

## COMING UP

Why Greek music?  
We look at the importance  
of heritage & culture & all  
things Greek.

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# Paradise Band Newsletter

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## Winter warm-up

Welcome to the Paradise Band  
Winter 2018 Newsletter.

The weather may be getting  
colder but we're heating things  
up with lots of dancing and lots  
of fun.

We've been doing this for a long  
time now & we're proud of the  
fact that we first and foremost  
focus on our audience, it's about  
you guys having fun & being part  
of the band.

We have to say thanks for the  
amazing support you have given  
us, we love what we do & we're  
glad you all have a good time.  
Sometimes the simplest of things  
bring the happiest moments to  
our lives, your happiness is our



happiness, it's always good to see you all looking well and  
being energetic on the dance floor. See you all real soon,  
we have some great nights planned for the year!

## Massey Park Golf Club Greek Night -

Greek meets Latin, meets pop! a melting pot of music.....

What a great concept; Put in some great food  
@ amazing prices, add a great venue & invite  
Sydney's most versatile Greek band.

It was a great night enjoyed by all with a mix  
of Greek, Latin & pop music there was some-  
thing for everyone at Massey Park Golf Clubs  
sensational Big Fat Greek Night.

We certainly had a great time performing  
there and judging by the smiles & comments  
after the show you guys had a great night too.  
We're looking forward to the next one.



## Behind the scenes- sneaky peeks



Ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes @ Paradise Band?

Well in this issue we get down & dirty with all the details on what you don't see.

Paradise peeps all have a lot of fun on stage but it takes some serious back-ground work to keep the band up and running & on the road.

Like every organization everyone has a role to play besides making music. It takes a lot to make the band tick!

Samatza says "If a show is 3 hours long you can bet that it takes at least the same amount of time in preparation, and that's just the logistics of gear, setup & sound check time. I think the longest setup we had was for John Tikis, it took 6 hours to set up the gear, then there was sound check and then the show which goes for 5 hours. Once it's over it's tear down time which took around 2 hours so the total time for just one gig was 13 hours, add the load up & load out back at base and it's a 15 hour day, no bones about it".

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## Ramsgate RSL Greek Night a huge success

Ramsgate RSL Greek Dance Night was an amazing evening, attendees filled the venue and were treated to some great music and a fantastic performance by Irene Vacondios & Steven Flevaras. We certainly had a great night & would like to thank all of you for attending and also Ramsgate RSL for hosting the Greek dance night.

And while we're at it a huge thanks to Foti Lambis for filling the drum chair while George was on holidays, thanks Foti, it's always a pleasure to have you there.



## The kit & caboodle



It takes a serious amount of gear to produce a good sound. Everything gets racked up back at base and all gear is tested regularly to ensure trouble free operation.

"The best systems are scalable" Samatza reports.

"With our systems you can downsize for small venues of around 200 - 300 people or scale up to venues that can accommodate 1200 people"



## Behind the music..

Typically Irene & Steven pick the songs or sometimes write their own.

Greg arranges the songs into a logical order, writes charts, organizes rehearsals and makes sure we're all up to speed on new material.

George provides creative input & transition ideas between songs, also he keeps us in check time wise and may add some additional flourishes to keep things interesting.

Lucky is the stage manager, finance manager & booking agent for the band, he's the one that makes sure we're on time & ready to go.

Samatza is the tech head, sound, lights and the only one that owns a soldering iron and knows how to use it plus all the internet stuff is his domain (pun intended).

"It works because it's a team, a very good team" Lucky said.

We couldn't agree with him more, we're truly happy to be around each other and it shows on stage, happiness abounds and there is no happier place than a Paradise gig, as someone once said "I guess that's why it's called Paradise."



Recent rehearsal pic.

## Doing the Greek thing.....





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let the music take you there

Our focus has always been on the people that matter most; our audience. Our motto has always been “At a Paradise Band show you are the stars & we love to watch you shine”

Our purpose is to spread joy & happiness among everyone, you don’t have to be Greek to enjoy the show you just need to get up & have a go. Everyone is welcome & we are always happy to see you there.

Most of our regular Greek nights are totally free, there is ample parking available and the venues provide a selection of food & beverages so get out of the house and go Greek!

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### Quick Quips

“To live is to be musical, starting with the blood dancing in your veins. Everything living has a rhythm. Do you feel your music?”

Michael Jackson