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Well, Gold Coast. This is your big shot as global eyes feast themselves on our golden shores and millions tune in for all the sporting action of the Commonwealth Games which is happening right here in our backyard. Us excited locals have been counting down to the Games, with arms wide open to visitors of our region. We hope you too can scout around our city and make some magical memories during the Games festival. Maybe join us for a beer at one of our local breweries, hit the parks, shop the markets or soak up some surf. Turn the pages of this edition for some inspo on how you can embrace our city like the locals do. Sports fever aside, we're setting our arts scene alight this autumn with Festival 2018 during the Games, Bleach Festival, Surfers Paradise Live, Blues on Broadbeach and boat shows to name a few major upcoming events. Let us turn a leaf to autumn. You're more likely to find frangipani flower petals on the ground here and delightful temps so you can continue to take in an ocean swim or explore our hinterland. Join us on a scout around the Gold Coast!

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SUBURB SPOTLIGHT...

It's known as "Broadie" to locals and it's the suburb that has it all. Surf, stunning beaches, parks, restaurants and cafes. And there's big-ticket facilities like the casino, the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre and Pacific Fair. Is there a Gold Coast suburb that has more than Broadie?

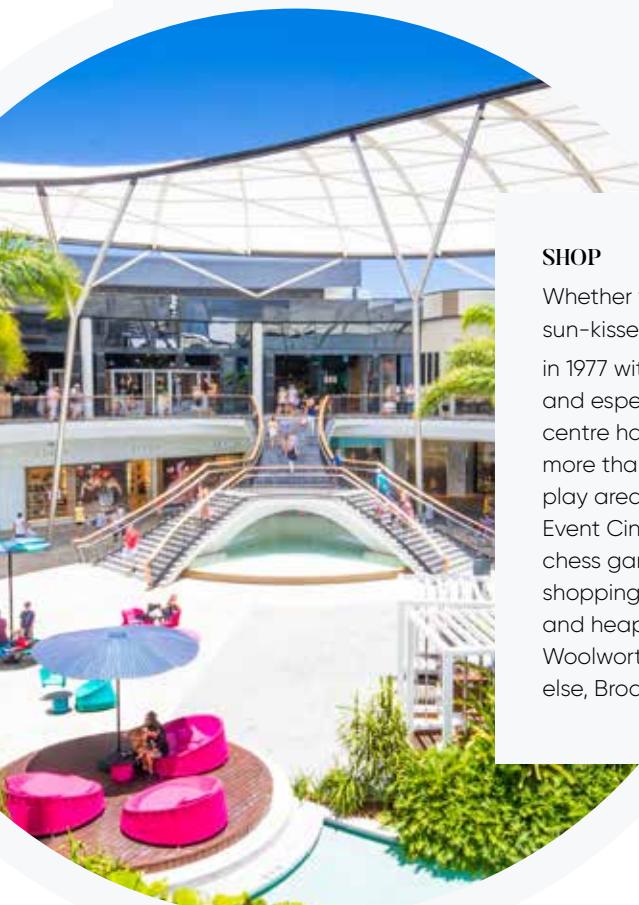


Broadbeach is jam-packed with awesome eateries and watering holes. Try über trendy Social Eating House or Koi, quirky Miss Margarita and Loose Moose, or even Mamasan or Junk for a zesty Asian fix. After a caffeine shot? Elk's got you covered for yummy food and even yummier coffee, while No Name Lane has everything from cappuccinos to all-day espresso martinis. Yes, you read that right.



BROADBEACH

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Whether you're a lucky Gold Coast local or a visitor to our sun-kissed city, everyone knows Pacific Fair. It first opened in 1977 with 100-odd specialty stores. In the 40 years since, and especially in recent years, our fave GC shopping centre has really grown up. Nowadays, Pac Fair offers more than 400 stores, some amazing eateries, two kids' play areas (outside Target and Big W), the ever-popular Event Cinema complex and even ping pong and giant chess games! Fun! Also at Broadbeach, The Oasis shopping precinct is home to unique fashion brands and heaps of dining with the added convenience of Woolworths and Cotton On Mega. On top of everything else, Broadbeach is a true shopping Mecca.

TREATS

There's just something about getting your hair done that makes you feel zen – maybe it's the wash and complementary head massage, or just having a couple of hours thinking about nothing more than gossip from months-old magazines. Hit up Toni & Guy on Oracle Boulevard for your hit of bliss.



PLAY

Kurrawa Pratten Park has to take the cake for best one-stop-shop for a family day out. Facilities include an all-abilities playground, awesome barbecue and picnic areas and walking tracks – all this, right on the beachfront.

SUBURB SPOTLIGHT...

Think of Currumbin and you instantly think of Currumbin Creek. It's the iconic waterway linking the beach to the pristine rainforest mountains to the west of our city. Currumbin Creek and the Alley, the entrance to the ocean, offer a protected and patrolled haven for all kinds of active water sports, particularly stand-up paddle boarding and kayaking.

BITES

Currumbin's beachfront restaurant strip may be small, but boy, does it pack a lot in. From the bright pink acai bowls from the Salt Mill to the stunning panoramic views of the Elephant Rock Cafe, Currumbin's food scene is nothing if not versatile. Head up the road to Currumbin Waters for a caffeine hit at Neighbourhood Espresso or the best cheap Asian feast around at Zipang.



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SIGHTS

It's one of the last stops on the Gold Coast, but a trip to Currumbin is definitely worth the drive – and topping the list of must sees has to be Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. A bit of a Gold Coast institution, the sanctuary is home to some of Queensland's cutest citizens – and some pretty scary ones too. Whether you spend a day in the sanctuary itself or half-an-hour feeding the rainbow lorikeets, it's certainly a day to remember.



SHOP

When it comes to shopping 'small', Currumbin is your go-to. There's everything from awesome farmers' markets, like the Currumbin Community Markets and the Sanctuary markets, to great local boutiques. Some of our favourites are So Jaded, the Young Ones and Lush, which can all be found right next to each other on Pacific Parade. So handy!

