

January 2014

We've seen the New Year in, lighting up the skies and showing the world how to do it! We think it's time to share our sound with the rest of the globe. You've read about our forays into Germany and now we're spreading the word across the Pacific to America. Australia leads the way! Watch this space!



**From coast to coast and capital to capital, Australia leads the way into the New Year and Australian icon VASE is ready to explode onto the world scene: bring on 2014!**

## Combo Preproduction Nearing Completion

For those of you who are wanting the warmth and vintage sound of a valve amplifier with the convenience and ease of a combination speaker and amp housed together in a travel friendly compact package, you are in luck.

The preproduction for VASE's new 18 watt combo is coming along. At about a quarter of the size of the Trendsetter 60's, these little beauties will deliver performance befitting their size.

Great for smaller venues, practicing at home or for ease in transporting, this brings you the sound, quality, dependability and support of the VASE brand in a compact package.

They are hand assembled, enclosed in hand made cabinets and painstakingly covered in vinyl with all work done by VASE team members. You can see why we are so excited!

## Emmanuel Brothers Then and Now

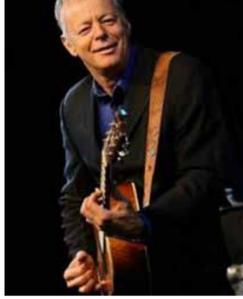
Those of you who have had the experience of interacting with Greg Tschernetz are aware of his infectious enthusiasm and dauntless approach to meeting folks. He's the consummate networker and has parleyed meeting **Phil Emmanuel** at the Airlie Beach Music Festival to connecting with Phil's brother **Tommy Emmanuel**. Tommy responded: "Hi Greg...yay Vase is back!?! Fantastic, I would love to hear what the amps are like now." Greg invited him to check out the website and heard back from Tommy: "I'll be back in OZ in October, I'll have a look at the website when I can...All the best mate, TE"

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Tommy Emmanuel



Phil Emmanuel with Greg above left and at right brother Tommy Emmanuel below the brothers Emmanuel with a VASE rig that they hired for a year.



From Tommy's Facebook : "Here is a photo of Phil and I at the **Sunnybank Hotel**, 1971...in our band "**Shiloh**". We are playing our new Telecasters, Phil had a Fender Solid State Amp and I was using a Vase Australian -Made amp...We were playing a lot of Creedence, Elvis, Buck Owens, Beatles etc in those days"

He told VASE: "I hired the VASE and Cabinet for a year! It never gave me any trouble and it sounded pretty good for a Bass amp!"



## VIP VASE INSIDERS PROFILE

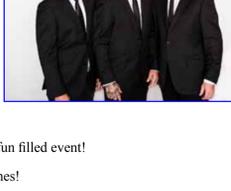
## Darrin Churchill and The Lazy Valentines

**Darrin Churchill** of the group **The Lazy Valentines** is the proud new owner of a VASE DynaBass 1k Classic with 810 Cab, thanks to an introduction by **Dan Gowen** of **Gowen Guitars**.

The band plays "Dirty Kick Arse Rock and Roll!!!!" and can be found at any given time at: The Royal Exchange, The Victory, Wharf Tavern Mooloolaba, O'Malleys Mooloolaba, Albany Creek Tavern, Mon Komo in Redcliffe among other venues.

The group averages 3-4 gigs a week and is comprised of bass player Darrin, drummer **Craig (Sully) Sullivan** and guitarist **Craig Cunningham** playing rock covers. They also clean up well for weddings and parties!(see right!!)

The future holds getting back into originals, and possibly a trip to the US. Check out their website <http://www.reverbnation.com/thelazyvalentines> for news and venue dates.



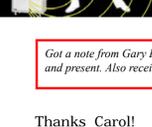
Darrin puts on the Logan Tattoo and Art Exhibition 13-14 September Acacia Ridge Hotel.

Mark your calendars, it's a music and fun filled event!

Welcome to the VASE Family, Valentines!



Darrin Churchill above and members of the band The Lazy Valentines above left: Craig (Sully) Sullivan, Darrin and Craig Cunningham.



## FEEDBACK

Got a note from Gary Dennis identifying the guys pictured last month from the X'es (pronounced "excess"). We love getting the vintage photos and hearing about your bands past and present. Also received a note from Rowen Smy who had questions about his vintage Trendsetter and who has a connection with Josh Murphy and the Band ME. Read on!

