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Coming this Saturday!!!



The Rumble Beez in concert on their world tour



Get ready for THE most
exciting event in rock history!

Live this Saturday, October 9
Scout hall in Strawberry Lane
7.30 p.m.



Bring own chair
Standing for five only in mosh pit area



Hot rockin' at its best.

Come and see the best in the
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Tickets: \$3
Pensioners: \$1

\$2 extra for the delicious supper to be provided
by residents of Seaview Retirement Village to raise
funds for Percy Smithers's 90th birthday party.

The Daily Bite

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Getting a Buzz out of the Beez!

By Roman Alongi

Local rock group, the Rumble Beez, maintain that they will be living up to their name and have the hall buzzing when they perform in town this Saturday night. The Beez confirmed that this will be the second scheduled concert of their world tour. This tour kicked off last Saturday in nearby town Willow Creek, which happens to be their hometown. Fans around the area, and the world, will be waiting in tense anticipation to hear about the rest of the stops on their tour, to be announced at a later date.

Unfortunately though, there was no buzzing at last week's concert and *The Daily Bite* was unable to post a review of that concert as it was cancelled after the first set. This occurred when the band finally realized that



Local band the Rumble Beez

there was only one person in the audience.

When asked what he thought of the Rumble Beez performance, that audience member, 89-year-old Percy Smithers, answered, "Bumblebees? Mean little blighters! I got a sting last summer. It was nasty and still itches!"



Percy Smithers missed his potluck supper when he attended the Rumble Beez concert.

After this reporter explained that he was enquiring about the band Mr Smithers had seen the night before, the octogenarian's only comment was, "Oh, them? No, I didn't go to see them! I thought it was Potluck Supper Night at the community hall and I was really only looking for some of Mrs Jones's pumpkin, syrup, and apple cake. It's delicious! You just have to make sure it doesn't stick your teeth together!"

When questioned about the lack of patronage, the Beez spokesman, Bob Lanetti, replied that there must have been some confusion with the dates as they had expected a full house. They will take up this issue with their

publicity agents, Mabel Chan and Jean "The Machine" Smith. Jean got the dates mixed up with her bridge night.

"Yeah, my mum was coming, and all my aunties and my cousin," confirmed Billy Bishop, who recently took over as lead singer from Benny Fittler.

The group, who is expecting a sell-out crowd on Saturday, fashioned their name from their initials as all members' names begin with the letter B. Specifically, those members are Barry Chan, Bob Lanetti, Billy Bishop, Benny Fittler, and Trevor Smith, who transformed his appearance to save his position in the band.

In an earlier interview, Big Bad Bob Lanetti explained, "Oh yeah, that was a significant problem. As you may have noticed, Trevor's name doesn't start with B, and we'd already decided to call ourselves the Beez. We thought about asking him to leave, but we couldn't find another drummer whose name started with B. In fact, we couldn't find any other drummers at all. We held auditions, but most of the applicants gave up after we played our hit song for them. Clearly, our level of musicianship was too challenging for them.

Then, we had a brainwave about Trevor – we shaved his

head and called him Baldy. It was a good thing that we solved that problem, because Trevor's mum, Jean the Machine, said that she wouldn't pass out flyers at her bridge club anymore if Trevor wasn't in the band. Obviously, we couldn't risk that impact on our sales."

When asked about the Rumble portion of the name, Baldy took up the story. "That's easy, too. My neighbour said we sounded like a cross between the screech of a chainsaw and the rumble of a freight train along rusty tracks, and we thought that was a very cool description. So we created the Rumble Beez."



The Rumble Beez line-up clockwise from left: Barry Chan, Bob Lanetti, Billy Bishop, Benny Fittler, and Trevor Smith aka Baldy

Billy Bishop also made an impassioned plea for that neighbour to come forward, explaining that the man had mysteriously disappeared one night after a long rehearsal session and hasn't been heard of since. The boys are seeking his whereabouts to thank him and offer him a free copy of their CD. It seems the neighbour was last seen running down the street screaming. "He was just so excited about our music, he was trying to notify everyone – spread the word, so to speak!" Billy explained. "Man, fans like that are priceless."



A mysterious fan runs screaming from the Rumble Beez rehearsal.

After Saturday, the world tour will continue with a planned concert at the scout hall in Eagle's Tower, just 12.5 km south of Willow Creek. To date, these are the only three scheduled stops in this tour. However, the band is hoping to earn enough money from ticket and CD sales to take the 15-minute ferry ride across to Brighton Island. Proving they are dedicated to becoming household names, the band members explained that they feel it will benefit their careers if they perform overseas.

When it was pointed out that Brighton Island, which consists of a seasonal fishing village with about 20 residents, wasn't really considered overseas, Billy said he'd check that with his mum.



Interview with the Beez



Brand new rock group the Rumble Beez is certainly causing a commotion wherever they go, and not always for the right reasons! Jessica Boland of *Rock Quarterly* recently caught up with the group and revealed some interesting insights.

Jessica Boland: Considering you have only one song on the market, you boys are earning quite a reputation, yet I believe your first concert was a flop?

Billy: That's only because my mum told everyone the wrong address, but our first song is selling like hotcakes and we've already sold approximately 75 copies.

JB: Wow! You've sold 75,000 copies? I'm amazed!

Bob: No, just 75, but my mum said she knows three more people who'll buy one, so I reckon it'll be at least 80 by the end of the week. The Red Hot Chooks would love to be selling that many! We're on fire!

JB: The Chooks sold over 300,000 copies in their first week, but perhaps we'll move on and discover more about you. The publicity surrounding you has been enormous, with adverts and stories in every paper, so you obviously have good publicity agents.