

# The Saggy Bottom Boys Band



Who are the Saggys? - an offshoot from popular trio, the Saggy Bottom Boys- the Saggys feature some of the Hunter's best known musos. The Saggys originated when Phil Screen, legendary Hunter drummer, heard the Saggy Bottom Boys earlier in 2008. He loved their style of music, their attitudes and the fun and enjoyment their music generated from the audience. One thing led to another, and now Phil has joined the Saggys to create the Saggys band.

The Saggys are: the original Saggy Bottom Boys comprising:

Greg Douglas: Vocals and bass- Greg has been involved over the years with many legendary Hunter rock bands, including Rabbit, Jukebox and most, recently, as front man for Amigos-one of the most popular bands in the Hunter over the past 10 years. The Saggys grew from Greg's desire to do something different in music, and to team up with some good mates. Bruce Jeffrey: Vocals and guitar- Bruce has also been involved with a number of well-known outfits, including Scott, Hunter and King, and several stints in the different forms of Amigos, which started as a duo with Bruce and Greg, became a trio and then a full rock band. The Saggys see Bruce and Greg reunited after a musical connection dating back to their teenage years. Dave Rees: vocals, lead guitar and harmonica- not as well known as the other Saggys, Dave provides the musical expertise on guitar and harmonica which contributes to the Saggys unique sound. Phil Screen: drums and vocals- Phil has played with so many legendary bands that he needs an entry in the History of Hunter Rock just to himself. From Rabbit in the 70's to Heroes in the 80's, The Funbusters and Tex Pistols and stints in Rose Tattoo, Swanee and Party Boys, "Screeney" has done it all. The Saggys see Phil and Greg reunited after playing together in Rabbit-the first big band to emerge out of Newcastle on the national scene.

So what makes the Saggys unique? The idea for the outfit came from the music in the movie "O brother where art thou"- blue grass, country, hillbilly, and rock combined. The band's song list contains a very different selection of material- everything from Johnny Cash favourites like Walk the Line, Ring of Fire and Folsom Prison Blues, cowboy fun songs like Rawhide, The Gambler and Ghost Riders in the Sky, blue grass sing-alongs like You Are My Sunshine to Saggy treatments of AC/DC (Highway to Hell, Dirty Deeds, Shook Me All Night Long), Choir Boys(Run to Paradise), Guns and Roses (Sweet Child of Mine), rock classics( Brown-Eyed Girl, Stand by Me)standards by Creedence Clearwater (Midnight Special), rock standards( Sweet Home Alabama, Most People I Know, Roadhouse Blues) ,Steve Earl evergreens(Copperhead Road, Kerry Brown)Rolling Stones(Honky Tonk Women, All Over Now) -even Ben Harper (Steal Kisses) and Bob Marley (Stir it up) and Paul Kelly( To Her Door) and original songs by Dave and Greg- and lots more-all done in a unique Saggys style-country and rock done tongue in cheek with a sense of humour and fun.

The closest comparison would be with legendary bands Far Gone Beauties and Hayseed Dixie.

The Saggys guarantee a great night's entertainment- 3 strong vocalists, excellent material and masses of experience and enthusiasm- fun is what it is all about!