THREE THINGS TO DO

1. Superbee Honeyworld

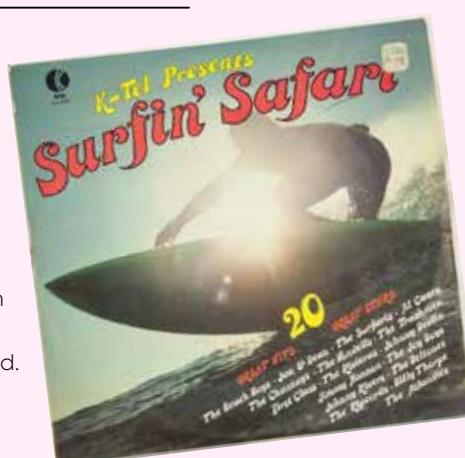
Get a taste of the sweet life and experience the wonderful world of bees at Honeyworld, located just opposite Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

2. Surf Museum

Live and breathe surfing? This collection of memorabilia, photographs and surfboards has to be seen to be believed.

3. Learn to surf

The calm waters of Currumbin draw surfing newbies from all over. If you are looking for expert instruction, look no further than Currumbin Alley Surf School. See Page 23 of this edition to meet their team.



EAT...

LIQUID PLEASURES

SOMETIMES, YOU JUST NEED A DRINK. OTHER TIMES, YOU NEED AN INSTAGRAM-WORTHY, ÜBER-TRENDY DRINK IN A COOL BAR OR LOCAL BREWERY. IN EITHER OF THOSE CASES, HIT UP THESE GOLD COAST LOCATIONS FOR A LITTLE LIQUID PLEASURE.



HOP ON
BREWERY TOURS



Matt Farrelly and Joslyn Erickson believe strongly in the power of beer. So much so that they launched their own brewery tour business, Hop On Brewery Tours, to spread the good word about the world of craft beer – and it's been a liquid-gold success. With half- and full-day tours operating in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast, the couple take groups behind the scenes of some of the coolest breweries to meet the brewers, taste the beers and see the full brewing process in action. A favourite for birthday parties and corporate events as well as tourists and locals keen to explore the craft beer scene, the business has grown considerably since opening almost two years ago. Now, they offer several tours of varying lengths and focuses – from the 'Coldie on the Goldie' full-day tour to the 'Quickie on the Coast' four-hour tour, and even tours venturing into the Tamborine region. Their main message: there really is a beer for everyone. If you think otherwise, you just haven't found it yet. "If you only associate beer with the bigger, more commercial breweries, it's likely that you haven't been exposed to a beer that you really love... yet," says Matt.

www.hoponbrewerytours.com.au

Three Gold Coast locals have created a unique range of 11 craft beers that are available on tap in an array of Queensland bars and on-site at their brewery in Burleigh Heads. Black Hops Brewery has been creating beer for almost two years using commercial brewing equipment imported from China. Novice brewers can check out the Black Hops website where they are actively sharing their tips and tricks to make your own concoctions. They also have a book available, which provides a step-by-step guide to building a craft beer brewery on a budget.

Black Hops Brewery is located at 15 Gardenia Grove, Burleigh Heads and its open Wednesday through Sunday.

www.blackhops.com.au

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BALTER BREWING CO.



The Balter boys may have made a splash in the Gold Coast beer world, but they made a splash (literally) in the surfing world way before that. Bede Durbidge, Joel Parkinson, Josh Kerr (professional surfers) and Mick Fanning (professional shark-puncher) are just some of the brainchildren behind Balter, which has skyrocketed from a fun project between friends to an award-winning range of beers and a super-successful brewery. Get in on the action by visiting the Currumbin-based brewery for yourself.

www.balter.com.au



With funky neon colours and quirky palm tree sketches, this place totally embodies 1980's Miami. Their creative and eccentric range of alcoholic beverages will have you dreaming about laying by a pool, lathered in tanning oil being served by muscled-up dudes in teeny tiny shorts – they're that tasty. Try the beetroot sour (made with the best cold-pressed juice) or the American champagne. You can thank us later.

www.lostpalms.com.au

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Peta and Brennan were fresh from Hawaii when they landed in town in 2006 with nothing more than a bright idea, but their Burleigh Heads brewery has become something of an institution since then. With an impressive selection, this place makes a fantastic launching pad into the world of craft beer. A bit tropical and a lot tongue-in-cheek, there's a reason that in the sometimes fad-driven craft beer scene this place has stood the test of time.

www.burleighbrewing.com.au

BURLEIGH BREWING CO.



When Margot Robbie was snapped sipping a pink glass of Ink Gin-goodness, she sent social media into a frenzy, with people wondering what it was and where to get it. Mystery solved: It was Ink Gin by Husk Distillers, a citrusy-flowery blend of juniper berries, lemon myrtle leaf and much more. As for where? Husk Distillers might not be on the Gold Coast, but this colourful gin distillery is totally worth the drive to Tweed – at least, it will be when it opens in mid-2018.

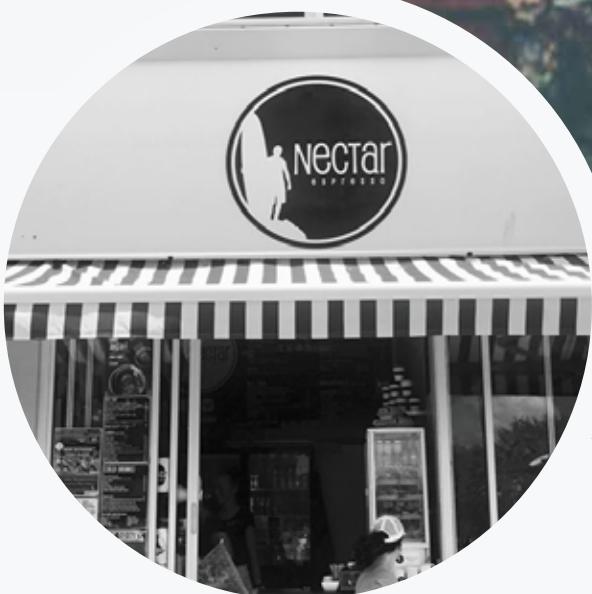
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HUSK DISTILLERS



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We love our coffee here on the Gold Coast. It's the morning elixir of life. Perfectly accompanied by an early morning session beachside, or just as a pick-me-up on the way to our business places each weekday morning.

