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## THE STRESS OF LEISURE

### MEMBER/ROLE IN BAND:

Ian Powne – Chief Therapist/Guitar Masseur

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TOGETHER?

I used to play solo as The Stress of Leisure, but since 2009 it's been more of a collective.

### HOW DID YOU ALL MEET?

Pascalie is a bit of a mystery, like most who practice Reiki, so I'm not quite sure on how she came into my life. Ben and Jess came recommended to me by the Brisbane Institute of Alternative Massage's Neil Coombe. Their credentials were excellent, and they've got good strong hands, not to mention stamina.

### YOU'RE ON TOUR IN THE VAN – WHICH BAND OR ARTIST IS GOING TO KEEP MOST PEOPLE HAPPY IF WE THROW THEM ON THE STEREO?

The Stooges, The Minutemen, Devo, Panpipes of The Andes... when those options run out it's all about maintaining Ben's sugar levels.

### WOULD YOU RATHER BE A BUSTED BROKE-BUT-REVERED HANK WILLIAMS FIGURE OR SOME KIND OF METALLICA MONSTER?

Both Hank and Kirk Hammett, not to mention James Hetfield, were and are in need of a good massage. Not only these guys, but a lot of guitarists I guess, slump, and therein lies the issue. So I guess in terms of this selection, it's neither thanks. David Lee Roth's figure though, I've gotta say why isn't he in this? David has an excellent centre of gravity, not to mention marvellous joint flexibility.

### WHICH BRISBANE BANDS BEFORE YOU HAVE BEEN AN INSPIRATION (MUSICALLY OR OTHERWISE)?

Any band/artist that sticks to the cause is an inspiration. Ed Kuepper could do with a little bit more work on his posture, but essentially he's still out there releasing music. Robert Forster likewise, but I do like Robert's gait. Don't start me on Ben Salter...

### WHAT PART DO YOU THINK BRISBANE PLAYS IN THE MUSIC YOU MAKE?

There's an energy, and we all feel it. As one, together, robed, unrobed...

### IS YOUR BAND RESPONSIBLE FOR MORE MAKE-OUTS OR BREAK-UPS? WHY?

I'd have to say break-ups. Just got a bad feeling about it...

### WHAT REALITY TV SHOW WOULD YOU ENTER AS A BAND AND WHY?

*Cops.* It's against my nature mantra but there's some people out there I'd like to shoot in the legs. It's a hidden desire I need to work on I guess, being you know, in a community and all...

### IF YOU HAD TO PLAY A SPORT INSTEAD OF BEING A MUSICIAN WHICH SPORT WOULD IT BE AND WHY WOULD YOU BE TRIUMPHANT?

Synchronised Swimming. The Olympic trials should be coming up soon. We're all psyched, it's going to be pretty exciting and well, our toenails are immaculate.

### WHAT'S IN THE PIPELINE FOR THE BAND IN THE SHORT TERM?

We're playing Live Spark at the Powerhouse this Sunday May 8 and then we play Saturday Jul 2 at Rics. We're also working on some new tunes.

The Stress Of Leisure play Brisbane Powerhouse on Sunday May 8 and Ric's Bar in Saturday Jul 2.

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