



'THE JOKER'

A QUICK WITTED WISE CRACKER FROM ADELAIDE, WHO PRETENDS HE ISN'T TOO SERIOUS ABOUT THE COMPETITION, UNTIL YOU ASK HIM WHAT HE HAS PLANNED FOR THE OTHER CONTESTANTS THAT IS.



NAME: Mike Stone

ADDRESS: Karoonda SA 5307

DOB: 6/07/63, Aged 45

OCCUPATION: Carpenter and/or Joiner





WORK HISTORY:

Mike began his working career as an apprentice mechanic at 16 years of age in Ripley, England. At 24 years old, Mike moved into the building game, working on the weekends with his father, a qualified builder. Transitioning from the shovel to concreting, Mike then became a general labourer on construction sites, helping out with a variety of trades, constantly asking questions and keeping a careful eye on what was going on around him.

At the age of 26, Mike moved to Australia, taking up mechanics again to gain his Visa, and with the help of C & J Motor's sponsorship, he made the move to South Australia. At age 28, Mike married his wife, Kim, was awarded his builders license and began setting up his own business, 'All About Home Improvement', which he still runs today. For the next eleven years, Mike worked in Adelaide at private houses and commercial sites. He built pergolas for Softwoods, while his wife built and supplied their dog kennels. The couple now live in Kaylan, SA, working for private houses and the Department for Transport, Energy & Infrastructure, servicing three schools, staff housing and two police stations. Kim and Mike married in 1993 and had their first and only son, Joe in 1995.

BEST PROJECT:

With every job I complete, if I can't stand back and look at it and say, I'd be more than happy to pay for that; it's not completed. So, I guess you could say that all my jobs are my best jobs.

FRIENDS DESCRIPTION:

They would describe me as warm, generous & funny and I'm definitely handy to know!

WHY COMPETE:

Because I've been watching the series this year & know that I'm as good, if not better. I've always prided myself on being a jack of all trades and it would be great to put it to the test. Also I live in the country and my work vehicle is a 1981 Nissan SWB.

NAME THREE PEOPLE YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO HAVE DINNER WITH AND WHY?

Jack Black – because he likes to have a laugh & he's a muso!
Rove McManus – because he seems so present, fun & intelligent.
Dalai Lama – because of his kindness & spirituality.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OFF?

Jealousy & failure





WHAT IS ONE OPPORTUNITY YOU LET PASS BY AND NOW REGRET?

The sale of our house in Magill, it needed about \$20,000 spent on it & we chose to sell instead. Had we stayed & re-invested in the house it would be worth heaps since its only 10 mins from the city centre.

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE IN TEN YEARS?

Retired & living self-sufficiently.

IF YOU HAD TO LIVE IN A TROPICAL ISLAND AND COULD ONLY TAKE THREE THINGS WHAT WOULD THEY BE?

My guitar, my leatherman & my wife.

FAVOURITE FOOD?

Surf'n'turf

WORST FOOD?

Vegetarian

NAME ONE PERSON YOU NOT WANT TO LOCKED IN A ROOM WITH AND WHY?

Peter Hellier – I rarely enjoy his sense of humour, mostly I find him annoying.

FOOTY CODE? AFL, NRL OR UNION?

Union

FAVOURITE TEAM?

All Blacks

FAVOURITE SPORTING IDENTITY AND WHY?

John McEnroe – most entertaining to watch, he had a great passion for his chosen sport & he had the ability to come back & win after losing.

MOST HATED SPORTING IDENTITY AND WHY?

Strauny – again I don't find him very funny, just annoying.





FAVOURITE MOVIE?

The Matrix – loved the concept.

WHEN YOU WERE A TEENAGER WHAT POSTERS DID YOU HAVE ON YOUR BEDROOM WALL?

AC/DC, Journey, Rush & Kiss

TOP CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

Sitting with my Granddad in his greenhouse watching him read his newspaper. I wasn't allowed to speak until he had finished. I loved watching him & smelling the tomatoes growing on the vine. It still brings a real joy to my heart & tears to my eyes.

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

A mechanic

FAVOURITE PERSON?

My wife Kim

HOBBIES/ PASTIMES?

Guitar, drums & playing music with my friends.
Playing PS2 with my son Joe.
4 wheel driving & 8 ball.

ARE YOU FAMOUS FOR ANYTHING?

My bum, I love it!

FAVOURITE MOVIE STAR?

Anthony Hopkins

FAVOURITE MODEL?

Jennifer Hawkins

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