



MULE SKINNER

NEWS!

Mad dogs, automobiles & frenzies!

In **June** we had some great shows such as **The Old Homestead Inn** on the 18th, which was a fun night – then we rocked on down to the **De La Ville Hotel** in Geelong on the 19th, which was a Tequila-swilling frenzy. On the 26th June we cruised in to the **Cape Paterson Surf Club** for Lyns Birthday, which was a fantastic gig with many fans from our early days dancing up a storm in this top venue - wild night indeed! Happy birthday!

In **July** we hit **The Old Homestead Inn** again on the 3rd, which was a good night and on the 9th we took the road trip up to Bendigo to the **Golden Vine Hotel** which was a great night – we even had the famous Aussie actor Bill Hunter sitting in the front row having a wild time. It was damn good to be back at this top pub again and seeing many good friends of ours who may kidnap

us and take us to secret locations soon!! (Cheers JD!) Yahoo!

On the 16th we were back at the **Old Homestead Inn** to celebrate Jason's (one of the owners) birthday, which was a rockin' night! Yippee.

We returned to the famous **St Andrews Hotel** on the 23rd and had a fat time indeed! As usual their dance floor was packed and we even had a cowgirl dancing on the tables - wowiee!!

On the 30th we rolled into the **Grand Hotel** in Healesville, which is a fantastic pub to have a top night in and this one was no exception with the bar packed out and dancers shaking their moneymakers baby!!

The next night we screamed down to the **De La Ville** in Geelong again and had another awesome evening with Andy (the publican) bending the Rhythm section's

brains as usual with some strong drinks!!

In **August** we started with a good gig at the **Old Homestead Inn** which was jumpin' and we returned the following week for another show that was a bit quiet, but fun none the less!

The next day we loaded up the convoy and headed off to Bairnsdale to the great **Club Hotel**. It was a huge night of madness indeed, with a packed bar full of folks partying hard and ripping up the dance floor with some crazy moves! Afterwards we had a FEW nightcaps (yeah right) which included John the publican giving Kirk and Guy a wicked concoction called an "Afterburner" (featuring some of Haggis's evil Redback Chilli) which left Guy thinking he was going to need an ambulance and Kirk screaming to and in the toilet, but they survived with only minor scars!!! *Arreeba!*

GIGS! GIGS! & more GIGS!

OLD HOMESTEAD INN, FRIDAY 17th SEPT, 9.30PM!

GOLDEN VINE HOTEL BENDIGO, SAT 18th SEPT, 9.30PM!

GRAND HOTEL HEALESVILLE, FRI 8th OCT, 9.30pm!

DE LA VILLE HOTEL GEELONG, SAT 9th OCT, 10pm!

OLD HOMESTEAD INN NTH FITZROY, FRI 15th OCT, 9.30PM!

MOTORCYCLE GRAND PRIX, TRACKSIDE PHILLIP ISLAND, SAT 16th OCT, 7pm!

TASSIE TOUR -

REPUBLIC BAR HOBART, WED 20th OCT, 9PM!

NEW SYDNEY HOTEL HOBART, THUR 21st OCT (JAM SESSION) 9PM!

NEW SYDNEY HOTEL HOBART, FRI 22nd OCT, 9PM!

ROYAL OAK HOTEL LAUNGESTON, SAT 23rd OCT, 9PM!

FARMERS ARMS TAVERN YOLLA, SUN 24th OCT, 3PM SHARP!

HELLOWEEN FANCY DRESS MICAWBER TAVERN, MON 25th OCT, 9PM! Prizes for best costumes and huge drink promotion on the night plus special guests and the Jam Night!!

JOHN'S ROD AND KUSTOM PICNIC, PAKENHAM RACECOURSE, SUN 31st OCT, time to be announced! Top rockabilly acts all day and wild cars indeed!!!

GRAND HOTEL HEALESVILLE, FRI 12th NOV, 9.30pm!

