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PINE RIVERS FESTIVAL AND DAYBORO DAY FESTIVAL

The Pine Rivers electorate is well and truly on the map in terms of its ability to host top-class entertainment, tourism and recreational events. Last weekend the Pine Rivers electorate hosted four significant events, three of which were part of the annual Pine Rivers Festival.

Last Saturday, the versatile Pine Rivers Park hosted the annual Rodz Rock 'n' Roll Festival, a celebration of hot rods, classic cars and great rock-and-roll music. This year, that growing event attracted around 7,000 attendees. Amongst other things, the festival is a great opportunity for local community groups to raise valuable funds. It was great to see the Pine Rivers Lions Club, Albany Creek Rotary and Pine Rivers Daybreak Rotary, amongst others, on duty serving their community.

Later that night, the Eatons Hill Hotel and Function Centre continued to build on its reputation as one of Brisbane's premier live-music destinations when it hosted an exclusive performance from pop superstar Prince for around 800 fans. This live music venue in my electorate is proving itself to be an asset to the Pine Rivers region and South-East Queensland.

Sunday morning saw the running of the inaugural Pine Rivers Charity Fun Run. Three hundred and seventy-seven participants took part and raised around \$8,500 for various charitable causes. Congratulations to the Bray Park PCYC, Pine Rivers Daybreak Rotary and Moreton Bay Regional Council for their organisation of this event.

Finally, Sunday marked the 21st year of the Dayboro Day Festival. Over 15,000 people flocked to the beautiful township of Dayboro for the stalls, entertainment, antique fair, grand street parade, waterless raft race and the all-important pineapple pie eating contest. The annual Dayboro Community Awards were presented. Congratulations go to resident of the year Diane Bell; young achiever Harry Thomson; and business recognition award winners the Old Mill Veterinary Surgery. Funds from the Dayboro Day Festival are donated to local causes, and this year \$10,000 was donated to Dayboro State School and \$2,000 to Dayboro Community Kindy.

Special recognition must go to the organisers of this day. Thank you to Tom Williams from Dayboro Shed Antiques for his organisation of the Antique and Collectable Fair and to the committee of the Dayboro District Progress Association, led by Mark and Maria Hansen and Lexie Bell, for their work in making Dayboro Day a success.

All of those events show two things. The first is the amazing sense of community in Pine Rivers. Those events displayed our community spirit at its absolute best. Second, the events show the ability of the Pine Rivers region to host top-class, professional events. In our region we have infrastructure, expertise and experience for such events that is equal to any that you would find throughout the state.

Pine Rivers is continuing to build its reputation as a leader in tourism and recreational events.