



Local favourite Peter Brandy playing at this year's Tamworth Country Music Festival with Callum Rivers, son of famous Kimberley music legend Rodney Rivers.

Kimberley sounds feature at Tamworth

ATTENDEES at this year's Tamworth Country Music Festival heard some well known sounds of the Kimberley with local artist Peter Brandy performing live at the festival.

Brandy performed his greatest hits along with a swag of country music favourites during his appearance at the famous Tamworth festival held in January.

During the week long festivities Brandy performed daily along well known Peel Street. He also made special appearances at the Cultural Showcase Centre.

In the week's grand finale Brandy join Australia's biggest names in country music – including Lee Kernaghan, Beccy Cole and Warren H Williams – as they rolled down Peel Street on decorated floats as part of the closing ceremony cavalcade.

Brandy was supported by Callum Rivers, the son of

famous Kimberley music legend Rodney Rivers.

Rivers who now lives and studies in Bourke, NSW, joined Brandy's ensemble on bass guitar with minister Robert Knight, also from Bourke, playing rhythm guitar, and Chris Fenech from Home Valley Station on rhythm guitar also.

"I'd like to thank my mate Chris Fenech from Home Valley Station and the Indigenous Land Corporation for sponsoring this trip to Tamworth, it is very good to see some old friendly faces and listen to the new talent," Brandy said.

Home Valley Station communications manager Nicole Fenech said the company's sponsorship of Brandy's trip to Tamworth was a way of thanking him for his support at the station and assisting him increase his profile by promoting his new album Long Time Ago.

Couple moving on to cooler pastures

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"We sold everything we owned, our whole house, all of our wedding gifts, everything and we just had what we had in our suitcase and we were due to leave in three days' time and Phill said 'what would you say if I told you I've been offered a really good job and I think we might stay?'" Debbie laughs.

Phill spent the next eight years managing Dessert Seeds' Packsaddle Plains development, and working on to establish the Packsaddle Plains agricultural area.

In 1986 the Rogers' decided to go into business on their own purchasing a tyre and machinery business.

The business moved to the current Rogers Machinery site on Weaber Plain Road in 1994.

"We bought this [land] from Deb's father with a vision of seeing it as a big central point for Stage Two," Phill says.

"They were due to open up [Ord Stage Two] within a year," Debbie adds.

They didn't and now a decade and half on with the promise of Ord Stage Two yet again tantalisingly close, the Rogers are packing up and moving on.

"That's how it happens," Phill laughs.

The couple say they will miss the Kimberley and the freedom of the lifestyle. But there's one thing they won't miss.

"The thing I won't miss is the work ethic," Phill says.

"It's always been hard work up here."

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a selection from Hotel Kununurra a la Carte menu...

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