According to North Burleigh Surf Life Saving Club, it's totally OK to be a caffeine addict – in fact they smile upon it. Which is why Nectar Espresso has been such a popular caffeine stop for clued-up locals since it opened its doors.

From 5.30am, seven days a week, Nectar Espresso serves high quality Blackboard Coffee Roasters seasonal espresso blend, which is roasted locally at Burleigh Heads. Positioned on the southern side of the

Club, on The Esplanade in Miami, Nectar Espresso could not be a more perfect location to enjoy your morning coffee as the sun rises over this section of beautiful Gold Coast sand.

The only way to make your Nectar Espresso coffee any better would be by adding an Amazonia acai bowl topped with fresh fruit or maybe try an MRKT raw slice or even some deliciously huge Locoballs to satisfy your sweet tooth. Of course, the simplicity of a warm toastie or even some hot chips beachside is also on the menu along with your fave revitalising brew.

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EAT LOCALLY, TASTE GLOBALLY

FIFTY YEARS OF COMBINED EXPERIENCE MEANS THE TALENTED WOMEN BEHIND THE LITTLE PLATE ARE VERY WELL PLACED TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A TRULY MEMORABLE GOLD COAST DINING EXPERIENCE.

There's a restaurant on an unassuming corner of the Gold Coast Highway at Burleigh whose name might have you thinking small, but whose offering is as expansive, impressive and physically global as they come.

The Little Plate is the brainchild of two Gold Coast chefs with a combined 50 years' experience. Olivia Watson and Gaynor Hunt have worked side by side for 18 years with The Little Plate itself almost five years old.

"From the start, our business plan was to offer something different," Olivia says. "We wanted to deliver fresh, innovative food that was great value – the stuff you get in a fine-dining restaurant but that you can enjoy in a casual setting."

Gaynor describes The Little Plate as a "fine casual, boutique restaurant with a share plate philosophy". The menu is eclectic, she says. It's modern Australian but "repolished".

"We combine flavours from all over the world and encourage you to try and share amongst each other. We are aiming to bring the conversation back to the table and make the dining experience a memorable one," Gaynor explains.

Among the girls' menu items, you'll find classic French dishes as well as influences from Spain, Asia, the Mediterranean and the Middle East. The quality and authenticity is overtly apparent in their food.

"We've worked in many cuisine-specific restaurants throughout our careers but we always said



that when we opened our own place, it'd be somewhere for a group of friends to go together and all their different tastes would be satisfied," Olivia explains. "We've had Singaporeans saying that Gaynor's curries are just like the ones from the hawkers and we had a guy from Canada call up to make a reservation four weeks in advance.

"Everything is made in-house, and we put a lot of love and energy into our food. We've been able to build a level of trust with our customers, to the point where some will come in without looking at the menu and ask us to surprise them. That's very humbling."

The Little Plate offers four different dining areas. With a split dining room, functions are a breeze. You can even hire The Little Bar or the private courtyard out back. Alfresco dining in the side street brings another dimension.

"Our food is exquisite and the place is cosy – we like to think of ourselves as the friends you haven't met yet."

WWW.THELITTLEPLATE.COM.AU

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WELLBEING...

GET SPORTY

THE GC IS ALL AFLUTTER WITH THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES AND IT'S GOT US THINKING ABOUT TRYING OUT A BIT OF SPORT OURSELVES. NOTHING CRAZY (AS IN, NOTHING THAT CAN'T BE DONE WITHOUT A BEER CLOSE BY) BUT ENOUGH TO GET OUR HEARTS PUMPING AND ADRENALINE RACING. BRING. IT. ON.

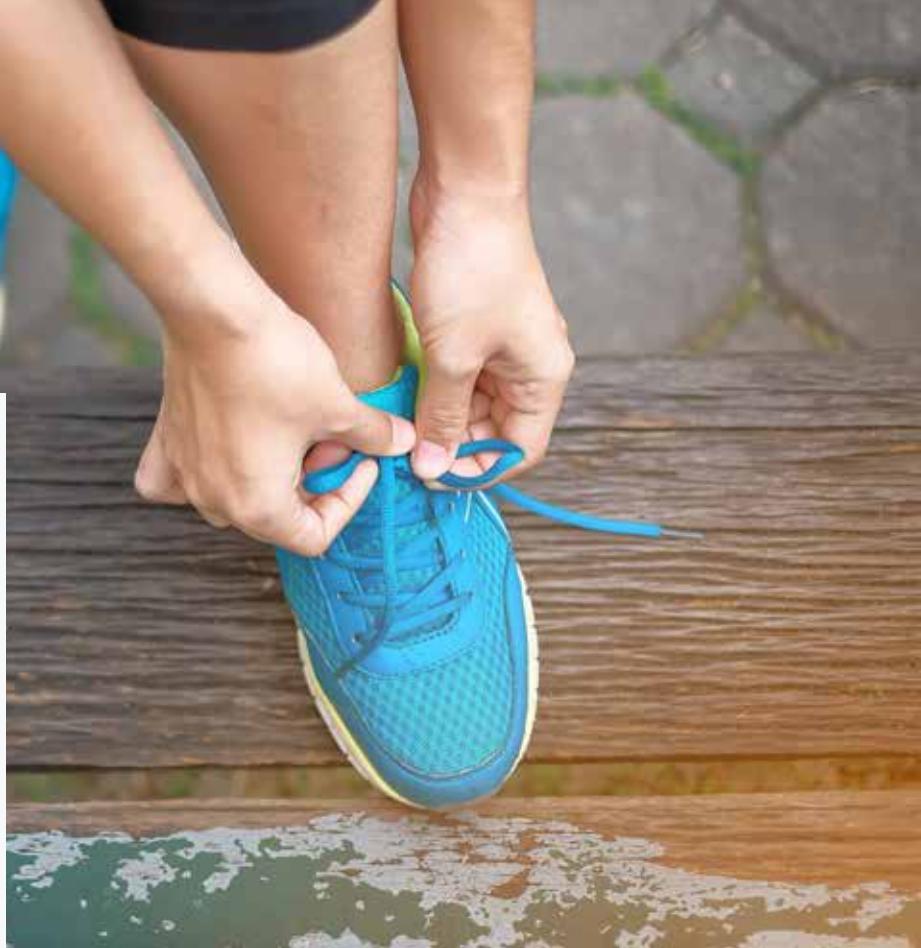
LAWN BOWLS

Normally reserved for the over-50s club, lawn bowls has made a resurgence with the 'barefoot bowls' trend. But, in our opinion, it still hasn't got the recognition as a super fun way to spend an afternoon that it truly deserves. Never played it? The rules are simple: Players take it in turns to bowl heavier 'biased' balls, aiming to get as close as possible to a small white ball , called a jack. Closest one – or two, or three, if they are closer than any other players' balls – wins. Easy peasy.

