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AUSTRALIA

Ronnie has left the **Marching Girls**. Des and John (who have written all but two of the band's songs) intend to find a vocalist and a bassist to replace him. They did their last gigs just as Au-Go-Go Records released "True Love"/"First In Line". The label is confident that it will sell over 1000 **Marching Girls** singles. In NZ the single will appear in pic sleeve on Propeller Records about mid-August. Ron's starting a PIL-ish band.

Toy Love have completed their debut album, with Todd Hunter producing, at the EMI 301 Studio, Sydney. The four songs available in NZ now are not on the album. Track listing is "I Don't Mind", "Swimming Pool", "Death Rehearsal", "Bride of Frankenstein", "Toy Love Song", "Photographs of Naked Ladies" and "Bedroom". All that is on Side One. On two is "The Crunch", "Ain't It Nice", "Cold Meat", "Don't Catch Fire", "Pull Down The Shades" and "Frogs". Likely album title is **Toy Love**. Expect 'em in NZ for four weeks from August 5.

The three piece **Citizen Band** is playing Sydney with eight new songs, a few covers and old CB numbers. Roland Kileen is doing some singing, including new song "Judy Are You Ready To Go Now". CB did Enz and Mental As Anything supports in July and will soon demo new material.

Split Enz did their final Aussie gig for a while at the Melbourne Festival Hall. The under-18, budget priced gig drew a capacity crowd of 6,000. The band is currently rehearsing material with producer David Tickle. Later in the year they will tour UK & USA to promote **True Colours** and "I Got You". (August RIU will publish details of Split Enz' official fan club 'Frenz Of The Enz'.)

Jo Jo Zep and the Falcons left Oz July 4 on a promotional tour that will end in NZ on August 4 at Mainstreet, after they've played London, Montreux, Amsterdam and major US cities. His follow-up to **Screaming Targets** is out in Oz late July, it's entitled **Hats Off Step Lively** ... touring Oz from July is Renee Geyer and backing band, the Ideals. New single is "Hot Minutes", produced by LA man, Rob Frobroni ... new CBS Australia signing is **Outline** ... on Regular Records is amazing debut single from the **Flowers** titled "I Can't Help Myself". (A rock-pop number.)

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CHRISTCHURCH

Though rumours of a **Hoovers** split still persist, the band will be guesting with the **Eels** (Newz sans Simon 'Modules' Darke) at the Aranui ... speaking of Darke, he is resting the throat, appearing with the band at the week-ends only. The **Newz** album is in the shops now, buy it.

John Halvorsen, ever optimistic Gordon, says the **Gordons** may well skip Auckland and go direct to London ... Alan Parke is away to LA. Will he guest on the next Linda Ronstadt album? ... **Narcs** guitarist, Garth Sincok will leave shortly to start a new band. Andrew Dickson will replace him ... ex-Newz soundman, Steve McNally is now sitting behind the **Hoovers**' desk ... Fred Kramer, ex Vapour and the Trails soundman will work with **Newtones** ... new are **Playthings**, split are **Plastic Impact** ... John Purvis is settling in well with Comics.

Christchurch's own mod band, **Pop Mechanix** return here first week of August. Will they drop the Bedford van in favour of Vespas? ... favourite longtime stayers, the **Vauxhalls**, look set to reform with John Perrone on guitar, Mark Brooks on bass and Martin Archbold on drums ... the **Cowboys** have settled into a semi-residency at the Carlton ... nearly famous entrepreneur, Martin McPherson, will stage a series of benefit nights to hopefully recover money lost at the last Brevet Club outing where punters decided not to punt.

Lolles execute the finest graffiti job we have seen. Perhaps the **Features** would be in front, if they hadn't been arrested in the act.

DUNEDIN

The **Features** had a hard time in Dunedin. They were fired from the Cook they believe because manager Gary Reddington double booked them with Billy TK. Reddington maintains that he fired them because they drove the crowds away on Queen's Birthday. Take your pick. That same week their university stint with the **Clean** and **Bored Games** was closed down by police because of underaged drinking on the



Neil Finn

Respectables

premises. Only the **Clean** managed to play a full set, the **Features** didn't get to play at all. The following night they played in the South Dunedin Town Hall but the PA was messy and the crowd small. Not a memorable week.

The **Crocodiles** pulled 'em in at the Sheraton but their sound was tinny. Fane Flaws said that's always been their problem. The **Mi-Sex** concert left a trail of broken chairs, bad publicity and an anti-dance ban at the Regent. Some people are easily upset.

Rockylox have changed their name to **Knobz** and have a single, "I Like It" out soon and the follow-up is "Telepath". Steve Gilpin has asked the band to support **Mi-Sex** in Australia during November-December sometime ... bassist John Pringle has left **Le Contrebande** and is replaced by Trevor Dacres (ex-Stillwater). The band who are now fully professional are on the verge of a South Island tour ... **Heavenly Bodies** are planning a North Island tour at the end of the year and so are the **Clean** who are also planning to buy a new PA in the near future.

That's all,
GEORGE KAY

AUCKLAND

Crocodiles debut album **Tears** will be released in Australia on Stunn Records, a label distributed by Seven Records. New Crocodiles drummer is Ian Gilroy of the Whizzkids.

Kim Hart has a hit in Australia with "Love At First Night". It's 16 nationally (and climbing) and 4 in Sydney. Kim returns to Oz in August to complete an album for release prior to Xmas. Since recording the single in March, Kim has made three **Countdown** appearances and completed a three week tour to promote the single. Next single is a ballad "You're The One" by Oz writer, Gary Page.

The **Swingers** join Aussie rockers, the **Sports** on **The Big Kiss-Off Tour** of Aussie Pubs, from July 15 to August 24. Then Swingers go to Perth and Sports tour NZ. "One Good Reason" will not be released in Oz but new tracks will be recorded in Australia. A Mushroom Records press release suggests that "the Swingers will be the best thing to come out of New Zealand since Split Enz." By the way, Sports have a new drummer, Fred Strauks of the now defunct Skyhooks. New Sports material includes tunes written by Strauks.

Ex-Primmer Cliff, and friends Steve and Jules are looking for a drummer. If interested phone 765-892 ... new and recording at Innovation Studios is **Lix** — a four piece featuring ex members of P'zzazz and Torpedo.

Surprise 45 for July is "I'm So Up", a nifty little pop song (1976 vintage) written by Phil Judd and performed by ex-CBs, **Greg Clark and Mike Chunn**. The flip is a dub-and-a-half, a remix-up of the same number, entitled "I'm Souped". The 45 is in a pic sleeve and on the CBS label.

New band in town is the **Survivors** starring

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