OLD HOMESTEAD INN, FRI 19th NOVEMBER!

DE LA VILLE HOTEL GEELONG, SAT 20th NOV!

ST ANDREWS HOTEL, FRI 26th NOV, 9.30PM!

OTHER GIGS (there's more!)

SPECIAL 8TH BIRTHDAY OF MICAWBER MONDAY JAMS MON 20TH SEPT!!!

JAM NIGHTS HOSTED BY JOHNNY AND KIRK, EVERY MONDAY MICAWBER TAVERN BELGRAVE, 9PM!

JAM NIGHTS, SOUTHERN STAR SALOON BRAYBROOKE, THURSDAYS FROM SEPT 23rd, 9PM!

JOHNNY AND KIRK, MOUNT DANDENONG HOTEL OLINDA, SECOND SUNDAY EVERY MONTH, 3PM!

JOHNNY M SOLO @ HIGHWAY 31 BAR AND RESTAURANT, SYDNEY RD BRUNSWICK, SATURDAYS (WHEN W.T. ARE NOT GIGGIN!) 7PM!

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The next show was the huge **Wild Turkey 16th Birthday Party at Micawber Tavern** on the 20th of August which was a huge festive frenzy!! Johnny, Kirk and Guy kicked off the night ripping out some old and new originals to the near capacity crowd, before we got our first special guests - **Matt Walker** and **Matt Ralph** up to do two classics - "Pipeline" and "Parchment Farm" which were great! **Phil Smith** then took the bass position while Matt Walker sang "Nadine" and a hot blues tune. We finished the set with Phil singing an awesome version of "Lucille"!

The second set saw us play some tracks from the forthcoming CD, then we had **Matt Black** (from the Fireballs, The Strikes and Fez Perez) join us on vocals and guitar for "Sweet Love/Honey Hush", "Rumble" and "The Stomp", with some wild guitar harmonies! The set closed with **David Briggs** joining us for "Baby Please Don't Go", which included a medley of tunes and David was tearing it up on his Telecaster!

The final set kicked off with us playing more new tracks and we had **Don Farrel** join us on "Transvestite Trucker", with his wild country guitar playing - then (wait

there's more!) for the Grand Finale, both Matt Walker and David Briggs got up for "Muleskinner Blues" and "Some of Your Love" and many wild guitar licks were traded! It was a fantastic night and we were very proud to see our loyal followers going crazy!!! Thank you to the Micawber Tavern for their support - it was great to have Johnno get up and say some kind words about us and Krissie made us the crazy Tequila laden cake!! YahOOO!! Thank you to all of our wonderful friends who made guest appearances that evening. Thank You to all of our Roadcrew who work hard behind the scenes making it happen and cleaning up after Kirk!! Lets Keep On Rockin'!!

The next night we put our hangovers behind us and went down to the annual **Winter Blues in Trafalgar**, which was also Andy and David's birthday party and what a great night that was! In the rustic hall we all had a wild time indeed and had some fine acoustic music jammed out by some of the top local muso's in our breaks. The party continued back at a secret place nearby and was very very entertaining! Thank you for having us and we certainly

want to come back next year!!

On the 27th we hit the **Grand Hotel** in Healesville again and what a bizarre night this was! Kirk managed to run over a dog temporarily wrecking his car (the dog is fine now and very big!!) so we had to limp home and load everything into Rocky's ute then rush to the pub! Whilst all this was going on Johnny had also broken down in the hearse and had to limp home to make quick repairs before heading off, so by the time we started it was more than an hour late! The pub was packed and luckily most of the crowd stayed, so we then played a two hour plus set to make up with no breaks between songs and it rocked!! Yippee!!

CD even closer . . .

We had a special guest trumpet player - **Gil Askey**, in the studio for a track and he has some great stories of being on the road with Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis etc. on the Alan Freed tours in the 50's! We are now mixing the album and are about to do the photo shoot for it so it's very near!!!

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