



“Where Are They Now”

> **Iconic 30th Anniversary for roots music pioneers!** <

Biography:

With a 30 ‘years-in-the-making’ album under their belt, The Pad Boys are freshening things up!

Celebrating three decades in the music space, they dropped their ‘debut’ album “Where Are They Now” in Sept 2023.

And with a fresh-as new line-up, new songs, and ‘Canadian Tuxedo’ styling, their ready to bolt into the future.

They released their debut single ‘1962’ in early May 2023, and played a series of shows to promote the new song and show, including performances at Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF), Kuranda Roots, and their LP Launch event at Tanks Arts Centre in September.

Fusing roots-based reggae and indie rock with Djabugay language, within a broader soul groove, the group’s songs have become mini ‘anthems’, and are now part of a longer Djabugay music tradition.

THEN:

The Pad Boys formed in 1992 in Kuranda, and spent the best part of the 90’s touring, playing festivals, and developing a dedicated fan base.

Originally a four piece, comprising William ‘Biri’ Duffin (Guitar and Lead vocals), Roderick ‘Rocky’ Newbury (guitar/vocals), Dennis ‘Bugsy’ Hunter (Drums) and Timmy ‘Wiggy’ Wason (Bass), and occasional didgeridoo from senior Andy Duffin, the group evolved as a three piece (Biri, Bugsy & Wiggy), and continued to build audiences and momentum for many years.

Early shows in the 90’s at Cairns’ ‘Graft ‘n’ Arts’, and the Little Day Out festivals, introduced the band to Cairns audiences, and led to a range of exciting outcomes, including a two week tour supporting Regurgitator across a range of venues and gigs.

After spending a number of years on the Sunshine Coast in the early 2000’s making inroads into the National music industry, the group then took time out to get back to country, families and individual careers.

NOW:

In 2022, original band member Rocky Newbury returned, and the band is now joined by synth pop recording artist Tegan Koster on keyboards.

A dedicated creative development process in 2022 led to the recording recording of 8 tracks, with Patty Preece (Sound Engineer) and Hairbrain (Producer) in Bungalow & Gimuy (Cairns).

In 2023, **The Pad Boys** celebrated their 30th anniversary through a re-launched online presence, punchy pop singles and music video’s, and the fresh ‘*contemporary artefact*’ of a vinyl L.P.



THE PAD BOYS

Their debut L.P., "Where Are They Now", was released in September 2023 at the Tanks Arts Centre in Gimuy (Cairns).

Their music video '1962', won the Best Music Video Award at the 2023 Understory Film Festival.

In 2024 they launched a new line-up, fresh tracks and new show, and hit big stages across the land, including Island Vibe festival, Kuranda Roots and CIAF. Now featuring 3 lead vocalists, and an array of classic synths leading, The Pad Boys 'sound' is re-styling its own shape.

After supporting the Andrew Gurruwiwi band from NT at the Tanks in May, and headlining the official launch party for Cairns Festival, the year 2025 sees the band writing new material, and re-energising their cultural roots, to explore the next chapter of deadly Djabugay music.

Expect some absolute gold in 2026, when the band will drop a range of tasty new tracks. Packed with a show-bag of new music and styling goodies, they are ready to take the world by storm.

The Pad Boys:

Roderick Newbury - Rhythm Guitar/Vox

Dennis Hunter - Drums/Vocals

Timothy Wason: Bass/Vocals

Tegan Koster: Synthesizers/Vocals

Alfred Hunter: Dance/Vocals

Jayden Riley: Dance/Vocals

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Image 2: N. Mills circa 1994



Image 3: N. Mills 2022



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