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The Knack

The tour surprise for August is the visit by the hot new Los Angeles band, **The Knack**. In the States their first album, *Get The Knack* is the fastest selling debut album, by a group, since *Meet The Beatles*.

In the December '78 *Rip It Up*, Graham Brazier and Harry Lyon described The Knack (Hello Sailor often played support act for them) as the hottest unsigned L.A. band. After Bruce Springsteen jammed with The Knack at the Troubador and *Rolling Stone* described them as "L.A.'s hottest rookies", in February Capitol as "L.A.'s hottest rookies", in February Capitol records signed the band.

Get The Knack was recorded and mixed with

Mike Chapman (producer of Blondie's *Parallel Lines*) in eleven days. The album is reviewed on page 10 of this issue.

The Knack will perform in Auckland, August 13 and 15 at Mainstreet Cabaret and in the Wellington Town Hall on August 14. After their brief sneaky-preview of Australasia, the band returns to the USA to commence a major sum-

XTC are in the middle of a five week tour of Australia's finest drinking spots, but are unlikely to interrupt their tour to perform in New

Midnight Oil is the first of several top Aussie bands who will tour NZ, performing in the major pubs. Dragon, The Angels and Cold Chisel are

also likely to tour.

Midnight Oil is a Sydney based band and regarded as one of Aussie's most impressive live rock acts. Their debut album *Midnight Oil* has been released in NZ on Powderworks records (distributed by RCA). Vocalist, Peter Garrett's shaven head and threatening physique suggest that the band might rage a little on stage, even "ripping it up" (that's what their

romo sheet promises).

Dates for Midnight Oil are: August 16-18 — Gluepot, Auckland. August 20 — Mainstreet (with Shotgun and Sheerlux), Auckland. August 21 — Sandown, Gisborne. August 22-25,

Hillcrest, Hamilton. August 27 — Cabana, Napier. August 29 — Angus Inn, Hastings. August 30 — Westown Motor Inn New Plymouth. August 31-Sept 1 — Awapuni Hotel, Palmerston North. Sept 2 — Rock Theatre, Wellington. Sept 4-5 — Shoreline Dunedin. Sept 6-8 — Alberts Nightclub, Queenstown. Sept 11-15 — Hillsborough Tavern, Christeburch

Christchurch. Out on the road playing the big venues in August and September are New Zealand's own Citizen Band. Their tour is to promote their second album Just Passing Through Town, and includes several Town Hall concerts.

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The dates for Citizen Band are: August 23-25

— Albert's Nightclub, Queenstown. August 26

— Dunedin Regent Theatre. August 30 —
Theatre Royal Christchurch. August 31 — Sept
1 — Grove Tavern, Blenheim. Sept 2 — Wellington Town Hall. Sept 3 — Palmerston North
Opera House. Sept 4 — Westown, New
Plymouth. Sept 6 — Taupo College. Sept 7 —
Wanganui Opera House. Sept 8 — Napier
Municipal Theatre. Sept 10-12 — Sandown
Park, Gisborne. Sept 13 — Tainui Tavern,
Whakatane. Sept 14 — Rotorua Soundshell.
Sept 15 — The Corner, Hamilton.



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