

December 2013

Well in case you were wondering, there is a Santa Claus. As we used to tell the children, Santa is "The Spirit of Giving" so as not to be caught out as a liar later. Well the spirit has hit VASE collector Stephen Crow. Read his story and find out who the fortunate recipient of his generosity is below. There's also an update from Josh Murphy, the Aussie musician in Germany and some information about the next VASE Amp to be released early next year.

**The Team at VASE Sends WarmWishes for Happy Holidays and A Great Beginning to 2014!**

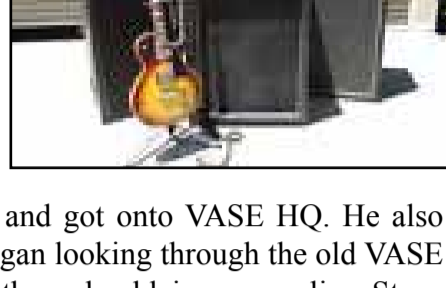


## 'Tis the Season



"Santa" Steve Crow and the cabinets that will be returning to their original owner Greg Trennery

A Gumtree ad for a Vintage Vase Trendsetter 60 Amplifier & Quad Cabinet has led to a happy reunion for an avid VASE fan and supporter. **Stephen Crow** had some items to sell, among them the amp and cabinet mentioned above.

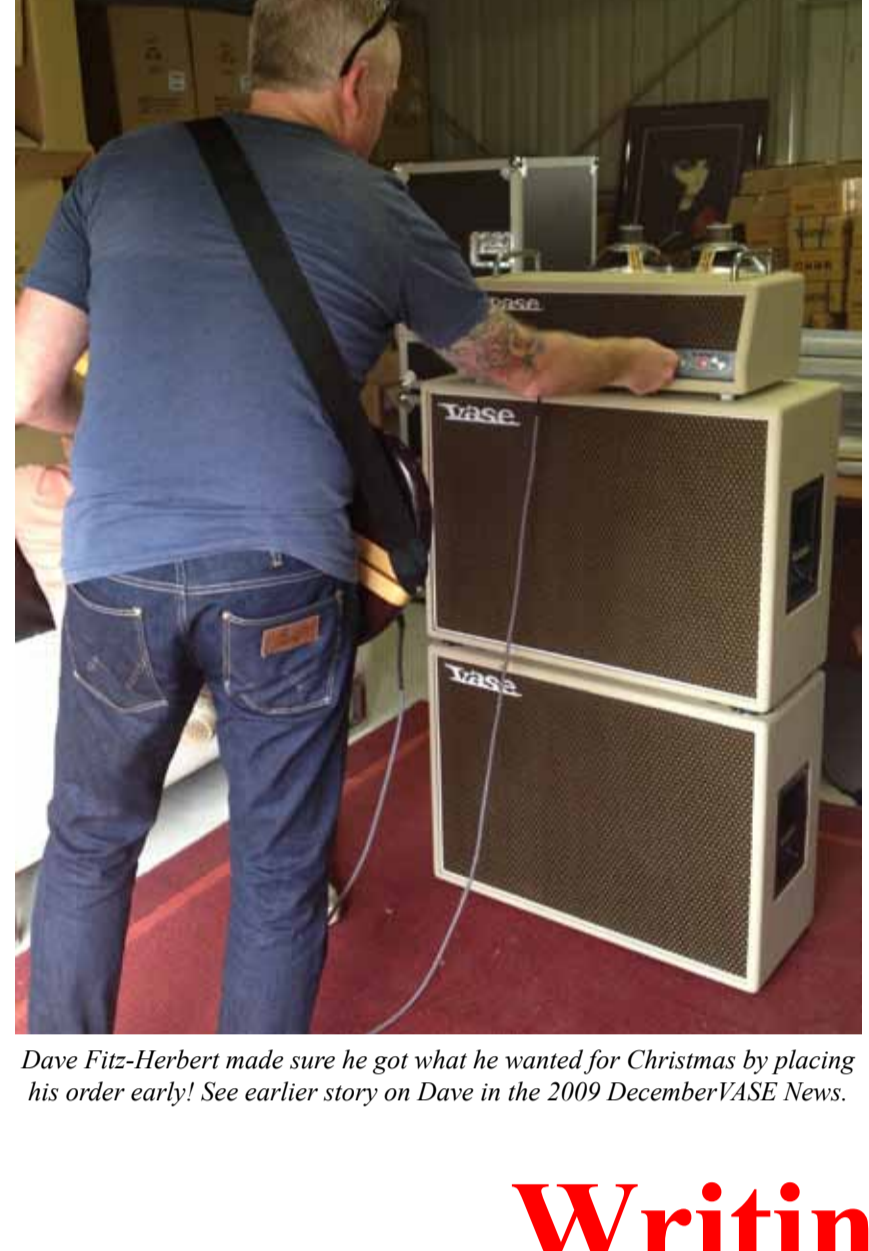


Steve needed a new badge and got onto VASE HQ. He also got on to the website and began looking through the old VASE Newsletters. While reading through old issues on line Steve noticed the articles about **Greg Trennery**, in particular the fact that one of Greg's bands **Volcano** was pictured. His interest came from the fact that stenciled on the back of the two columns pictured alongside the amp and box pictured above was the name Volcano.

