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The Vulpine's Tom Miller, Jam Nawaz, Sarah Fenton, Luke Meeve and Jay Nawaz at the Elwood Lounge.

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Dead foxy, by comparison

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FOR every band there is almost always a comparison. And for some, it isn't always a good one.

But for the Vulpine, a five-piece outfit regularly performing in Elwood, comparisons with some of the world's most successful acts have been gratefully received.

Fans have compared the soulful voice of lead singer Jam Nawaz with that of Hamish Cowan, the lead singer of '90s band

Cordrazine. Others think the band has a sound similar to Radiohead – or even Jeff Buckley.

"We are fortunate that the bands and musicians we have been compared with are great," pianist Sarah Fenton said.

"We are grateful that people are making that association."

In two years, the Vulpine have managed to attract a solid fan base and have played at venues across Melbourne, including the Hi-Fi Bar and St Kilda's Espy.

But it was the band's residency at the

Elwood Lounge that Fenton said had generated attention.

"We have some really loyal friends who've been there to support us at every gig," she said. "At every gig we manage to sell a couple of CDs and slowly our music is getting out there, which is fantastic."

Fenton said each member, including guitarist Tom Miller, bassist Jay Nawaz and drummer Luke Meeve, brought their own experience and technical achievement to complete the band's moody style.

Released last year, the debut EP *We'd Be*

Crazy Not to Be on Your Side, heralded the songwriting abilities of Nawaz.

"I think Jay's intention in writing a lot of the lyrics was not to dictate any particular theme," Fenton said.

"We want our audience to find their own meaning in each song."

The Vulpine plays at the Elwood Lounge a 8pm on the first Thursday of the month until July.

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