

MULE SKINNER NEWS!

Wanted Men On Special Bus!

MICAWBER TAVERN, 7TH DECEMBER:

The joint was packed to the roof with Tequila slamming maniacs! The dance floor was jumpin' and we ripped it up! "Powder and Pearls" was a crowd favourite! A top gig. Yahoo!

IRON HORSEMEN M.C. CHRISTMAS PARTY, 8TH DECEMBER: Wild gig indeed! We blasted out some racy music for the maniacally partying crowd. We did a crazed encore set into the early morning – it was a wild rockin' night indeed!

BRIDGE MALL INN, BALLARAT, 21ST DECEMBER:

It was our first show at this venue for a while and it was a ripper! We played a mammoth set which the punters loved. Ballarat rocks!

CHRISTMAS EVE, MAIN ST, BELGRAVE:

We made an impromptu appearance and disrupted traffic – we stunned many car loads of folk with Johnny running out into the traffic playing guitar and Kirk drumming on bumper bars. Guy and his "Black Widow" double bass turned many heads! It was a great fun day! Ho ho ha!

BARRELS BY CANDLELIGHT, MICAWBER TAVERN JAM NIGHT, CHRISTMAS EVE:

We played a wild opening set before the jam session and closed the night with an even wilder one – it was a crazy night. We passed around "santa's hat" and raised \$300 for the Red Cross Christmas Appeal! Afterwards we had a late night BBQ in the forest! Yippee!

FLINDERS HOTEL, 29TH DECEMBER:

The pub was rockin' with tequila shots galore! The local dancing maniacs were insane!



Photos by Brutus



had a special guest roadie, Chris W, who survived the insane night! It was a top gig.

Thank you Darren for the "Special Bus" loan!

ESPLANADE HOTEL, 10TH JANUARY:

Wilder than ever! It was a frenzied set with wild punk rockers stage diving and the crowd were jumpin'. As the dancers spilled on to the stage Johnny went on an adventure playing guitar behind the bar and was administered a tequila shot by

the lovely bar lass. A wild show!

DE LA VILLE HOTEL, GEELONG, 18TH JANUARY:

The crowd boogied frantically and we tore out some fast tunes. Johnny balanced precariously on Guy's bass on the dance floor amongst the mad dancers. Yippee!!

FLINDERS HOTEL, 19TH JANUARY: A great gig – we had a hens night rock in and they were nuts! The intrepid crew from Korumburra rocked up and partied hard! "Burning Desire" had slinky moves happening on the dance floor! It was a crazed night!

BRUTHEN INN, 26TH JANUARY: It was Bruna's birthday party (the pubican) and everyone celebrated it wildly! It was a warm summer night gig in the gorgeous beer garden. We enjoyed several night caps outside to cool off. A fantastic night – happy birthday Bruna!

"Transvestite Trucker" went over swell! A great night!

ESPLANADE HOTEL, ST KILDA, THURSDAY 3RD JANUARY:

An awesome time was had by all. We had a Japanese 60's punk band supporting us and they were great! "Devil Ridin' Shotgun" was frantic! What a gig!!

GOLDEN VINE HOTEL, BENDIGO, 5TH JANUARY:

We borrowed the "F-Trucks R Us" bus (the world's greatest F100 wreckers) – a huge 1970's ex St Johns ambulance built on a F350 truck. It was a mobile party vehicle from the word go! Fill up on gas and drive off without paying was Johnny's opening move so we were wanted men! (As any honest nut would, we settled the bill the next day!). We

The Gigs!

- American Car Display, Gembrooke Primary School, Gembrooke, Sunday 17th February 11am!
- Healesville Hotel, Healesville, Sunday 17th February 5pm!
- Johnny and Kirk @ Highway 31 Bar and Restaurant, Brunswick, Thursday 21st and 28th February 8pm!
- Greyhound Hotel, St Kilda, Friday 22nd February 9pm!
- De La Ville Hotel, Geelong, Saturday 23rd February 10pm!
- Glengarry Hotel, Glengarry (Gippsland), Sunday 24th February 2pm! We are guests at the Gippsland R & B Club jam!
- Cricketers Arms Hotel, Richmond, Friday 1st March 9.30pm!
- Flinders Hotel, Saturday 2nd March 9.30pm!
- Cricketers Arms Hotel, Richmond, Friday 8th March
- Golden Vine Hotel, Bendigo, Friday 15th March 9pm!
- De La Ville Hotel, Geelong, 3rd March 10pm!
- John and Kirk are performing at The Van Nationals, Wodonga, 29th and 30th March
- Micawber Tavern, Belgrave, Friday 5th April 9pm!
- Flinders Hotel, Saturday 6th April 9.30pm!

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Eileen Hilda Syrett

(nee Morris)

July 21st 1929 – January 29th 2002

My loving mother passed away peacefully after a long illness that would have broken most people.



The Syrett family has always been inspired by her and lucky for us that we had an angel for a wife and mother.

Mum had the good foresight to see that dad's reclining rocker was not going to last as a drum kit. The purchase of my first drums (complete with a cymbal that turned inside out when played) occurred 26 years ago. I've been involved in some sort of music performance ever since.

I miss her, but to find her again I only have to feel my heart.

May she have that rest that she so deserves.

Kirk,
on behalf of the Syrett clan.



"Coot Reviews!"

by Johnny

PASSPORT TO AUSTRALIA – ROYAL CROWN REVIEW CAT NO. RCRCD06

Recorded live at the Hi Fi Bar in Melbourne 2000 – I was at the gig and it was fantastic! The recording captures the gig well – some wild swing with a touch of rockabilly spicing it up!

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