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Vipers Dream - Haskins Hotel - Tuesday April 30th

Once again Blazzbear is appealing to Blazz connoisseurs to come along to Haskins Hotel ("*The happy hotel on the corner of Reid and Rae Streets in North Fitzroy*") for a night of music by Vipers Dream. Like last month, there's no cover charge, and it's a friendly atmosphere. **Tuesday 30th April** is the date to remember - the band kicks off at **8:30pm**.

Thanks to those Blazzeners readers who ventured out last month to the Haskins Hotel gig - your support is much appreciated.

Twelve Angry Men

Colebrook's jazz (?) band, the Twelve Angry Men, whilst still retaining the high moral ground by declining that Grand Prix gig, managed to entertain (?) race fans on the Saturday, when many racegoers

migrated from the Albert Park race track to nearby Southgate complex, where the band was playing on the Promenade. The band's latest contribution to the world of serious music was an examination of the "Elevator Genre", epitomised by the classic tune *The Girl From Ipanema*. After hearing Roger Perrin's arrangement and Steve Colebrook's vocal interpretation of this tune, listeners rushed off to sign up at gyms so they would be fit enough to use the stairs, rather than risk being stuck in an elevator!

By the way, last Blazzeners mentioned a 12 Angry Men gig at the Fairfield Amphitheatre on April 24th. We know by now that most of you realised that Blazzbear was a little confused about the date - it was March, not April...(however it was a sunny Melbourne Autumn afternoon - perfect for an outdoors gig).

The next Twelve Angry Men gig will be on Friday May 17th, but we can't tell you where at this stage, except that it will be one of those pubs down the Beach Road - check the gig guides!

M McQuades

Melbourne band The McQuades are doing a couple of special gigs to continue with the promotion of their third EP *Dissatisfaction*, which was released in October 1995. They played last Thursday at The Gershwin Room at the Esplanade Hotel (one of the prime venues for indie bands), and will be featuring next month at the Cherry Tree in Richmond (another good venue) with two other acts - *Hoova* and *Toasted* (formerly *Barefoot*) on Saturday May 18th. Blazzbear reports that sales of the McQuades *Dissatisfaction* CD have been going well, with initial stocks almost exhausted.

L ovebites

Blazzbear's "Purring Perth Penpal" Amos reports that his keeper Phil Bennett continues to work the local indie scene with his band The Lovebites. Apparently they do a couple of regular gigs each week, so things are fairly rosy in the Lovebites camp!

T ecka's Tracks - Mildura Radio

Thanks to Tecka (Terry Iredale) for featuring tracks from *The Coldest Winter* on his weekly radio program on HOTFM in Mildura. Tecka plays a range of music from blues to hard rock, and is keen to feature more Australian music on his show. Incidentally Tecka reports that he was talking to the guys from

(Melbourne band) *Blue Devil* when they appeared in Mildura recently. Apparently they're heading off to the USA in June for 3 months of guaranteed good gigs. *Blue Devil* features expatriate Perth musician Peter Harper on vocals and harmonica. A bit more Blazz trivia: Peter Harper was once lead singer of Perth band *Rocksmiths*, which included Garry Smith and Ben Rogers on Guitars. Garry and Ben formed the original *Vipers Dream* after the demise of the *Rocksmiths*.

A coustic Sessions - Clifton Hill

Vipers Dream will be making a brief appearance at the Acoustic Sessions at the Clifton Hill Hotel on Wednesday 24th April. Other acts on the program will be *Moonee Valley Drifters* (there's a feature article about them in last week's Age - EG), and *Nick Charles*, an accomplished blues performer.

W hat Else is Happening with Vipers Dream?

Well, that long-talked about album is finally underway. The band started recording a couple of weeks ago at Seed Studios in Bank St South Melbourne. This studio was set up by a couple of guys formerly employed by Metropolis (before this

studio closed most of their music recording activities), and contains much of the gear from Studio 2. By coincidence Seed is directly across the street from Metropolis. Doug Roberts (also ex-Metropolis) has been doing the engineering for the album, and we're sure his input will help to produce a quality product. The album will feature the current Vipers Dream lineup, (Sue Fedrizzi on vocals, Ben Rogers on guitar, Nikki Scarlett on bass and Armando Galluzzo on drums) together with a few guest musicians to add a different flavour to some of the tracks.



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Write to "Dear Blazzbear" care of this publication for the

Shades of Perth 4 CD

The next compilation CD of Perth bands - Shades of Perth Volume 4 - is up and running. Inquiries Richard Mortimer - phone (09) 349 6201 or PO Box 325 Tuart Hill, WA 6939 or email god@iinet.net.au.

There's also a Web page with info about this and previous volumes - <http://emedia.com/au/wamusic/sop/sop3/html>

Blazzbear Gets The Strap

Blazzbear would like to thank John and Mark for his custom-made, *bearalised* guitar strap. We understand that this gift was made to order in Mildura.

Dear Blazzbear,
My Favourite song on Ben's CD is "Lying on a Beach" (Living on the Island - cd). Do you play with another band, what are their names? I have a big ted and I might call him Blazz Bear.

Jacqui O'Reilly (age 7)
Edithvale Vic.

*Dear Jacqui,
Glad you like Ben's CD - he needs all the help he can get...*

I am currently between engagements, but I have been known to help out with some bands you may have heard of, such as the Beartles, Bearport Convention, Ted Mulry, and of course Silverbear. Ben, on the other hand, can only cut it with local acts such as The Steve Colebrook Trio, The Twelve Angry Men and Vipers Dream. However I hear that he did appear

recently with a country band called Moonshine, which features a bass player named Paulard O'Reilly. Could this be a relative of yours?

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Dear Blazzbear,
What are your favourite songs?
David of Williamstown.

Dear David,
I'm sure there's many, but the following are the only ones which come readily to mind as the Blazzenne "Tedline" approacheth...

Yestedly, by the Beartles (again!)
Bearway to Heaven, by Ted Zeppelin.
Petite Fur, by Sydney Bearchet...

Note: David may not recall asking this question as it was some time ago, and yes, it is an excuse for some bearily bearable puns!

What's New With Blazzenne Readers...

Blazzbear welcomes new readers Karen McCluskey of McKinnon and Peter and Lynne Glover of Mitcham to the ranks of his devoted followers. He would also like to thank the following readers for their contributions towards postage of this newsletter:

- ◆ Christina Woodroffe of East Brighton.
- ◆ Jasmine Mahon of South Yarra.
- ◆ Mak of Frankston.

Howzabout... "BabeKind"?



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GROUP OF SERIOUS THINKERS
INVITE A NEWCOMER TO DISCUSS
SEXISM IN LANGUAGE

**Vipers
Dream**

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**Tuesday
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8:30 - 12PM