

The Four Triple Zed Subscriber Magazine



As space is relatively short in this issue, I will keep this brief. The third issue of Radio Times this year, which is probably a bit of a record in the past few years, is a bit of mish mash of ideas and topics. The date of some articles may be a bit apparent but such is life and as always contributions would be nice but that would be asking a bit much wouldn't it. So I hope you enjoy this issue and fingers crossed you will be seeing another issue early in the new year. I wouldn't lie to you now would I.

This bit is bigger so you will read it. When you submit something make sure it is legible (hint hint).

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# 4ZZZ: 1 year on, 14 years later!!

In early December 4ZZZ will celebrate two anniversaries. Both have created a lot of interest in Brisbane and been the cause of change with their effects still being felt, both at Triple Zed and in Brisbane generally. On the 8th 4ZZZ will be fourteen years old making it the one of Australia's oldest public broadcasters. Over that time lots of things have changed and lots of things are still the same. This Radio Times is one in a long line stretching back to the original broadcasts in 1975. Though the format has changed a few times the Radio Times still remains as the station's expanded programme guide and of course still seems to be as irregular as ever.

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Much has changed, originally the station broadcast strip programming more or less all the time. Today the 4ZZZ boasts a number of specific block programmes. But at the same time the original block programmes "The Brisbane Line" and "Through the Looking Glass" now Megaherz still remain as valid comments on society as they were when they started.

Every person who has listened to 4ZZZ over the years will probably have their own observations on what has changed. Some comments will probably not be very flattering, hopefully an equal amount (at least) of comments are complimentary. The fact that 4ZZZ is still broadcasting (something a lot of people thought would never happen) is the best compliment that Brisbane could give. While television programmes based on alternate music have come and gone 4ZZZ's format has remained unchanged, this is partly due to 4ZZZ's other activities including it's independent news-gathering and band promotions but nonetheless a format that has withstood the test of time (and much criticism).

That other anniversary occurs only six days later on the 14th. As the first anniversary, no one reading this Radio Times will be at a loss to identify it. The question is what did the dawn raid achieve ? The station seems unchanged, the predicted reliance upon sponsorship hasn't occurred, the format has remained unchanged and the neglect of student affairs has not occurred. The most physical change is the station's address but this seems to have brought a positive response. More people are coming in to help and the day-today running of the station seems to be a lot smoother than it used to be. But there are always critics unfortunately those critics never express their concerns to the right ears preferring to belly-ache to themselves or friends. Criticism is one way of keeping the station vibrant and fresh but if constructive criticism isn't forthcoming the station must either remain static or "freewheel". I suppose time will eventually tell.

So without becoming bogged down in self-congratulation or self-flagellation, my point is that 4ZZZ is still with us and it seems that no matter what occurs it will endure. So on the 8th and 14th think of celebrations, why you could even come and help us celebrate by subscribing or re-subscribing.



### 1 - The historical and philosophical background

Nobody knows just how old the Chinese civilization is, but however many its millennia, it has never been in any sense democratic. In a recent interview after the massacre, a Chinese PhD student opined that the 1989 uprising was really about human rights - yet history has shown time and again that the only chace of a safeguard for those lies in a vigorous, passionate and well-structured democracy, with a free press and a population that insists on worrying about that. Even then, the results are less than perfect. Dictators always murder large numbers of their citizens; yet the survivors share the guilt of the murders by failing to stop them, by failing to fight the tyranny, by colluding in the surrender of power to the immoral. As the conservative philosopher Alexis de Toqueville put it, the price of freedom is eternal vigilance.

Up to 1911 China was ruled by a succession of ruthless imperial dynasties which governed brutally for a few hundred years at a time, wielding without compassion the power of life and death over their subjects. Eventually the dynasty would dissolve into a period of civil war through which one or other warlord would emerge as the dominant power and impose his sovereignty on the vast country, usually accompanying his accession by suitably impressive massacres of those who backed the losing contenders. The very fact of his success was seen as proof that his rule had the mandate of heaven. His descendants would continue in the vicious tradition until the ruling house became effete and

decadent, lost control and was overthrown by a violent rebellion, and the cycle began again.

The consent of the people to this sad state was traditionally coerced by several factors. Firstly, none of the millions of peasants knew any other possible system; it seemed natural, and had the sanction of practice since time immemorial. Secondly of the three dominant philosophies, Confucianism, in a political distortion of the essentially spiritual message of Chufu-tse (not unlike the hijacking of Christ by the late Roman Empire) stressed the duty of obedience to parents, ancestors, chieftain, government and emperor; obedience even unto death, and death to the disobedient. The bloody sacrifice of youth on the altar on the egos of the aged is nothing new in China. The "legalist" philosophies that alternate with Confucianism and were ultimately absorbed into its mainstream stressed the letter the letter rather than the spirit, but gave rise only to codified repression rather than bills of rights. Taoism and Buddhism stressed the irrelevance of unalterable, illusory external things to the sole reality of the spirit, and in siphoning off the seekers, laid more heavily the capstone of the fatalist society.