Thanks Carol!

You do such a wonderful job. The guys in the black& white one X-ES (sex backwards! We thought we were cool) are left to right: Gary Sawyer, Id/gt, Neil Sawyer,drums, Lenny Cross,Id/voc, Phill Newcombe,(manager) had to get in photo which was December 66 in Ipswich! next we have myself on bass& b/v and finally Graham Brockman on rhythm guitar&b/v. Thanks again and regards to Harry and you all for a great product and Vibe!

Cheers Gary D.



Hi there,

I have recovered my original VASE Trendsetter 60 from years of sitting unused in a Sydney garage.

The unit has no labelling on the outputs regarding what "ohms" the speaker rating is. Can you advise me of the what Ohm output for the speakers the original unit has?

You will be pleased to hear I am taking the unit to my recording studio in Germany, where it will hopefully bring some exposure for VASE :-)

Thanks for your help.

Rowan Smy

Manager

Tricone Studios Berlin

Hey Rowan,

That is AWESOME!!!!

Noel our technician has asked me to let you know the following in regards to your technical question.

"Typically" it is wired to 8 ohms although I have seen it wired to 4 ohms. The output transformer actually has internal wiring for 2 ohms, 4 ohms(3.7 ohms more correctly), 8 ohms and 16 ohms (15 ohm more correctly)...wiring internal colour sleeves are 2 ohm (orange), 4 ohm (yellow), 8 ohm (white) and 16 ohm (green) whilst the black is common ground. Some folks retro fit an additional two sockets giving 4,8 or 16 ohm outlets or an ohm select switch and one or two sockets."

Hopefully that will help you with what you need to know.

Can you send us some pics of your Trendsetter and tell us a bit more about you and your history with VASE we would love to do an article in our newsletter about it.

We are so excited about Germany and the whole of Europe in fact so the more support we have over there the better.

Hopefully later this year we will be able to get over there to meet with "ME" and yourself as well and to help promote our new combo once it is released. Very exciting times.

Well please keep in touch with us and we would love to know what is happening for you and your Trendsetter.

Cheers

Greg Tschernetz

## VASE in Social Media

Creativity Well Managing Director and Principal Consultant, **Paul Holland**, has had significant experience in the private and public sectors as an executive manager, company director, educator, business coach, media producer, and interaction designer. He is a musician, VASE Board Member, past and present VASE owner and keeps us up to date on Social Media.



A great start to the year with the interchange with the Emmanuel brothers and the posting of that fantastic pic of a young Tommy and Phil, with Tommy playing through a VASE rig.

A detailed account of that is elsewhere in this newsletter.

As last year progressed we had a big take-up of the Facebook page and many great contributions. Let's make this year even better. Historical stuff is always great, so any band/artist pics of the past (particularly where VASE was involved) are highly desirable. Just a reminder that I do have a very good slide and negative scanner that can bring to life all that old stuff lying in the bottom of a box somewhere.

Just as important though are pics and vids of VASE in action today. We'd love to see some video uploaded of guitar and VASE combination demos and critiques.

Don't forget our Twitter feed. Please follow that if you get a chance. Social Media is all about collaboration and conversation - and we want plenty of people sharing and talking.

We're also able to scan any old slides or negatives as well and return the originals to you. Just contact me at [hollandp@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hollandp@bigpond.net.au) or send them to:

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I'll copy the pics and return to you. I'll also email you digital copies.

Don't forget to check out our new, great, revamped VASE webpage at [www.vase.com.au](http://www.vase.com.au)

As I mention each month, we're still looking for your stories past and present that involve VASE amps.

The VASE Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/VASEAMPS>

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

The 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](mailto:info@vase.com.au)

Cheers

Paul

## VASE Style

As we're getting our media room ready, with its small performance area and television interview corner, we decided it would be fun to incorporate some of our memorabilia and have put together a "wallpaper" mural which will be printed and attached to the wall behind the seating area in the interview corner. Here's a preview:



Wall mural approximate 2 metres by 1.4 metres.



Well, two thousand fourteen or twenty fourteen, suit yourself: it is underway and looking to be a very good year. Good to have you on board! Till next time, Carol

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