

TOMMY & TOMMY PARTY AT THE JACKS!

Tommy Lee (Mötley Crüe) and Tommy Boyce (Casanovas) met at the Jack Awards in Sydney to discuss the backstage rider. The two bands are touring together in December.

STROKES, PEAS, BACK THIS YEAR?

The Strokes hope to head back here by end of the year, according to manager Ryan Gentles. Black Eyes Peas are eying dates in October, especially after their Monkey Business album entered the ARIA chart this week at #1. Will I Am plans to set up operations in Sydney for six months a year signing urban acts.

Coldplay suggest they're looking at January for Oz shows. Jamiroquai should be here in November, and Robert Plant and The Strange Sensation in mid-January. U2 are firming up for Feb-



Hot topics in the spotlight at Big Sound

Everything from promoting a regional tour to selling your music to the world will fall under the spotlight this July as part of Brisbane's Big Sound music industry conference.

Staged around the Valley from July 5-9, the conference program will feature networking opportunities, music industry sector summits, closed-door discussions, open issuebased forums, and round table discussions covering some of the most important issues facing the music industry today.

Just some of the issues covered will be: **New Business Models and New Directions** in the International Music Industry

The new breed of smart-artists are taking on the industry's big wigs at their own game, getting outcomes and deals that show that being independent can be as lucrative as being signed to a major label for life.

Export Development

If you are looking at getting your music or business overseas in the next couple of years, then this panel is for you. Find out all the tricks of the trade and discover what local, state and federal government programs are in place to help you.

The Future of Radio Programming

Want to know the latest trends in Australia radio programming? This session offers you and insight into how you can get your songs. on the radio.

A complete rundown on the topics to be covered at Big Sound is available now at

www.qmusic.com.au/bigsound. If you want to maintain your independence and integrity, yet get ahead in the international music business, Big Sound proruary and the Rolling Stones are looking at a handful of dates in April.

Also, the Split Enz appearance at the Hall Of Fame event could expand to extra tour dates.

AUSTEREO WINS QLD'S GOLDIES

Austereo's two Brisbane stations, B105 and 4MMM, scored well at Commercial Radio Queensland's Goldie Awards, held on May 28. Among the winners were:

B105 FM's Guitar Boy for best newcomer on air, Triple M's promotions team for best off-air support and best station promo. Marty Pouwelse of Triple M was runner-up behind Peter Maden of the Gold Coast Radio Centre for best male commercial talent.

Best On Air Performance was B105 Morning Crew while runners up were 102.9 Hot Tomato's Ben Harrison & Luke Bradnam, Radio vet Johnny James was inducted into their Hall Of Fame.

DODGE LEAVES ACADEMY

After three months, Greg Dodge has left his job as store manager at the Academy Of Music in Brisbane. We hear some of his visionary marketing ideas didn't go down too well with some of the old school. He has resuscitated his company Oxygen 4 2, and is working on projects as Logan Legends. He is contacted on 0415 282 399.

LUCK LEAVES HOT

Hot 91's Sam Luck has left the Sunshine Coast to take on an announcing and programming assistant position with Perth's Nova 93.7.

LYONS AT WATERHOLE

Joe's Waterhole in Eumundi on the Sunshine Coast has a new Entertainment Manager, Dan Lyons at info@danlvons.net.

OTHER VENUE NEWS

For QLD acts and managers who tour intestate a lot, the Gaelic Club in Sydney has been sold for \$4.1 million (no news if it'll drop live acts), while the Sydney Metro could also be up for sale. The Yallah Woolshed has changed its name to the Roadhouse, and last week launched its 300-capacity live music room called The Shooters Bar inside the main venue.

DID JACK WHITE REALLY MARRY?

Did Jack White marry model Karen Elson in the Brazilian city of Manaus last week? The White Stripes' publicist revealed they stood on a canoe where three rivers - the Rio Negro, the Solimones and the Amazon - met, and were blessed by a shaman priest. Stripes manager Ian Montone was best man, drummer Meg White was maid of honour. Elson is on their new 'Blue Orchid' video. Some are cynical. Was the "announcement" because of their new album? Or that Jack's ex-gal Renée Zellweger got hitched?

Their claim it's the first time for both is a lie. In 2003 the Detroit Free Press found a 1996 marriage document between Jack and Meg (filed under their real names, John Anthony Gillis and Megan Martha White). They were divorced four years later.

