

RIKKI MORRIS - Short Bio

- 1979-84** Live sound engineer with legendary NZ bands Th' Dudes, The Crocodiles, DD Smash, Pink Flamingos, Brazier's Legionaires to name but a few. Joined The Crocodiles as rhythm guitarist and moved to Sydney.
- 1984-88** Played in various bands in Australia and London, cutting his teeth!
- 1988** Wrote and released the number 1 NZ hit 'Nobody Else'.
Songwriter of the Year, NZ Music Awards 1988.
- 1989** Co-hosted top-rating kids TV show '3.45 Live'
- 1990** Signed to Mushroom Records and moved to Melbourne.
- 1991** Won the APRA Silver Scroll for top 20 hit 'Heartbroke'
Released debut Australian single 'I Can't Give you Anything'.
Dozens of TV and radio appearances in both Australia and NZ.
- 1992** Backing vocalist for Jimmy Barnes 'Soul Deep' tour.
- 1993** Hosted NZ TV show 'Alive & Kicking'.
- 1995-96** Recorded debut album 'Everest' with Eddie Rayner producing.
Tour supports with Hootie and the Blowfish and Bread.
- 1998-2006** Sets up his own recording studio 'The Bus' and records hundreds of bands and artists including Graham Brazier (East of Eden), Hammond Gamble (Recollection, 90 Mile Days), When The Cat's Away (Live in Paradise), as well as working with dozens of up-and-coming young bands like The Checks, The Veils, Electric Confectionaires, Gin Wigmore and White Birds & Lemons.
- Civic Award for Voluntary Service to the North Shore Community.
- Performed twice at both 'Christmas in the Park' and 'Symphony Under The Stars'
- Hosted TV3's 'Get Your Act Together' showcasing unknown songwriters.
- Wins Radio Industry Award for co-writing radio jingle for 'Thrifty Rental Cars'
- 2008/9** Toured NZ as support act for Paul Young & Tony Hadley (Spandau Ballet)
- 2010** Co-wrote song 'Forever' with Matt Harvey from NZ electronica outfit Concord Dawn. Album goes to #8 in the NZ charts and is nominated for Electronic Album of the Year at the 2011 NZ Music Awards
- 2011** Appeared at Lakeside Rotorua Concert.
Toured with Tina Cross and Taisha Tari.

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- 2012** Co-wrote another song with Concord Dawn 'One Tear'. Album wins best Electronica Album at 2012 NZ Music Awards
- Sang on Flight of the Conchords charity single 'Feel Inside (And Stuff Like That)'. Single tops the NZ charts for 5 weeks and sells over 35,000 copies.
- 2013** Principal vocalist in the latest Split Enz 'ENZO - Stranger Than Fiction' extravaganza. FOH sound for English legend Lloyd Cole, NZ tour.
- 2014** Formed two new bands: 'The Eddie Rayner Project' with Split Enz keyboard player Eddie Rayner and 'High Wide & Handsome' with Jackie Clarke & Chet O'Connell.
- 2015** Began pre-production on a new original album and also began producing an album for up-and-coming singer/songwriter Chris Sanders.
- 2016** FOH sound engineer for David Bowie Tribute Show 'Waiting In The Sky' featuring Jordan Luck, Finn Andrews, Alastair Riddell and Zaine Griff. Also FOH sound engineer for the NZ production of 'The Last Waltz' featuring Barry Saunders, Delaney Davidson, Tami Neilson, Adam McGrath and Paul Ubana Jones.
- 2017** More 'ENZO' shows, Auckland, Christchurch and Melbourne. FOH sound engineer for The Mockers reunion tour, 'Cream - 50th Anniversary Tour' of NZ & Australia, as well as Mavis Staples at Aotea Centre, and English beat poet John Cooper Clarke amongst others.
- 2018-2020** Began contract working as FOH sound engineer/stage manager for 'Operatunity', performing 200 shows a year NZ wide for senior citizens. Joined NZ legends Th' Dudes at the VNZ Music Awards in 2019 as they were inducted into the NZ Music HALL OF FAME. Toured New Zealand with Th' Dudes in November & December 2020, taking the place of his late brother, Ian Morris.
- 2021** Released his first single in 25 years! 'The One Thing I Can't Live Without' topped the iTunes Chart over all genres and reached #11 in the Official New Zealand Singles Chart.
- Currently working as a jingle writer for Merlot Place Media and Mediaworks, still performing at corporate functions as well as regular gigs live sound engineering for The Warratahs, Gin Wigmore, Tami Neilson, The Bads, Lady Killers, Greg Johnson, The Mockers, Andrew Keoghan, Debbie Harwood, and Nathan Haines amongst dozens of other top NZ bands and artists.