

Kitchener Robertson

Kitchener Robertson is a versatile and accomplished multi instrumentalist who has been playing music since the age of 10. Growing up in New Zealand, of Samoan heritage, in very musical family Kitchener started playing drums at church in 1979 and learned bass guitar from the age of 15. He has a strong track record performing with gospel bands in NZ and Australia including SAOG world conference youth band 2000, Face to Face (bassist)2003, Inspire Creative Team (bassist)2004, Restored Band (producer/events manager/bassist)2005. Kitchener has also worked extensively mentoring young people both in a creative and community building capacity including projects such as Crossroads creative team (music director/bassist) working with local southwest Sydney High Schools introducing music to disengaged students 2005, and the Hillsong Creative team (bassist)2008. Since moving to Shepparton several years ago, Kitchener has become a well respected and admired musician and role model in the local community and has formed his own band, The Robertson's who blend soul, funk and Island flavours to create their own unique sound. The group has performed at Eastbank Centre, Shepparton Festival, Shepp Show and Shepparton Carols by Candlelight. Kitchener also led the formation of Generation Ignite, a church based youth arts project, teaching young Pacific Islanders in Shepparton traditional music, dance and theatre, and is a co-founder of the annual Pasifika Festival in Shepparton. Most notable to date is Kitchener's role as the bass player for Fr. Robert Galea's (X- Factor 2015) Stronger Band. He has been touring and performing sell out shows all around Australia with Stronger Band which has a significant youth following. Kitchener is keen to share his skills and talents with the next generation and to inspire young people to explore their identity through music and the arts and in 2017 he hosted MAV's inaugural Shepp Music Biz Forum.