AUSTRADE, MMF, SEMINAR FOR BRISBANE

Austrade and the Music Managers Forum have teamed up for a national series of seminars. They'll give you an insight on whether you're ready to go o/s, if you understand the US and Canadian markets, about recording deals, trade fairs and visas, and how Austrade can help.

The Brisbane seminar is on Wed July 6 at

WAITS SUES OVER DIGITAL ROYALTIES

In a landmark case, Tom Waits is suing the Warner Music Group alleging he has been shortchanged on the sale of digital downloads from early albums as Small Change and Heart Attack And Vine. He says that in 1972 and 1977 he signed record deals which entitled him to royalties of either 25 per cent or 50 per cent from revenues derived from third party licenses. He maintains that digital music downloads are a form of third party licence. Yet Warner paid him less for digital downloads than for his physical CDs even though he was entitled to either 9 per cent or 13 per cent of the 67 cents received from WMG from each 99 cent download.

COG, ANDERSEN, ADDED TO CONFERENCE

Sydney band Cog's singer Flynn Gower and manager Steve Betts of Aloha Management have been added to the Artists & Managers panel of the Australasian Music Business Conference in Sydney in August. NZ Music Commission CEO Cath Andersen joins the international speakers which include EMI Music global VP for Digital Music, Ted Cohen and SxSW Founder and CEO Roland Swenson. The early bird rate ends June 15. More info www.immedia.com.au/ambc or call (02) 9557 7766.



JOHN HARLEY WESTON & GOLD COAST MAYOR **RON CLARKE**

WESTON GETS VOTE

During a recent private performance at the Gold Coast Arts Centre, Gold Coast Mayor Ron Clarke gave songwriter John Harley Weston the keys to the city. Weston, from Tamborine Mountain, won the Australian National Songwriting Contest (rock) with his song 'Last Days Of Summer' off his current independent album Hope Harbour.

SONY'S ANTI-PIRACY TECHNOLOGY

Japan's Sony will test its new anti-piracy technology on CDs on ten upcoming releases. Developed by specialist First4Internet, it will allow consumers to make up to three copies before they are barred. Problem: it works on conventional CD players but not iPod.

FOOS SECRET SHOW SELLS OUT

Hottest show in Sydney last week was Foo Fighters' secret show at the Metro, which sold out in 90 minutes. Fans slept outside the box office overnight, and were rewarded with one awesome gig, during which Dave Grohl jumped into the crowd and ran to the mixing desk to keep playing. Sony BMG turned it on for the Foos, giving

them each hand painted surfboards 500,000 units in Australia, and hos where guests were served special F

JET FOR LIVE8?

The Sydney Sun-Herald reporte were offered a spot in Bob Geldof's cert on July 2. Keith Urban will pl delphia, while Molly Meldrum plans Geldof about getting his blessings Aussie show in Sydney as part of

ABA APOLOGISES TO ANDERSON

The Australian Broadcasting Auth gised to former Triple J presenter V for wrongly identifying him as the description of Paris Hilton as a "ci slut" led to complaints from a list ensuing investigation from the AB says that Triple J provided the info fied the offender as 'AS'.

LIFELINES

Expecting: Tina Arena and long to Vincent Mancini, their first, by the Divorcing: Rod Stewart filed from R six years after they split, now that

ing a kid with Penny Lancaster.

Hospitalised: Press reports say Ke is in rehab.

Arrested: Bay City Rollers singer L 49, for supplying a Class A drug, a ex-Roller Pat McGylnn, 47, was nicke others in a hotel car park alleged

Arrested: American jazz bassist Ta accused of swearing a formal oath al Qaeda, planning to teach "urb martial arts, and trying to find a v teach them in. He could face 15 year a \$250,000 fine.

Died: Keith Barber, ex-drummer w Cherries and La De Das, in Melbourn month battle with cancer.

Died: US jazz singer Oscar Brown two-month illness in which his leg lysed. He wrote 'The Snake', 'Signi and the lyrics for Miles Davis' 'All B as a dozen plays and musicals, and the civil rights movement.

AUTOGRAPHED ORCHESTRAL AUCTION

To assist victims of the Asian Ts edy, Musiclink Australia is at Zildijan orchestral gong. After tr world with Powderfinger on their Vulture Street tour and featured DVD These Days, the gong then 2005 Big Day Out tour. The gon autographed by 30 artists, eve John Butler, Grinspoon, Powde Spiderbait to Slipknot, The Mu Donnas. All proceeds go to World tralia's Tsunami Appeal. It's up www.ebav.com

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