



Pink's Hart starter

Backflipper Carey Hart is fronting a biker lifestyle show. writes **CRAIG DUFF**

AREY Hart will be forever remembered by dirtbike fans as the first man to pull off a backflip.

He'll be remembered by everyone else as the "tool" who figures prominently in his wife Pink's best-selling album *Funhouse*.

Pink fires up at Rod Laver Arena tomorrow night for the first show of her national tour. Hart will be tagging along, but he's not content to sit in the shadows.

Instead he'll front a free show before the concert — and he's roped in some of the country's best freestyle motocrossers to help.

"It's been a really long time since I've had a chance to get out for my Australian fans and they're pretty dedicated, so it was time to come," Hart says. "I also want to be able to

travel with Pink, and now I can get out and have a good time with my bike over here.

"Me and Pink want to try to do something different . . . meld a couple of platforms together and see what happens."

Hart says the event is far more than just a freestyle exhibition.

"We'll have a graffiti artist, stunt bike riders, hot rods, the Holden ute drift team and a lot of face-to-face time with fans," he says.

"It'll all be really laid-back and easy.

"Towards the end of this whole event (on the Gold Coast), we'll have Mike Mason and Bilko and a really full-on crew."

Hart is as successful off the track as he is on, with a clothing line, tattoo parlours and his own race team.

He is considering opening a shop in Australia and says his time with Pink will be spent scouting locations.

Hart will also be appearing at Freestyle Honda Motorcycles in Seaford from 5-6pm today to promote his Hart and Huntington clothing range.



Long time: Carey Hart has returned to perform free as part of the tour by wife Pink (inset).