



Getting the party started: Mr and Mrs Pink kick start the fun and games

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POP superstar Pink thrilled thousands of screaming fans yesterday when she made a surprise appearance at a free motocross event at Rod Laver Oval with husband Carey Hart.

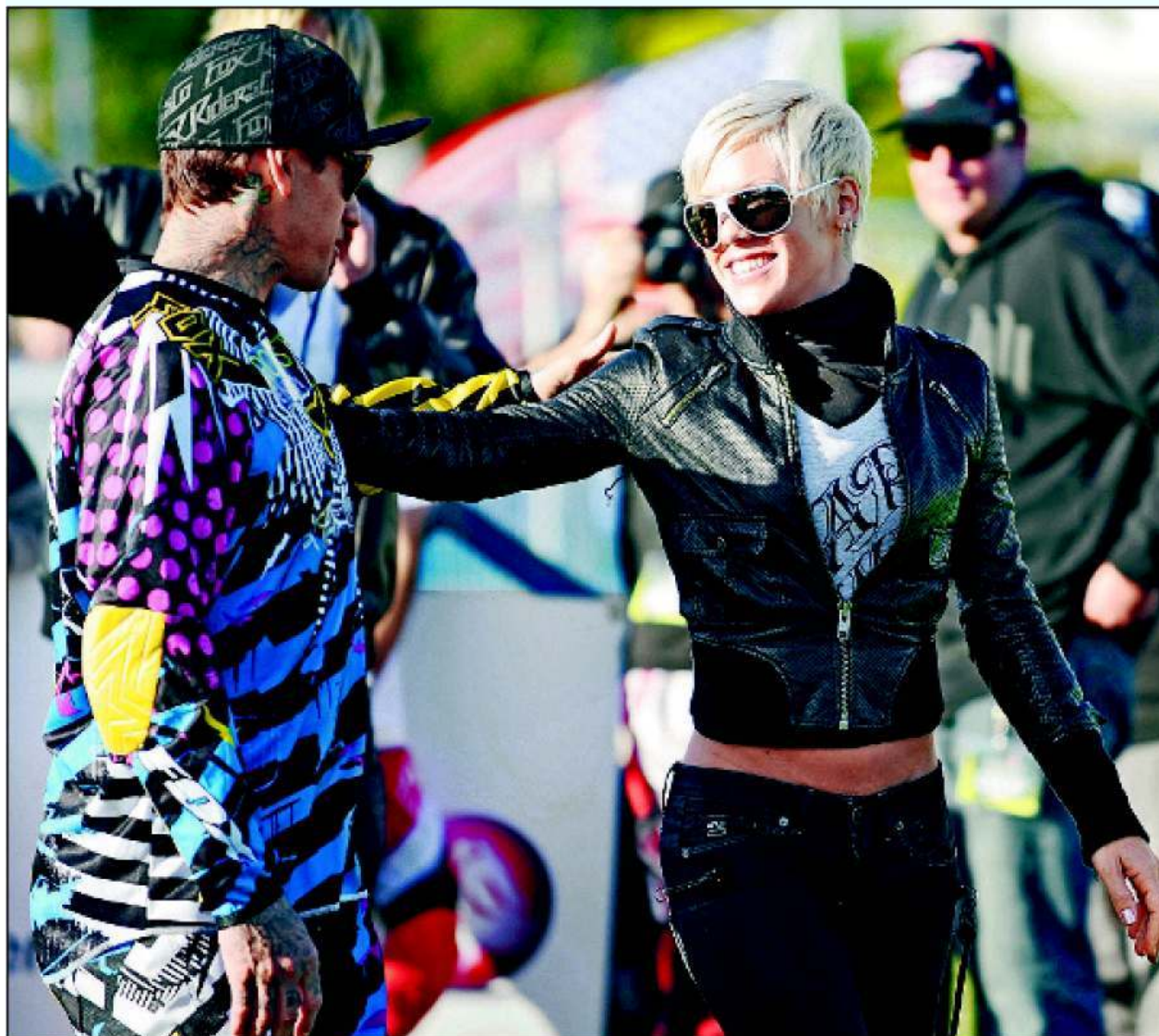
The singer was in town to perform the first concerts in the Melbourne leg of her record-breaking Funhouse

tour, which she kicked off in front of a sell-out crowd at Rod Laver Arena last night. Pink will smash John Farnham's record of 12 shows for one tour at Rod Laver, with 15 performances of her heady mix of Cirque-du-Soleil-like acrobatics and fist-pumping pop songs locked-in.

The singer has already sold 525,000 tickets for her national tour, which extends

over four months. But yesterday afternoon she took a back seat as motorcross rider Hart wowed fans at the free event in the park. Organisers estimated 6000 fans turned out to see Hart, hailed as the first person to ever land a motorcycle backflip during competition, perform a series of death-defying stunts alongside local riders.

They were joined by graffiti artists and an exhibition of exotic cars and motorcycles. The on-again, off-again couple recently reunited after splitting in late 2007. One of the tracks fans will hear is *So What*, written in response to the break-up, in which she calls Hart a "tool". If he still bears any ill-will, he wasn't showing it yesterday.



Pink and husband Carey Hart wowed fans at Rod Laver Oval yesterday, hours before the singer kicked off her first Melbourne concert in the four-month national Funhouse tour.

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