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## Auckland

Tony is out of **Danse Macarbe**. New man is Ralph Crump (ex Buster Keys) ... first C10 cassette in NZ is **Pop Mx** 'Jumping Out A Window'. 'Now' is on flip. Bow Wow Wow to you too ... for Selwyn College readers there is a dance at St Thomas' Hall, May 9, with Screaming Meemees, Ainsworths and Blam Blam Blam ... there is talk of an **Olympic Presentations** three single pack featuring Regulators, Killjoys and Ainsworths. May release likely.

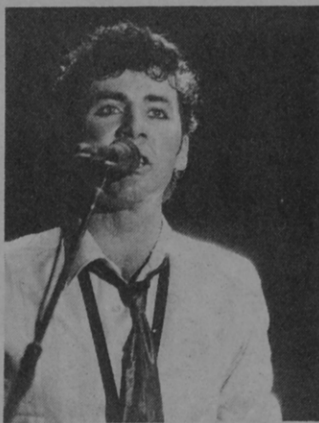
**Top Scientists** in limbo since departure of Rick Bryant ... forthcoming XSF release is the \$7.99 **Hits & Myths** an album of enzeders' goodies including Split Enz 'Another Great Divide', Dragon 'April Sun In Cuba', Dudes' 'Be Mine Tonight', Suburban Reptiles 'Sat Nite Stay At Home', Toy Love 'Squeeze', Mistakes 'I Feel Good' and lots more ... reggae and ska freaks start saving as Festival Records will import 30 titles not available in NZ from the UK. Including Dillinger and Max Romeo and the *Intensified* and *Club Ska* compilations. Expect 'em mid-year ... **Knobz** Appreciation Society can be contacted at PO Box 3946, Auckland 1 ... **Aellian Blade** will soon release 'Listen' on Desert label ... Modes have split but look out for the **Glass Torpedoes** ... **Diyanan** has recorded a cassette, *Boundless Skies* (Vision Music, PO Box 586, Auckland 1) ... **Herbs** recorded several tracks at Mascot ... twice **Blind Date** were advertised in the *AK Star* as Blind Faith. *The Corporation*

## Wellington

The **Rodents** (easily Wellington's most popular band over the past year) have called it quits. Andrew Clouston (sax) and Peter Marshall (vocals) are both heading for Auckland. Keyboard man John Nyland may join **Preservatives** who also need a bassist.

Contrary to last month's report, **Protons** will continue to gig while pursuing other musical interests individually. Their single 'Lights On/Modern Homes' recorded during a recent visit to Auckland is out on Bunk early May. By then Bunk will also have **Spaces** single on the streets.

Beating the venue shortage problem, **Sterooids** hired the Town Hall concert chamber for a Friday gig with Mockers, Beat Rhythm Fashion and Digits. It's BRF's first public gig



## Knobz' Johnny Tuska

and first for months for **Digits** who have been recording a do-it-yourself album at Sausage. **Innocents** have demoed their originals at Sausage.

**Last Resort** now open again after three weeks closure for renovations and new up-market image.

### *Les Crew*

## Australia

As the rehearsals with their new bass player didn't work out, **Citizen Band** have disbanded. Drummer **Brent Eccles** has just completed two weeks of rehearsing with the **Angels**. So far it is working out well. The Angels will record a new album in May and commence a world tour in August.

New **Birthday Party** album *Prayers On Fire* got a four star review in *Sounds*. The band has returned to the UK ... new **Sports** album is *Do This, Do That* (producer is Flowers man Cameron Allan). Sports will support Madness in Oz ... new **MEO 245** single is 'Marching Feet' produced by **Peter Dawkins** ... Mushroom Records have just signed the **Sunny Boys**, a Sydney pop band, who debuted on Phantom Records.

The **Sherbs** (once Sherbet) have had their album *The Skill* released in the USA on Atco ... the **Midnight Oil** *Bird Noises EP* is out in NZ. After NZ Oil plan to visit UK and record an album with Glyn Johns producing.

## The Corporation

**Christchurch**  
New **Playthings** and **V'Dubs** spin-off consists of Nick Carter (sax & flute), Janine Saundercock (guitar), Xtine Simpson (bass), Jon Markie (guitar), Dave Tolbet (drums) and Ms Liz (piano & vocals). They play cabaret music ... Chris Hudson replaced Xtine Simpson in **Yo Yo ... Newtones** drummer Graeme Van Der Colk has not left the band ... Guy Norris replaced Mark Lowe as **Solitudes** drummer ... **Syphoners** have split.

But the **Knobz** play Aranui Easter week, **Pink Flamingos** play the Varsity Easter Friday and on Easter Monday a *Class Of 81* special at the Gladstone features the **Newtones, Screaming**



*Dave McArtney & band.*

**Meemees** and **Newmatics** ... bands playing in April at the Imperial: Whiskey River, Ghetto and Cardio-Rhythmics. The Gladstone: V'Dubs, Newmatics, Playthings and Clean ... new bands: Ballon Dessai, Call Noise and surfing music outfit with no name.

*Laura Mitchell*

## Dunedin

Bassist Selwyn Findley is leaving **Broken Models** (this year's Battle of the Bands' winners) and he is to be replaced by Mick Dawson who has returned from Aussie. Ex **Static** vocalist David Houston and bassist Graham Crockroft are teaming up with two old Heavenly Bodies, drummer Neil Dobler and guitarist Miles White.

Bassist Paul Parkhurst has left the **Nerve** and is replaced by Craig Johnston ... **Scooter** and **Cruze** have broken up but ex Scooters Andy Combe and John Hodge may form a new Cruze with vocalist Brian Seque. Jim Taylor's Cruze off-shoot, the **Rejektz** are moving to Wellington.

The **Clean** will play three nights at the Gladstone in Christchurch (see *Calendar*) and they will be first to play before Sunday screenings at the Civic cinema.

George Kay

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