

bers united by a love of music



musical pursuits, undertook singing lessons and lyric writing and went on to join local band Black Dot.

"I used to love singing and a lot of people that heard me sing in the shower type thing and said I had a good voice so I went and did singing lessons," he said.

Kirk's passion for a music career, on the other hand, was not deterred by his father.

"Dad was maybe a little more relaxed with me," said the younger brother who admitted to "living and breathing music".

He played in a band throughout high school and at the age of 17 moved out of home, got a job washing cars and continued to pursue his passion for music until the band broke up a couple of years later.

"We fell to bits and I didn't know if I wanted to go on," he said.

Yet after a jamming session with school friend and old band member Tim Farriss and his

CHIMNEY SWEEPS

- Demand for chimney sweeps increased significantly in England during its industrialisation from about 1750.
- A master sweep would train his apprentices, many of whom were young boys and orphans, and was responsible for keeping them.
- The circumstances they faced were often grim and dangerous as they could get stuck in the flues and suffocate.
- Cancer was common among the sweeps as they slept on bags of soot and seldom washed.
- Legislation was eventually introduced to protect these children, known as climbing boys, and in 1840 it became illegal for people under 21 to pursue chimney sweeping.
- Other approaches to chimney cleaning were developed such as using canes and brushes.

brothers Andrew and Jon, the band The Farriss Brothers was born in 1977, which also included Garry Beers and the late Michael Hutchence.

The band was first picked up by Midnight Oil manager Gary Morris.

The men became a support band for Midnight Oil and underwent a name change to INXS.

But it wasn't until 1987 when the group became an international sensation and their album *Kick* went to No. 1 around the world.

They sold over 30 million albums around the globe, had eight consecutive top 10 hits in the US, have claimed five Countdown Awards, six ARIAs, five MTV Awards, a Brit Award, three Grammy nominations, and have been inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame.

While Drew said he would've loved to experience the lifestyle enjoyed by his brother he said he felt no jealousy towards Kirk.

"I'm really proud of Kirk and I love him as a brother and I've been involved with him and the band for so long," he said.

And despite his millionaire rock star lifestyle the INXS star still cleans his own windows on his South Coast house in NSW ... albeit with top notch equipment from his brother.



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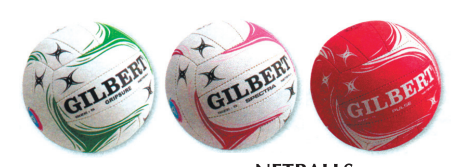
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