

RUGBY LEAGUE LEGEND

# ERIC GROTHE & the Gurus



**IT'S TIME TO PARTY WITH THE GURU !**

If it's a fun night of entertainment you are looking for, then Eric Grothe & The Gurus are the perfect choice for your club, hotel, function, corporate event or festival.

The Gurus are a solid, rockin' party band that has its origins with Sydney acts Three Day Grothe, Dave Gleeson & The Stilsons, The Booze Brothers & Vegimite Reggae.

The Gurus perform a selection of the best rock and **popular music from the 70's and 80's** through to current hits and are fronted by **Rugby League legend Eric Grothe** on guitar and vocals.

**Eric** is popular with any audience and enjoys greeting and having photographs with the fans who often bring along their memorabilia for him to autograph.

**Eric Grothe & The Gurus** regularly perform on P&O special event cruises and at festivals like the Tamworth CMF.

The band has been delighting Australian audiences since 2006 and have featured many special guest performers including: **Dave Gleeson** (The Screaming Jets), **Jon Stevens** (Noiseworks), **Wolf Mail** (USA blues artist), **Mike Vee** (Australia's Got Talent Finalist & The Whispering Jack Show), **Mal Eastick**, **Phil Emmanuel**, **Mark Gable** (Choirboys) & **Sarah McLeod** (The Superjesus).



## **ERIC GROTHE & THE GURUS**

Band members, left to right:

Patrick Hopkins (Drums, Voc)  
Eric Grothe (Guitar, Voc)  
Ted Brennan (Guitar, Voc)  
David Cunningham (Bass, Voc)

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## Rugby League Career Overview - Eric Grothe

Eric is an Australian former rugby league footballer of the 1970's and 1980's. A New South Wales and Australian representative winger, he played club football for the Parramatta Eels with whom he won four NSWRL premierships.

Known as "The Guru" due to his long locks and beard in his playing years, as well as his hobby of meditation, he played a total of 150 first grade career games for Parramatta, scoring 78 tries. Unfortunately, his club and representative career was restricted by recurring knee injuries.

Grothe's size, speed and trademark ability to break a tackle through sheer strength enabled him to perfectly book-end Parramatta's star-studded backline of the early 1980s outside Brett Kenny, Mick Cronin, Peter Sterling and Steve Ella. Along with dual union and league international Ray Price, these stars formed the nucleus of a side which dominated the New South Wales Rugby League premiership between 1981 and 1986, playing in five Grand Finals, winning four (1981, 1982, 1983, 1986), as well as finishing runner up in 1984 and third in 1985.

Grothe represented Australia in eight Tests between 1982 and 1984 and made the 1982 Kangaroo Tour. He had nine State of Origin appearances for New South Wales between 1981 and 1986.

Since retiring, Grothe has been named amongst the nation's finest footballers of the 20th century.

Eric is always a well-received guest at sporting functions and also tours with his band Eric Grothe & The Gurus.