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MULGA BORE HARD ROCK SET TO TOUR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF LATEST SINGLE *HEAVY RAIN,* PRESENTED BY ARTBACK NT

Fresh off the back of major festival appearances and national acclaim, Central Australia's teen glam-rock force **Mulga Bore Hard Rock** have announced their ***Heavy Rain* Single Release Tour**, taking their electrifying desert-born sound across the Northern Territory this August. Presented by **Artback NT**, the tour will see the band light up major NT festivals and community stages with raw unapologetic riffs, bold glam rock style, and fierce First Nations pride.

The six-piece band of teenage to adult cousins and siblings' hails from **Akaye (Mulga Bore)**, a remote community northeast of Mparntwe/Alice Springs. Inspired by rock icons like **KISS** and **AC/DC**, and singing in both **English** and **Anmatyerre**, Mulga Bore Hard Rock are redefining what Australian rock looks and sounds like — loud, proud, and rooted in Country.

On Saturday the **2nd of August**, they will play their first of two performances at **Garma Festival**, joining a massive lineup and taking the stage just before the legendary **Yothu Yindi** — pioneers whose fusion of Yolŋu culture and contemporary music paved the way for generations of First Nations artists. The band returns to Garma on Monday **4th August** for the **Open Day**, sharing their music with wider community audiences.

Next is a homecoming of sorts: **Katherine Beat Festival** on ***7th August**, where they first made waves in 2022 by winning the **Battle of the Bands** — a career-launching moment that led to a national spotlight and an invite to support **KISS** on their *End of the Road* tour in the Gold Coast.

Mulga Bore Hard Rock complete the tour at **Darwin Festival** on **8 August**, performing at the **Darwin Railway Club** for the second time, alongside Darwin-based singer-songwriter **Casey Jane**, known for her heartfelt lyrics and tropical soul sounds.

With their high octane new single ***Heavy Rain*** out now via **Community Music**, Mulga Bore Hard Rock are ready to bring the storm — celebrating where they've come from and looking ahead to where they're heading next on their music careers. NT audiences can expect a tour of EPIC rock energy from the heart of the desert.

**Please note Katherine Beat Fest date has been changed to 7th August post launch of the below marketing collateral.*

NT TOUR DATES – AUGUST 2025

29 July – Jump Inn Jams, Jump Inn- Mparntwe/Alice Springs
2 August – Garma Festival, Evening show 9pm - Gulkula, Nhulunbuy/Gove
4 August – Garma Festival, Open day show 2pm - Gulkula, Nhulunbuy/Gove

6 August – Katherine Beat Festival, Katherine
7 August – Darwin Festival, Darwin Railway Cub, 8pm - Garramilla/Darwin
9 August - Bagot Community 'School of Rock' workshops (tbc)

The tour coincides with the release of their newest single Heavy Rain (out now via Community Music), a track inspired by a wild thunderstorm that hit Mulga Bore late last year. The song captures the adrenaline of a lightning strike near frontman Alvin Manfong's home — an event so intense he picked up his guitar mid-storm and began writing.

"My legs were shaking, kids were screaming, parents were like 'shhh, be quiet'. I started playing random chords, and this feeling just came over me about the rain," says Alvin (aka Thunder Child).

Following previous singles *Young Men* and *Sweet Home Mulga Bore* — which gained support from triple J Unearthed, Double J, fbi.radio, SYN FM and more — *Heavy Rain* builds on the band's growing national profile. Earlier this year, they performed at **Golden Plains, Port Fairy Folk Festival**, and made waves at **BIGSOUND** and **SXSW Sydney**, earning praise from **NME**, **The AU Review**, and **Double J**, who named them one of the "finest acts" of the event.

This young band already boast a legendary milestone: supporting **KISS** on their final Australian tour date — despite having no music officially released at the time.

Now, Mulga Bore Hard Rock are ready to shake stages across the NT with their fearless presence and thunderous desert glam.

About Mulga Bore Hard Rock
Made up of 6 young musicians between the ages of 16 – 21:

Alvin Manfong aka 'Thunder Child' on lead vocals and guitar
Kirklen Bird aka 'Desert Demon' on bass and vocals
Aiden Manfong aka 'Desert Dingo' on drums
Niara Tilmouth aka 'Queen of Hearts' on tambourine and vocals
Tyrell Bird aka 'Star Boy' on guitar and vocals
Talvin Bird aka Black Diamond on Bass

'Heavy Rain' is out now via Community Music
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Artback NT develops and presents creative works from across the Northern Territory – to and from some of Australia's most remote locations. We work collaboratively with artists and

communities to create and present high quality arts and cultural experiences not readily available to regional, remote, and very remote communities who are often left off the touring map.

Our Performing Arts Development and Touring Program delivers dynamic theatre, music, and dance performances, as well as creative workshops to audiences around Australia.

Working primarily with NT based artists, producers, and companies, Artback NT is passionate about sharing the strong and unique stories of the Northern Territory and providing a lens into life experienced in this part of the world.

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