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[Full Circle Tour](#)

On October 22, Yesworld confirmed the dates of the 2003 Australian tour as February 28, Vodafone Arena, Melbourne and March 1, Sydney Entertainment Centre, Sydney while adding 4 concerts in Japan in mid-February. The tour has been officially named the 'Full Circle Tour'. Of course there is the obligatory warning that 'dates and venues are subjected to change without warning' but all plans seem to be progressing smoothly. A number of Yesfanz members have noted with concern that these dates clash with the Kiss concert in Melbourne and the Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras in Sydney. Unfortunately nothing can be done to change the dates so we will have to bear this in mind when making travel and accommodation arrangements and in our promotion of the concerts.

The tour will be officially announced to the Australian media on November 15, with ticket sales commencing on November 29. YESFANZ members will be able to purchase tickets from November 21 but the precise method has yet to be established, though it is likely to involve a link to Ticketek. We need to be certain that we will be assured of the best quality seats.

There will be a support act that is likely to include some members of Sebastian Hardie from 8.00 - 8.45 and YES will start at 9.00.

### [YESFANZ party plans](#)

Since the last newsletter, there have been two YESFANZ meetings on October 21 and November 4, at Bob's office in Glebe, with 17 members attending the last meeting, a record so far.

At the October 21 meeting we received reports from Roger and Bob (including photos) about the venue in the Sydney Entertainment Centre, the Jack Neary Room. This is a rather spartan room with no windows, a bar at one end, a large mirror and plenty of 'potential' to be decorated to suit our needs. It will take 250 people – obviously the maximum size of our party. The equivalent room at Vodafone Arena will hold 200 but so far Mark has been unable to get permission from their management to conduct an inspection. Thus, we can have a maximum of 450 at the two parties. Our member database manager, John McInerney will be surveying you all very soon to get a better idea of numbers interested in attending. It is possible, that to ensure that enough YESFANZ get an opportunity to attend, we will initially have a maximum of 2 tickets per YESFANZ member.

It was decided at this meeting that due to the costs involved in setting up a company to meet GST obligations (minimum \$2,000), to approach Michael Chugg to see whether we could use his organization to handle ticket sales including credit card payments. Between meetings Bob met Michael Chugg who was agreeable to making arrangements for his company to co-ordinate ticket sales, arrange catering, audiovisual, PA and DVD projector hire to our specifications. Quotes on the food were very reasonable at

around \$23 per head. He will quote us for the entire package, which will go a long way towards us being able to establish the party ticket prices. We should receive this quote in the second week of November. At this stage a 'guesstimate' of YESFANZ ticket prices, including GST, might be \$60 – 100. This will NOT include alcohol, which will need to be purchased separately at the bar. We will budget to make a small surplus to cover contingencies but any profit will be donated to a charity.

Each attendee of the YESFANZ party will receive a bag of 'goodies' that we hope will include a copy of our invitation brochure, material from LBO, Roger Dean and local artists. Other items may be added at a later date. There will also be 'giveaways' that will be linked to ticket numbers. These may include items provided by LBO and the San Francisco Art Exchange.

The party is likely to run from 3pm – 6pm, with the concert commencing at 8pm. Entry will be by a wristband obtained through the venue with a proof of purchase of the YESFANZ party ticket. A security guard will be outside the door.

We plan to show parts of the Yessymphonic and Keys to Ascension DVDs between 3-5pm during the party as a backdrop before YES arrive. It is in this period that finger foods will be served, probably by roaming waiters rather than on a buffet. The food will be predominantly, but not entirely, vegetarian.

At this stage, we are hopeful that YES will attend the Sydney party at around 5 pm and also Melbourne as well but this is unconfirmed. There will be an indigenous people's welcome at each party. It is intended to have a Q & A session with questions compiled beforehand and read out to them by an MC. We would like to provide autograph opportunities and to avoid congestion and demands upon YES, we will restrict this to one item per fan.

Original Roger Dean artworks will be on display and for sale – transport and security will be part of ticket cost. It also looks increasingly likely that Roger Dean will be coming out and if he does he will be invited to the YESFANZ party. Afterwards, we have suggested that they should be put on display at a local art gallery for a week or two. It is also possible that tour merchandise and Warner Brothers merchandise might be on sale at the event.