Foreign travel was discouraged by imperial policy and by the vast national ego: the very name Chung Kuo means Central State under heaven, a version of the "chosen race" idea in which the Emperor was seen as next to God if not an Incarnation, and all foreigners were inferior and owing tribute to the imperial son of heaven.



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Chinese governments have always been paranoid about their hold on power. Apart from the destructive dialectic of authoritarianism per se, which breeds defiant resistance - in the anarchist dictum, all exercise of authority corrupts, all submissions to authority humiliates - there are the divisive factors of China's great size, varied and often mountainous terrain - full of guerilla strongholds, as very many discovered before Mao - and several different languages. Local loyalties, by clan, language and dialect group, close kinship or region of origin, cut across the vertical relationship to the Emperor; and a weak ruler soon sees local barons slipping from his grasp, building their own power base and rebelling. Since civil war has always been the result, everyone fears, when stability erodes, that there will be decades of war, slaughter and famine - as was the case from 1916 onwards, and may still happen in the aftermath of the bloodbath of Tiienanmen square on the 4th of June.

Next issue: the nineteenth century and defeat by the longnosed barbarians.

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# 2RB

2RB is a pirate radio. Australian legislation which allows for the creation of public radios means that much of the unpleasantness associated with England's alternate, pirate broadcasters does not exist. However even though public radio are not subject to the whimsies of advertisers and ratings they are bombarded with a banned song list, a certain code of behaviour and a wide variety of bureaucratic requirements to fulfil.

2RB, currently a low-powered AM station has avoided all this. Any imposed control is the result of a particular announcer's self-regulation. The only strict rule is one of secrecy. The Commonwealth government's view of unlicensed broadcasting is a rather dim one, a view which could land those responsible in jail for multiples of years.

Despite this constant threat of prosecution, 2RB has big plans including their own conversion to the FM band and the possibility of boosting their power to increase the number of people who can receive this different band of radio. There is talk of repeater station's and using all sorts of very unusual methods to get that radio signal out.

As always, with any new radio the biggest problem is getting equipment but the number of enthusiastic people ensures that something gets to air on a pretty regular basis. When you travel into the darkness that is Northern N.S.W. keep your ears open for a chance of catching what may be Australia's only pirate radio.

You can make donations at the Rainbow Cafe in Nimbin.

We've printed the log of 2RB's first (and second) broadcasts to give you an idea of what pirate (and public) radio is all about. The ocassional black lines cover the broadcast locations and the names of those responsible.



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A pre-Fitzgerald Inquiry compenlium of Brisbane bands, called Music From The State of Corruption will be released next week. Some of the bands included, such as Peso Kim and Pineapples From the Dawn of Time, filtered south, but others never made it. For those who want to go to Queensland but don't think they'd get a visa, it's a must. On cassette only, from independent record stores, or by mail from Canberra: PO Box 1595, Woden 2606, ACT.



# Bits and Pieces and Odds and Ends

Public broadcasting in Australia and Internationally is a subject has taken on a new importance over the past year or two. Not only has the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal taken more interest in the form of never ending questionnaires and the occasional inquiry, the general public, the people this is all about have risen to the occasion. There have been a number of groups showing their hand and declaring themselves to be aspirant broadcasters, including the four Brisbane groups applying for the single S class license on offer this year.

Two have been heard from before they are; Family Radio and the University educational consortium. In addition the Qld. Distant Education College, part of T.A.F.E. and The Murri group have also applied. Without prejudging the decision of the Tribunal it seems the ''race'' has already been a bit of a bun fight and the final winner will certainly not please everybody.

This addition to the plethora of Brisbane radio will not be the last, JJJ Sydney's ABC funded youth station is due to be launched into Brisbane in the last half of 1990. The supposed competition to 4ZZZ won't cause as many sleepless nights as it seems to be already causing in a certain Brisbane commercial FM station. For those still skeptical try and have a listen to the JJJ before it gets to Brisbane and judge for yourself. Of course the conversion of 4BK to an FM station in the near future and the reshuffling of station frequencies on the FM band will

also be a large marketing problem for the "home" of rock'n'roll. The current intelligence is that all the Brisbane FM stations will be spaced at 0.8 Mhz from each other with FM104 moving to 104.5, work out the new frequency of your favourite radio station from there.

If you live in an outer suburb of Brisbane chances are you will also have a new station on your dial in the near future. The A.B.T. is currently looking at issuing a C class license (4ZZZ is an S class servicing Brisbane and surrounds) to service the Redlands area and the Caboolture area, this follows the licensing of Radio Logan last year.

With public media-land in Qld about to expand, 4ZZZ has been attempting to bring together all the stations under the mantle of a single association. So far the attempts have been just that, but there is always hope.

4ZZZ will be undergoing it's own form of flagellation during early 1990 with the station's license up for renewal. All the documents say that the 31st of January 1990 is when the license expires and the forms are all lodged with the A.B.T. so it is only a matter of time before the nitty gritty happens. You can help to smooth this process by writing to the station with your compliments or constructive criticism. When you are moved to call the station and compliment an announcer, do that, but also put your thoughts to paper and send it in.



