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HAMILTON'S ROCK VENUE

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Techtones Warning  
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Dave McArthur and the Pink Flamingos

## NZ TOUR

MON 23 MARCH TOKOROA	WED 8 TIMARU
TUES 24 ROTORUA	THURS 9 OAMARU
WED 25 WHAKATANE	FRI 10, SAT 11
THURS 26 GISBORNE	SHORELINE, DUNEDIN
FRI 27, SAT 28	WED 15—SAT 18
LENNONS, HASTINGS	HILLSBOROUGH, CHCH
MON 30 PALM NORTH	MON 20 MOTUEKA
TUES 31 MARTON	TUES 21 NELSON
APRIL 1 WELLINGTON	THURS 23 WELLINGTON
FRI 2, SAT 3	FRI 24, SAT 25
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WED 18 — SAT 21  
GLADSTONE, CHRISTCHURCH  
WED 25, BRYDON TAVERN OAMARU  
THURS 26 — SAT 28, TIMARU  
MON 30 — SAT 4 APRIL  
CAPT. COOK, DUNEDIN  
APRIL MON 6 TERMINUS WELLINGTON  
TUES 7, PALMERSTON NORTH  
WED 8, DE BRETT'S HOTEL TAUPO  
THURS 9 — SAT 11  
HILLCREST, HAMILTON

ROCKABILLY  
MADNESS!

CATCH THEM IN YOUR TOWN!

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white hope of '81) on the rox with departure vocalist May Lloyd to drama school ... **Wallsockets** now reduced to a three-piece with vocalist Lynette Dunn having run away with a mime troupe.

Pic 'n mix dept: **Rodents** fulfilling current obligations with Mark Hornbrook on bass. At least two Rodents soon to leave — regular bassist and trumpeter required.

On the sunny side: Naked Spots about to unleash new material on an unsuspecting world ... new version of the Red may soon appear ... Steroids have a new drummer ... **Insects That Jive** are now known as **Vertical Smiles** ... Improving from gig to gig are **Preservatives** ... Lower Hutt band (no they don't do 'Ten Guitars') **Scanners** have re-emerged ... also playing around town, **Ghetto** (reggae), **Kull-I-Shay** and **Mangaweka Viaduct** ... performing around town while working on TV series with **Rock'n'Roll Revival Club** (currently booming) is **Tom Sharplin**.

Les Crew

Christchurch

The **Newtones** are recording an EP. Tracks are 'Santa Anna', 'Christchurch Part Two', 'China' and 'Paint the Town Red'. It will be released on their own label ... **Playthings** live work is going from strength to strength. They are thinking about doing a live EP.

**Newz** will have their appeal heard mid-March. Two of the band will stay in Christchurch until then. Meanwhile a Newz fan club has been formed. Contact PO Box 7336, Christchurch ... the **Narcs** will reside at the Hillsborough for two months. An extensive tour of the South Island will follow. The **Solatudes** are also planning a tour.

**Steamshack** have parted company with their Christchurch management. They are now Auckland based ... Murray Couling is in the NI. **Hoovers** are now looking for a bassist, a guitarist and a keyboards player. New name is the **Replacements** — phone 897-905 if interested ... **25 Cents** are experimenting with their material and their line-up. A guitarist is wanted — phone Mary, 67-451 ... Phillip Clark has left **System X**. They have a new guitarist and their bass player is doing vocals ... Mike Lewis's PA will be around for a few weeks longer ... the **Victor Dimisich Band** have split but there are plans to record some tracks ... Charles Atlas are **Go**.

The **Androids** are in transit to Auckland ... **Pink Flamingos** and **Hammond Gamble** are booked for the Hillsborough ... the **Gordons** will return to town with a bigger than ever PA ... bands at the Glad soon include **Newtones**, **Old Dennis**, **Billy & The Blueflames**, **Flyte X7** and the **Screaming Meemees** ... **Bandit** are now **Kick** and live at the Aranui.

Laura Mitchell & JW

Auckland

On the eve of the release of **Split Enz** new album, **Waiata**, drummer **Malcolm Green** has left the band. The Mushroom Records' press release reads: "Changes in attitude were needed on both Malcolm's part and the band's and it was decided that different paths should be trodden." Noel Crombie and Tim may do drumming chores on Enz tour. Expect the Malcolm Green Sound solo 45 on Ripper soon ... **Swingers** are in the studio for two weeks recording a follow-up to their No.1 Oz smash hit 'Counting The Beat'.

**Pop Mechanix** will tour Australia as support for Split Enz, March 17 to April 16. Their fab new single 'Jumping Out A Window' will be released to coincide with the tour. Whether they return to NZ after the tour is anybody's guess ... also fab and a Ripper is new 45 from **Newmatics** and the **Screaming Meemees** ... don't forget the 12 track fab **Class Of 81**. It's in stores now and the Terry Hogan cover is hard to miss.

Rick E. Morris sings 'Hello Girl', **Crocodiles** new Aussie 45 ... **Andrew Snoid** produced two tracks for the **Screaming Meemees** first Propeller single, 'See Me Go'/'Till I Die' ... expect

**Herco Pilots** EP in stores soon ... **Danse Macabre** demoed 'Shreds', 'Mission' and 'Torch' for possible Rem Records EP ... next Ripper 45 will be **Lena Days** ... **Blams** will do a 12 inch single for Propeller ... expect **Broken Dolls** debut 45 soon ... **Coup D'Etat** LP is out.

**Knobz** forthcoming album is entitled **Sudden Exposure**. It was recorded at Mandrill with Alan Galbraith producing and Graeme Myre engineering. The 12 track platter hits stores late March as the band commence a 20 centre NZ tour.

At Jagers in March will be **Mad Ranks** with ex X7 members, Tim Powles and Warwick Keay and Greg McKenzie (guitar, ex Subjects) and Stewart Hunt (keyboards, ex Medusa) ... Dave Wilkinson (ex-Clips) has joined **New Entrants** ... new **Newtones** drummer is Martin Archbold ... member six in **Inside Information** cabaret is Anna Phillips. Their new show is entitled **The Next Big Thing** ... new **Pink Flamingos** keyboards player is Peter Allison (ex Real to Reel) ... drummer Steve Wester has left Herco Pilots ... **Rhythm Method** have informed RIU that "all Cockney accents have been phased out" ... **Knobz** have a saxist, Johnny Tuska. ... Danse Macabre are not renamed the Ruptured Pixies.

The Corporation

Dunedin

New-look **Feedback** may turn pro. Demo tracks of four of their songs have been recorded at 4ZB's studios. The band recently supported the Techtones at the Shoreline.

**Top Scientists** made a few friends here with raging stints at the Lion and the Cook ... **Techtones** battled well against indifference at the Shoreline.

Which brings us to the Battle of the Bands run by Shoreline manager Hans Buis. Seventeen bands have entered and the contest will take place over eight nights. The winner receives the production of a 45 plus 500 pressings at Tandem Studios, Christchurch, with \$500 cash towards travelling expenses.

Details and selected reviews in next issue. Subscribe now.

George Kay

Tours

Big news this month is that **Stevie Wonder** and his band, Wonderlove will do two evening concerts in April. Auckland's Western Springs on April 11 and Wellington's Athletic Park April 13.

The **Pointer Sisters** return in April. Their dates are Hamilton April 21, Auckland 22 & 23, Tauranga 24, Napier 25, Wellington 26, Palmerston North 27, Christchurch 29, Dunedin 30.

Likely in June are **Devo** and there is talk of **Madness** early May. On April 1 **Kevin Borich** commences an extensive tour of North Island pubs.

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