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ICEHOUSE

WHITE HEAT: 30 HITS

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Celebrating the music of one of Australia's most revered and respected musical icons with an album of songs we know and love.

Following the unexpected and overwhelming response to the Flowers ICEHOUSE 30th Anniversary Edition released in May this year, Universal Music and Iva Davies are excited to announce the second release of their partnership.

For the first time, ICEHOUSE *White Heat: 30 Hits* brings together every single from the ICEHOUSE pantheon ever released worldwide.

Available August 26th 2011, *White Heat: 30 Hits*, will reunite and excite fans from all over the world with a 3 disc set containing two audio CDs, each with 15 songs in chronological order of their release, and a DVD with 32 film clips from over the years. The album will take you on a journey through the band's amazing music career, combining decades of history in one album with hit songs, such as *Great Southern Land*, *Hey, Little Girl*, *Crazy* and *Electric Blue* that have won fans all over the world.

Connecting with the history of the music, the packaging of the album will also include a 12 page booklet with images of the band from each album era and single cover artwork. Included among the musicians who have been a part of the ICEHOUSE line-up live or on record are the acclaimed bass player, Guy Pratt, who toured with the band for the *Primitive Man* and *Sidewalk* albums, soundscape artist and production genius Brian Eno who featured on their 1986 release *Measure for Measure* and beloved Australian sax-and-song man, Joe Camilleri.

Following the release of the Flowers ICEHOUSE 30th Anniversary edition earlier this year, I was overwhelmed by the incredible amount of support and enthusiasm there was out there for the entire ICEHOUSE catalogue. Many of the requests for what to put out next focused around some of the compilations we had released in the past.

I looked at the past sets and realised that there had never been a collection of every single we'd ever released throughout the history of the band nor a DVD compilation of every clip so that's what we decided to do. Our criteria for the inclusion of tracks was that they had to have been released somewhere in the World as a single AND have had a clip made for them (in a couple of cases, two clips!).

Now that is all together, I'm truly excited about releasing an album with these songs that fans have loved over the years and which were the focus of the different albums. This will be the first time that the majority of these recordings will be available to be legitimately downloaded through iTunes and other digital retailers as well a 3-disc packaging in retail stores. It is great that people who may only know ICEHOUSE by one or two of the songs will be able to explore the other recordings as well.

The DVD of all the clips brought back many memories of all the people who participated in ICEHOUSE's success and is a fun look over the past 30 years of music and video making for me.

I hope everyone enjoys having all our Hits in one place at long last.

Iva Davies (Sydney, July 2011)

One of the most iconic bands to have ever existed in the history of Australia, ICEHOUSE was formed by front man and creative force, Iva Davies, in 1977. Originally known as Flowers, this successful pub band entered a recording contract with Regular Records and released their debut album, ICEHOUSE, which made it into the Top 5, becoming the highest selling debut album in Australia.

The release of their second album, *Primitive Man*, produced the song *Great Southern Land* which has become an anthem for Australians everywhere and reached number five on the Australian Singles Charts. *Primitive Man* also included the single *Hey Little Girl*, which became a European No. 1, with ICEHOUSE performing on the British program "Top of the Pops". This album sold over 650,000 copies within months of its release in Australia and, as APRA airplay figures show each year, songs from *Primitive Man* are still played across Europe and the USA to this day.

However it was their album *Man of Colours* that made this Australian band a true international success with the smash hit singles *Crazy* and *Electric Blue* that topped both the US airplay and sales charts. *Man of Colours* became the highest local selling album by an Australian band ever and was the band's most successful album – selling more than a million copies in Australia alone.

White Heat: 30 Hits, from one of Australia's most revered and respected musicians, Iva Davies, is a delicious musical foray for fans new and old to delight in and is available to pre-order from Friday July 15th at www.icehouse-ivadavies.com.

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