But if you thought Australians were the only people silly enough to get behind the idea of public radio spare a thought for KPFA in California which is celebrating its fortieth birthday this year or the English pirates who will finally be able to apply for licenses, maybe. The New Zealand campus radios have released a compilation of their local talent and in a country of 3 million, running six stations all on a similar basis to 4ZZZ in a population equivalent to Sydney is no mean feat.

And finally, it seems 4ZZZ is not alone anymore at the bottom end of the alphabet. Melbourne recently gained a new ethnic FM station with the call sign 3ZZZ. Despite numerous attempts to track down the perpetrators and swap call signs

we've had no luck, perhaps next year.



# What Future Import Records?

If your one of the many people who have turned to the import record stores to experience the better side of overseas music be warned you mightn't be able to do so for much longer. The multinational record companies are making moves to prevent these imports and it doesn't just affect alternative music but also jazz, blues, dance and classical. Not only are you forced to pay the highest prices in the world by these record companies, but now they are aiming for total control of the record market, and your freedom of choice in music, in a market in which they already have 95% control. How are they going to do this? By taking the import shops to court using outdated sections of the Australian Copyright Act.

Import record shops exist because the multinational record labels, (EMI, CBS, WEA, BMG, Festival and Polygram), don't cater adequately for everybody's taste. In fact only 20 % of all overseas releases by these labels overseas are released locally. The reason for this? The marketing reps of these labels explain that there is "no vibe" or "chart action" for these products here.

The labels do provide an import service. You can, if you want to wait for six months, request that they import a record, this is sometimes meet by a polite "get stuffed, we can't be bothered", sometimes not. Demand for this service is relatively small because of the quality of service and the extremely high costs involved.

This farcical service is one of the justifications the labels use for not changing the Copyright Act as recommended by the Copyright Law Review Committee in a report released in September 1988. The Australian Copyright Act (1968), sections 37, 38, 102 and 103 state that it is a criminal offence to import records for commercial purposes without the copyright owners permission. Other reasons given are that the protection given by the Copyright Act allows the labels to invest large amounts of money locally in record production, manufacture, promotion and marketing of overseas releases and also with the substantial returns from this they can subsidies the local artists and music industry.

They also argue that there could be wholesale dumping of import records on the Australian market undercutting the prices of the labels locally. Once a record has spent its chart success overseas the record companies dispose of their remaining stock through wholesalers at reduced prices. The spectre of pirate recordings, rife in Singapore, Hong Kong and the Philippines, flooding the Australian market is also raised.

The import shops agree that these areas of the Copyright Act should be maintained because they recognize the advantages it does have for the Australian music industry and they also have no desire to encroach on these labels market for this reason. All they want to be able to do is import records, that these labels don't release within a reasonable time of their overseas release, without fear of prosecution. Currently these imports account for 5% of the market and this isn't expected to increase with the recommended changes.

The import shops also point out that Australians pay the highest prices for records, released by these labels, when compared to the US, UK and New Zealand. Comparisons with New Zealand show that government duties and the shop takings are almost the same, so "someone" must be taking the difference. What do you get for these prices ? Unfortunately inferior records. This is illustrated by the recent local release of "Doolittle", the Pixies latest, comparison with the UK product, which contained a twenty page booklet, high quality sleeve and pressing, is disappointing.

The Copyright Law Review Committee, which was established to examine...

"...the quality of Australian records and their covers, availability of overseas records, adequacy of service provided by the major record companies in relation to the importation of records which they own or control.",

bears out the complaints of the import stores with recommendations that the Copyright Act should ...

"... allow the importation and sale of imported sound recordings without the license of the copyright owner in Australia where ... the recording ... is not available from the copyright owner or his or her licensee or agent within a reasonable time."

while restrictions should continue to apply to ...

"... parallel importations of sound recordings as well as to importation of pirated sound recordings."

These recommendations are currently on the desk of the Federal Attorney General, Lionel Bowen. When asked for comment on what action was being taken spokesperson, Ben Ainsworth, replied...

- "No comment, there are still some issues under review."
- ... when asked what these issues were ?
- "No comment."
- ... who is reviewing these issues ?
- "No comment."
- ... will the recommendations ever be implemented ?
- "... couldn't say."

Jacqui Riva of the Australian Record Sellers Association, which represents the import shops, says that the only way these recommendations will be implemented and your freedom of choice in buying records maintained is through pressure on Lionel Bowen to take some action rather that procrastinating on this issue. This can be done by writing to Bowen, your Federal MP and to the Department of Consumer Affairs which incidentally is investigating the price of records in Australia due to this issue.





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# GAY MARCH

# A New Era Begins for Gay Queenslanders

Afternoon traffic on Alice St in the City was met by a fine and rousing sight recently: Brisbane's first rally for gay law reform. Held on Thursday August 31st the rally began with a march of the three hundred crowd up Alice St from the river to Parliament House followed by an open forum outside the annex. Marchers were vocal and inspired as they made their way up the footpath with chants of "Gays Rights Now !" and "Say it Out and Say it Loud, We are Gay and We are Proud". Protestors were addressed by leaders from all areas of the community, including the Queensland association for gay law reform (who organised the rally) and the Queensland Council for Civil Liberties.

