

# MULE SKINNER NEWS!

## Manic Hearse FRENZY!

**AMERICAN CAR DISPLAY, GEMBROOKE, 17TH FEBRUARY:** The Hearse was frenziedly finished by Johnny with Chris Walker helping into the wee hours the night before the show. The show was fantastic with the biggest display of classic Yankee Iron yet! The Hearse attracted a lot of attention – unwashed for six months and some trim yet to be fitted – it looked more at home in “Mad Max” than at a car show! Matt Black (*Fez Perez, Strikes, Fireballs*) cruised up in his nice '58 Chev and we had some wild machines belonging to friends parked around the stage. It was a brilliant gig – thank you to Dennis Jones for organising the day and thank you to Chris Walker for helping with the final Hearse Reconstruction. Next we hit the road to . . .

**HEALESVILLE HOTEL – LATER THAT DAY:** It was Ian “*The Manic Mechanic's*” birthday frenzy! We blasted out several rockin' sets in the great beer garden to the enthusiastic crowd! We played many of Ian's favourites including “*Burning Desire*”, “*Viva Las Vegas*” and “*I Drove All Day*”. It was a wild day with Johnny even playing a solo set in the bar later on! Happy Birthday Ian!! Frenzaroony!!

**GREYHOUND HOTEL, ST KILDA, FRIDAY 22ND:** The crowd were having a ball as we ripped out some crazy tunes. We had another special birthday – the lovely Natalie – Happy Birthday!! It was a damn fine gig!! Yahoo!

**DE LA VILLE HOTEL, GEELONG, 23RD FEBRUARY:** Yet another fun gig at this jumpin' joint. “*Devil Ridin' Shotgun*” and “*Powder and Pearls*” had the punters grooving! Yippee!

**GLENGARRY HOTEL, 24TH FEBRUARY:** We were special guests at the monthly



*Gippsland Rythm and Blues Club jam! We opened the day with two fun sets. Kirk jammed on guitar and drums with some great local muso's whilst Guy sampled some nice cold beer! Johnny rushed off to buy another car – madness! An excellent afternoon!*

**CRICKETERS ARMS HOTEL, 1ST MARCH:** The place was rockin' with some crazy cats! It was great to be back at one of our favourite pubs for some wild times! Johnny played some guitar on, in, around the bar and even on Punt Road! Gynchy stuff!

**FLINDERS HOTEL, 2ND MARCH:** The tequila was flowing and there were many Flinders maniacs ripping it up! The dancing was creative indeed and “*Transvestite Trucker*” went over a treat! Yahoosey babe!

**CRICKETERS ARMS, 8TH MARCH:** It was the beginning of Kirk's birthday week so madness ruled supreme! The crowd were rather intimate – front row around the bar was rockin' and the tequila was tasty indeed! Guy was dancing with “*The Black Widow*” (Guy's wild double bass), Kirk was drumming madly whilst Johnny climbed over tables etc. and danced on Punt Road ripping out a guitar solo – what a night!!

**KIRK'S BIRTHDAY MADNESS – MICAWBER TAVERN JAM NIGHT, 11TH MARCH:** Wild Turkey opened the night with a manic set to celebrate Kirk's hatching! The jam was great fun with Billy Kavanagh ripping out some great songs backed by Johnny and Kirk. The amazing gift to Kirk of a huge “*Ace Freely Doll*” by friends, all contributing, was great! We played a wild crazed set to finish the night with “*Mule Skinner Blues*”! It was an awesome evening! Thank you Micawber and everyone who came! Happy birthday Kirk!

**GOLDEN VINE HOTEL, BENDIGO, 15TH MARCH:** We had a ball blasting out tunes to the enthusiastic crowd! “*Pipeline*”, and “*Love Me*” rocked! A great gigaroony!

**SUPERBIKES, COWES MAIN ST, 22ND MARCH:** We ripped out two wild sets to the crowd, starting their huge weekend! The Hearse created a stir in the crowd and so did we! Guy slapped a wild bass solo, Kirk ripped out a great drum solo and Johnny climbed the  
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### The Gigs!

- **ESPLANADE HOTEL, ST KILDA, PUBLIC BAR (downstairs) FRIDAY, 29th MARCH, 9.30pm – 1am!**
- **MICAWBER TAVERN, BELGRAVE, FRIDAY, 5th APRIL, 9pm!**
- **FLINDERS HOTEL, FLINDERS, SATURDAY 6th, APRIL, 9.30pm!**
- **GUY'S BIRTHDAY, 21st APRIL**
- **GREYHOUND HOTEL, ST KILDA, FRIDAY, 26th APRIL, 9pm!**
- **DE LA VILLE HOTEL, GEELONG, SATURDAY, 27th APRIL, 10pm!**
- **LATROBE RHYTHM & BLUES FESTIVAL, Mid City Tavern, Moe, SUNDAY, 28th APRIL, 4pm!**
- **ESPLANADE HOTEL, ST KILDA, PUBLIC BAR (downstairs), Saturday, 4th MAY, 9.30pm!**

#### Other gigs

**Johnny and Kirk, Panel Van Nationals, Wodonga Showgrounds, Saturday, 30th March.**

**Johnny and Kirk, Highway 31 Bar and Restaurant, Thursday's 8pm! Brunswick!**

**Turkey Hogbelly, featuring Johnny M and Des, Micawber Tavern, Sunday, 14th April, 3pm!**

*Coot approved?  
You bet.  
And diggin' it!*



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speaker stacks at the end of the show! Afterwards we sampled some of Haggis's Wild Redback Chillli sauce – Areeba! Then we quickly raided the pub with Geoff M for a quick ale before the joint shut – it was a great night!

**DE LA VILLE HOTEL, 23RD MARCH:** The gig started quietly but punters quickly filled the place and some madness and mayhem fuelled by rock 'n roll was rife! We had a wild night!

**SUPERBIKES – TRACKSIDE, PHILLIP ISLAND, 24TH MARCH:** We were the last band on for the weekend and the crazed crew were having fun. Before we started there was some wild burn-out action and bikes dragging people around on garbage bin lids! We played two excellent sets and the bikers were digging it! We had a great night and closed with an encore – Kirk singing "The ButtXXXX" which sent the crowd into a frenzy! Thank you our roadies Rocky and Leigh for your help! Yahooo!

**"SURFIN' HEARSE" INTERNATIONAL RADIO AIRPLAY!** The disc is getting great reviews – The "Howdylicious" show in California had it in the top 10 new release two weeks running – some of the other groups included *Reverend Horton Heat* and *The Necromantics!* Other radio shows in France, Belgium, Slovenia, Germany and Finland have also been playing with great enthusiasm! Yippee!

**INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTION FOR "SURFIN' HEARSE"!** Nervous Records – an English Rockabilly/Psychobilly label is distributing "Surfin' Hearse" for us internationally! Nervous also distributes "Love That Kills"!

**WEBSITE ROCK N ROLL!** We are getting a huge amount of hits on our website from all over the world! If you are yet to see it do so!!!

**TOUR RUMOURS!** We are planning to head down to Tasmania later this year and new contacts in Adelaide and N.S.W. are making tours likely soon!



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