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Lots of Ruckus in country

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BRUNSWICK bassist Barry Tiplady is a born musician.

With a grandmother who was an opera singer, a grandfather who had his own big band and a father who was a drummer, there was no other option.

After decades in the music business, Tiplady now plays bass for Melbourne country music band Ruckus.

"It's a great instrument, my instrument," he said.

"I started playing bass when I was 20 - about 30 years ago."

The seasoned musician has played in many ensembles, including well-known Queensland rock trio Aussie Rebels.

But Tiplady believes country music is by far the most popular genre.

"In my experience - and I have been playing for quite some time - it is probably the single most popular music there is, bar none," he said.

"The country music scene is massive.

"We always play to big audiences and people who come along and dance and have a great time are aged anywhere from 15 to 100.

"Country music doesn't have any boundaries in the age department."

Ruckus will be releasing its first album, a seven-track EP, later this month.



Bass guitarist Barry Tiplady and Sandy Himbury at the front of Ruckus.

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"I've been around for a while and was able to call on some friends in the recording industry to help us out," Tiplady said.

"It is a pretty damn fine product. Even if we didn't labour over it so intensely."

The EP features four covers and three original country music tunes.

"Country covers are quite different to rock and roll covers," Tiplady said.

"It is more accepted to record a

cover because most bands don't write their songs anyway.

"You are just doing a different version of a songwriter's track."

Ruckus will play at the Cornish Arms, Sydney Rd, Brunswick, for their CD launch 3-8pm August 28.