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**Abstract:** Heading west by train out of Sydney, two stops before Parramatta, that railway voice comes crashing through tinny speakers, "Next stop: GrAAAAnville!" The 'A' is as harsh as garbage being crushed outside your house. The industrial flatlands of Granville, between Sydney and the Blue Mountains, are where Bernie McGann grew up. Who he? McGann - whose 75th birthday was marked this July by two sensational nights at the Sound Lounge in Sydney - is possibly the most original voice

in Australian jazz. In recent decades, his reputation has become international. Although he is not a household name anywhere, a number of his fans are - in Australia, America and Europe. McGann stands in relation to his famous fans much as Captain Beefheart did to Frank Zappa.

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