



Graham Parker & the Rumour

TOURS

By now you shouldn't need to be told about **Graham Parker and the Rumour**. The intelligent among you will have booked seats, the rest of you bozos will just have to take what's left. Parker begins the tour in Dunedin on September 3 and concludes in Auckland with two shows, September 7 and 8. Don't miss it. The only other confirmed dates are for a **Don McLean** tour (this time with a band) which begins in Auckland on October 10, continues in Wellington on the 11th and concludes in Christchurch on October 13. **David Bowie** is also confirmed for two dates in NZ. He'll play Christchurch's QE II Park on November 30 and Auckland's Western Springs, December 3. Beyond that, all we can offer you is **Peter Frampton** and **Olivia Newton-John** in November, and some very intriguing rumours... one of which claims that **Elvis Costello** is booked for three dates, 8, 9 and 10 of November. Who knows? And even more intriguing is the gossip that has the **Stones** playing Auckland on Guy Fawkes night, November 5... but we can definitely tell you that **Patti Smith** will not make NZ this year, but there's a possibility for early next year. Meanwhile the proposed tours by **Roberta Flack**, **Muddy Waters** and **War** have all been postponed but may well be rescheduled... and that's all we could find out.

TOUR DATES

Little River Band September 4, Auckland Town Hall.

Graham Parker and The Rumour September 3, Dunedin — Regent Theatre, September 4 — Christchurch Town Hall, September 6 — Wellington Town Hall and September 7 & 8 — Auckland Town Hall.

Don McLean October 10 — Auckland, Oc-

tober 11 — Wellington and October 13 — Christchurch.

Dragon September 26 — Auckland Town Hall, September 27 — Claudelands Showgrounds (Hamilton), September 28 — Regent Theatre, Palmerston North and September 29 — Wellington Town Hall.

Dragon Tour

Dragon, one of the top rock band's in Australia, return home to play a North Island tour in late September. The dates are: Auckland Town Hall, September 26; Claudelands' Showgrounds Hamilton, September 27; Regents Theatre, Palmerston North, September 28 and Wellington Town Hall, September 29. The support act throughout the tour will be Auckland band **Th' Dudes**.

This short tour will presumably be the group's last concerts in this part of the world for a short time as, on October 9th, **Dragon**



Mark Hunter, Dragon

fly to the United States for a promotional visit. This visit will be to promote their new American album, *Are You Old Enough*, which is in fact assembled out of **Dragon's** second Australian album, *Running Free*, and their new Australian album, *O Zambezi*. The American released album will include a re-



mixed version of "April Sun in Cuba", which has been issued there as the new single. The new single in Australia and NZ, however, will be "Are You Old Enough" from the *O Zambezi* album.

John McCready, NZ manager of CBS Records, who has recently returned from the CBS Records Convention, reports that the **Dragon** album was received enthusiastically by American representatives of the company and was one of only five albums to be so acclaimed. McCready is confident that this augurs well for the Stateside promotion the album should receive, and predicts that **Dragon** with such organisational muscle behind them, should make a substantial impact there.

Roxy Music Back Together

Roxy Music have reformed. The core of the group — namely, **Bryan Ferry**, **Phil Manzanera**, **Paul Thompson** and **Andy MacKay** — are currently rehearsing at Ferry's country home in England and working on new material. The band, which last played together in 1975, is joined by one other musician, who is unknown at this stage, and **Ferry** is handling bass as well as vocals. It is believed that a further two musicians will be added.

At this moment it remains uncertain what will come of these rehearsals. A spokesman commented: "They are together, but with a view towards what I really don't

LATE NEWS

Late News: **The Stones** US tour is now finished and several members of the band are now holidaying on the West Coast of America, prior to a short European tour in September. **Keith Richard** comes up before a Canadian court in October charged with trafficking in narcotics... and **Mick** is reportedly set to play the role of **Antonin Artaud**, French actor and writer, in a film titled *Wings Of Ash*... **Be Bop Deluxe** leader **Bill Nelson** has decided to split the band. Nelson was "bored with the limitations of a rigid group structure" and has now moved on and formed a new unit called **Red Noise**... **The Temptations** longest serving member, bass-singer **Melvin Franklin**, was shot and wounded in a mugging incident. The group will continue without him on a forthcoming European tour... **Pacific Eardrum**, the group comprised largely of NZers based in London, have had their second album *Beyond Panic* released in Britain... **The Beach Boys** and **Jan and Dean** are to perform together on a short American tour. It will be the first time the two acts have played together since 1966... **Bernie Taupin** and **Alice Cooper** have got together to write songs for Cooper's new album *From the Inside*, which is reportedly an autobiographical examination of the drying-out period Cooper underwent when he stopped his large alcoholic intake... **The Darts**, British doo-wop band have lost vocal bassman **Den Hegarty** and pianist **Hammy Howell**... and to finish the news on a low note, **Charlie's Angel Cheryl Ladd** when asked what it was like recording her debut album, replied candidly, "Making an album is like losing your virginity. It's a real agony-ecstasy situation — scary yet wonderful."

know. The music is very different to what they did before, it's really not the same kind of band."

Up until this point, **Ferry** has been reported as being against such a reunion, but now has obviously changed his mind and as the other members have no future commitments, a permanent regrouping could be the result.

Bryan Ferry's new solo album, *The Bride Stripped Bare*, will be released overseas in a couple of months and solo albums from **Andy MacKay** and **Phil Manzanera** are also completed.

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