The day was indeed memorable to all who were there. The many heterosexula participants were heartened by the knowledge that they were publicly supporting that much avoided fight against the injustice gay people face, while for those of us who were gay it was a moment of real pride in who we are. The silence had been broken, and it gave us a perception of the new direction which we must take, one of openess and strength.

Nick Ward.

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SQUID EXPANDS ITS TENTACLES, ZED EXPANDS ITS TECHNOLOGY.

The events at the Commonwealth Bank site had special significance for your public radio station. It was the first time since 4ZZZ started broadcasting that the "wonders of modern technology" came to you via the 4ZZZ news room.

That technology being a live to air outside broadcast from the old bank building, literally as the action was taking place! Delivering the action blow by blow (as it turned out). And with the promise of more exciting live to air, outside, mobile, on the run broadcasts, especially with the state election and other issues, it promises interesting radio days ahead. Stay tuned...

Friday, November 10th was open day at the Commonwealth Bank building in Brisbane. The open day was declared by SQUID - Squatters United In Desire, following a proposal announcing that Kern Corporation would demolish the historic bank building and replace it with a 60 storey concrete edifice, resembling the Republican Bank in Houston, Texas.

In a multi-million dollar trade off, Kern offered to complete the GPO clock tower, abandoned in the 1800s due to lack of funds, in return for permission to demolish the Commonwealth Bank building.

SQUID wants to turn the old building into a youth and community centre, with provisions for a non profit cafe, artspace and activities, permaculture and city farming and an organic fruit shop.

The Commonwealth bank was built in the 1930s, and is recognized by the National Trust as being a significant historical site.

But according to Kern corporation, the building is "virtually a stereotype of buildings of its time". Kern says the style of architecture is not in danger of extinction.

According to SQUID, demolition of the interior part of the building has already begun. SQUID fears that the building will be declared derelict, and demolished before the public has a chance to protest. During the demonstration, one SQUID activist was attacked by a construction worker wielding an sledge hammer. Police were called, but there were no arrests. Members of SQUID unfurled streamers and balloons onto the street as the public wandered throughout the building.

"We hope to get people to join together, organise, and participate in every day life to prevent this sort of thing from being presented as a fait accompli", a SQUID activist said.

"People working together, can use their power to change this place. All it takes is working together.". "Lets take the power away from the people who hoard it and give it to the people who need it to be free, to play, let us live real lives in a world that is ours not someone else's democracy.

For more information, contact SQUID, BRISBANE SQUATTERS COLLECTIVE P.O. BOX 332, NORTH QUAY, Q 4000.

Kern's vision for Brisbane.?!

# Oh No, not another Crossword!

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# ACROSS

- 1: Rent-a-crowd
- 5: Non-alcoholic
- 8: Scum
- 11: Dance
- 13: Not single 14: Otherwise
- 15: One source of oil
- 16: Of this world
- 19: Like
- 20: Opposite of don't
- 21: Place of going out
- 23: A place of small religion 18: Long, thin and slimy
- 25: Not a child
- 28: If it's not on, it's not on
- 30: Leave
- 31: Tart in the sky
- 32: Go deaf with ..
- 33: X/X =
- 35: Radio pus, Gold Coast
- 36: Not thin 37: Multiple of 34 down
  - 30: X-rated 34: On the left sideof your head

The first three correct entries received at the 4ZZZ studios will win a new Zed T-shirt.



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- DOWN
  - 1: The musty bit of the library 2: What rot

4: Small serve of alcohol

12: Necessary in the city

14: Multiple reproductive cells

3: And

6: Not round

7: Not Easter

10: Almost silent

17: Not bottom

24: To pass away

25: Not behind

27: Unrelaxed

28: Family star

22: Not blue

26: Not tied

29: Knotted

9: ...and fro

# Reviews

Poetry and Gender Editor: Brenda Walker and Daviol Brodles

UQP Studies in Australian Literature have produced a winner in Poetry and Gender. A collection of statements and essays, ranging from the theoretical to the anecdotal, from wide surveys to close examination of particular poems. Over 27 writers have contributed in bringing to life this notion of gender in poetry.

Vivid statements put together by the hands, minds and hearts of Australian writers leave us feeling the androgynous nature of the so-called serious poets of the past. Through poetry we are encouraged to express our maleness or femaleness in a way that certainly was not taught in school.

This book breathes with endless sighs and exasperation that can be heard regardless of whether you have an active interest in poetry or not. "With these words I write the learning process I struggle for words to rise to say what I have known but not said" - Berni Janssen.

The Life and Crimes of Harry Lavender Author; Marele Day

In "The Life and Crimes of Harry Lavender", Marele Day has combined suspense, intrigue and romance to produce an entertaining and quick paced thriller. The novel concerns the exploits of Claudia Valentine, a Sydney based private detective.

Mark Bannister, author of the best-seller of the century is found dead at his computer - natural causes or the perfect murder ? Claudia's determination to find the truth is matched only by the killer's determination to leave the details buried with the body.

Her investigations lead her behind Sydney's glossy facades to a shadier world where she finds murder, intimidation, corruption and drug addiction. But none of this phases karate champ Claudia as she tip-toes, runs and kick boxes her way along the sticky trail.