HIT THE PARK

The introduction of the Active and Healthy Parks program to the Gold Coast City Council area has seen a tonne of people getting outside and getting fit – and it's all either low cost or free! With fitness parks offering simple exercise equipment and beautiful walking tracks aplenty, there are fewer and fewer excuses to stay inside and do nothing. Not one for self-motivation? The calendar is choc-a-block with cheap boot camps and group classes in Pilates, tai chi, boxing and so much more. The full program is online on the city council's website.

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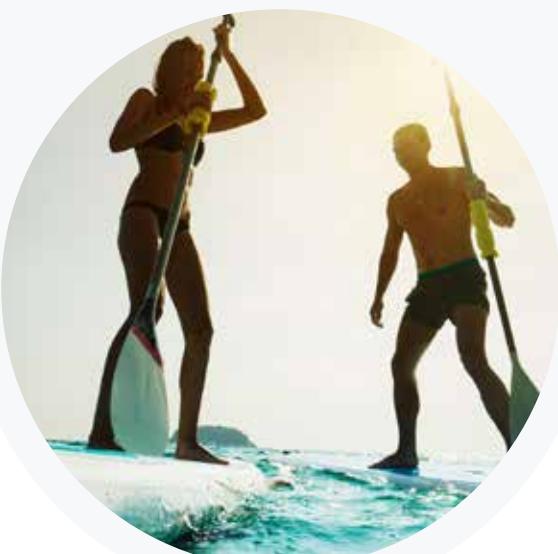
SOME OTHER IDEAS

Hit the green for a game of golf. The Gold Coast boasts some awesome golf courses, like RACV Royal Pines Resort and Sanctuary Cove.

After something more? KDV offers a golf driving range and tennis courts for the ultimate sports day. Find out more about this state-of-the-art sporting complex online. www.kdvsport.com

Hire a bike (even an electric one for optimal speed with minimal effort) for an hour, a day or the whole weekend. Your local area becomes so much more exciting when toured from a bicycle seat. www.croozelectricbicycles.com.au

See the Currumbin shoreline like never before – from atop a stand-up paddleboard. You can also buddy up and rent a kayak for a relaxing day on the water. Currumbin Boat Shed is the place to find everything you'll need. www.currumbinboatshed.com



WELLBEING...

DIGGIN' DEEP

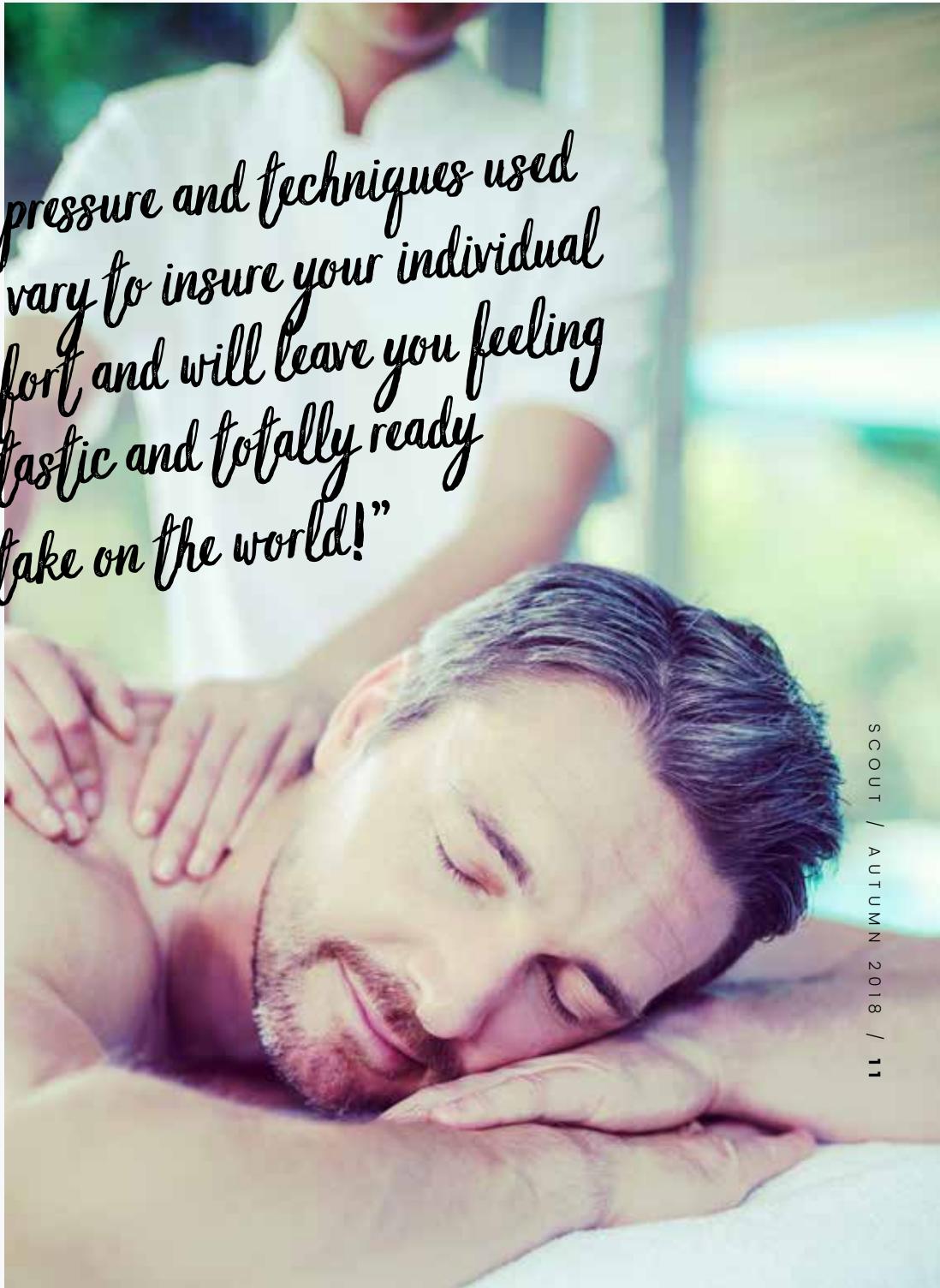
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, 'SPORTS' MASSAGES AREN'T JUST FOR THOSE SUPER-MOTIVATED PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY DO REGULAR SPORT. GOING A LITTLE HARDER WHEN YOU GET A MASSAGE ACTUALLY HAS A TONNE OF BENEFITS, ACCORDING TO WHITE STONE MASSAGE'S DEIA ABITANTE.

