

Bands You Should Know...

The Driving Conditions

Remember the name of this band! Buzz is building around the Brisbane quartet and with an EP down and album imminent, The Driving Conditions have the potential to blow up just like Airbourne before them.

They've been earning a reputation as one of Australia's most exciting and promising rock n roll bands in recent times and one listen to their authentic Aussie Rock, Bon-era AC/DC meets Rose Tattoo in a pub brawl sound, you'll instantly see why.

"We've been hoping for a more of a Milli Vanilli sound!," says guitarist Nathan Ward laughing hysterically. "We've all grown up listening heavily to all the Alberts Aussie rock bands, I guess if you hang out with bricklayers long enough you become one yourself."

And to complete the comparisons, two of the members have strong Scottish roots.

"Yes I and Woody (frontman) are from the Fraser Clan," continues Nathan. "Don't ask what's under our kilts!"

Brought up on ACDC, The Angels, The Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, Guns N Roses and Jimi Hendrix to name a few, brother's in law Nathan Ward and Sol Freeman originally set about recording as a blues-rock trio titled Nathan Ward's Driving Conditions in 2005.

But after turning to more of a hard rock direction, The Driving Conditions formed in late 2006 with good mates Woody on vocals and Dave Stapleton on drums. The *Rock N Roll* EP followed in 2007 alongside appearances with Aussie rock royalty; Rose Tattoo, The Angels, Dallas Crane, The Radiators and Jimmy Barnes plus an appearance on national TV during *Big Brother Friday Night Live*.

But now focus turns toward the release of debut album *Full Throttle* with an accompanying live DVD featuring behind the scenes footage from the studio, film clips, interviews with all band members and Geordie Leach, Mike Goldman and much more.

And in true Aussie style The Driving Conditions are going the DIY route for now, but it won't be long before they get snapped up, perhaps by Alberts, the same label as their heroes?



"We're still an independent band," adds Nathan. "But on all our albums we've had Geordie Leach from Rose Tattoo & Buster Brown produce us. On the new one we also added the help of Jeff Lovejoy (Engineer) with Greg Clarke and Steve Smart mastering."

And once the album is out, then what?

"Sex, drugs and rock n roll and you're all invited."

Listen to: *Rock N Roll*
from new album *Full Throttle*

Band:

Woody:
Lead Vocals

Nathan Ward:
Vocals, Guitars

Sol Freeman:
Bass

Dave "Stapleguns"
Stapleton:
Drums

Previous Releases:

Rock N Roll (EP)
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