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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 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 young Brisbane-based group at the time was largely influenced by **Bourbon Street** and chose this song's title as their band's namesake – **Powderfinger**. Meanwhile, *'Stronger Than Dirt'* went on to become a cult classic. It was re-pressed four times and is still in popular demand.

In 2003, the band regrouped and toured sporadically 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** have regrouped on a number of occasions for special appearances in their Northern Rivers area. Like many of yesteryear's bands, the seasoned rockers still draw large crowds and play with the same child-like enthusiasm. They are now considered to be the oldest all-original rock line-up in Australia. Their repertoire features fan-faves from their albums and a mix of high-energy covers from The Doors, Led Zeppelin, Stones and AC/DC, that put them on the map in 1987.