



MAT BLACK BIOGRAPHY

Mat Black is an alt-country singer-songwriter based in Melbourne. With a tendency toward the dark and melancholic, his songwriting and performance, while unmistakably unique, have drawn comparisons to artists such as Jay Farrar, John Doe and Johnny Cash.

Starting his musical career as the creative force behind alt-rock band 'Count Zero' and acoustic roots outfit 'Close To Corners', the early-to-mid 2000's saw Mat attempting to find his true voice. After a hiatus of sorts, 2017 saw Black perform feature spots at both the Brunswick and Leaps and Bounds Music Festivals and focus on recording his debut solo EP 'One Man Ghost Town'. The EP, which was at one turn gentle and reflective, while at the next, exploded with a menacing, rhythmic energy and intent, was extremely well received by peers and fans alike.

"Mat's voice got me in from the first phrase - I believe him. These are meaningful songs, performed with authority - when he sings, I'm listening!" - Golden Guitar winner Lachlan Bryan (Lachlan Bryan & the Wildes).

"Mat Black ... your roots are showing. I really like this stuff. Simple, strong and to the point. Enough country to make it engaging and enough edge to make it interesting." - Golden Guitar winner Allan Caswell

2019 sees the release of Mat's debut LP '**Trucker Caps & Heart Attacks**' - a showcase of deeply personal and honest songs that lay the soul of their writer bare in a brooding exposé. With his commanding vocal ability acting as the cornerstone of each live performance, the band Mat has formed provide a rock-solid foundation and vehicle for his music. Drummer **Ross McGregor** (Wayfaring Strangers, Spinifex Rose) and keyboardist **Brent Tough** (Tough Brothers, Winston) are long-time collaborators - while guitarist **Matt Dixon** (Emily South, James Kenyon) and bassist **Paul Robertson** (Honkatonk, Joyriders) round out the collective.

By no means a flamboyant frontman in the traditional rock sense, **Mat Black** lets his art speak for itself, beautifully conveying songs of love, loss and longing in an understated yet powerful fashion while leaving the pyrotechnics to those who need them. With the release of his first full length LP 'Trucker Caps & Heart Attacks', there is no doubt that Mat Black is an artist to watch on the Australian music scene. The album will be released September 13.

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