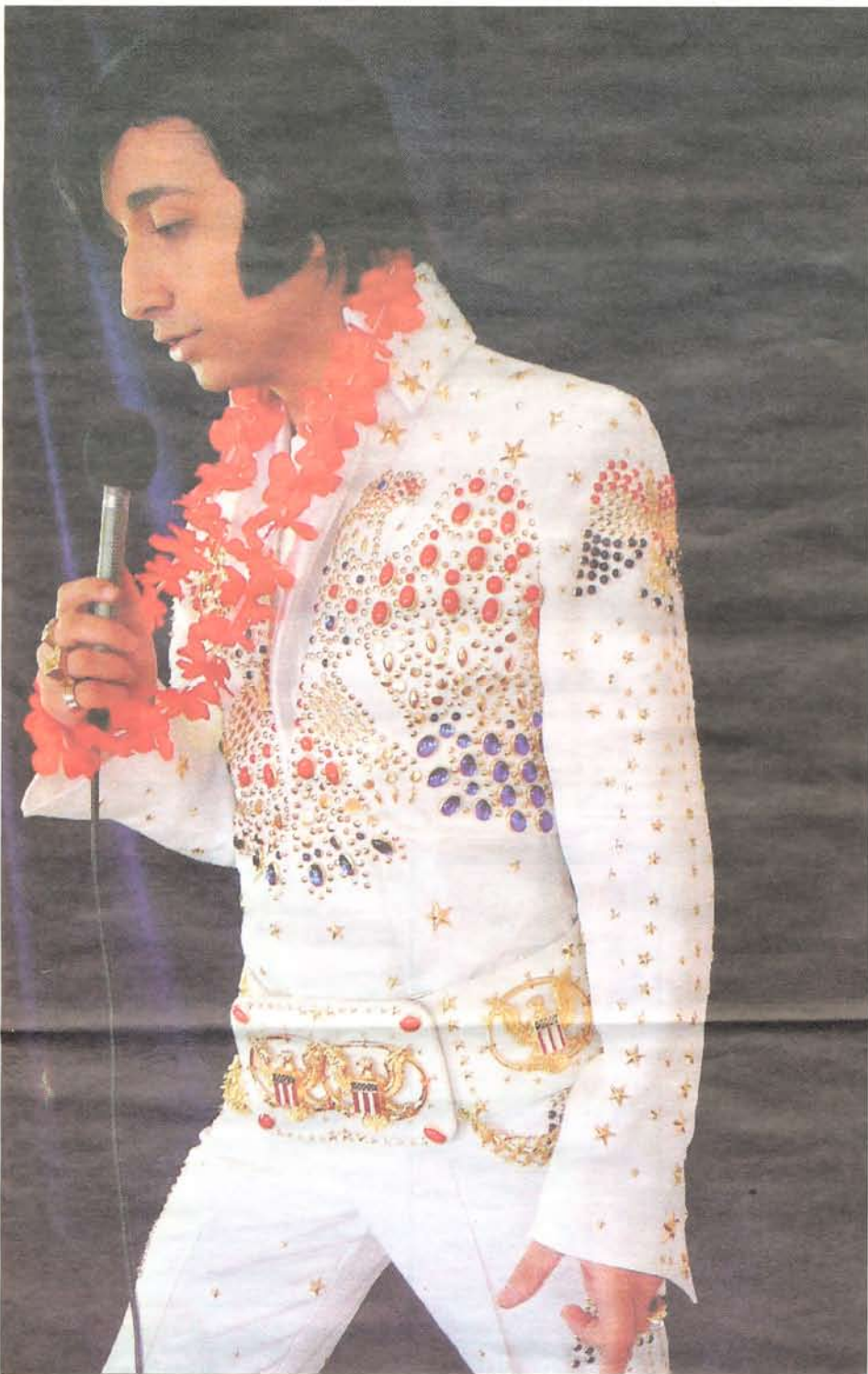


Sean happy to 'carry torch'



Elvis impersonator Sean Spiteri in character.

ELVIS Presley left the building almost 31 years ago, but Elvis impersonator Sean Spiteri is keeping the king of rock 'n' roll's spirit alive with an anniversary tribute show in Lynbrook, on Saturday, August 16.

Spiteri was born in 1988, 11 years after Elvis's death, but he has been able to capture Elvis's aura and distinctive characteristics in his shows, becoming one of Australia's premier impersonators.

Spiteri said he started performing when he was nine years-old, but was fascinated with Elvis from the age of three when he watched the 1968 Elvis Comeback Special with the "King" in his black leather suit.

"I was mesmerised from that day," Spiteri said. "My parents were big Elvis fans and they would always put on records, movies, and concert footage. I was brought up with the music.

"When I reached a mature age, I researched and researched. I wanted to know more about who he was,"

he said:

Spiteri has taken his tribute show, "Elvis Rocks in Sean", to Crown casino, Hilton Hotel, Kingston City Hall, Alexander Theatre and interstate venues.

He also appeared on Channel 9's *Star Struck* and has been broadcasted on overseas radio and Maltese television.

Spiteri's Elvis tribute show was rated as one of the best in Australia after earning the titles of Most Elvis Sound-Alike, Most Elvis Move-Alike and Most Elvis Look-Alike, at a 2005 competition in Parkes, NSW.

Spiteri said he hoped to continue to perform his Elvis tribute shows worldwide for as long as he could. "He lit the torch and I am just carrying it," he said.

"I've always been attracted to the way he performed, something with his voice, the way he connected with his audience. He was electrifying and there is still no other entertainer today like him," Spiteri said.

"Elvis Rocks in Sean" is an authentic tribute bringing to life the legacy of Elvis. And the audience is taken on a musical journey of the '50s, '60s and '70s with high-energy interpretations of his greatest hits.

The tribute show will be held at Eating House Restaurant, corner South Gippsland Highway and Lynbrook Boulevard, Lynbrook, on Saturday, August 16. Bookings: 9799 1345.

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