To most of us, a massage is a luxury afforded only by a birthday voucher or a south-east Asian holiday. Finding the time to do nothing but lie down and zen-out for an hour, on a regular basis, seems as possible as landing on the moon or having your kids unpack their lunchboxes without being asked. But if you live an active lifestyle or have recurring injuries or pain, getting a sport or deep-tissue massage once every few weeks actually becomes a necessity.

"Sport and deep-tissue massages really are beneficial for everyone," says Deia. "They aim to affect all muscle layers, ligaments, tendons and connective tissue, to break up old structural patterns and to allow the free flow of nutrients and oxygen to the soft tissues."

But how is a deep-tissue massage different from, say, a remedial massage? It's all in the pressure – short-term pain for long-term gain! When we exercise or even just go about our day-to-day routine, we can cause waste build up in certain overused muscles. By really working into the muscle and separating the fibres to reduce the waste product, a deep-tissue massage can treat conditions like localised soreness, tightness, pain and new or old muscular injuries. Your masseuse will use

"The pressure and techniques used will vary to insure your individual comfort and will leave you feeling fantastic and totally ready to take on the world!"



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trigger point pressure and stretching to work right into the affected muscle, increasing blood flow and mobility. For an even greater result, Deia suggests incorporating treatment therapies such as Chinese cupping, remedial massage, myofascial release (MFR) and dry needling.

"Sports and deep tissue treatments are known to be a bit uncomfortable, but we do realise that not everyone is training to be an elite athlete," says Deia. "The pressure and techniques used will vary to insure your individual comfort and will leave you feeling fantastic and totally ready to take on the world!"

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WELLBEING...

HOLIDAY HAIR CARE

HAIRCARE EXPERTS TONI & GUY SAY LOOKING AFTER YOUR HAIR IN THE SUN AND SALTWATER SHOULD BE AS IMPORTANT AS LOOKING AFTER YOUR SKIN.

Being sun smart these days is second nature – especially compared to the generations before us. Nowadays, it's routine to lather our faces and bodies in SPF50+ and also make sure our kids are coated from ear holes to big toes if they are out in the sun. But Toni & Guy Broadbeach style director Bernadette Cliff reminds us that we

should be as cautious and sun smart with our hair as we are with our skin, whether we are holidaying at the beach or live there full time.

"People spend hundreds of dollars on a great cut and colour but they forget to protect that investment," she says. "A day in the sun rapidly reduces the moisture content of hair. Coloured hair fades quicker if you are spending excessive time in the sun – browns warm and blondes go brassy."

When on a sunny beach holiday, Bernadette suggests daily use of moisturising protein sprays that contain an enviroshield complex for UVA and B protection. Put simply, the more moisturised your hair is, the longer your colour will remain. Whether you've been swimming in the saltwater, chlorinated



pool water or just chilling on the sand in the sun, Bernadette suggests that, just like you would apply an after-sun spray to your skin, you should also apply a mask or leave-in conditioner to your hair at night. In fact, Bernadette says the best thing you can do to prepare for a long day at the beach or poolside is to apply a leave-in conditioner or mask to your hair before you step out in the morning. Throw your hair up into an on-trend top knot and you'll be protecting it before you even walk out the door. There are also hair products available with sun protection factor in them. Keep an eye out for Wella's 'Solaris' range, for example, she says.

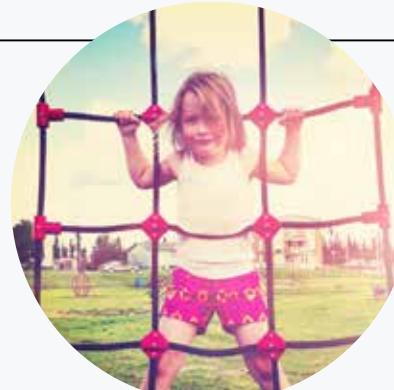
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WORK, REST AND PLAY

THERE'S NOTHING MORE REFRESHING FOR YOUR MENTAL WELLBEING THAN GETTING OUT INTO THE GOLD COAST'S GREAT OUTDOORS. KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE BY TAKING THE KIDS TO A LOCAL PARK.

We all know the health benefits of fresh air and vitamin D. And we all know how good it is for our kids to get off their screens and immerse themselves in nature. The Gold Coast offers so many gorgeous sun-drenched options and our playgrounds are a great place to start.

Here are some examples of Gold Coast parks close to cawfee (for us parents) and



locations that also offer easy parking. They also each have barbecues and tables etc for the full family park experience.

PIRATE PARK CURRUMBIN

The creek access at Pirate Park Currumbin is an added bonus for some sand play and a paddle in the water. The dog-friendly nature of this park is also great if you have your four-legged friends in tow.

