

# HERE AND NOW

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NORWICH-BORN Keith Lamb, 23, founder-member of top Australian group Hush, who have just released their first British single.

## HUSH, IT'S A NORWICH LAMB FROM AUSTRALIA

CONGRATULATIONS this week to Australian band Hush, whose first British single came into the shops on Friday.

So what's so special about Hush? you ask. Well, although the band was formed in Sydney, Australia, five years ago, its founder is a Norwich man, Keith Lamb, the group's lead vocalist.

Keith joined his first band, Thirteen Peoples People, while he was at school in the city. When he went to work for his

father as an apprentice Perspex maker he played in bands during the evening.

In mid-1970 he emigrated to Australia with a guitarist friend from his third group, Bus Stop. He formed Hush in September, 1971, with bassist Rick Lum, working during the day as a Perspex maker in Sydney and playing in the band at night.

The five-piece band played all night for anyone who could afford their £20 fee, and although they weren't dazzling audiences with breathtaking feats of virtuosity, they

eventually won the battle for attention with their enthusiasm.

In 1973 the band had built up a nationwide reputation by offering their audience a blend of raw, earthy rock 'n' roll — hard core rock.

But the turning point in the band's career came in March, 1974, when they were signed with Australia's Wizard Records. Their first Wizard album was awarded three "gold" records. Then came the band's first national hit single. Another album won them a "platinum" award.

### ALBUMS

Early last year their single "Boney Maroney" climbed to the top of the Australian charts and remained at No. 1 for five weeks.

The following disc, "Glad All Over," mirrored the chart success of Boney, both singles going "gold." In fact, "Boney Maroney" was single of the year in Australia, beating strong competition from the likes of Elton John, Status Quo and 10CC.

Next came the album "Rough, Tough and Ready," and it was this album and

their success with "Glad All Over" which established Hush as one of the country's top bands and led to Phonogram signing them for an international recording contract.

On Friday "Glad All Over" — a new version of the Dave Clark Five hit of over a decade ago — was released in Britain, and their first British album, "Get Rosked," is due for release in July.

Soon after forming, Hush trimmed to a foursome, and as well as Keith the line-up includes Les Gock (guitar), Rick Lum (bass) and Chris "Smiley" Pailthorpe (drums).

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