Well, long story short, it turns out that the two columns are in fact ones originally belonging to Greg Trennery (who had given them to his guitarist then lost track of them) and he was interested in purchasing them back. Our Greg (Tschernetz) put the men in contact with each other. Now, whether it's in the spirit of the season or just the wonderful VASE brotherhood that seems to exist among these folks, Steve decided he wanted to return the columns to Greg with no money changing hands.

Now, Greg was agog with excitement at the chance of **repurchasing** the equipment, so you can imagine his emotion at hearing this news!

Pretty awesome Christmas present! Santa (aka the spirit of giving) is alive and well and his name is Steve Crow!



Dave Fitz-Herbert made sure he got what he wanted for Christmas by placing his order early! See earlier story on Dave in the 2009 December VASE News.



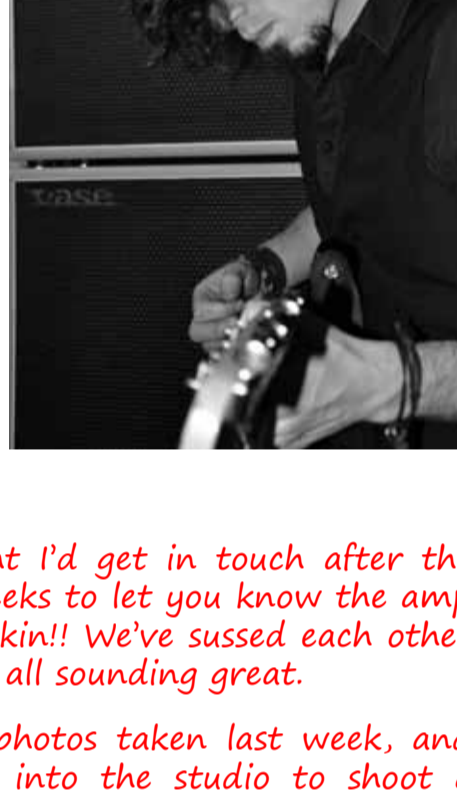
VASE Team Member **Scott Hulbert** (left) completed his most recent VASE vinyling job on the rig delivered recently to Dave Fitz-Herbert. All who saw it were awed at the workmanship. Scott's vinyling prowess goes back to the very first cabinet ever built by Harry. We'll do a longer piece on Scott soon.

Noel Bourne, VASE guru, sent the following to Scott:

Hi Scott,  
Just a quick note to congratulate you on the superb TS60 head and 212 cabs vinyl, piping and grille fabric application.  
The vinyl looked like it was sprayed on...not a "seam to be seen" .....try saying that fast whilst patting your head and rubbing your stomach anticlockwise...seriously good work.  
Cheers,  
Noel

## Writing Home

Josh Murphy (see November 2013 and July 2013 VASE NEWS for more information), is writing home about his new rig. VASE received the following message and pictures:

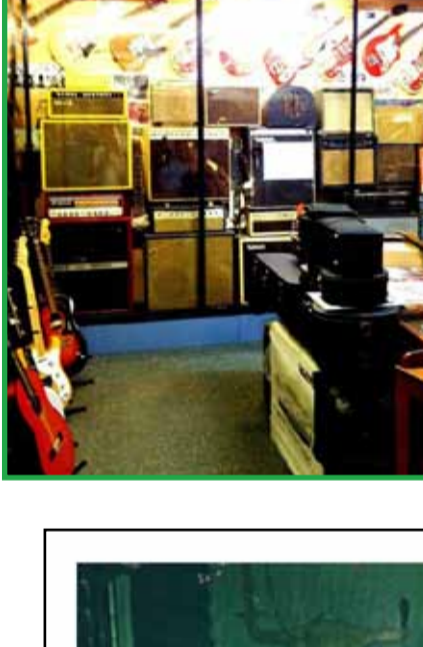


Josh Murphy

Hey guys,  
Just thought I'd get in touch after the first few weeks to let you know the amp is really rockin!! We've sussed each other out and it's all sounding great.  
(here are) photos taken last week, and am booked into the studio to shoot a video this Sunday. So the finished product shouldn't be far away. Ill keep sending photos from gigs and studio sessions as they kick off again at the end of the year, and you'll start to see the vase show up in our photos on Facebook, twitter and Instagram and other peoples live blogs from our shows very soon!!!  
Hope you're all well!!!  
Merry Christmas and safe holidays to all of you and your family as you gear up for summer.  
I'm just gonna keep hangin out in the snow.  
Cheers  
Josh



## VIP VASE INSIDERS PROFILE From the Collection of Gary Dennis, Motor Cycle Music Coolangatta



**Gary Dennis** of **Motor Cycle Music** in Coolangatta, recently shared some vintage photos with the folks at VASE HQ. These are a part of the vast collection of pictures and memorabilia that line the walls of his "Music Museum" located at Shop 108B Coolangatta Place, 87 Griffith St, Coolangatta QLD.