PARADISE POINT PARK

Again, Paradise Point Park is on the water for some sand/water play if it takes your fancy. This is a really spread-out park, so it rarely feels busy. Maybe schedule in some mum-friendly yoga that runs in this park on Saturday mornings. Ohmmm...

GREENMOUNT BEACH PARK

Greenmount Beach Park is close to the beach and has a great walk you could do if your kids like that kind of thing. It's walking distance to Frog Beach which all the kids love. So many coffee options abound that it might be easier to BYO just to avoid having to make a decision! #kidding

SOUTHPORT PARKLANDS

The jumping castle water activity zone for the older kids is a BIG hit at Southport Parklands. There's a huge playground here with more activities than you can poke a stick at, but we especially love the race track for scooters.

BROADBEACH PARKLANDS

This park is close to the centre of Broadbeach so if a fancier lunch is more your thing, this site is convenient. It's also a huge one, so it never feels really busy. The main playground area is fenced to keep little ones from escaping – which is a bonus if you are watching a tribe of kids.

SHOP...

TRIPLE TREAT

Currumbin offers loads of natural wonders but there's also a retail wonder offering a beachfront triple treat. Easy access shopping? Yes please!

LUSH DESIGN

Lush Design at Currumbin Beach has been family owned and run since 2005. This beachfront boutique is a one-stop shop for luxe bohemian resortwear. It features a mix of clothing, footwear, jewellery and accessories for a complete look. Lush Design also offers three in-house fashion labels that are produced exclusively for the store and selected boutiques. But there are even more labels coming mid-year. Keep your eyes peeled for Auguste, Steele and Sancia. If you haven't stopped by Lush Design lately, there was a renovation completed late last year – drop in to explore the new fit out. And if you're not local to Currumbin, an exciting online store is opening shortly.

Mention scout magazine when you spend \$150 or more in store to receive a free 'Palm Beach Collection' candle valued at \$42 (until stock runs out).

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SO JADED



So Jaded Boutique is fresh to the Gold Coast offering gorgeous luxury lifestyle/casual womenswear. The So Jaded philosophy is to support local designers with preference to natural and organic fibres. These include Lisa Brown of Mermaid Beach and Bangalow's Johansen. There is something for women of all ages here – everything from trans-seasonal to timeless pieces, casual enough for the beach yet sophisticated enough for a more conservative occasion. You'll love the Italian linen, silks and 100 per cent cotton. It's fashion that's comfortable, environmentally friendly and breathable – perfect for our climate. And to accessorise your fashion, So Jaded has high quality leather belts, bags, purses/wallets and French-designed handmade hats. Organic/natural skincare, homemade ceramics, beautiful homewares and original paintings all made by Currumbin locals complete the So Jaded offering.

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792 Pacific Parade,
Currumbin Beach

THE YOUNG ONES



The little people of greater Currumbin have got their fashion needs well and truly met on beautiful Currumbin Beach. The Young Ones is a fashion and lifestyle store for the trendiest babies and kids of the GC.

The Young Ones stocks brands such as Baby Bird, Alfie, Bobo & Boo plus Jamie Kay, Children of the Tribe, Halcyon Nights, Kollab, Seedling and Saltwater sandals. And, you can also purchase your Miniland dolls here (a firm customer favourite) as well as browse an amazing range of children's books.

Whether you are buying for your own mini, or looking for a gift for someone else, The Young Ones makes the perfect shopping destination for baby shower gifts as well. And if all the choices have you overwhelmed, a gift voucher is the perfect option. Easy.

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SOUL SEARCHIN'

SOUL BOARDWALK IS SO MUCH A PART OF THE FABRIC OF SURFERS PARADISE. IT'S THE AREA'S PREMIER OUTDOOR SHOPPING AND DINING PRECINCT.

Soul Boardwalk is home to international labels, local restaurants, unique one-off attractions and everything in between – making it the perfect pit-stop for a quick bite or an aimless and relaxing wander.

Located just off the iconic Cavill Ave, Soul Boardwalk is a Gold Coast institution in and of itself. Boasting a variety of dining, shopping and entertainment destinations, all perfectly positioned on the Surfers' beachfront, it's truly a one-stop shop for tourists and locals. Plus, it's got underground parking that's free for the first hour, and just \$8 flat rate after 4pm – a massive win. Heading to Soul Boardwalk?

FUN

Ripley's Believe it or Not has been attracting visitors to Surfers Paradise with its weird and wonderful displays for years. The artefacts, photographs and cartoons on display are straight from the collection of the iconic Mr Robert Ripley, who travelled the world in search of the unusual and unbelievable. An awesome location for a family day out, Ripley's Believe it or Not on Soul Boardwalk truly has to be seen to be believed. Looking at the storefront, it's hard to believe that the precinct houses a laser room – think Catherine Zeta-Jones in Entrapment – a musical staircase and holographic dance floor. All of this alongside hundreds of strange artefacts, from shrunken heads to fertility statues (which, legend has it, will allow whoever touches it to fall pregnant).



FASHION

69Slam Australia has been making waves since it dropped in Australia early last year. Fresh out of Canggu, Bali, this surf/swim brand already has stores in 45 other countries and is all about living life to the max – so it's no surprise that they chose Surfers Paradise to open their flagship Australian store. With a few key styles that all come in a range of fabrics, the concept behind this brand is simple yet effective and there is seriously something for everyone.



FOOD

Love Mexican but don't love how heavy you feel after chowing down on a big plate of nachos? Gringo Loco Cantina is your new fave joint. Fresh and light, this authentic Mexican restaurant offers all of the usual dishes – tacos, burritos, enchiladas – along with foods straight out of Tijuana, like street corn and fajita swords. Even more authentic than the food? The range of Mexican alcohol! We're talking tequila so smooth you don't need a lemon or salt, as well as more cocktails than you can poke a piñata stick at. Plus, there's 50 per cent off on Taco Tuesdays. Need we say more?

If you're after something a little more upscale, you can't go past Seascape Restaurant & Bar. With three levels of luxury, this spot has everything for everyone – it's a family-friendly bistro with alfresco dining, a restaurant specialising in Australian cuisine and seafood (of course), and the only absolute beachfront rooftop precinct on the Gold Coast. You'll have a hard time deciding whether the food or the view is better.

