



The Little River Band — Beeb Birtles, Graham Goble, Derek Pellicci, George McArdle, Glenn Shorrock and David Briggs.

LRB STORY

The moral of Little River Band's story is simple: even in these enlightened times, success is seldom unearned. Take Glenn Shorrock, for instance — back in 1965 he was lead singer of the Australian band, the Twilights, and later he was with Axiom when they went to England. They disbanded and he stayed in England; spending two years in a band called Esperanto and barely making a living from session work. Shorrock met Graham Goble, Beeb Birtles and Derek Pellicci in London in 1974.

Goble, Birtles and Pellicci had all been in an Australian band, Mississippi, whose first single ("Kings of the World") was a top ten national hit even before they had made any live appearances. That was in 1972: an album followed and it was named "Album of the Year", there were two more hit singles. In April 1974 Mississippi went to England and eventually disbanded. Charlie Tumahai had been playing bass — he went to play alongside Bill Nelson in Be-Bop Deluxe. Goble,

Birtles, and Pellicci returned to Australia with Shorrock — as the Little River Band.

In Australia the Little River Band picked up a guitar player (Rick Formosa) and a bass player (Roger McLachlan), signed to EMI and was working on an album within two months.

Little River Band sold 60,000 copies in Australia and went platinum. A second album, *After Hours*, sold 40,000.

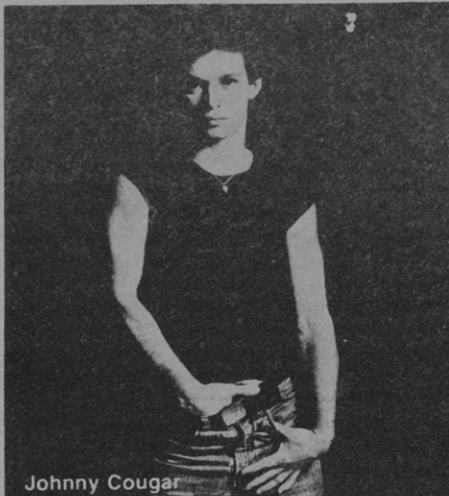
In April 1976 Little River Band began its first tour of Europe, Canada and the U.S. Formosa and McLachlan soon left; David Briggs and George McArdle took their places.

"It's A Long Way There" was edited down from 8½ minutes on album to make a 2½ minute single; it made the US top 30. The band's first two albums were combined into one album for American release and it sold an estimated 300,000 copies. A third album, *Diamantina Cocktail*, produced a single that made America's top 15. The album sold over 160,000 copies in Australia, went gold in the States and platinum in Canada.

Little River Band's fourth album, *Sleeper Catcher*, has just been released and the band will be performing in Auckland on September 4.

TOURS

1978 has turned into a bonza year for those of us who like to view the overseas stars in action, and you'll be pleased to hear the remainder of the year is shaping up just as nicely. As you'll have read elsewhere **Graham Parker and the Rumour**, the **Little River Band** and **War** are already definite and the list of acts rumoured for later in September is



Johnny Cougar



According to dispatches, War is imminent. The seven-man American group, whose initial fame was as support for singer Eric Burdon but later achieved No. 1 hits on its own, is to tour New Zealand early next month.

Four of the group began playing together

growing rapidly. **Roberta Flack**, **Muddy Waters** and **Johnny Winter**, **Mink de Ville** and the **Patti Smith Group** are being talked about. And there's even talk of **Bob Seger** heading out of Michigan to check out Australasia in October. And for dessert what could be sweeter than **Olivia Newton-John** and **Peter Frampton** concerts in November? That's not forgetting the possible visits by **David Bowie** and **Bob Marley**.

And when Rod Stewart's manager visits Auckland on August 14 and 15 to discuss the possibility of Rod doing a summer gig down this way he will be accompanied by Riva Records recording artist **Johnny Cougar** and promoting Cougar's debut album, *A Biography*.

TOUR DATES

Little River Band September 4, Auckland Town Hall.

Graham Parker and The Rumour September 3, Dunedin — Regent Theatre, September 4, Christchurch Town Hall, September 6, Wellington Town Hall. September 8, Auckland Town Hall.

War September 3, Wellington Town Hall. September 5, Christchurch Town Hall. September 7, Auckland Town Hall.

Irish Rovers August 4-31, national tour.

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Blonde on Blonde

Includes Rainy Day Women, I Want You, Just Like a Woman, Sad Eyed Lady of the Lowlands.



The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan

Includes Blowin' in the Wind, A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall, Corrina, Corrina, Masters of War.



Desire

Includes Hurricane, Mozambique, Black Diamond Bay, Romance in Durango.



Blood On The Tracks

Includes Tangled Up In Blue, Shelter From the Storm, Simple Twist of Fate, You're a Big Girl Now



The Basement Tapes

Includes This Wheel's On Fire, Goin' to Acapulco, Million Dollar Bash, Long Distance Operator.



Bob Dylan's Greatest Hits Vol III

Includes Positively 4th Street, She Belongs To Me, My Back Pages, Man of Constant Sorrow.



Bob Dylan's Greatest Hits Vol II

Includes Don't Think Twice It's All Right, All Along the Watchtower, The Mighty Quinn, All I Really Want To Do

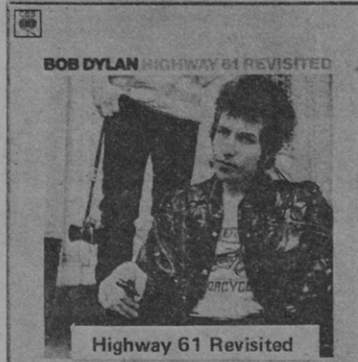


Includes Knocking On Heaven's Door, Cantina Theme, Turkey-Chase.



Bob Dylan's Greatest Hits

Includes Blowin' In the Wind, Mr Tambourine Man, Like a Rolling Stone.



Highway 61 Revisited

Includes Like a Rolling Stone, It Takes a Lot to Laugh, It Takes a Train to Cry, Desolation Row.



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