



Windina to woo SurfStock

A little bit of Marilyn at festival

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THERE is a Westerly Windina predicted for Kirra SurfStock.

The Tweed Heads transsexual lawyer, once known to the world as male surfing champion Peter Drouyn, will don the swimsuit for a one-woman show on stage this November as part of the Bring Back Kirra festival.

Drawing inspiration from Marilyn Monroe's entertainment of US troops in Korea back in 1954, Ms Windina said her show will be a combination of singing and modelling.

Ms Windina said she saw a lot of herself in the former Hollywood sex symbol.

"Marilyn is a big part of my life. I don't want to be her, but it's scary how similar in make up and history we are," she said.

"I just realised about six months ago turning my initials upside down look like MM - Marilyn Monroe.

"I will be performing a song relevant to the event while wearing one of my swimsuits.

"I'm not sure what the song will be yet, but I will be choreographing my own moves with it."

Ms Windina is a firm supporter of restoring Kirra back to its former glory.

She said it was important to her to be part of this festival for the iconic surf beach.

"I'm going to be there to support Kirra. I have always been an adamant supporter from the beginning that it was over-pumped," she said.

"I hope they can bring back the beautiful waves of Kirra."

Ms Windina said she also hopes to talk about her mobile firm Express Law, which she established in Tweed Heads last month.

"I'm there to represent the cases from people who are discriminated against and misunderstood," Ms Windina said. "I want to help people in need who can't afford legal help and have difficulty with legal aid.

"Most of all I want to represent people who are innocent."

The Kirra SurfStock festival will aim to create awareness of the beach and surf amenity.

Tens of thousands of beach-goers are expected to descend on Kirra Beach between November 6 and 8.

It will raise money for charities such as Surf Rider Foundation, Kirra Surf Club and the Kirra Surf Riders as well as celebrating the surfing culture and putting some fun back in the southern

end of the Gold Coast.

SurfStock organiser Andrew McKinnon said the addition of Ms Windina to the line-up will make for a great show.

"Westerly is a great addition to the line-up planned for SurfStock," Mr McKinnon said.

He originally asked Ms Westerly if she would like a spot on the judging panel for the Miss SurfStock beauty pageant before opting for her own performance.

It is believed Ms Windina's performance will be on November 8, the biggest day planned for the festival.

"She's a mistress of surprises," Mr McKinnon said. "There's going to be a big crowd there and she's going to knock the socks off each of them. She has a fantastic singing voice."

The *Tweed Daily News* surf columnist recalled a rallying rendition from Mr Drouyn as a Tom Jones impersonator at a high school performance.





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