

By Kiri Dolman

FROM international fame to cleaning chimneys, the career paths for brothers Kirk and Drew Pengilly have taken vastly different routes.

While Kirk has spent much of his life in the public arena performing to tens of thousands of adoring fans as a member of INXS, older brother Drew has toiled away by himself on roofs around the Hills plying his trade largely unnoticed.

Yet according to Drew his famous brother's job isn't the only occupation that can get the adrenaline pumping ... battling to clean a chimney on a steep and slippery roof in the depths of winter isn't exactly a walk in the park!

But as different as their lives have been, the brothers are great mates – linked by their love of music.

*The Courier* caught up with the duo earlier this month during Kirk's most recent visit to SA to perform at the Adelaide Clipsal 500.

The pair credit their eldest brother Mark for arousing their musical interests.

"He gave me my first beat up guitar which is what started me off," Kirk said.

While growing up in NSW, the men recalled how their brother would dictate which music stars they could idolise – Roy Orbison for Drew, Cliff Richard for Kirk and Elvis Presley for Mark.

Drew tried his hand at a variety of instruments during his teens.

"I still remember as a kid Drew had a big pair of congas," Kirk said.

However, watching his father's disapproval of Mark's desire to pursue a professional music career, Drew chose a "more normal career path" – although a chimney sweep is borderline 'normal'.

"Dad wanted the best for us ... but he thought it was a bum's job, you know, sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll," Drew said.

"I chose to do what would make me more accepted by my family."

His first full-time job was as a trainee manager for a chain of restaurants in Sydney and he later came to Adelaide as the State manager for a stationery manufacturing company.

But after being made redundant 11 years ago he called a local chimney cleaning business Hills Clean Sweep in desperation looking for work and was surprised to be told the business was for sale.

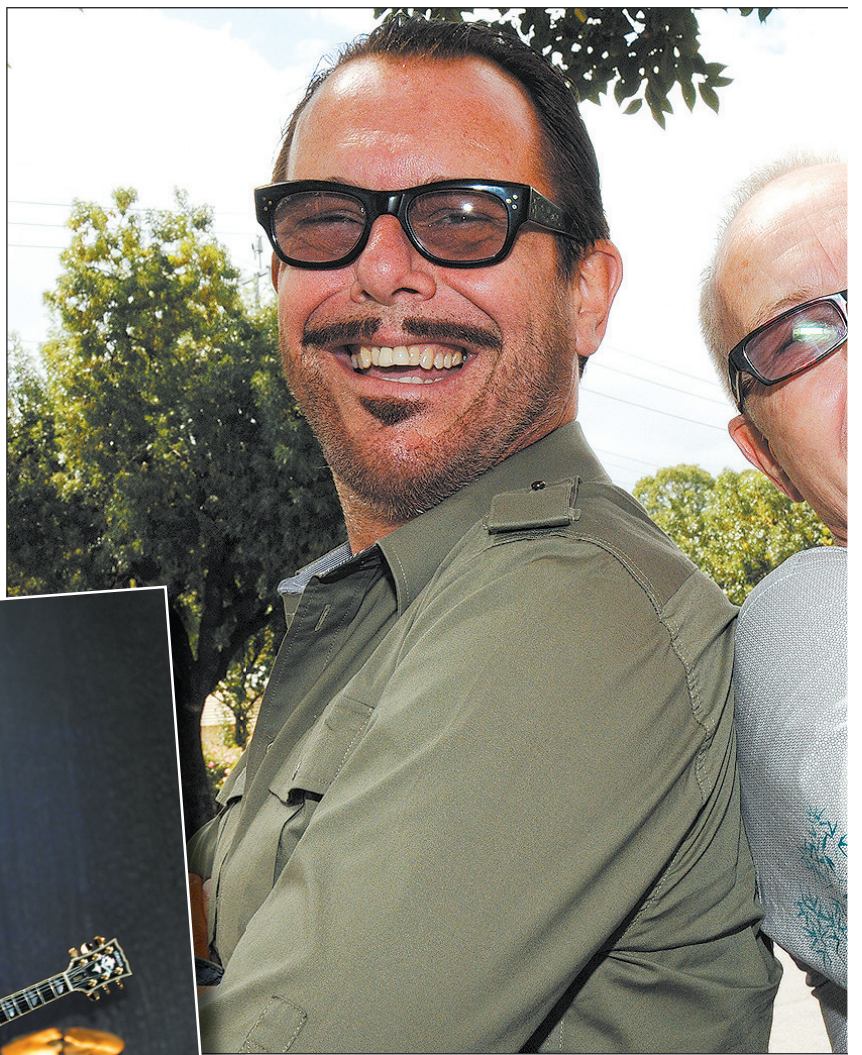
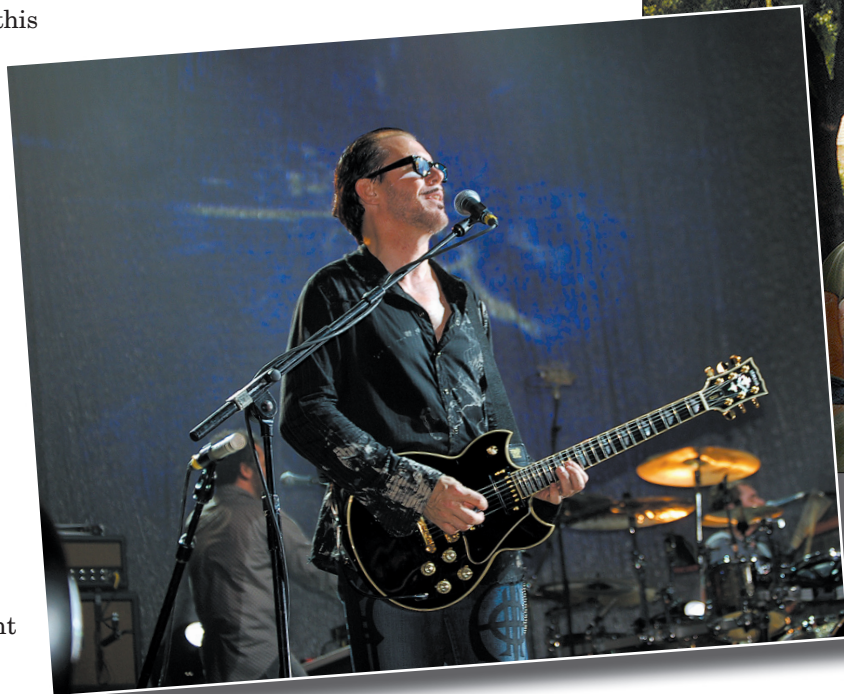
He grabbed the opportunity and added the window cleaning service, Hills Crystal Clear, to keep him busy during the warmer months.

While Drew enjoys his job, it isn't his passion.

"I would like to be able to say I made my living out of what I love, but most people don't," he said.

"That's my biggest regret, not making my living out of what I love which could've been music or something creative."

Yet 20 years ago at the age of 38 he revived his



Kirk Pengilly is a rock star, left, and his brother Drew is a chimney sweep. Different but they are great mates.



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