

BOURBON STREET BIO



Australian four-piece rock band Bourbon Street (all original members) formed in Byron Bay, NSW, in February, 1987. The band enjoyed immediate success on the live circuit as a 70's-styled high-energy cover band and soon began writing their own songs. During the next 6 years, Bourbon Street played more live shows than any other band in Australia. They won multiple awards and released three albums before temporarily disbanding in September of '93.

Their debut LP, 'Stronger Than Dirt', released in '88, featured a cover of Neil Young's 'Powder Finger', which became the band's traditional opener for live shows. A fledgling Brisbane-based group (Powderfinger) at the time was largely influenced by Bourbon Street and chose this song's title as their band's namesake. 'Stronger Than Dirt' went on to become a cult classic and is still in popular demand.

In 2003, the band began touring around their native Northern Rivers area for the next few years. Their fourth album, 'Banned for Life' (co-produced by Powderfinger's Ian Haug) was released in February, 2007. The album yielded 3 minor hits with Silver Dollar, Natural Blonde and Rosie's Bar & Grill, all receiving extensive airplay in the Northern Rivers region of NSW. The group disbanded again shortly after the album's release before being lured back to the stage in 2013.

Since then, Bourbon Street has regrouped on a number of occasions for special appearances in their Northern Rivers area. Amazingly, the seasoned rockers still draw large crowds and play with the same child-like enthusiasm that put them on the map in 1987. They are currently the oldest all-original rock & roll line-up in Australia. Their repertoire features fan-faves from their albums and a mix of high-energy covers from The Doors, Neil Young, Led Zeppelin, The Stones, AC/DC and the like.