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ARIA announces 2014 End Of Year Charts

Ed Sheeran's 'X' triumphs as highest selling album of 2014 and Pharrell Williams' infectious smash hit 'Happy' blitzes the singles field

Australian artists deliver exceptional results with 18 of the top 100 singles and 36 of the top 100 albums - 4 singles and 3 albums feature in top 10 lists

Ed Sheeran's latest album 'X' has emerged as 2014's most popular album, spawning three massive hit singles and selling more units than any other album release across 2014 to take the No.1 spot on the **2014 ARIA Top 100 Albums Chart**. Now approaching four times platinum, 'X' accrued six weeks at number one through the year, behind INXS and their release 'The Very Best' which held the top spot for 7 non-consecutive weeks. 'X' features the single 'Thinking Out Loud' which landed at No.7 on the 2014 ARIA Top 100 Singles Chart.

Feel good song of the year, **'Happy' from Pharrell Williams**, proved a global smash and Australian audiences embraced it keenly. Topping the **2014 ARIA Top 100 Singles Chart**, the song also spent 12 weeks at number one in 2014 and is currently more than nine times Platinum.

Three artists feature in the top 10 of both the Top 100 Singles and Albums Charts of 2014 –Ed Sheeran, Taylor Swift with 'Shake It Off' at No. 3 single and '1989' at No. 2 album, and Sam Smith with No. 8 single 'Stay With Me' and No. 6 album 'In The Lonely Hour'.

It was an exceptional year for Australian artists in the Top 100 End of Year Charts, with a major increase in Aussie artist representation on the chart from previous years. Australian artists contributed eighteen tracks to the ARIA Top 100 Singles Chart, five more than the previous year and seven more than in 2012. The highest position from an Australian act comes from Brisbane pop sensation Sheppard and their infectious hit 'Geronimo', which has landed at No. 4 overall with sales in excess of five times platinum.

Sheppard is closely followed at No. 5 by Sydney group Justice Crew, whose five times Platinum accredited smash 'Que Sera' spent nine straight weeks at the top, making it the longest-running number one single by an Australian artist since the ARIA charts began in 1983. Superstar artist/songwriter Sia follows at No. 6 with 'Chandelier' and Timmy Trumpet featuring Savage also makes the top 10 as 'Freaks' slides in at No. 9.

On the album front, 36 local releases have charted in the top 100, nine more than the previous two years. The best result has been delivered by superstar rock outfit INXS, proving their enduring popularity with 'The Very Best' at No. 4 overall and sales in excess of double platinum. Throughout 2014, the album chalked up seven weeks at No. 1, more than any other artist.



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Also making the top 10 were Hilltop Hoods with 'Walking Under Stars' at No. 9 and Human Nature at No. 10 with 'Jukebox'. Newcomers 5 Seconds Of Summer landed at No. 11 with their self-titled debut album and Chet Faker came in at No. 12 with 'Built On Glass', whilst chart stalwarts AC/DC with 'Rock Or Bust' and Jimmy Barnes with '30:30 Hindsight' arrived at No. 13 and No. 19 respectively.

ARIA Chief Executive Officer Dan Rosen said today, "2014 was an exciting year on the ARIA Charts, and proved to be a monumental year for our local artists with 16 Australian Singles and Albums soaring to the top of the charts. It is extremely pleasing to see 36 Aussie albums in top 100 this year. This is a great achievement for our local industry and shows how Australian music fans have embraced our local artists.

Congratulations to all of the artists that featured on the 2014 ARIA Charts, especially Pharrell Williams who topped the ARIA End of Year Singles Chart with 'Happy', Ed Sheeran who topped the ARIA End of Year Album Chart with 'X', Aussie artist Sheppard who had the most successful Australian single of the year with 'Geronimo' and INXS who had the highest selling Australian album of the year with 'The Very Best'.

After such a great year, I can't help but get excited about what 2015 has in store for us."

IN SUMMARY:

Top 10 Singles of 2014:

- 1. Pharrell Williams 'Happy'**
- 2. Meghan Trainor 'All About That Bass'**
- 3. Taylor Swift 'Shake It Off'**
- 4. Sheppard 'Geronimo' (Aust)**
- 5. Justice Crew 'Que Sera' (Aust)**
- 6. Sia 'Chandelier' (Aust)**
- 7. Ed Sheeran 'Thinking Out Loud'**
- 8. Sam Smith 'Stay With Me'**
- 9. Timmy Trumpet featuring Savage 'Freaks' (Aust)**
- 10. G.R.L. 'Ugly Heart'**



Notes: Ed Sheeran was the only artist to contribute four singles to the top 100, with 'Thinking Out Loud', 'Sing', 'Don't' and 'I See Fire' all charting. David Guetta and Calvin Harris both delivered three entries, whilst thirteen artists have appeared twice, including new Australian artists 5 Seconds of Summer, Iggy Azalea and Peking Duk.

Top 10 Albums of 2014:

- 1. Ed Sheeran 'X'**
- 2. Taylor Swift '1989'**
- 3. Soundtrack 'Frozen'**
- 4. INXS 'The Very Best' (Aust)**
- 5. Coldplay 'Ghost Stories'**
- 6. Sam Smith 'In The Lonely Hour'**
- 7. Katy Perry 'Prism'**
- 8. Michael Buble 'Christmas'**
- 9. Hilltop Hoods 'Walking Under Stars' (Aust)**
- 10. Human Nature 'Jukebox' (Aust)**

Notes: Katy Perry's 'Prism' features here at No. 7 and landed at No. 2 in 2013. Michael Buble's 'Christmas' has charted in the top 10 for 4 consecutive years – No. 2 in 2011, No. 4 in 2012, No. 7 in 2013 and No. 8 in 2014. Ed Sheeran features twice with 'X' at No. 1 and '+' at No. 38, whilst INXS, Katy Perry, Keith Urban, Michael Buble, Michael Jackson, Nickelback, One Direction and Taylor Swift also contribute two albums to the 2014 ARIA Albums Chart Top 100.

For the full 2014 ARIA End of Year Charts go to www.ariacharts.com.au

Refers to chart period from 13th January 2014 to 5th January 2015 inclusive

ABOUT THE ARIA CHART:

The national ARIA Chart is Australia's pre-eminent music chart representing a broad cross section of retail outlets. More than 1200 music retailers, including department stores, chain stores, independent retailers, streaming outlets, and digital providers contribute their data to ARIA to ensure that comprehensive charts are compiled across various genres and categories during any given week.