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Dishing Out The Good Times

By Keith Carman

There's something about Australia that either generates redundant crud (Silverchair comes to mind) or overt weirdness — Bloodduster, anyone? In the same vein, but clearly less grinding dirge than their noisecore buddies, punk rock'n'rollers Hytest learn how to be just as brusque without blowing their amps to oblivion on *Dishing Out The Good Times*. Pulling from diverse aspects, including Black Flag (for the grunt), Fu Manchu (in order get some groovin' riffs) and the Ramones (for outright awesomeness), *Dishing Out The Good Times* boasts everything a band feeling even remotely flirtatious with punk requires. Still, while these elements are good enough, the trio opt to expand the experience, delving into touches of '50s rock, Hellacopters/Backyard Babies-ish sleaze, double-time hardcore and a bit more desert rock, offset by simplistic, four-chord bounciness. And while it's all strange, none of it sounds out of place. Together, all of these bits create a spiky, modestly jittery adventure reminiscent of hearing Screaming Weasel for the first time. (MVD)

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