

# TE gigguide

4.30pm. Montezuma from 8.30pm.  
**LASS O'GOWRIE** Friday, Jacqui O'Reilly, Gorillafish plus Texas Radio and The Big Beat.  
**LUCKY COUNTRY** Friday, Wyndam Farle plus Orpheus and comedian

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## TEXAS RADIO ready for airplay

### NEWCASTLE band

TEXAS RADIO AND THE BIG BEAT'S debut CD, which is to be launched this week, is a record in the old sense of the word.

Lead vocalist and guitarist PHILLIP MCINTYRE said the self-titled CD was a record of the group's songs and the many people who had contributed to its music over the years.

It was also a record of his children's voices.

Aged 19 and 15, his children are heard in the song PARIS ISLAND NO 5, a rather alternate version of the group's song PARIS ISLAND, despite the same lyrics.

McIntyre, a fan of PAUL McCARTNEY and JOHN LENNON, told TE the two versions of the song developed as a bit of a BEATLES joke from its songs REVOLUTION AND REVOLUTION NO 9 off the WHITE ALBUM.

Paris Island No 5, given the number five because that's how many attempts it took to record it, is a montage of sound.

The other 13 songs on the album are a mix of rhythm and blues, rock and roll and reggae.

'Our music is diverse,' McIntyre said.

'We've never been stylistically captured so there's a fair variety in there.'

WASTE AWAY, the first track on the CD, featured on the 2NURFM compilation CAT IN A HAT.

The success of Waste Away on the

compilation got the band a few gigs at large Newcastle venues and gave them the enthusiasm to continue on the long hard road to completing its CD.

'We've had all the songs written for a while but it was a matter of recording them when the money was there,' McIntyre said.

'It took us several years to record it but now it's out it's a great feeling. It would be even better if we could get a distributing contract.'

The CD, produced and arranged by McIntyre, has already received airplay at a coast radio station 2BOBFM.

While the band has its thoughts firmly on this Friday's CD release, it is also keen to get back into the recording studios with CD number two.

'We've virtually written the second CD, it's just a matter of rehearsing and arranging before we go through the process again,' McIntyre said.'

Texas Radio and The Big Beat, named after an old DOORS song about the demise of the Western dream, will release its CD this Friday at the Lass O'Gowrie Hotel.

The band members are McIntyre, DAVE CARRUTHERS and JOE WILLIAMS.