If you enjoy light reading like this book provides, you might enjoy Shirley's Song - her other novel, or some of her short stories.

### Stripminers : Stripminers E.P. (Community 3)

Angry, agitating music. Stripminers give you seven brief exercises in melodic furore. From Rochester in New York, they blend deft guitar manipulation with frantically rapid rhythms. The front cover depicts an earthworm molesting a predatory crow with a minute machine gun while on the back (amidst thanks to Sonic Youth) is an appropriate indictment of industrialism: a distorted, emaciated person against a background of CBD malaise as an inconspicuous tool of demolition crashes towards this person's head. Very stark.

Side one is brutally fast. All songs appear to have a thematic orientation, which compliments the antagonistic direction of the sound. "Mole Man", in particular, documents the retarded domesticity which can develop from frustrated subjugation to middle class rituals. "I am a mole ... man" constitutes the chorus and fortifies your disgust at this tepid submission.

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WAXHEADS !!

So you are worried about the environment, congratulations to those of you genuinely concerned and piss off to those who see it as the latest trendy thing. Remember the seals in Canada, the Ethiopians in Ethiopia and apartheid about the time of "Artists United against Apartheid", a bit of bloody bad luck for all those people if you don't.

Mind you being concerned about your surroundings is one step better than re-gurgitating Corona in the gutters of Albert St after a "raging" night at Transformers, but that is a different story entirely. Then there isn't much green stuff, that is trees and grass, in the city anymore. The only thing left in the city that is remotely green or even grey is Mike Higgins on a good day. Whereas there are plenty of people vomiting Corona all over the place on a Friday night and at \$6 a pop someone probably doesn't give too many tosses about polluting blue stuff, that is water which is usually found in the sea.

You may wonder what it actually costs to get Corona wholesale. If you are lucky it works out to be a little less than \$2 a go. Not a made mark-up for opening the top of the bottle. And the final insult, the bottles aren't recyclable. You can always hope and pray that the lid is reusable.

You always have the option to hit the black stuff, the road, and head for the beach , that is usually yellowish. Summer, that is the hot bit of the year, is one of the worst times to go to the beaches with acres of pustulant flesh frying under litres of oil. Avoid that and encounter overloaded cars of waxheads, they are the ones with their brains dangling between there legs, whistling at any person of the opposite sex including, I suspect their sisters and mothers. How can they drive kilometres of roads each day without the slightest consideration to the petrol, that is a petrochemical and tastes awful, burnt with no thought to the ozonosphere, that 's the big invisible thing that everyone is shitting about.

Inside that typical ice cream shop, big white and multi-coloured decor, there are tens of tens of brats shitting, farting, burping, sweating and pushing half melted globs into the nearest strangers hands, in other words read your hands. The weirdest feeling is the noise pollution. The ice cream seems to be dead, well it is not moving at less and that keeps the waxheads away so the noise must be coming from somewhere else. Perhaps the kids, but then everyone knows what bleating brats sound like. I have a personal theory that ice cream shopsare an outlet for the sound of the universe. That is why kids hang out there waiting for that early maturity so they can hit the cars and practise their repitore of guttural expressions.

So climb back in the car, the thing with four wheels, rust and probably by now numerous scratches. A return to the city and marvel at the lines of advertising billboards, the big flat things and no not the road. I bet the billboard advertisers don't even use recycled paper it would ruin the bright smiling teeth on the insipid 12 year old pre-pubescent models. With such large areas of space why can't people make some use of it, advertising lung machines, gnomes or recycled fax paper.

The world isn't like that though, is it ?

# 4ZZZ Promotion's "Things"

Lots has been happening on the promotions front of 4ZZZ. With the closure of Triple Zed's Euphoria a new channel of energy was opened in the form of a live venue named "Backstage". At long last there is an alternative venue where Brisbands can display their unique form of entertainment in an appropriate setting, the basement of a hotel. Many, if not all of the bands found in the Zed band book have been given the opportunity to play at this venue. Any band that hasn't played here should contact the station for an opportunity.

On the international and interstate scene this year, Triple Zed has been fortunate in presenting such bands and artists as Billy Bragg, Sonic Youth, The Skolars, Plug Uglies, Porcelain Bus, The Widdershins, Dinosaur Jr, The Triffids, Venom P. Stinger, The Headless Chickens and the list goes on. Mind you we also have experienced many difficulties and amusing situations in trying to bring these loved bands to the depths of the banana republic. Such as the cold feet experienced by a large promoter leading to last minute cancellations, accusations of bands scarring off and throwing up whilst entertaining patrons and you can imagine the difficulties in getting people to accept a band called The Headless Chickens (explaining that sudden venue change). But in all 1989 has been a great year for Zed promotions. A warning though, keep in touch with your favorite radio station because things aren't slowing down.

Rumours of bands about to tour includes The Pogues, They Might Be Giants, The elusive Phantom gig (with The Deadly Hume, Even as We Speak and others), The Jesus and Mary Chain, Rat Cat, Violent Femmes and Mudhoney (possibly for the radiothon next year) who may be gracing us with their presence.

