

# Tamara O'Callaghan

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While her contemporaries tap their toes to chart-topping pop, Tamara only has ears for one genre. "Jazz is something really individual, you don't need to please anyone other than yourself. It's about being in the moment and being creative," the singer explains.

As well as studying a Bachelor of Music, majoring in jazz vocal, at the Queensland Conservatorium, Tamara also teaches singing at All Hallows' School and performs in a vocal group.

Her passion for singing started at a young age. "My mum enrolled me in singing when I was little and I grew to love it. When I heard jazz for the first time, it drew me in. It was like hearing my own music."

Tamara performs a mix of covers and her own original tunes. "In writing you feed off each other's ideas. It's all about experimenting. You can say the same way 100 times and every time it will sound different because of improvising. The melody and sound also change with your feelings and emotions."

Citing New York singer Jane Monheit as her biggest inspiration, Tamara is determined to devote her life to music. "I want to keep learning. For me, music is a process and getting more experience is my main goal. I love Brisbane, but I also want to travel and check out other jazz scenes around the world."

SHARNEE RAWSON

TAMARA O'CALLAGHAN TRIO Green Jam  
Singles: Apr 15, 5pm, OPAC, South Bank  
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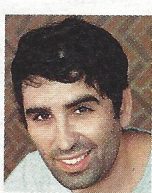
## Streetbeat: Who is your favourite footballer?



Brett Morris from the Dragons; my nine-year-old son idolises him.  
**TODD JOHNSON**  
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John Eales really took the Wallabies to the world stage. He's a great leader and very humble.  
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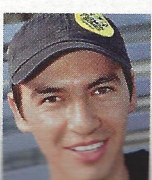
I've followed soccer since I was a kid. I love Italian Alessandro Del Piero from Juventus Football Club.  
**BRYN GRIFFITH**  
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Darren Lockyer from the Broncos; I follow all of the codes, but he seems like a stand-out fellow.  
**JOHN DALEY**  
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Melbourne Storm member Billy Slater. He's a good player and seems like a genuinely nice guy.  
**PAIGE JOHNSON**  
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