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THE YUNG WARRIORS ARE ABOUT TO DROP THEIR NEW ALBUM, AND THEY'LL ALSO BE HITTING THE ROAD THIS MONTH WITH COLOURED STONE FOR A SPECIAL KIND OF HOMECOMING.

The Yung Warriors new album *Standing Strong* is due out this month, and it includes the single 'Just a Thought', which has been nominated for a Deadly Award in the Single of the Year category.

The new album contains 15 tracks and is "a bit of a mix up", according to one half of the Melbourne-based duo, Tjimba Possum Burns.

"I have been messing around with some beats and mixing all that sort of stuff up. It is deadly experimenting with music like this. The acoustic stuff gives it that crisp sound.

"We have really developed as artists with the production and bringing that acoustic sound up more. There are some cruisy songs and also some anthems in there. We tried to mix it up – it is an awesome juggle."

The album was recorded at the new studio at Indigenous radio station 3KND, which Tjimba says was great for capturing those acoustic riffs.

"It was grouse working in the new studio there. It is a really good place to record. They have a cool set-up. It is great for laying down acoustic sounds.

"We had a lot of songs and we just worked around the beats. We are starting to learn about production with Pro Tools (software) and other programs, but we also worked on this album with Momo (from fellow Melbourne based hip hop/funk duo Diafrix).

"He is a soul man... on the same level as us with everything that we did," says Tjimba. "It is all about experimenting with sounds and working with other brothers."

Tjimba says the new songs have been getting a good reception at recent shows.

To launch the album, Yung Warriors are about to head out with Coloured Stone on the 'Black Boy Tour', which goes to Brisbane, Adelaide, Melbourne, Alice Springs and Sydney.

"My father was Selwyn Burns, a guitarist in Coloured Stone, and I always loved their stuff. I heard a lot of it and went to a lot of their gigs when I was young. It's grouse that they're back together," Tjimba says.

The Yung Warriors have been together for seven years. They released their debut album *Warrior 4 Life* in 2007 and have played at many events, including the Big Day Out (2008), Yabun in Sydney, and the World Indigenous Peoples Conference. They have also played support slots to massive international artists such as Akon, 50 Cent, The Game and Outlawz.

"That's a long time for a band to be together. Sometimes it doesn't fall in your lap and you have to really work at it, but we try to pace ourselves as well," says Tjimba.

The boys are also signed to Payback Records, the record label of Essendon footballer Nathan Lovett-Murray.

"We started with Payback about four years ago, and it is good to have that encouragement from a brother (Lovett-Murray). What he does in his position and for the community is awesome.

"Payback is about helping brothers in what they are striving for. To have a brother to pick you up like that is great. I have much respect for Nathan."

The Yung Warriors have been nominated for a Deadly Award this year in the Single of the Year category for 'Just a Thought'.

"That is deadly as," says Tjimba. "It is a deadly line-up this year, too. It is just grouse that we can get alongside all of those artists."

The Yung Warriors have also supported causes dear to their communities, such as The Long Walk, and the Melbourne Youth Custodial Service, as well as Indigenous colleges at La Trobe University, Victorian College of the Arts, University of Melbourne, and Monash University.

The new album *Standing Strong* will be available on iTunes soon. For 'Black Boy Tour' dates, see page 13.



2011 Deadly nominees Narjic Day Burns (left), and Tjimba Possum Burns of the Yung Warriors.

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Yung Warriors go back to their roots for national tour



Tjimba Possum Burns and Narjic Day Burns are *Yung Warriors*. They are launching their new album *Standing Strong* with a national tour with *Coloured Stone*.

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ACTIVITY 1 BUILDING READING SKILLS

- skimming and scanning for information
- reading headings, sub-headings, text boxes and pictures
- reading for meaning
- making connections between the text and your world

There are three levels of comprehension questions:

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| Literal | The answer is located in one sentence in the text. |
| Inferred | You need to make links between text and graphics (such as photographs, illustrations, maps and tables) and what you already know. |
| Applied | The answer is in your background knowledge, what you already know or feel. |

Shade one bubble.

1. The text says "*The Yung Warriors* are about to drop their new album, and they'll also be hitting the road this month with *Coloured Stone*." (inferred)

In this sentence, **drop their new album** and **hitting the road** are colloquial terms that mean

- they will smack the road after their album falls onto it.
- their album is soon to be released and they will go on tour to promote it.
- they are clumsy and violent.
- we need more bands like these in Australia.

2. What is the new single from *Yung Warriors*' new album? (inferred)

- Coloured Stone*
- Standing Strong*
- Just a Thought*
- Tjimba Possum Burns

3. What does Tjimba like about working with Payback Records? (inferred)

ACTIVITY 2 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS – SPELLING

The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been underlined.

Write the correct spelling for each word in the box.

1. They were nominated in a Deadlys catgry.

2. The acoostic sounds are great.

Each sentence has one word that is incorrect.

Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

1. They are learning more about produkshon.

2. They have supported internashonal bands.

ACTIVITY 3 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS – GRAMMAR

Shade one bubble.

1. Which type of word is **alongside** in this sentence?

They have performed alongside some famous artists.

- verb
- preposition
- paragraph
- adjective

2. Which word or words correctly completes this sentence?

A lot of people _____ bought tickets if they knew the event was on.

- would have
- would of
- having
- have

ACTIVITY 4 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS – PUNCTUATION

Shade one bubble.

1. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- jay's father told him "he was going to buy a copy of the album *standing strong*."
- Jay's father told him he was going to buy a copy of the album *Standing Strong*.
- jay's father "told him" he was going to buy a copy of the album *Standing Strong*.
- "Jay's father told him" he was going to buy a copy of the album *Standing Strong*.

2. Which sentence has correct use of capital letters?

- the *yung warriors* have been nominated for a deadly award this year.
- The *Yung Warriors* have been nominated for a deadly award this year.
- The *Yung Warriors* have been nominated for a Deadly Award this year.
- the *Yung Warriors* have been nominated for a Deadly award this Year.