Another thing to look out for are the two live albums that Triple Zed will be releasing in the near future. One will include the local talent of the moment and you will be able attend the recordings by going to the Zed "Summer Bummer" gigs. The first release will be of the Joint Effort concert held in Sydney at the start of this year. On this album the line up will include The Painters and Dockers, The Falling Joys, The Sparklers, Tall Tales and True, The Honeys and the mysterious Black Assassins. Wow, what a gig it was.

Triple Zed marketing, the capitalist side of 4ZZZ, will soon be assailing your senses (and pockets) with such marvels as new t-shirt designs, a 1990 diary, caps and some different mugs and keyrings. Well all I can say is keep tuned and get involved.

Cheers Anita Greenhill

## Reviews Cont.

Side two is almost melodic and two tracks ("Ready to Go" and "Last Time.Again") incorporates the clarinet of all things. But it doesn't sound peculiar, it merely punctuates the finesse with which these songs were constructed.

Mixed by hip sound man Wharton Tiers, this E.P. will appeal to those of you who relish cynical "rock'n'roll"

Band of Susans : "Blessings and Curse" E.P. (Trace Elements)

Meticulously formulated and arranged, "Blessing and Curse" constitutes Band of Susans first release. No number of superlatives can relate the style and prestige this record emanates. Produced by guitarist, songwriter and lyricist Robert Poss "Blessing and Curse" gravitates beyond the point of feedback, driven by a possessed desire to splinter the wall of noise. Three guitars negotiating an intrically layered cacophony which is adamantly reinforced by a typically savage rhythm section. Pushing, perverting and taunting the barriers of sound.

There are four songs: "Hope Against Hope", "You were an Optimist", "Sometimes", and a vitriolic five minute instrumental "Where have All the Flowers Gone". To pore over the esoterics of each song would be futile, suffice to say that each and every song on the EP is of a calibre Above excellence. It transcends that: sublime racket. Personnel for this experiment explains the rather obscure name. Susan Tallman, Susan Lyall and Robert Poss give you guitar aggression/sophistication, Susan Stenger plays frenzied (albeit nonchalant) bass and Ron Spitzer flings his Big drum sticks most adeptly. Even petitely, if that's not contradictory. Alva Rogers also contributes some fractured backing vocals.



# RAMONES I/V.

RAMONES INTERVIEW Park Royal Hotel, Sunday November 12 th. 1989. (Only hours before the concert)

The right people at the right place ... in the wrong room.

The spidery figure of Joey Ramone hunched over door 529, trying to jam the wrong key in the wrong lock. Maybe its a new key, "oh here we go, its open". The four of us spilled in. But there was a fifth person in the room, someone asleep in bed. It was CJ, bass player for the

Ramones

"Wow you guys, I'll just get my pants on."

And this is how we found the "Teal cool" Ramones ...

ANTHONY: Remones were formed in 1974 in New York, what was the musical scene like then in America and your perceptions of it throughout the work?

IOEY: Well it was the beginning of disco music, Doma Summers and all that crap. It was the beginning of corporaterock, bands like Boston, Journey and Foreigner, and it was also the beginning of the southern sounds, like the Dooble Brothers and Linda Ronnadk. And we were CGGB's. Basically it was just a sham bar, initially it was just a bluegrass bar. We decided to play in there as often as we could and we were the only band that add. A couple of other people were Pauli Smith, she was recking poetry, that was before she hooked up with Lenny K, and the Stillatos which were pre Blondie and that was about it.

ANTHONY: What can you tell us about CBGB's, what was it like, what was the atr nosphere around it, what was it all shout?

INDEY: It was just a bar, but it had a real cool stmosphere, it was really perfect for some kind of a scene to take place. We tried to encourage as many people as we scould to play with us but a lot of people wouldn't play there. Well, no ones going to play there were sciented play there. Well, no ones going to play there were sciented play there. Well, no ones going to play there were sciented play ing to nobody, the bet tender and his dog, then it was by worldor mouth. We get more of the stry course, and are really good atmosphere, it was a good homey kind of a scient to take place. We strated playing to nobody, the bet tender and his dog, then it was by worldor mouth. We get more of the stry course, first the Withol provide the sciente of the stry course. The strateging around why we hird as our to its realty well known writer and the said that we changed her life. We had there and more people started coming down and evennally all the kids were coming down, we were getting write-up and here is a bid for strate and here and may the said that we changed here life. "To because of the stry course of

ANTHONY: What was it like working in Phil Spector days, and also Graham Gouldman from 10CC?

IOEY: I enjoyed Phil Spector, it was insame, but it was totally unique you know, it was pretty wild the whole thing, you know that he came out of retirement to produce us. He got off on the fact that we were both like pionzers in our own right you know, it was pretty wild, I mean there is no way you could explain in word what wendown it was like really nuts but like it. It was difficult working with him but it was totally different in the way we work ourselves, where a we could know (off nine basic tracks) no ensight, with Phil it was taken a song at a time with all kinds of crashess in between. The Graham Gouldman album; no one was really crasy about working with horham Outdimant to tail you the ruth. We wared to produce the album ourschwe but we were told bott working with chraham Gouldman to tail you the ruth. We wared to produce the album ourschwe but we were explored bott working with chraham Gouldman to all you the ruth. We wared to produce the album ourschwe but we ne told bott working with chraham Gouldman to end you the ruth. We ware to album ourschwe but we ne told bott working uith in more with Graham Gouldman was that he was in a car accident with Eric Szewart, and he was poing to have a lot of time with nothing much to 0. I guess he was chosen because he's written a lot of great songs for a lot of great bands, like the Yardbirds and the Hollys.