### Party Decorations

As mentioned earlier, the Jack Neary room is very plain though it has great potential to look good when appropriately decorated. Of course the Roger Dean artworks will make a big difference, but we will still need volunteers in Sydney and Melbourne to help decorate the rooms on the day of the party a few hours before they start. We need ideas for the type of decoration that will work well. Anyone who has experience in this area please contact [Bob Forbes](#) in Sydney or [Mark Hawes](#) in Melbourne.

### YESFANZ website

Steve Black has been working hard on our website and now that the tour is confirmed and YESFANZ party plans are firming up, there will be regular updates on the YESFANZ website (<http://www.yesfanz.com/>) to keep you informed about ticket purchases, transport, accommodation and other issues. This newsletter will be added each month as well. We are aware that some YESFANZ members have been concerned that there have been few changes on the site – the main reason has been the uncertainty about various aspects of both the tour and the YESFANZ party. Hopefully this has now turned the corner and we can be more forthcoming with information.

### Advertising

We are now starting to enter the period where we need to ensure that the general public are aware of the concerts to ensure good ticket sales. As we know, Yes music is rarely featured in any branch of the media so we have to improve their profile. Michael Chugg will look after the main advertising thrust with the media and we were shown a draft of the advertisement that will appear in the newspaper (with our web address at the bottom), which looked very impressive. However, any YESFANZ members who have media contacts should contact Michael Chugg's organisation -[caroline@chuggentertainment.com](mailto:caroline@chuggentertainment.com)

Other advertising will include posters that we should distribute to record stores (e.g. Red Eye records, Utopia) and any other local groups that will have them. All YESFANZ members should consider ways that they can advertise the concerts. Ideas include contact local and national radio stations talkback shows, local newspapers (e.g. in Glebe), emails, posters and 'Yes are coming' logos. We could ask the Sydney Morning Herald Icon section to review our website. Another idea was to get some of our

younger YESFANZ to contact radio stations such as JJJ to talk about YES or request some Yesmusic.

There is also talk of YESSYMPHONIC being aired on TV, or failing that, a public showing at a cinema. We will check whether the Valhalla at Glebe might be interested.

If you have any good ideas – let us know!

### T Shirts

We have been advertising T Shirts on our website for some time but because of the upfront costs of making a sufficient number to be economical, and without enough orders to reach that target, we have yet to accomplish the task. We are hoping that now the tour is confirmed we can get sufficient orders and include details on the T Shirts about the tour. We are finding out from LBO if they will allow us to do this. This means we could all become walking billboards for a few months to stimulate ticket sales. Please let us know if you want to purchase T Shirts through the website.

### The Unofficial Yes 2003 Australian Tour site

One of our YESFANZ members, Alex Van Starrex has constructed an excellent website for the tour. Alex describes it as "A (re)introduction to Yes - for fans old and new - in anticipation of the 2003 Australian tour. This is a complimentary site to [www.yesfanz.com](http://www.yesfanz.com) and the official Yes sites, with photos, albums reviews, a condensed history of the band, links and much more - even some RealVideos of some original arrangements of Yes tunes." Take a look at <http://ozguitar.50megs.com/index.htm>

From there you can visit some of Alex's many other websites.

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I intend that this will be a monthly newsletter that will be distributed by email and posted on the YESFANZ website. To assist in its production I would like your contributions. Any Yes related items, particularly with an Australian or New Zealand angle, will be used so long as it doesn't breach copyright or is potentially libellous.

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#### [State, Territory and New Zealand representatives](#)

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#### [Next YESFANZ meeting](#)

The next meeting of YESFANZ will be held on Monday November 18 at 6pm

At: Toxteth Hotel Beer Garden

Corner Glebe Point Rd and Ferry Rd.,

Glebe, Sydney NSW 2037

When it gets dark, we will be showing the Yes Symphonic Live DVD (they have a DVD projector, a huge outdoor screen and a great sound system).

Please wear a YES T Shirt if you have one, for publicity purposes. The press will be in attendance.

If it rains (????), we will meet at Bob Forbes office, which is in the first floor of the building on the opposite corner, above Baker's Delight.