

# PEEL VALLEY LIONS CLUB COUNTRY MUSIC COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

*By LION Terry Hill - Tamworth, NSW January 2014*



*Pictured are Mary Donnelly (National Manager) & Nermeen Yacoub - Events & Community Fundraising at CMRI in Sydney receiving the cheque for \$500.*

In 1994 the **LIONS Club of Tamworth Peel Valley Inc.** instigated an award to honour people involved in Country Music who have used their musical talents to give community service in a voluntary capacity.

In 2014 **Mark Tempany and Alison Hams** from Whyalla, South Australia were selected to receive the **21st Australian Country Music Community Service Award** at the **Tamworth Country Music Festival**.

The Award will be presented by Peel Valley Lions Club president Mike Ham live on air on **Tamworth Toyota Festival FM** on Tuesday 21st January at 11.30am.

**Mark and Alison**, both accomplished artists in their own right, have given many years of service in co-ordinating and performing at Whyalla's **Carols In The Park**.

The pair raises money and donates performances for local events such as the **Whyalla Tappers, Relay For Life**, and aged care facilities as well as national charities **J.D.R.F** and the **Children's Medical Research Institute**.

They also mentor and encourage many young artists to embrace their musical talents through their successful **Stormfront Music Tutoring** service in Whyalla, and through workshops and talent quests at festivals all over Australia.

Mark and Alison will receive a distinctive trophy created by Tamworth renowned ceramic artist Fred Hillier and a cheque for **\$500** which they will donate to the **Children's Medical Research Institute**.