ANTHONY: Joey, is it true that you got your name from a Paul Mc Cartney pseudonym when he was in the Silver n he called himself Phil Ramone? Beatles, when he called him

IOEY: Yer well that's a secret but I guess you know (aughs all round). Actually Dee Dee was calling himself Dee Dee one, that's where he got it from.

ANTHONY: You have been variously described as getting your influence from bubblegum and surf music, what would you have to say about that?

IOEY: Well we've been influenced by millions of things and its not just music, its living and experiencing life and adventuring, its everything all of us have absorbed, and the output is what makes us unique. You know its not just musical influences I mean, musical influences aren't just narrowed down to anything, because there like thousands of really great things that have influenced us, congs, artists, what han't I think everything that goes, that datas back to the '50c, you know, the inceptional rock and roll, the Stooges, the Kinks, Slade, T-Rex, so much, as well as just living and experiencing, and that's sort of absorbed and the output is the roll, the St

ANTHONY: Marky's experience with Richard Hell and the Voidoids; does any of that influence come out through the Personer?

JOEY: Everything comes out through the Ramones. That's good, I mean not good, but great you know and unique.

ANTHONY: Do you see yourselves as being at the vanguard of a new musical movement these days, like perhaps you were in the late '70s.

JOEY? Yer because now the bands that are coming out like Metalica, Guns and Roses, Anthrax, we're directly responsible m. They're big fans of ours, they come to see us when we play, you know the areas where they live like San Pransisco. Is exching,

It makes you feel good.

ANTHONY: "Brain Drain", your new album, what would you like to say about that?

JOEY: I think its one of my favourite albums, I think its a real strong abum. We brought in Bill Laswell, he's a real interare person in his own right, but he's very down to earth and he doem't do mything he doem't want to do or doem't like, he likes the Ramones, and we share a bot of the same inflaences, well not so much inflaences but I guess some of our frowire bands like the Stoogen. It was really easy to work with him boccuse he see things along the same lines as we do, and hen not out to change you, just to mhance you, you know what I mean, hen not trying to soften you up or make you commercial or some shill like that, hes just trying to onhance what you goe, and you know hie creativilla lasely with Motorhead and Iggy, he's very workdy, he's worked with Punk bands, he has the right sensibilities basically.

ANTHONY: Ceejay - What's it like being in the Ramones?

CEEJAY: Ab, my wildest dream come true, I was a big fan of the Ramones for a long time, its still a big shock for me oven to get up on stage. I've done I guess in excess of 15 gigs, but its still kind of weird to get out on stage with them. Theres times that I'll be talking with them like in a normal conversation and think, my God I'm talking to Joey Ramone, somebody I've been going to see play for so long, now here I am in the band, its a big thrill.

ANTHONY: How many musical influences have influenced you strongly over the years?

CEBIAY: The Ramones definitely are probably one of my biggest influences, Dee Dee was one of my favourke bass players, I thought that he was really unique and his lyrics were great and he was aggreasive. I was also influenced by a lot of the earlier British pank bands, the Pistols, The Clash and the Damned and earlier than that it was Black Sabbah I liked a lot, the typical heavier ds that were out the

ANTHONY: Where do you see music going now in the '80s and the '90s just generally?

CIEEJAY: I don't know, I don't think music is changing that much. I think that is regressing if anything, I think its gesting back to its roots, bands like Guns and Roses, they're just taking the older rook and roll and I guess they're taking it a step further, but music, I don't think its changed that much myway, except for things like thrash metal, that's definitely somehing great that's happening, but you know, I don't see it changing much. There's bands coming out now that you can still hear heavy influences of entitier bands, like the Roseness that have been around for 15 years, and you can still hear some of their styles in these other bands, so I don't really see it changing much.

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IOEY: I think its healthier today, only shout 5 years ago, it was still very techno popish, now everybody's playing guizers and drums, things are a lot healthier I feal than back then, you know like Coelay said, I don't think things have changed drastically that much you know. Definishly it was the older band that really knew what was good, and nowedays everything is so conservative that nothing can be really much good because there in an arything. I mean what can kidd be influenced by now like Poison or Bon Jovi whatever the fuck, you know the reason I like Guas and Roses, I like their stitude, basically their sound is a combination of fike the Ramones and the Ramones attinde and the Rolling Shones, at least they've got guits. You know I admire poogle with guits that are outspoken, nowaday with everyone its like a heard of sheep, everybody wents to look just like everybody clease the same hak approved outspoken, nowaday with everyone its like a heard of sheep, everybody with to look just like everybody so cleas cease hak approved to starobe, nowaday with everyone its like a heard of sheep, everybody with to look just like everybody so cleas cease hak approved to starobe, nowaday with everyone its like a heard of sheep, everybody with to look just like everybody so look outs is indoning. I mean the whole idea is to funcking be yourself and be unique and original, I mean people wars, and are looking for heroes, people they can look up to you know, they went a comething. Peoples we looking for something to balieve in you know.

