

Sir Elton drops into festival

BRIBIE Island's Greg Andrew bears an uncanny resemblance to Elton John but it doesn't end there.

When he opens his tribute show to the legendary singer, as far as the audience is concerned he is so close to the original it could well be the man himself.

The acclaimed artist will be an act not to be missed when he performs at one of south-east Queensland's premier festivals - Pine Rivers Festival - later this month.

With a professional background in music, Greg's vocal and piano skills have delighted audiences all over Australia. His repertoire of Elton John songs cover some 32 numbers made famous over the past 30 years.

The entertainer graduated from the Queensland Conservatorium of Music in 1989 and has performed as a singer/pianist in some of the country's most sought after venues.

Greg will weave his magic at the internationally flavoured Hills Carnival to be held at Leslie Patrick Park, Arana Hills on Saturday, May 22. The event kicks off the start of the two-week Pine Rivers Festival.

Greg said during his career as a singing piano man he was continually requested to perform Elton John songs.

"That eventually led me to develop the I'm Still Standing Tri-

Pine Rivers is set to shine for carnival

bute Show," he said.

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Moreton Bay Regional Council Mayor Allan Sutherland said the Pine Rivers Festival would feature seven events running May 22 to 30 and best of all, they were free.

He said this year's program would combine traditional favourites such as Rodz Rock 'n' Roll and Dayboro Day with the excitement of newcomers like a 1940s celebration and Lakeside race day. It will all officially kick-off with The Hills Carnival at Leslie Patrick Park, Arana Hills on Saturday, May 22 before two jam-packed weekends of family fun.

"There will be a mix of international food, music and dance - it's all about experiencing the cultures and traditions found within our diverse community," Mayor Sutherland said.

Almost 200 works from the Moreton Bay Region Art Awards will be on show from Saturday with hundreds of artists from all over the country entering this year's

competition. On Sunday, May 23 Old Petrie Town will travel back in time to the war years with music, radio broadcasts, entertainment, cars, collectables, antiques and activities from the 1940s.

There will also be plenty of power-packed entertainment with the 2010 CORE Series BMX and skateboard competition at Albany Creek Skate Park.

Mayor Allan Sutherland said Strathpine would also play host to a variety of custom and classic cars for Rodz Rock 'n' Roll on Saturday afternoon, May 29.

He said car lovers of yesteryear would be out in droves at Pine Rivers Park with more than 300 vehicles from the 50s, 60s and 70s expected to take part.

There will also be rock n' roll music, entertainment and dancing with tributes to Buddy Holly, The Beatles and Johnny O'Keefe to name a few. An art and craft market day will also be held at Strathpine Community Centre on the Saturday for art lovers.

Dayboro Day, to be held on Sunday, May 30, will be the final event on the 2010 Pine Rivers Festival calendar.

The Pine Rivers Festival is organised by Moreton Bay Regional Council. The 2010 Pine Rivers Festival runs from May 22 to 30. For more information visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/pinerivers-festival or call 3205 0555.

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