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## *Shanks Pony trot to the south:* **Colonial-rockers ready to get rowdy!**

RENOWNED for their rowdy colonial-rock, Perth's Shanks Pony are headin' south over the long weekend of Sept 26 to 28.

Distinctively Australian with Celtic roots, the four-piece has been described as "an Australian version of The Pogues" and recently played WA's 2008 Nannup Music Festival.

Shanks Pony's tour to the south-west follows 18 months of solid gigging across WA, as well as a recent tour to Melbourne and the 2007 release of their debut eight-track album, *A Year In A Pub*.

Piano accordion and melodica player Todd Lynch said they had come a long way in a short time, only settling on a firm line-up in late 2006, which also includes Peter Varcoe on lead vocals, acoustic guitar, harmonica, ukulele and mandolin, Ross McKay on drums and washboard and Haydn Pickersgill on bass.

"We've always been well received at the Nannup Music Festival being favourites with some of the locals," he said.

"We were keen to head down to Nannup again, and the long weekend presented itself as the perfect opportunity. We also wanted to try some new venues to see if we could expand our audiences a little, and Murphy's in Mandurah was ideal as it only opened in February. The Dunsborough Tavern will also be a great place to enjoy a Sunday session to finish off the long weekend."

Lynch cites Weddings Parties Anything, Flogging Molly and The Bushwackers as influences for the quartet, helping them to deliver up-tempo versions of Aussie bush tunes while breathing new life into Celtic traditionals.

"I like to think Shanks Pony re-awakens these seemingly forgotten songs while delivering a healthy dose of original material, done in a similar style," he said.

"A recent comment on our Myspace site really hit home with our style of music. Colonial rock being a transition from Celtic to Australian bush traditional tunes with a modern edge."

Shanks Pony play Mandurah's Murphy's Irish Pub on September 26, the Nannup Hotel on September 27 and the Dunsborough Tavern on September 28.

The band also has an online presence at [www.shankspony.com.au](http://www.shankspony.com.au) and [www.myspace.com/shanksponyband](http://www.myspace.com/shanksponyband).

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Perth colonial-rockers Shanks Pony head south from September 26 - 28.