



cover story

ANDREA Mullens

A modern day Renaissance Woman, she's a multitalented Entertainer, Professional Singer, DJ, Master of Ceremonies and Entrepreneur.

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Andrea Mullens had never heard of Cairns when she first came to Australia.

The Canadian-born performer landed in Australia on a working holiday visa, and had planned for 3 months travel. After enquiring about the country's highlights at a travel agency in Sydney, she decided to make her way to Cairns as she learned it was the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef.

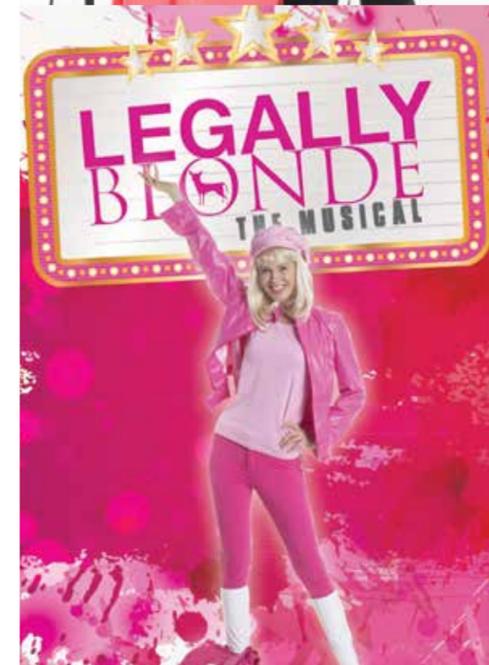
Now, after meeting her husband Greg in Cairns, she's an adopted local.

"I met Greg at a BBQ through a mutual friend. It was actually by chance that I happened to go there that day," says Andrea.

Born to perform, Andrea is a Professional Singer, DJ and Master of Ceremonies, and recently starred in the leading role as Elle Woods in the successful Cairns Choral Society production of Legally Blonde at the Civic Theatre.

Her credits cross all avenues of the

entertainment industry, including live concerts, film, television, theatre, music recordings, print and on-air commercials. She's toured internationally as Agnetha (the blonde) in the successful Tribute Concert ABBAMANIA, performed with symphony orchestras across North America, and had the great honour of singing for Andrew Lloyd Webber at the London Palladium. Andrea also co-owns 2 local businesses with her husband Greg, Cairns Premier Entertainment and www.australianweddingcapital.com, an online hub for tropical FNQ's top wedding suppliers, and home of the Cairns Beach Cam – a webcam showcasing the beautiful Palm Cove beach and shoreline. After their own wedding 4 years ago in Palm Cove, the couple realized the untapped potential of Tropical North Queensland as a major world wedding destination, and later decided to launch the site to promote businesses to the national and international markets with the goal of enticing more weddings to our pristine region.





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Their Perfect Wedding in Palm Cove:

Wedding date:

March 21, 2011, 9:15am - This was the exact time of the Equinox and the first day of Spring in Canada; so it had special meaning for us.

What do you love about the location?

The beautiful beaches, relaxed atmosphere, great little restaurants and cafés, with the stunning backdrop of lush green mountains and tropical islands not far away.

Most memorable moment:

Surprising Greg in the middle of our ceremony with an acapella song, "At Last" by Etta James. It's the first song he ever heard me sing, so I thought it was very appropriate. And also, seeing Greg arrive at the ceremony by boat, dressed up in his suit, looking very James Bond.

Perfect Partners in Business and Love:

Greg and I love entertaining in a variety of capacities from DJ & MC Services to Solo, Duo, and Band options for both weddings, corporate & private functions through our entertainment company Cairns Premier Entertainment.

We particularly love entertaining at weddings; it's an honour to contribute to making someone's special day a memorable occasion.

What's the outlook for Australian Wedding Capital?

One exciting new aspect coming this year is a section of our website devoted entirely to Gay and Lesbian commitment ceremonies and future weddings, the Australian Gay & Lesbian Wedding Directory. This will be an outlet for same-sex couples to source suppliers that can assist them with planning their own special day and will lure more couples to North Queensland through the Cairns International Airport before or after visiting the Southern capitals.

The Google Analytics are also showing amazing results and potential in just 4 short months. As of February 7, 2015, we are being found organically on the first page of Google for the search terms "Australian weddings" – a significant jump from page 5 just 2 months prior. It's a great time for suppliers to get on board and signing up is quick and easy via the homepage at www.australianweddingcapital.com.

How do you balance everything with owning 2 businesses, and being a professional singer and entertainer?

It can be very busy, but the key is time management. Making sure that you prioritize your time to what needs immediate attention and what can wait. It also helps that I love the work I do, and performing is what I enjoy the most. To me, that is my balance; doing what I love to do.

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