



## JOHN CHARTER

### Class of 1953

John Charter attended Sydney Technical High School from 1951 until 1953. Although studying as an apprentice in the electrical trades industry, his real love was musical performance and direction.

His involvement in Australian Rock and Roll includes starting Australia's first Rock and Roll band *Alan Dale and the Houserockers* in 1957 and *Johnny Rebb and the Rebels* in 1958. He was also musical director for channel nine's National Bandstand with Brian Henderson and was involved as musical arranger and director for Slim Dusty's first and third BMI record albums.

In 1967 John took a ten-piece show to the Australian and American forces in Vietnam and the Far East for six years. In 1974, he signed a contract to work for three Years in the United States of America where his band name was changed to The Australians. In 1979 he joined the great reformed Australian group The Delltones as baritone and musical director.

In 1984 John was invited to be part of rock and roll show band called The Fifty's which over eight years won five Mo awards. He has also produced and been musical director in theatre restaurants and performed in recent years in various Sydney venues. Over the last 15 years, in his own recording studio, recorded and produced CDs for some of our many entertainers, one being a platinum album for Mary Schneider's, *The Magic of Yodelling*.