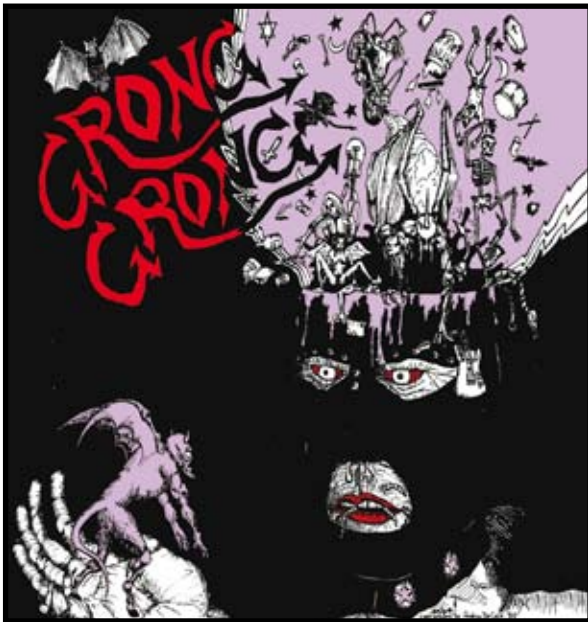




GRONG GRONG TO HELL 'N' BACK

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Unsung pioneers litter the Australian musical landscape like rotting roadkill on the side of the Highway. Some, like Adelaide's **Grong Grong**, should not be wasting away there. Not only were this confrontational four-piece innovators in a form of chaotic, primordial proto-grunge - they're also one of the saddest examples of wasted potential in the chronicles of Oz punk.

Grong Grong bludgeoned audiences throughout 1983-84, with their dark and aggressive take on punk rock. The band filtered its influences of **Birthday Party**, **Cramps**, **Flipper** and **Pere Ubu** through a suburban Australian mindset... sounding like no-one before or since.

In 1983 they supported the **Dead Kennedys** and impressed frontman **Jello Biafra** so much they became the first and only Australian band to release an album on **Biafra's** label **Alternative Tentacles**. Guitarist **Charlie Tolnay** would later collaborate with **Biafra** and the American band **Steel Pole Bath tub** on the one-off **Tumor Circus** album on **Alt.Tentacles**.

Tragedy struck however on Christmas Eve 1984, two days after a triumphant support slot with **Public Image Ltd**, when singer **Michael Farkas** overdosed and spent 9 months in a coma virtually brain dead. Although he in time, made a remarkable recovery and continued to perform in other bands - **Grong Grong** never played again.... until this year, when the two half-brothers **Charlie** and **Michael** decided to reform he band.

You can't just sweep roadkill under the rug and hope that someday it isn't going to stench you the hell out.... and 25 years later, the band played a series of shows in Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney and this long-awaited CD/DVD anthology is finally released.

This deluxe reissue on the much acclaimed Australian archival label, **Memorandum** features the band's posthumously released 1986 self titled LP, two (thought-to-be lost) studio demos, expanded live cuts from the Seaview Ballroom set (that appeared on the flip of the LP), the infamous 5MMM radiothon 'Live-to-air and nuggety rehearsal tapes.

All tracks have been **digitally remastered** from original source tapes and are available for the first time on CD. The package also contains a DVD with unseen concert and rehearsal footage, displaying the band in all their noisy, chaotic glory. A twenty page booklet tells the whole darkly funny and tragic story and includes unseen photos and archival band artwork. Dig in!!



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