



Tour line-up even better

Last year's Winery Tour was such a success, they're doing it all over again. Felicity Ross reports.

Sentry Hill outside New Plymouth will again host Dave Dobbyn, Tim Finn and Bic Runga at an outdoor summer concert, this year to be held on February 24. Last year's Winery Tour concert attracted more than 2500 people, filling the venue.

Finn, Runga and Dobbyn will deliver a two-hour, back-to-back selection of all of their famous hits. Also joining the line-up is Boh Runga, performing songs from the *Stellar** songbook as well as her solo material. She will be joined on stage by Supergroove frontman and solo artist Che Fu, who'll bring his own hits to the set.

"You couldn't find a similarly talented line-up of artists to tour New Zealand together," co-promoter Brent Eccles says.

"The Together In Concert tour we did with Tim, Bic and Dave in

2000 was one of the highlights of my career as a promoter. It was an incredible show and Boh and Che together will blow everyone away. It's going to be a fantastic tour."

The growing popularity of the Winery Tour sees it visit 16 venues for 18 shows in February and March, adding shows in Whangarei, Palmerston North and Taupo for its fourth season.

"This year, our tour party will be in excess of 70 people, but as big as it is, we always strive to improve the event each year for the fans," Eccles says.

"Demand for bus transport to the venues has grown as people want to leave the car at home, have a few wines and enjoy the night. We have more bus-and-ticket packages on offer in each region in 2010."

Finn remembers the first tour with Dobbyn and Runga fondly.

"We shared ourselves and our songs with audiences from Invercargill to Whangarei, Gisborne to Greymouth, and warmed up the winter with a show that we hope people will never forget," he says.

"This is a summer run in outdoor settings, so we have a chance to revisit without having to recreate. Dave, Bic and I are working on the new show already and are excited by the creative possibilities"

Tickets and bus/ticket packages go on sale on November 2 via the Winery Tour website – www.winerytour.co.nz – and Ticketmaster.

An earlybird offer of \$70 applies to all tickets purchased before November 30.

Prices then rise to \$75.



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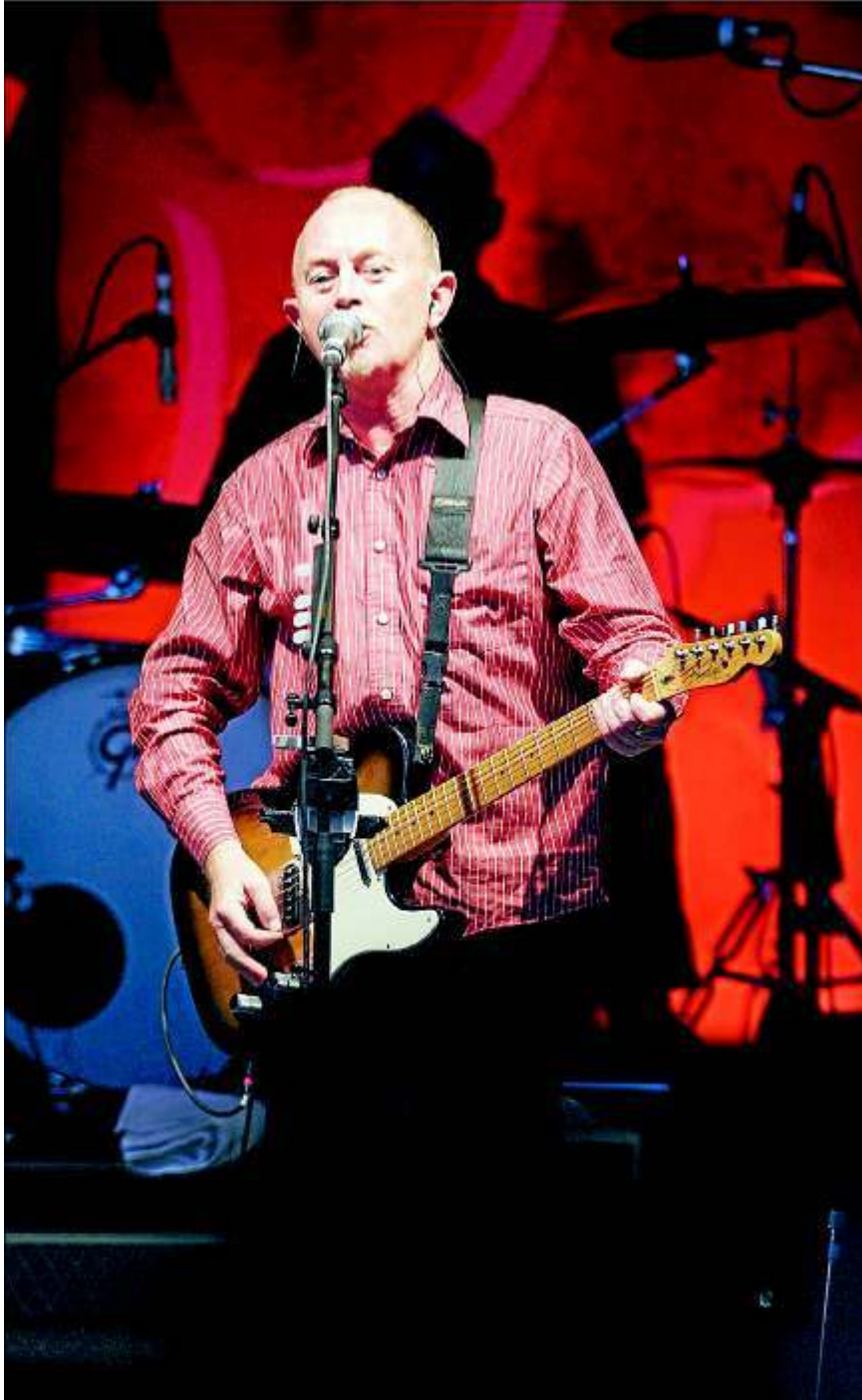
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Music man: Dave Dobbyn at last year's Winery Tour concert at Sentry Hill