

## 'Plug and play' the motto for local band of innovators

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**COOPERBLACK** bass player and songwriter Jeremy Conlon isn't one for limits - and when it comes to musical instruments, neither are his bandmates.

"If it's electric, we can play it," Conlon said.

Simon Kormendy, who plays keyboards, theremin and a Casio tone device developed from a calculator, agrees. "If it makes a sound you can make music out of anything," he said.

One of Darwin's best bands, the electro-pop-rock outfit this year released the album *My Art is Bleeding* a more rocking affair than previous efforts.

Having done the rock route now it's time for something serious.

"We have an opportunity to think a bit deeper and do something new," Conlon said.

**Audiences can see for themselves tonight when Cooperblack plays the Happy Yess club at 9pm.**



LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES: Oliver Budack, Simon Kormendy and Jeremy Conlon try a few new instruments. Picture: Brad Fleet