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MICK WILSON Blame Train (Independent)

Tweed Heads-based singer-songwriter Mick Wilson spent 15 years stranded in isolation as a miner in outback Australia - a prospect that would've surely pushed one's sanity beyond breaking point. But thankfully he had his guitar with him, and he'd use it to write and sing songs as a means to vent his frustration at being away from his wife and home. That was prior to 2001, and Wilson has since been trailing the pub circuit around south east Queensland, entering the studio last year to commence work on this his debut album.

The pick of these ten songs comes with dreamy opener 'Headspace', which purely distils the laidback feel of a summer's day on the beach, epic ballad 'Black Dog' and groovy blues number 'Run Piggy Run', which reveals a distinctly Australian storyteller. And there's also a well-done cover of Lynyrd Skynyrd staple 'Sweet Home Alabama' for good measure. Despite being a low-key independent release, production on *Blame Train* is impressively clean, and across this collection of songs a new Aussie talent is unveiled.

★★★★☆ (Justin Grey)