



ARIA announces 2016 End Of Year Charts

Adele's '25' is highest selling album of 2016

'Closer' from The Chainsmokers featuring Halsey is the year's biggest single

Australian artists deliver 15 of the top 100 singles and 31 of the top 100 albums

Adele has topped the **ARIA 2016 End Of Year Albums Chart**, taking the honours for the second year running with **'25'**, the album now more than eight times platinum. **'25'** was a firm fixture in the **ARIA Albums Chart** right across 2016, taking out No. 1 for 2 weeks, and has not dropped lower than 28 at any stage of its chart life, with a spectacular 45 weeks in the top 10! Adele also has three albums feature in the top 100, with **'21'** at No. 29 and **'19'** coming in at No. 93.

American duo **The Chainsmokers** enjoyed a massive hit in 2016 with their single **'Closer' featuring Halsey**, the track certified seven times platinum as the year's highest selling single. At 9 weeks, it was also the year's longest running Number One single. They've also landed a second track in the top 5, with **'Don't Let Me Down' featuring Daya** finishing the year at No. 5. They are the only act to contribute four singles to the Top 100, with **'Too Good'** at No. 34 and **'All We Know'** at No. 89.

Justin Bieber is the only artist to feature in the top 10 of both the singles and albums charts – his single **'Love Yourself'** securing No. 10 spot and the album **'Purpose'** winding up at No.9, after finishing at No. 4 the previous year. Michael Bublé's much-loved **'Christmas'** album has now spent 6 consecutive years in the Top 100 End Of Year Albums Chart – it was the No. 2 album of 2011, No. 4 in 2012, No. 7 of 2013, No. 8 in 2014, No. 7 in 2015 and jumping two places to finish at No. 5 in 2016. His new album **'Nobody But Me'** has also fared well, coming in at No. 28.

Australian artists are profiled strongly across the **ARIA End Of Year Singles and Albums Charts**, with 31 local album releases and 15 singles finishing in the Top 100.

The best-selling Australian album comes from superstar singer songwriter, Keith Urban. His album **'Ripcord'** finished the year at No. 2 overall, with sales in excess of Platinum and an unbroken run in the top 20. It has featured in the top 10 for 22 weeks and in the top 20 for 34 weeks and held down the top spot for 2 weeks on release. There are three Australian artists in the top 10, Urban joined by local legends John Farnham and Olivia Newton John with **'Friends For Christmas'** at No. 6, and Jessica Mauboy with **'The Secret Daughter (Songs From The TV Series)'** at No. 7.



Finishing in the top 20 are Hilltop Hoods at No. 13 with 'Drinking From The Sun, Walking Under Stars Restrung', Flume's 'Skin' at No. 16 and Sia with 'This is Acting' at No. 18.

On the singles front, 2016's ARIA Album Of The Year winner Flume has delivered two singles in the top 20 - the single 'Never Be Like You' featuring Kai coming in at No. 4 and 'Say It' featuring Tove Lo finishing the year at No. 20. Overall there are 4 Australian artists in the top 20, with Sia's 'Cheap Thrills' at No. 8 and Hilltop Hoods featuring Montaigne and Tom Thumb at No. 18 with '1955'.

ARIA Chief Executive Officer Dan Rosen said today, "2016 was an exciting year on the ARIA Charts, and proved to be an outstanding year for our local artists with 22 Australian Singles and Albums soaring to the top of the charts - seven up from 2015. It is extremely pleasing to see 31 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 2016 ARIA Charts, in particular The Chainsmokers who topped the ARIA End of Year Singles Chart with 'Closer' featuring Halsey and Adele who topped the ARIA End of Year Albums Chart for a second year running with '25'.

After such a great year, I look forward to what lies ahead on the ARIA Charts in 2017."

IN SUMMARY:

Top 10 Singles of 2016:

- 1. The Chainsmokers featuring Halsey 'Closer'**
- 2. Drake featuring Wizkid & Kyla 'One Dance'**
- 3. Lukas Graham '7 Years'**
- 4. Flume featuring Kai 'Never Be Like You'**
- 5. The Chainsmokers featuring Daya 'Don't Let Me Down'**
- 6. Calvin Harris featuring Rihanna 'This Is What You Came For'**
- 7. Justin Timberlake 'Can't Stop The Feeling'**
- 8. Sia 'Cheap Thrills'**
- 9. Twenty One Pilots 'Stressed Out'**
- 10. Justin Bieber 'Love Yourself'**



Notes:

Whilst The Chainsmokers top the list with 4 singles in the top 100, contributing 3 singles each are Ariana Grande, Justin Bieber, Little Mix, Twenty One Pilots, Shawn Mendes and Zara Larsson.

Top 10 Albums of 2016:

1. Adele '25'
2. Keith Urban 'Ripcord'
3. Beyonce 'Lemonade'
4. Soundtrack 'Molly (Soundtrack From The TV Series)'
5. Michael Bublé 'Christmas'
6. John Farnham & Olivia Newton John 'Friends For Christmas'
7. Jessica Mauboy 'Secret Daughter (Songs From The TV Series)'
8. David Bowie 'Blackstar'
9. Justin Bieber 'Purpose'
10. Soundtrack 'Suicide Squad: The Album'

Notes: Contributing three albums to the top 100, on par with Adele, is the legendary David Bowie. 'Blackstar' is No. 8, 'Nothing Has Changed (The Best Of David Bowie)' lands at No. 15 and 'Best Of Bowie' at No. 96. Each of the following artists enjoys two albums in the Top 100 – Fleetwood Mac, Little Mix, Hillsong, Red Hot Chili Peppers, The Weeknd, Meghan Trainor, Michael Bublé, Triple J Like a Version (11 and 12), and Elvis Presley with The Royal Harmonic Orchestra.

For the full 2016 ARIA End of Year Charts go to www.ariacharts.com.au

Refers to chart period from 11th January 2016 to 2nd January 2017 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. For all the ARIA Charts go to www.ariacharts.com.au at 5pm each Saturday.

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