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**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND – DRAGON RETURN TO VERTIGO BAR FOR TWO NIGHTS IN SEPTEMBER
DON'T MISS THIS EVENT AS DRAGON PACK OUT THE HOUSE AGAIN AT THE CASINO**



FRIDAY 24 & SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

9.30pm NIGHTLY

One of the most respected and well known bands from the 1970s and 1980s, Dragon, return to Vertigo Bar for two special nights. The band packed out the Casino at last year's event in October and are back by popular demand, bring with them all their hits, and tracks from their most recently released album 'Happy I Am'.

The last time Dragon performed at The Reef Hotel Casino, staff had to close off both the entrance ways as the crowd was too big and people were being turned away from outside. The show itself was phenomenal, and if reports from what the band has been up to over the past 12-months, including a massive gig at Crown in Melbourne, then this year's two shows will be much the same again. Fans – heed this advice, get in early or you might miss out!

This clever reinvention of Dragon by originator Todd Hunter not only presents all the Dragon hits from the 70s 80s & 90s but entwines timeless party anthems throughout the show! With the vocal talents of 'Show No Mercy' Mark Williams and renowned musicians Pete Drummond and Bruce Reid, who were an integral part of dismantling the Dragons hits ready for touring, present one of the 'coolest' legends shows touring in Oz today!

While Australia has well embraced Dragon as its own, the band was actually formed in Auckland in the early 1970s, but crossed the Tasman to Sydney in 1975 where they started to make it big. Within a few short years, the band, lead by the charismatic Marc Hunter, had racked up an impressive string of hit singles including Are You Old Enough, April Sun In Cuba and Still In Love With You.

Despite disbanding in 1979 the band, much to the delight of their fans, regrouped in 1982 releasing the smash hit single Rain. The 1980s proved to be a fruitful time for the band with the release of the phenomenally successful albums Body & The Beat and Bondi Road, which spawned the hits Magic and Young Years respectively.

Continuing to set stages alight throughout the decade and into the next, the Dragon juggernaut only halted after the sad passing of Marc Hunter in 1998. After an eight year hiatus Marc's brother and the man behind Dragon's pulsing bass lines, Todd reformed the band, recruiting Mark Williams into the fray as frontman. Since 2006 Dragon has performed a number of intimate acoustic shows nationwide – a

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fitting celebration of the band's 30-year history.

Traversing new musical landscapes with their recent album Happy I Am, Dragon visit's The Reef Hotel Casino at an exciting time. Showcasing material from Happy I Am as well as tracks from their classic back catalogue, the show is destined to be one of the stand-out nights on Cairns' musical calendar.

Even if you are not a Dragon fan...come and see a great live band!

Dragon performs at Vertigo Bar in The Reef Hotel Casino on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 September from 9.30pm nightly.

**** These are free shows in Vertigo Bar*