYLAN
- Modern Times (2009, 65 years, 3 months)

527 #1 Albums

214: USA
149: Australia
83: UK
24: Canada
20: Ireland
55: Others

440 #1 Singles

219: USA
92: Australia
57: UK
13: Canada
8: Ireland, Sweden
6: Germany, Barbados
4: Jamaica
27: Others
| Week Ending 21st October, 1994 |

**Top Fifty Singles**

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