

# Desertrose

## BAND STORY

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My musical journey started when at the age of ten my father gave me the option of a trip back to the country of my birth - Africa, with him and his new wife ,OR a gift of a piano. Being pretty pissed off at him at the time for turning my world upside down I opted for the piano.

What started as a means to express myself, alone,(ahh that teenage angst!) by tinkering on those keys and singing to an empty room went to playing in originals and covers bands back in the eighties and early nineties, living all those dreams of youth that we do of somehow "making it" in the music industry, and now has come full circle back to that empty room and tinkering all over again.

I am very content to be where I am though with no illusions about things, just making music for my own pleasure and if other people enjoy it well that's just a big fat bonus on top of it all!

I am involved with an online band called "Tribeworld ensemble" which is made up of musicians from across the globe. We are confident to say that were the first internet collaborators to create an entire album completely recorded across the internet by means of swapping files back and forth which the mastermind of the project David Pendragon, then pieced together and produced the album called "The message stick" which is a very eclectic mix of soul filled/world type music.

This wasn't a mere compilation album, it was an entire band of



## STATS

Visits	Plays
1,939	281
Streams	Downloads
281	0

## Featured Songs

-  **Black dog** Vocal
-  **The undressing** Alternative

musicians playing together to create what would otherwise be done in one studio. Pretty amazing experience!

Well, I hope you enjoy whatever music I may create and put up here, as I will enjoy, I'm sure, what others are making here too.

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## LATEST NEWS

### A breath of fresh air.

There's just something about getting out and about in the great outdoors that never fails to give my spirits a lift so we went on a little spur of the moment camping trip this past long weekend. Not long enough for me, but enough to once again realise the true magic and beauty of nature.

Richard bought me a new stills camera back from the US so of course this was the perfect chance to give it a try....completely on auto though (I have no knowledge of photography and the instruction manual is another one from hell, so I've yet to even open the first page for fear of getting a brain annuerism!) I WOULD like to learn how to use all of it's manual features though. It will be a challenge, for little old untechnical me :) but one I'm up for. After all, I did learn how to use the HD video camera AND learn how to edit video, so I'm sure with time I'll get the hang of still photography?

Capturing moments.....beautiful scenery etc appeals to the hunter gatherer in me. Not really all that far away from gathering nuts and berries. :) Food for the soul really.

It was bloody cold up there. Lithgow is one of the few places where it snows, occasionally up here. Not quite cold enough for that YET, but the second night in the camper we were all blowing out steam out of our mouths INSIDE the tent.

The first night it rained and for the very first time our canvas leaked. I discovered this when I stepped in a puddle on the floor in my socks. Took me a moment to figure out what was going on! Luckily we were on a bit of an angle so it all pooled at one end and nobody got wet.

What is it with farting when camping? The kids and Richard always seem to fart like demons every single camping trip we go on! I didn't even make the traditional egg and mayonnaise sandwiches I usually make for breakfast in the car this time. With all that hot air in the tent you would have thought we would have been warm as toast (with gas masks on)

The walk to the glow worm tunnel was a LONG but pretty one. My first REAL walk after all this health stuff so I considered it a challenge well met! Of course, in the video you can't SEE the glow worms. Really it was only the tips of their butts that actually glow. Fascinating none the less. They really DID look like tiny stars in a dark sky in that tunnel. It was an old mining tunnel many years ago and the track we walked had been the railway line. Occasionally we spotted old wooden railway sleepers along the way. Hard to imagine a train going along those cliffs. The worst part of the track was the little creek crossing we had to walk across barefoot. Oh my gosh was that water ICY and silly me having set the video camera up had to backtrack back across

having set the video camera up had to backtrack back across the water to go and fetch it! Literally made my feet ache it was so cold!

Anyway, if you're interested, here is a video on Vimeo I've put together of the weekend, incorporating some still photography. It's the last of Autumn here now and I tried to capture some of that at Mount Wilson. I especially liked the old ruins at Lithgow where for once there were no fences to keep inquisitive people like me out!

Hope you enjoy what some of our neck of the woods looks like at this time of the year.

<http://www.vimeo.com/11260290>

## Things look much brighter!

First of all I'd just like to thank you all for responding to me recently when I hit a real low point. The pms and messages I recieved in response to that blog really helped and I'm so grateful that you all reached out to me when you did. So thank you!

I'd also like to share some good news.

I went to the doctors yesterday and my blood test results were extremely positive!

For a start the pancreas test was all clear, totally normal, so that rules out anything nasty there, which really worried me at the time. Also my triglycerides are dropping, which means I CAN beat this through lifestyle changes alone!

Right now I feel so much better. The pain I was having is significantly easing off, to the point where I feel HUMAN again!

The other day my sister and I went out for the day together and I had a great time with her. She is fourteen years younger than me but we just get on so well and she's just a beautiful person inside and out!

Today I am once again up to my armpits in wax, making candles, which is something I haven't been able to do in months! Our home business making candles went through a bit of a slump there for a while but I'm determined to get it back up and running again! It's prime candle weather here now :)

So anyway, without raving on too much, things are looking GOOD!

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