

This is just a small section of Chris Knox's reel-to-reel tapes, including *Enemy*, *Toy Love*, *Tall Dwarfs* and solo albums. The whole collection has been gifted to the nation, to be preserved as **The Chris Knox Archive**.



Chris is very happy his 250+ tapes will be cared for and digitised for further use. Future generations will be 'spooled' for choice! Also more shelfspace for books!



The Alexander Turnbull Library's crack unit of field operatives meet with Chris before he flies off to Dunedin to enjoy the **Tally Ho 3** concert. A hush fills the house...



Then the Away Team of Bronwyn & Michael swing into action. Work stations are set up in the kitchen...



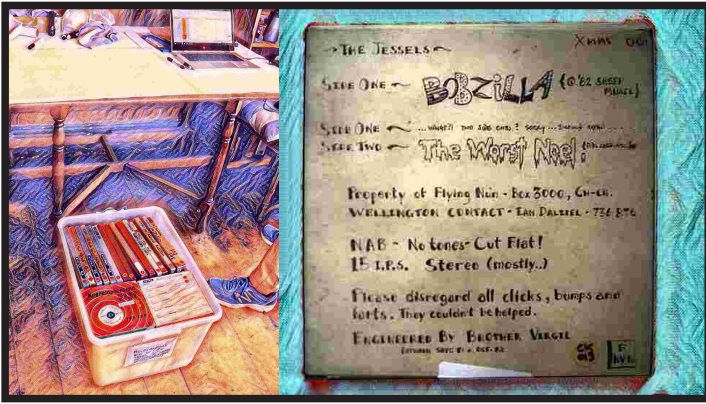
A photography & packing station is created in the lounge. An "abnormally puny ex-roadie" is pressed into service.



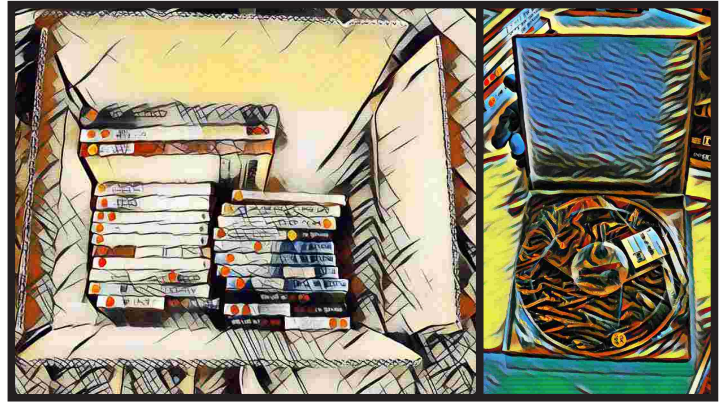
Rolls of bubble wrap materialise; strong cartons unfold...



Showtime!! Thus the epic 2-day project begins.



All data from tapes and cases is entered into a database. It's hard not to be distracted, diverted and delighted by classics & rarities... Here's 'Bobzilla' - Christmas 1982...



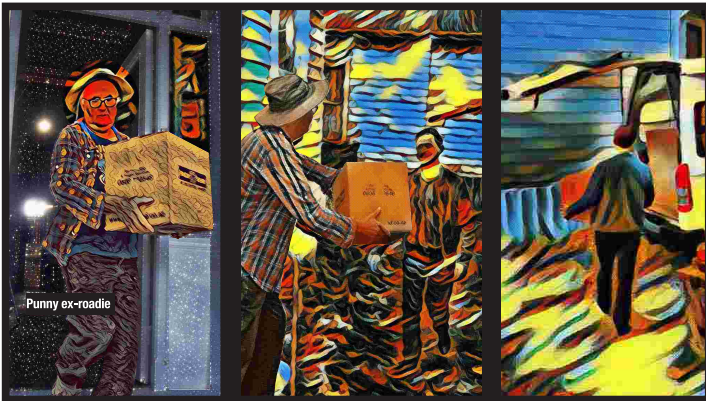
Tapes are physically checked for damage, deterioration, mould or other defects. Quarantined if necessary. Triage, reported and sorted... The team boxes on!



Slowly and steadily, shelf by shelf, case by case, almost 30 years of Chris's musical creativity is packed away.



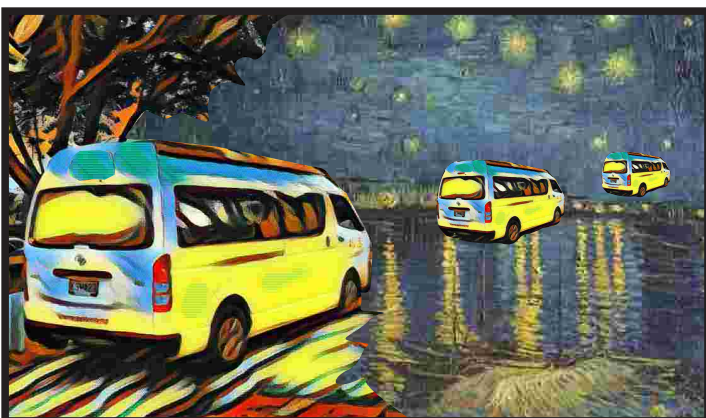
The last tapes are swathed in bubblewrap. The last carton is sealed! The team can't contain themselves!



A human chain makes respectable work of the great pyramid of cushioned cardboard receptacles.



The priceless sonic cargo is packed into the back of an anonymous looking van... The sun is setting!



The van slips quietly into Auckland evening traffic. Heading for Wellington & the future... Go van. Go!!

Next Episode

CHRIS KNOX PROJECT #2

Wellington - The Long Unwinding Road...

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