Two of the pictures are of local bands, and one is a very young picture of the **Rolling Stones** on their first visit to Australia in 1965. They played Brisbane City Hall on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of January. Now, we don't know for sure, but the local money is on the rig to Mick's right in the picture being a VASE. What do you think?

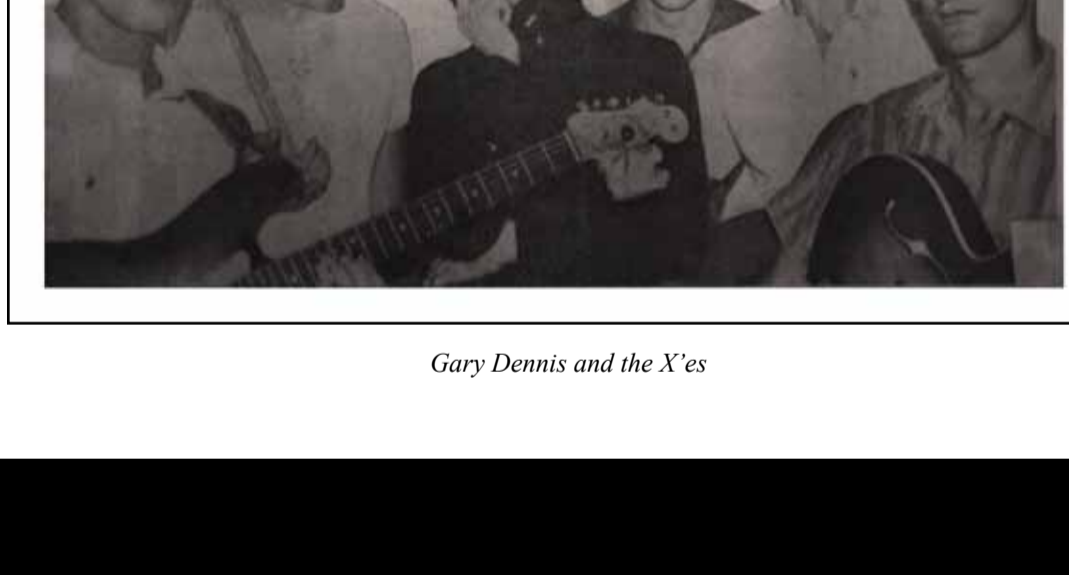


The Rolling Stones 1965



Gary Dennis on the left and singer Johnny Shard. Gary doesn't remember the others' names, let us know if you do!

In the coloured shot, Gary Dennis and the X'es (pronounced "excess") are shown with a VASE rig in the lower left. The black and white picture at right is of the band. Thanks, Gary for sharing. And if you'd like hours of interesting browsing, head down to Gary's establishment in Coolangatta!

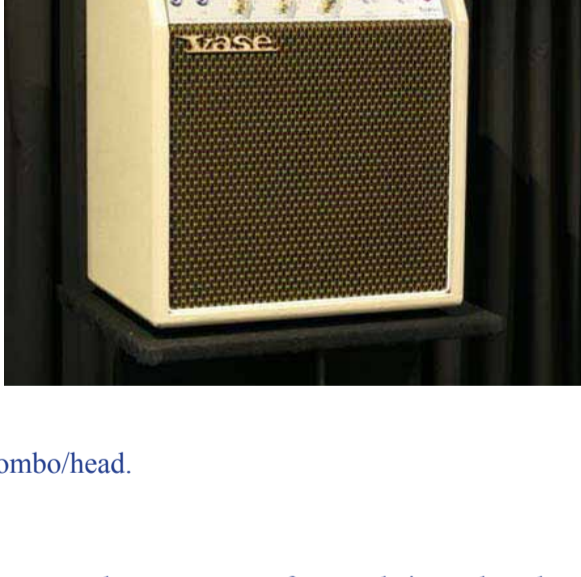


Gary Dennis and the X'es

## FEEDBACK

At VASE, we aim to please and it's great when we are able to supply what the musician wants from us. The following note from VASE fan Doug Carter was to inquire about a speaker more conducive to his needs than some of the larger versions. As you know from reading last month's edition, we are well on our way to releasing the 18 watt combo/head. Greg Tschernetz was able to deliver the good news.

