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### 'Australiana Americana' songwriter celebrates life in the lucky country

Alternate country artists like Ben Mitchell, who blend country, folk and blues elements are often labelled 'Americana' acts. Mitchell's new album, 'Free Country' may herald a new genre again: 'Australiana Americana'!

Since his 2006 debut album, *The Stars Can See* Mitchell's diversity has been heralded as his strength: *"Mitchell has a strong voice that adapts well to a number of styles, but it's his song-writing skills that put him in a league above," AMERICANA UK.*

Albums like *Chance To Love* (2015), *Summer Lover* (2016) and *Slow Is The New Fast* (2019) carved out a steadily wider niche with support from community radio especially; Mitchell gaining a Number 1 on the AMRAP regional charts in 2016.

Having been described as "A thoughtful songwriter with a gift for simple melodies and powerful emotion." *TIME OUT (UK)* and a purveyor of "Soulful country folk." *POST TO WIRE*, Mitchell continues to focus on songwriting with 'Free Country'.

Produced at his home in the Northern Rivers of NSW, 'Free Country' features classic country songs, bush ballads about working on the land and a dash of bluegrass too—with Tamworth Country Music Festival Golden Guitar multi-award winner, Hamish Davidson (of The Davidson Brothers) appearing on a number of tracks.

Crying pedal steel guitar on 'Australia' forges a nostalgic through-line, reverberating across the album which includes banjo, electric blues guitar, slide acoustic, mandolin and toe-tapping country fiddle.

Lyrical, '**Free Country**' distills the elements of a vast nation of wide open spaces, natural extremes, and the juxtaposition of living in an at once ancient and young land.

'**Free Country**' is independently released on 29th September 2022.

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