

# BIOGRAPHY OF THE URGE

The Urge brings together all the essential elements that make a truly successful covers band - raw talent, showmanship and repertoire. The Urge comprises four of the most respected musicians in the Newcastle and Hunter Valley area. With years of experience and boundless energy, the Urge has entertained crowds all over Newcastle's and the Hunter Valleys best rooms. The Urge comprises the talents of Murray Roach on vocals, Tulley Evans on lead and rhythm guitar, Mansell Laidler on bass and Cole Bussey on drums.

## **Murray Roach - Lead vocals**

Murray is a seasoned vocalist with an impressive range. He has performed as a front man for many top Newcastle acts since the early 90s as well as being sort after to sing radio advertising jingles. He is a consummate entertainer with an uncanny ability to draw in the crowd and get them involved. Murray combines powerful pitch and perfect vocals with an impressive range. His list of credits includes such notable acts as First Degree, In the Red and Spank 'n' the Monkey, performing in venues from Melbourne to the Gold Coast.

## **Tulley Evans - Lead guitar and vocals**

Tulley is the newest addition to this amazing band. He has a secretive musical background- rumours of 80's guitar rock stardom, 90's rock and groove, brief flirtations with electronic and classical music, and movie soundtrack work- make up the patchwork of influences Tulley brings too this band. All in all Tulley is an amazing, inventive guitarist with tons of experience and fantastic attitude. He brings quality sound, top quality gear and amazing backing vocals. Tulley's previous bands include Agent 86, Spincorp, Inertia, Spank 'n' the Monkey, Conscious Pilot.

## **Mansell Laidler – Bass guitar and vocals**

Mansell on bass and Cole on drums make a formidable rhythm section. Mansell is known as "Funk God" in musical circles. He has mastered various bass techniques and is able to play anything from jazz to jungle; although he's first love is rock music. Mansell only uses the best equipment to give him a superior live sound whilst delivering the goods on stage. Mansell's earlier bands include Clockwork, Rubicon, The Looks, the Civic Big band, the Dungeon Big Band, the Matt Enks trio.

## **Cole Bussey - Drums and percussion**

Cole is an accomplished drummer with many accolades and an abundance of experience. A master of time and groove, Cole's technique is reminiscent of the many great drummers from rock history such as John Bonham and Jeff Porcaro. Cole has masses of flair and knows exactly when and where to use it. Together, Cole and Mansell pump out a cohesive rhythm, which is the foundation of The Urge's sound.

The Urge has a vast repertoire ranging from classic hits to the latest top forty tunes. The boys are continually updating their repertoire with the result that they are able to provide a combination of current hits with "golden classics" to ensure the crowd stays entertained. Artists covered span from Red Hot Chilli Peppers, U2, INXS, Jet, Powderfinger, Maroon 5, Foo Fighters, Nickleback, Green Day, Blink 182 and Wheatus, Pink Floyd, Michael Jackson, Choir Boys, Stevie Wonder, Boz Scaggs, ACDC, Brian Adams as well as some classic oldies like the Beatles and the Doors thrown in for fun.

The band operates its own state-of-the-art Public Address system to ensure a perfect production every time. The Urge has gained a reputation in venues all over Newcastle and the Hunter Valley as crowd pleasers. The Urge's full schedule bears testimony to their ability to entertain a crowd and keep them dancing all night long.