

November 2011

Here we are again, about to finish off the second to last month in 2011. If we were in the U.S.A., we'd be "Giving Thanks", and here in Australia there are always things for which to be thankful. We at VASE are thankful for our faithful readers and VASE fans; for the continuing work of Noel, Snow and the crew in getting things ready to go out the door; to Gra and Paul for getting the word out in their diverse ways; for Harry and Richard for keeping us all on track and thanks to Tim for having the product on display in his wonderful shop. Thanks, too, to the production companies out there who promote our equipment and encourage the uninitiated to try it out (they are ALWAYS converted)! And thanks to the Artists who use the equipment and give us the opportunity to quote them in our big red quotes! Gosh, I can almost taste that turkey!

Mansfield Blues Festival



Hilton Noddy Marsh on Stage at the Mansfield Blues Festival



Brilliant VASE Bass Rig was a huge hit with all the players

Jamie Robin McDonald, Mansfield Tavern Entertainment Manager pictured below



Hailed as an event filled with immense blues pedigree, the legendary Kevin Borich (La De Da's, The Party Boys), Nat Col & The Kings featuring Nathan Cavaleri & Col Hatchman (Screaming Jets) & Brit Blues band Mixed Nuts, featuring blues harpist Jamie Mack, Singer Kerry Peters and the internationally acclaimed Chris Black from The Searchers, the 2011 Mansfield Tavern Blues Fest took place earlier this month and VASE was there.

Mansfield Tavern Entertainment Manager Jamie Robin McDonald said " (the) Brilliant VASE Bass Rig was a huge hit with all the players at the Mansfield Blues Festival."

If you missed it this year, mark your calendars for next November.

VASE in Social Media

Paul Holland (pictured left) is Managing Director and Principal Consultant for Creativity Well a company which provides services to creative industries. He has spent the past 20 years involved in the area of interactive media development and has taken on the task of pulling us into the 21st century in our communication skills. We are very fortunate and appreciative to have him on the VASE Team! Here's his latest contribution:

OK. Things are building up. Firstly there is more and more activity on Facebook, which is great. Love to see plenty of visits and 'Likes', however what is really great is when you stay long enough to share your thoughts as a post or comments. Let's see more of that.

We'd love to see more of your thoughts on VASE. Whether it's a current experience with the re-launched VASE or a tale from the legendary past. Stories always go well when they are accompanied by pictures or videos; but that's not absolutely necessary. If you've been hanging back because you've got no visuals, don't wait - let's hear from you now. Having said that it would be terrific to see more pics and vids as well.

Very nice post and pic from Jamie McDonald on 7 November.

I also challenged you last month to put up some pics or vids of your favourite guitars and basses. The toys you either DO or would LIKE TO plug into a VASE rig. I've put up a couple to kickstart that. Let's see what treasures and workhorses you have out there.

The VASE YouTube Channel is up:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/vaseamp>

One vid so far - the opening number by the legendary Purple Hearts at their VASE-sponsored reunion show 5 years ago. Plenty more numbers to be uploaded, so keep tuning in. Your vids could go there as well. Contact us and we'll arrange for that.

Keep using our social media channels to talk to us directly. By using our social platforms you can tell us what you want. Meet up with your fellow VASE tribe members.

The VASE FB page is: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/VASE/340145740765>

Follow us on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/#1/vaseamps>

The new VASE YouTube Channel is at <http://www.youtube.com/user/vaseamp>

Let us know your thoughts direct on FB and Twitter or at info@vase.com.au

Cheers

Paul



Introduced to VASE at a tender age, Greg Richards is still a fan. He's entered into the drawing for the years subscription to Vintage Guitarist for sharing his pictures. Send yours in if you'd like a shot at that as well.



Heard from Greg Richards recently. He had been going through an old photo album and found some photos of himself at various ages (starting at 10) using VASE amps. He wondered if we would like a copy of them? You know the answer to that!

Turns out he's an old acquaintance of Harry's from the "Matra" days. (Harry Lloyd-Williams, the spearhead behind the VASE rebirth once had a company called Matra.)

Harry asked Greg for an update and he responded:

"The brief update is, I left Musician's Pro shop in 1988 to get into real estate, took over the office in 2000, sold it in 2008, lectured at a RE training college, and retired at the end of the 2010 financial year, with a view to perhaps finally playing fulltime. Great timing!! I have been playing with a band called "Radio Saigon" (see picture at left) for about 8 years at RSL's and Football clubs, playing 60's & 70's (Vietnam War era), and also playing with Danny Mayers for about 18 months (recently ex lead singer from the Delltones), and have also just joined a band called "The Little Steely Brothers" who play Little River Band, Steely Dan, and Doobie Brothers stuff at the pubs etc. Learning 3 repertoires kept me busy for a while, but not making much money - as usual. You wouldn't do it if you didn't love it, would you?"

..good on you for re-starting VASE. I think it is great timing, the way everyone is right into 60's & 70's music again!

Greg Richards



Greg Richards the self-described "short one in the middle" at age 10 playing in the End of Year Concert at Chermiside Academy 1966



Seems like yesterday...Greg with Regos at Cloudland c1977



Greg with Regos at Hotel Pacific c1976

FEEDBACK

This note from Mick gives us the opportunity to remind you that we're here to help when you require bits and pieces for your VASE equipment. In addition, we have something not available in the past: Custom Made Flight Cases which are almost as beautiful as their contents. Offered to VASE owners reasonably.

Hello,

I recently bought an older vase 4x12 which unfortunately had been knocked about quite badly. I repaired the box structure and its good to go for another 4x years now. Its still got the original set of gold backed etones in it which sound awesome. I would like to get it looking a bit better, so I was wondering if it was possible to buy a new vase badge and also a set of back panel screws with the silver washers. They've all been lost on mine unfortunately. Also what are the new vase flight cases worth? Thanks for your help.

Mick

Hi Mick

Send me your postal address and I will post you a set of screws and a Vase Badge free of charge. Just send us a photo when its all back together

Best Regards

Harry

P.S. Can you email me the dimensions of the 4X12 cab and I will see if we have a flight case to suit we have super price for vase owners



We can supply cases for all current VASE products and for a limited time, many of the original VASE heads and speakers. Send us your dimensions to be sure.



As I write this, playing in the background at our office is light contemporary Christmas music. I'm told by the resident DJ (Ronnie D) that more traditional carols will follow. I've requested some snow but I think he mumbled something about Norman Rockwell and unrealistic expectations of an Australian Christmas as he walked off....

If you need to get in touch or know someone who might like to be added to our mailing list, contact us at info@vase.com.au
Till next time,
Carol