



## Here's To You, Australia!

*Reviewed by Rick Jenner*

Here's an Australiana treasure from Roll of Renown member JOHNNY ASHCROFT, The two CD collection from Johnny traces an amazing journey through Australia's heritage, with the first disc concentrating on our bushranging past, and the second broader in its Australian themes, and also featuring Johnny's wife GAY KAYLER in both solo and duet modes. It's a fitting effort from Johnny whose own ancestry goes back to the first fleet and convict origins.

24 of the 28 songs were written or co-written by Johnny, and come mainly from two notable vinyl releases, 1972's *They All Died Game* and 1989's *The Cross Of The Five Silver Stars*. The remastering of the impressive collection was painstakingly undertaken by Gay who manually filtered out each vinyl click and clack to preserve the vinyl warmth and integrity of the originals. And of course we do get the original 1960 huge hit *Little Boy Lost* plus a few extra bonus offerings. A fascinating and meticulously researched collection.

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