Hello,  
Do you folk make or have any old stock of the 15W valve single speaker combo guitar amp which you supplied to QUT?  
I play occasionally in church and to be honest the 60W would be just too loud when the volume was set to get that nice sound.  
This is what happens with my Fender 85 combo - when the volume is set to get the amp to sing - way too loud.  
I like the idea of VASE valve sound, quality and maintainability, (one of my workmates played a Fender Precision through a 100W VASE back in the 60's and 70's but it felt like a ton to lug around even when I was a lot younger, so a single speaker combo is more my need and style than the big one.)  
If you know any retailers with one of your 15W combos, I would be obliged.  
If you do have them, what would be the price?  
Thanks  
Doug Carter



This is the 15w valve combo guitar amp to which Doug is referring. The TT15 is a 15 watt all tube combo amplifier that jumped the queue as we were developing our Trendsetter 60. We had the opportunity to place 12 of these fantastic little monsters into the new South Bank Institute of Technology for their recording and rehearsal studios. Read the full story in the May 2009 VASE News.

G'day mate.  
Greg here from VASE.  
You have contacted us at a very exciting time.  
We are just about to finalize our prototype of a brand new 18 watt combo/head.  
We are expecting to see its release first quarter 2014.  
If you check out our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/vaseamps](http://www.facebook.com/vaseamps) or go to the news page of our website and read some recent newsletters you will see some info and videos of it.  
Keep in touch and you can be one of the first to own one of these little beauties!  
Greg Tschernetz

## VASE in Social Media

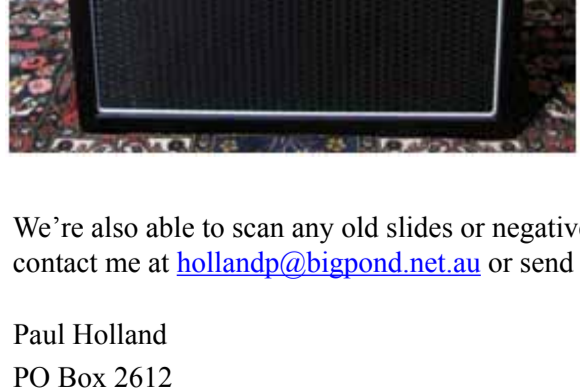
Creativity Well Managing Director and Principal Consultant, Paul Holland, has had significant experience in the private and public sectors as an executive manager, company director, educator, business coach, media producer, and interaction designer. He is a musician, VASE Board Member, past and present VASE owner and keeps us up to date on Social Media.

Well, what a huge year this has been for us here at VASE. On the social media side we've seen our Facebook page become incredibly popular through the great pics, videos and stories that have been posted there.

We've kept track of our featured artists and the growing number of other talented players who have either been long time VASE users, remember the brand from when they were kids, or are discovering it for the first time.

The range of talent using our gear has been staggering to see and I'm sure 2014 will bring more excitement and some real surprises. Look out for that little Combo unit - it's going to change the game for many players looking for a powerful and portable alternative.

I hope a few more players will respond to GT's post on 'who owns a VASE amp (old or new) - I certainly do now and did then. It would be biased (just don't call me Shirley). Here's my contribution. My own rig - a new TS60 with a 412 cab in Black Stump finish (same as the original). This particular amp has been loaned out to the Bertie Page Clinic for a recent album and was also used in QUT's fantastic 100 Songs project earlier in the year.



A thing of beauty and power.  
Speaking of which, this month a great video was posted of Dave Fitz-Herbert (pictured right) of the Dirty Dukes playing through his brand new TS60Dx with 2 x 212 Celestion Greenback loaded cabs. Full Cream colour. Looks spectacular and sounds even better.  
From the social media pages I hope you all have a fantastic Festive Season and New Year and that you turn it up and annoy the neighbours. Don't stop the pics and videos coming in.  
Don't forget our Twitter feed. Please follow that if you get a chance. Social Media is all about collaboration and conversation - and we want plenty of people sharing and talking.



We're also able to scan any old slides or negatives as well and return the originals to you. Just contact me at [hollandp@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hollandp@bigpond.net.au) or send them to:  
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I'll copy the pics and return to you. I'll also email you digital copies.  
**Don't forget to check out our new, great, revamped VASE webpage at [www.vase.com.au](http://www.vase.com.au)**

As I mention each month, we're still looking for your stories past and present that involve VASE amps.  
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Follow us on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/#!/vaseamps>  
The VASE YouTube Channel is at <http://www.youtube.com/user/vaseamp>  
Let us know your thoughts direct on FB and Twitter or at [info@vase.com.au](mailto:info@vase.com.au)  
Cheers, Paul



Well folks, that wraps it up for another year. It has been a busy productive year for us at VASE and we have been so glad to have had you along for the ride! Have a wonderful break, (if you are so fortunate to get one!) and we'll catch up again in January.  
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