### SUSAN: Why do you think its some like that?

IOEY: Wall think a lot of it has to do with the total conservation that's going on in the workl, in the countries you know, Where as people used to be more relical mixeds, it doen't seem to be that way at all any more and yer its true a lot of people just want to plump on the handwagon, they just want to make the money, they're not interested in really giving anything original rook can deall or being mything original you know, they're just into kining area and compromising and being like awaybody alse. I mean to me Rock and Roll was shout heing unique, whether it be in playing music, or being a DI or being an artist or whatever you are in life, I always thought the whole idea in life was to be unique, and it doesn't seem to be that way you know.

ANTHONY: What have the Ramones not in the pipeline for the future with reserve to new somes, or any albuma anything like that coming out?

JOEY: Yer well, we have a new video that's going to be shot when we get home, 'Merry Christmas I Won't Fight Tonight'. Also we have a home video that we're putting together for next year in America, I guess it will come out everywhere. They 're gunna' put out back to back to Dack CDs, overy month, like the first Ramones abum will be on one CD with additional unrealessed Ramones material from '74, a bat of it was probably demos and that not of thing.

ANTHONY: Unrealeased material from the Ran

JOEY: Yer, the period from the first two albums on the one CD, there'll be usralensed tracks that were recorded before and didn't come out on our first album. Theres a lot of suff that's not been released that didn't get to an album, just early recordings that were done. And on the home video will be TV shows, live performances, interviews, old footage also it'll include all the videos so it'll be kind of cool.

ANTHONY: What's happening in New York these days, energy wise, with music, with people?

CEEJAY: A lot of new good bands in new York.

JOEY: Its a real feral environment now for like bands and all kinds of creative situations.

SUSAN: Which bands?

CEEJAY: Josys brothers band, they're really good, they should be getting signed soon, they're called Tribe 375. J puts on shows down at CBGB's, I mean showcase a bot of bands that are up and coming in New York, and his brothers band play one night and they were outstanding, they were really good, so hopefully they'll be putting an album out soon. others band played

JOEY: Dick Manitoba and Andy Shernoff, from the original Dictators, they have a band called Manitobas Wild Kingdom, they be really great and like a lot of character personality in songs. Also the Lanachicks, Psychoslass from Hell, Raging Slab, Pink Fux, the original guitarist from the Plasmatics is in the band.

ANTHONY: 1960 you were out here in Australia, its now '89, 9 years later do you see any differences in the people and ety and music are going? the way society and m

JOEY: Hike Australia is lot. Back in the old days to tell you the truth, it wasn't the best time for myself, but now I realies, rock and roll is a bit more in its infancy, like people get a bot more excited about the scene in Australia you know, like the local scene, and I think the public resion here is really good, really strong, its not like in America. I realise you know y ou goay are a bit behind us but I think that 'good. I think is got really our of hand back in the States with realise, and where I notice here a bot of stations are more subscriber kind of stuff and government funded realis kind of stuff, there a real good kind of creativity where you're not trying to compate with the major stations, in couldn't see why snybody would wanto, but in America that's how it is, the collage stations compate with more commercial stations and I don't know why but to meradios real fresh here, just a really good enthusiam, and the local scene is evord is red'realistic and in the local scene. od, its refreshing actually

### SUSAN: What Australian bands do you like?

JOEY: On our tour here, our promoter, Vivian Lees has been having like about two different bands per night, the better up and coming stronger bands. I heard about a band called X that played with us, they dish't do very well that inght, but I heard they were good. Collabse Rither played with us, the samiff you hear as thome, but unauffy they're a lithe bit down the line yous know.

CEEJAY: The Space Juniors are really good too, like I met the bass player while we were in Sydney and got a chance to listen to their staff, I really liked k. I could hear some definite Ramones influence there, so its kind of furmy to listen to a band their's influenced by a band you play for, well is furmy for me, I just strapped into the shaukion.

- JOEY: I always liked the Saints.
- ANTHONY: Local Brisbane band the Saints, from this town.
- JOEY: Oh yer? Oh cool! They played with us back in the "70s at the Roundhouse I think.
  - ANTHONY: What do you think of Iggy Pop and the influence he's had on music?

JOEY: I love Iggy Pop, I love the Stooges, and I'm real happy for his success now. I guess when people say what do listen to these days, I guess one of my ultimate staples is the Stooges. The thing that I like shout Iggy so much is that he's a primal that's how I feel. I am and the Ramones are. I get off on really taking it all is, just absorbing overything, overywhere you are, just he moment, that's what I got out of his music and person, and all that, he's just very unique. ou listen to these d

After offering the three of us a "candy". Joev and CeeJay departed for a sound check. The concert was wild!

By the way, the right people at the right place in the wrong room were Anthony Herford, Chris Parry and Susan Bryce.



A Ramone (C.Jay)

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