



## The Desert Sea – Full Bio

In true rock n roll fashion; The Desert Sea came from humble beginnings – three long-time friends, a case of beer and a guitar-fuelled jam session that would be etched in their neighbors' memories for years to come. Starting as a backing band for guitarist Ashton's solo work, Andy West (Bass) and Justin Leef (Drums) began to write more heavy rock infused songs, and although unaware at the time, a profound musical journey had begun. The boys continued to hone their skills with regular jams in a friend's surfboard factory. It was the clear the chemistry was undeniable and The Desert Sea was born.

The boys began playing regular shows in their hometown of Sydney as well as touring up and down Australia's East coast. Drawing influences from blues, hard rock and grunge bands such as Queens of the Stone Age, Kyuss, The White Stripes, Arctic Monkeys, Royal blood and Led Zeppelin they continued to refine their sound, once being described as "The Love Child of The Black Keys and Soundgarden".

With every show The Desert Sea gained momentum, developing a loyal fan base and a reputation for high-energy live performances. Their unique blend of raw yet soulful vocal melodies, earthy riffs and chest pounding rhythm's, serve up a tasty cocktail that's sure to leave you with a sore head and a vague recollection of what could've been the night of your life.

The band has previously toured with a second guitarist and backing vocalist Ben Helman (from Frankly, Twisted Carcass) with Flying Colours' Andy Lloyd-Russell and Will Tremain (from Aureus, Inklines and the Phazers) splitting the drumming duties.

Through hard work and dedication, The Desert Sea has kicked numerous personal goals since their inception back in 2012. They've shed blood and sweat at iconic venues like The Metro, The Annandale, The Vanguard and The Beach Hotel as well as sharing the stage with some of Australia's finest acts including COG, Sticky Fingers, Ash Grunwald, The Fumes and Jebediah.

A stint at Oceanic Studios, owned by legendary guitarist Jim Mognie (Midnight Oil) saw the completion of The Desert Sea's debut EP 'Oceanic'. It's singles 'Reflection' and 'Settle the Score' were released consecutively and received rave reviews, radio play from Triple J, Fbi and community stations Australia wide as well as airplay from both UK and US radio.

Next up was the 'Steal the Light from the Sun' EP, recorded with Hell City Glamours' guitarist Mo Mayhem at his Syzslack Studios in Avalon. The singles 'All Mine', 'Elevator' were released for radio play and received rave reviews, and the band's debut film-clip was released for 'All Mine', a fun-packed video featuring the direction and production work of Alan Forsyth.

More touring opened up the opportunity to play for The Beats Cartel's MOJO BURNING festival in Brisbane alongside some amazing acts including Wolfmother and Jeff Martin (Tea Party) and Hobo Magic.

And, as always, the band kept writing and playing new material. So, with new songs in hand and Producer/COG drummer Lucius Borich at the helm, The Desert Sea got to work on the pre-production of their third EP.

Tucked away in Lucius's home-studio in the hills of Byron Bay, the boys set to work pulling apart every song and rebuilding them in a way that brought to life their true potential. Together with Lucius creative input and recording prowess, The Desert Sea has put together what they believe is their best record yet.

With its first two singles 'I Already Know' and 'How To Bleed' receiving rave reviews and scoring airtime on triple j, the stage has been set for the upcoming release of the new EP 'Awake Me'.

Awake Me EP available from March 11<sup>th</sup> on all major platforms.

For tour dates and more information go to:

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