For quick, inexpensive eats, you can't go past Vapiano and Hog's Breath Café. Both restaurants do lunches on the cheap whether you dine-in or takeaway. Just \$10 at Vapiano will get you a pizza or bowl of pasta, while \$9.90 at Hog's Breath will get you a range of lunches from fish and chips to a smoky beef wrap or a Hog's club sandwich.

WWW.SOULBOARDWALK.COM.AU



WHAT'S ON...

MAR 29-APR 15



BLEACH* FESTIVAL

In its most ambitious program yet, the Gold Coast's premier arts and cultural festival, Bleach*, will take over the city for 18 days with a plethora of musical performances, dance productions, giant outdoor spectacles, travelling shows (on kayaks) and even a beach sleepover. Seriously.

WWW.BLEACHFESTIVAL.COM.AU



APR 4-15

GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Whether you call this area home or you are in town on holidays, there will be no escaping the sporting atmosphere of the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in April. And guess what? There are still tickets available to some events. Simply jump online to check out where you might still get some seats. And if you miss out on a sporting event, remember there's a wealth of free activities in the parallel Festival 2018 cultural program.

WWW.GC2018.COM

MAR 29-APR 2



BLUESFEST

For almost three decades, Bluesfest has been delivering star-studded lineups to Byron Bay, and this year is no different. With the likes of Lionel Richie, Kesha, John Butler Trio, Dan Sultan, Lauryn Hill and Tash Sultana – plus loads more – set to take the stage, this festival is not one to miss.

WWW.BLUESFEST.COM.AU



APR 4-15

FESTIVAL 2018

There's way more than just sport when it comes to the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. Take the plunge into Festival 2018 Gold Coast – 12 action-packed days of free culture celebrating the Comm Games. Experience music, theatre, circus, dance, ideas, visual arts and film from our corner and across the globe. Festival 2018 is the multi-arts program for GC2018 with events throughout the Gold Coast and Brisbane (as well as Cairns and Townsville).

WWW.GC2018.COM/FESTIVAL2018





GOLD COAST FILM FESTIVAL

Now in its 16th year, the Gold Coast Film Festival will again bring a host of film enthusiasts, filmmakers and fans to the GC for 13 days of film-related fun. With the city fast becoming the location of choice for many big-name blockbusters, there's no time like the present to celebrate everything the Gold Coast has to offer.

WWW.GCFILMFESTIVAL.COM

APR 17-29

MAY 17-20



APR 20-21



SUPERYACHT RENDEZVOUS

The Gold Coast will dazzle in nautical glamour and charter experiences when more than \$200 million of the world's finest charter superyachts go on display at Gold Coast City Marina and Shipyard on April 20 and 21. The Australian Superyacht Rendezvous is returning to the Gold Coast, which has the largest concentration of marine services in the southern hemisphere. Many of the attending superyachts will coincide their appearance at the annual event with charter opportunities on Gold Coast and Queensland waters between March and May so keep your eyes peeled for them!

WWW.AUSTRALIANSUPERYACHTRENDEZVOUS.COM

SURFERS PARADISE LIVE

Music legends Darryl Braithwaite, Jimmy Barnes and Jon Stevens will take to the stage at Surfers Paradise Live, alongside acts like Justice Crew and Reece Mastin. The free three-day event will have everything from high-energy performances to quiet, more intimate live gigs, both on stages and in the streets of Surfers Paradise.

WWW.SURFERSPARADISE.COM

MAY 3-6



COOLY ROCKS!

Music, dancing, cars, nostalgia and good old-fashioned family fun are all on the program for Cooly Rocks On 2018. Established in 2011, Cooly Rocks On has evolved to become Australia's largest rock'n'roll and nostalgia festival and a signature event on Queensland and Australia's event calendar, all set on a combination of outdoor stages and venues within the beachside streetscape of iconic Coolangatta.

WWW.COOLYROCKSON.COM

JUN 6-10



WHAT'S ON...

GIN IS IN



YOUR LOVE FOR GIN IS ABOUT TO BE TAKEN TO A WHOLE OTHER LEVEL WITH THANKS TO THE EVER-INVENTIVE, EVER-EVOLVING MIAMI MARKETTA.

Miami Marketta is that chilled catch-up space for friends. The perfect location for a revitalising drink after work. A haven for families as well as corporate groups looking for some cultural GC cool. And Marketta will soon also be Mecca for gin and vodka aficionados.

Miami Marketta already collaborates with local wine makers who create their house pours, but organisers are expanding their focus with a new Gin and Vodka infusion bar scheduled to open before Easter. Infusions will include a myriad of flavours, such as strawberry and passionfruit vodka or watermelon and mint all mixed with the best gins and vodkas.

Miami Marketta creative director Emma Milikins says their speciality will be gin and vodka tasting boards.

"You will be able to taste four different varieties on one board by mixing your own," Emma says. "You can follow our menu instructions or change it up and make your own concoction. We will endeavour to have the largest gin list on the Gold Coast. I think it is now at 75 different varieties."



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The choice to focus on gin and vodka was simple, according to Emma, who says gin is the most beautiful and delicate spirit while vodka can transform into anything within an infusion.

But the bar won't just be about infusions. Visitors can also enjoy simpler, traditional beverages such as Hendricks Gin with cucumber, green apple and elderflower topped with Indian tonic.

The bar will have a beautiful fit out and the space will be able to cater for wedding receptions, private parties and bespoke events. As Emma explains, Miami Marketta will now have the unique opportunity to give customers their own private upmarket experience including global street food catering from their wide array of vendors.

Autumn is actually filling rapidly with private events, although there's still space available for you to book yours. Miami Marketta is also taking bookings for the new Gin and Vodka infusion bar now.

WWW.MIAMIMARKETTA.COM



WHAT'S ON...

VAMPIRES RULE!

