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Powder Chutes are a rock band from Wanaka, New Zealand, producing fiercely original music described by NZ Musician Magazine as having *"a modern grunge feel, mixed with punk angst and hard rock"* who are turning heads both nationally and internationally.

Compared to everyone from Tool, to Highly Suspect, the band is made up of Archie Orbell (drums), Clarke West (guitar), Henry McConnell (vocals), and Otis Murphy (bass), and are described by Radio One 91FM as *"already punching well above their weight in the Aotearoa music scene... with chunky riffs, and BIG fills, they have every head turning"*.

In addition to their standout headline shows, Powder Chutes have opened for The Feelers, Dolphin Friendly, Big Sima, East York, Pull Down The Sun, Pieces Of Molly, and The Jordan Luck Band. They also opened the 2023 Gibbston Valley Summer Concert for ZZ Top, Pat Benatar, Stone Temple Pilots and The Angels to 18,000 people and played the main stage at the 2024 Burning Horse Festival.

Their last single 'Moths To The Flame' achieved major radio airplay, entering at #9 on the Official NZ Hot 20 NZ Singles Charts, and was voted onto the 2023 Rock FM 2000 at #1730. Between May 26th and July 28th, 2023 'Moths To The Flame' was in the 40 most played rock songs on New Zealand radio for 8 out of 10 weeks, and is still on regular rotation.

Powder Chutes were recently chosen by Alien Weaponry as the winners of the inaugural AJ Hackett Bungy New Zealand 'Thrash More' competition, open nationwide to musicians aged 13-25.

The boys are currently in the final stages of recording their debut album at North Otago's Studio Sublime and will release their new single 'Merchants' from this in May 2024.

Sweet noise pollution... groove-fueled grunge... whatever you call it, **Powder Chutes** are electrifying, ambitious, and ready to make their mark as an original rock band worthy of attention.

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## moths to the flame

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*"this is a stunning release"* – Lisa Jones, Music.Net.NZ

*"This track not only hits the bulls eye target for our playlist promotion, but is also a totally explosive, dynamic & true expression of what pure kiwi hard rock is all about. An incredibly catchy sonic bomb you NEED to hear!"* - KAOS FM NZ

*"Loud, catchy, and just the sort of thing we need right now"* 1964 Magazine

*"(Powder Chutes) have got me so optimistic for the state of the upcoming music scene"*  
Crezza, MOST FM

*'From the beautiful shores of Lake Wanaka, this is a fantastic young band; in another generation they would be compared to bands like Silverchair. They've just got energy to boot'* Eamon O' Kane, Antipodes Radio

*'Throw in some blues rock, a bit of Velvet Revolver, and a smidgeon of punk near the climax, and you've got something that's at least equal to the sum of its very numerous parts. People have noticed; 'Moths To The Flame' has hit the Top 10 on the Hot NZ Singles Chart. It's been playlisted at national radio station The Rock, where it sits alongside the likes of Guns N' Roses and Metallica. On the other side of the globe it's been played on rock radio in Scotland and Wales.'* Fraser Lewry, Classic Rock Magazine

*'The power house four-piece are back with a big track of anthemic rock... their sound has a modern grunge feel, mixed with punk angst and hard rock'* NZ Musician Magazine

*"there is melody, melancholy, attitude and beauty throughout the entire EP, a really Bad-Ass collection of songs"* Denis Belliveau (Supermoon Den)

*'Moths To The Flame'... this should be called 'Behemoths To The Flame' it's so huge"*  
Tom Harvard, Studio Sublime

*"You need to check these young lads out folks! Powder Chutes are a huge favourite of the Hot From The Forge Radio Show"* Craig Robert Jonathon, Scotland Rocks Radio

*'There is a vitality to this, and after just a few plays the hooks and annoyingly catchy chorus are embedded in the brain. If they are performing like this now, one wonders what the future holds for them, as if they can keep producing songs like this then anything could happen'* Kev Rowland, Music.Net.NZ

*"When you think of most high school pupils, you wouldn't expect them to be able to smash out a set on stage in front of 16,000 people. That's what makes these boys from Powder Chutes so special... for a bunch of 16 and 18 year olds they're making some serious moves around the Central lakes region and their sights are set on even bigger things in the summer months "* Joel Malcolm-Smith, Wanaka Sun

*"The next big rock act in NZ, Powder Chutes. These teenagers are years ahead of their time and debuted in the Rock 2000 at 1730. A great band"* Matthew Mottram

*"(Moths To The Flame) was an exceptionally good recording... as good as any of the top tier studios in New Zealand, it sounded great"* Will Stairmand, The Distorted Transmission

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Archie Orbell – Drums



Clarke West – Guitar



Henry McConnell - Vocals



Otis Murphy - Bass