



# WEEKEND WARRIORS

- LIVE YOUR ROCK DREAM -

- Used to play in a band or jam with your mates?
- More time on your hands and your instrument's getting dusty?
- Want to meet other people who love music?
- Ever dreamed of being in a band but never got around to it?

## THEN WEEKEND WARRIORS IS FOR YOU!

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Who is it for?

If you've never been in a band, or it's been a while due to the 'real job' getting in the way for a few years, Weekend Warriors is for you. Weekend Warriors provides a relaxed and fun atmosphere for musos of all ages and levels, with one aim: rock 'n' roll fun for everyone! No pros are allowed, so there's no intimidation – if you can play a handful of chords, hold a bit of time or hum a tune, **you're in the band.**

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

#### The Jam

Simply grab an Expression of Interest form in store and fill it out, or go to [allansbillyhyde.com.au](http://allansbillyhyde.com.au) and register there. You'll then be contacted with a jam date. This jam is a meet and greet, for all prospective Warriors and a 'break the ice' session for getting to know your band coach. This jam session is NOT AN AUDITION. It's just a chance to crank it up and have a bash!

#### What Do I Bring?

Nothing! All gear, rehearsal space and the gig itself is organised by Allans Music + Billy Hyde. You are welcome to use your own guitars and basses; however we supply amps, a kit and keyboards of the highest professional quality.

#### After the Jam

After you've played a few tunes and gotten to know everyone, the coach will put you in a band, considering your style and vibe. This is the key to Weekend Warriors' success – our coaches know how to make successful combinations for the ultimate Warriors experience!

A few days after the jam, you'll meet your coach at the Allans Music + Billy Hyde store for about 1 hour, where your coach will announce the band line-ups and rehearsal times. Then you'll start to prepare your 30 min set for your gig.

#### The Songs

The tunes in your gig set list are chosen democratically by you and your band. There is a large, diverse and easy to play suggested repertoire to choose from. Past Warriors have played everything from 50s and 60s classics, to modern day rock and pop; country *and* western is also welcome!

## GET ON STAGE!



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### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## Rehearsals

Every band will have a weekly two-hour rehearsal for four weeks with the Warriors coach. Past Warriors who have put aside some spare time for polishing up their tunes and taken their rehearsals seriously have had the best results and the most fun! They have also learnt essential tricks and tips from their coaches along the way, to help them develop more confidence and musicality. This has made the 'Big Gig' experience one to remember!

## The Big Gig!

Now it's time to get onstage and wow your friends, family and workmates with your musical debut or rebirth! Again, all gear and professional sound system is provided, along with a cool venue, crew and a rock star standard lighting rig (no groupies included – you've gotta bring your own!).

We average around 200 punters at each gig, with the cover charge profits going to charity – feeling alright!

## After the Program

There are now at least, for example, 30 new bands gigging around Melbourne as a direct result of the Weekend Warriors program! We actively stay in touch with all Warriors and encourage them to keep at it, all in the name of Rock 'n' Roll.

## Cost

\$300 per program, which covers coaching and administration costs. The fee is payable at the meeting after the jam, before the first rehearsal. When you think about it, the fee is equivalent to quality tuition over the same time period, except a lot more fun!

## Who Are the Coaches?

Our Weekend Warrior coaches are all musicians in their own right, many with extensive national and international reputations. They also happen to be very good at passing on their knowledge to others. They are genuinely committed to the Weekend Warrior program and in helping you to develop your individual playing skills and mentoring the band as a whole.

### NSW

**Dai Pritchard** (Alexandria) – Rose Tattoo, Jimmy Barnes, Glen Shorrock  
**Paul Christie** (Mona Vale) – Mondo Rock, The Party Boys, James Reyne

### QLD

**Bob McMahon** (Brisbane) – Veteran Warriors coach. Also a much-loved and an experienced institution of the Brisbane scene.

### VIC

**Roger McLachlan** (Blackburn) – Little River Band, John Farnham, Ross Wilson  
**Ronnie Peers** (Blackburn) – Stylus, session guitarist and producer  
**Paul Norton** (Flemington) – Solo artist, composer for Debra Byrne, Colleen Hewitt and more  
**Bob Spencer** (Kew) – Skyhooks, The Angels, veteran Warriors coach

