

# dodge offline

**DODGE is Melbourne jazz at its best and the creation of four of Melbourne's brilliant musicians Rob Burke, Russell Smith, Tony Floyd and Nick Haywood.**

**The band's debut CD release is 'OFFLINE'.**

**This is a talented group of players that are broadly experienced having recorded and performed with some of Australia's best in styles as diverse as jazz, blues and rock. The CD, 'OFFLINE', explores the groove and soul side of jazz within an acoustic parameter resulting in finger-snapping jazz.**

**The members of DODGE originally came together as four friends to record a track for a Jazzhead compilation, 'Javabubbaboogaloo'. With the success of the sessions (radio airplay) and the insistence of Joe Camilleri, DODGE finally agreed to come together again to record 'OFFLINE'.**

**Recorded at Woodstock Studio and produced by Joe Camilleri, 'OFFLINE' features highly regarded guest guitarists Geoff Hughes and James Black. 'OFFLINE' highlights the groove and solo talents of DODGE - Featuring a selection of the band's favourites along with some original compositions from Rob Burke and a contribution from John Wilson.**

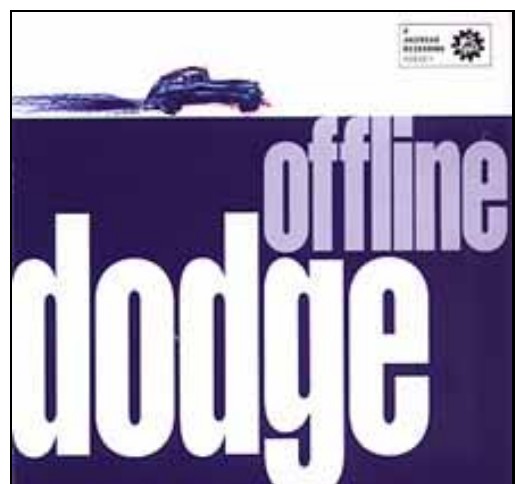
**'It took us a long time to make this album which has resulted in the band's strong development stylistically. It was an organic process that flowed from gigging and writing tunes. OFFLINE is an album for people who like listening to 'groove' style jazz - the kind of disc that's great to listen to in most situations,' says Rob Burke.**

**"When it finishes... you feel like hearing it all again"**

**Adrian Jackson, The Bulletin, 7 Nov 2000**



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## ***Rob Burke (Tenor & Soprano Saxophone and Bass Clarinet)***

Rob is recognised for his extensive work in both the jazz and rock arenas. He has studied extensively with Dave Liebman, George Garzone and George Coleman. A member of Kate Ceberano's band for eight years and The Black Sorrows for over eight years, Rob has toured across the world and recorded on over 100 albums including releases by John Farnham, Vika and Linda and Wendy Matthews. In 1996 Rob released his first duet album with Tony Gould entitled, 'Gateway'. Their second CD 'A Tin Roof For The Rain' was released in 1998.

## ***Russell Smith (Valve Trombone and Trumpet)***

Russell has also held a prominent position on Australia's rock and jazz scenes over the years. Originally from the UK, Russell has shared his time living between Melbourne, Sydney and London. He has performed and recorded with many of the Australia's greats including Paul Kelly, Joe Camilleri, Renee Geyer, Marcia Hines, Brian Cadd, Doug Williams, Kate Ceberano and Vince Jones. Russell produced Vince Jones' first three albums. In the late 80s Russell started the highly acclaimed outfit, Dianna Kiss, with Ross Hannaford.

## ***Nick Haywood (Bass)***

Nick has performed with many international artists over the years including Mark Murphy, Billy Harper, Louis Bellson, Jerry Bergonzi, Buddy de Franco, Junior Cook and Nat Adderly. The list of Australian artists Nick has performed with is equally impressive including Vince Jones, James Morrison, Don Burrows, Dale Barlow and Joe Camilleri. Nick is the Co-Leader of Browne Haywood Stevens. The trio have released two CD's, the most recent through ABC Jazz.

## ***Tony Floyd (Drums)***

Tony is one of Australia's most sought after drummers. A founding member of the highly successful band, Things Of Stone And Wood, Tony has also played and recorded regularly with Vince Jones, The Black Sorrows, Debra Conway, Vincent Herring, Lee Konitz, Paul Grabowsky, Kate Ceberano and Eartha Kitt. He has toured extensively both locally and internationally with rock and jazz groups playing at venues as diverse as Ronnie Scott's in London (with Christine Sullivan) and major pop festivals in Rio de Janeiro (Men At Work).

**'OFFLINE' is out now on Jazzhead.**

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