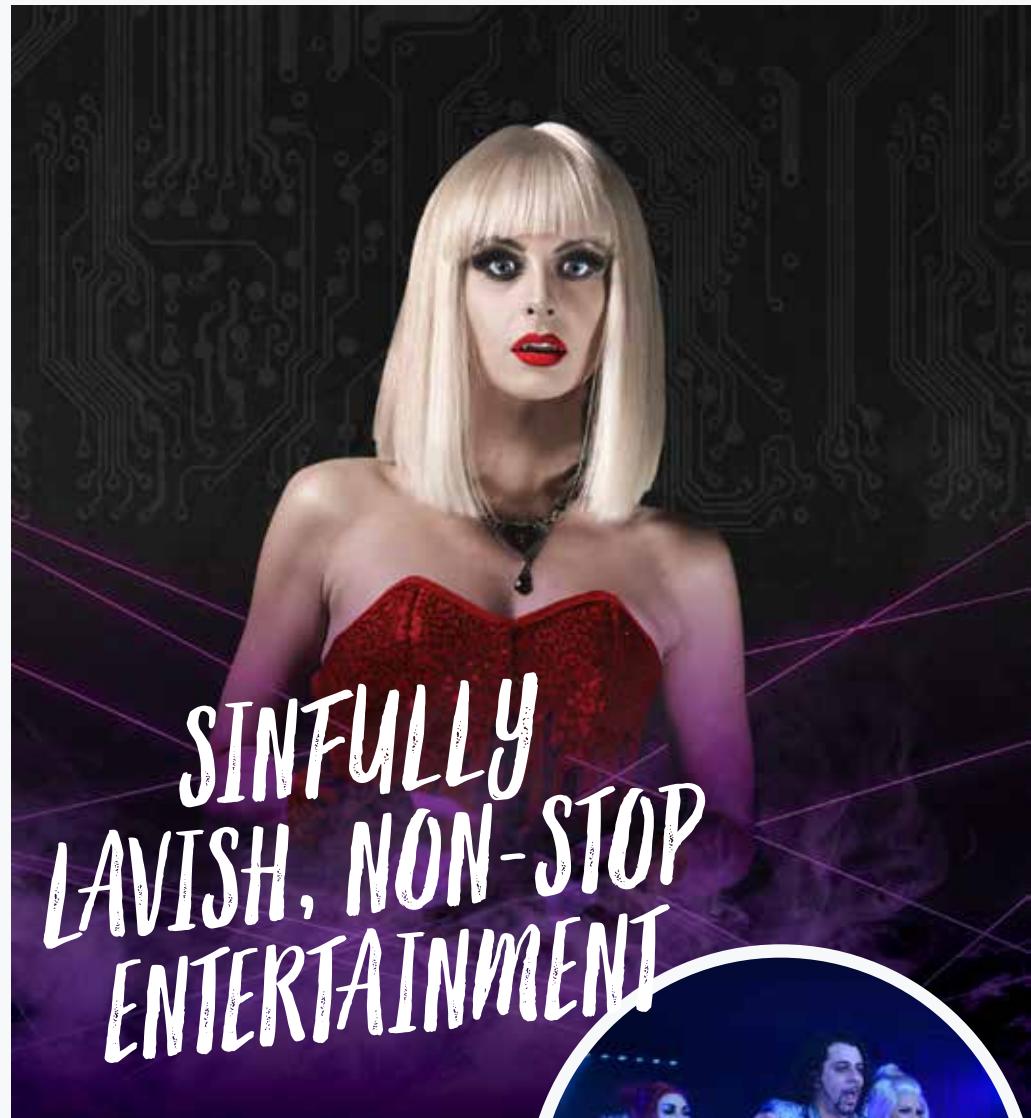
Words: Belinda Glindemann

THE GOLD COAST IS THAT PLAYGROUND OF SUN, SURF, SAND AND SALT AIR. BUT WHEN THE COVER OF DARKNESS FALLS ON THIS LITERAL SURFER'S PARADISE, BEWARE THE VAMPIRES...

It's hard to describe a Dracula's show in one word. Brash. Shocking. Fun. Eye-opening. Energetic. Crude. Random. Sometimes crass. Mostly funny. Unrestrained. Did I say brash?

What Dracula's definitely is though, is iconic. A Gold Coast landmark. And "Terrorbyte", the latest show to hit the Dracula's stage from Newman Entertainment International, is everything you'd expect of a night out at Dracula's – with a little bit more 'brash' sprinkled on top for good measure!

The Dracula's experience starts from the moment your car's front tyres enter the Dracula's driveway. Scantly-clad zombie-like staff direct you to your carpark. Vampires make crude, crass and blush-worthy comments as you find your way to the front door. But it's as you step inside, that the 'terror' really begins. Guests immediately start their night in the pitch-black darkness, staring up out of their own graves as the show's stars eerily peer down from high above. I'll be the first to admit that the special effects had me gripping the arm of my best friend under the cover of darkness – and giggling at the same time.



While it had been more than a decade since most members of our party had been to Dracula's, we were all pleased to note that the iconic ghost train was still on track. And while we don't want to give away too many Dracula's secrets to those uninitiated, brace yourself for that ride. And don't forget to smile ;)

Terrorbyte offers some great characters. Inia Dewar as "Coco" was a crowd fave, resplendent in his retro purple pantsuit and mega-hoop earrings. Dracula's veterans Richard Macionis as "Spine" (the show's acting director) and Rudi Testa as "Vlad" made a formidable on-stage pair. Dracula's newbie Dannielle Glanville was nothing short of stunning as "Luna".

"Vampires are at the height of pop consciousness, riding a fine line of wickedness...both seductive and scary," explains show creator and creative director, Marc Newman. "Our brand-new show taps into this allure, wrapped up in state-of-the art technology."



"It is a sinfully lavish format, presenting non-stop entertainment that is fluidly conceptualised around steampunk, retro-futurism, cyber sci-fi and brash burlesque."

Throw in some quite random musical and comedy acts (from saucy aerial artistry to drug-lovin' hippie puppets, to a tribute to the recently deceased legends of Bowie, Prince and George Michael), a three-course meal and wait staff who ensure the essence of the Dracula's stage experience infiltrates every corner of the venue and you have quite the eye-opener of a night out with friends.

WWW.DRACULAS.COM.AU

STAY...

FOOTLOOSE AND FANCY-FREE

IT MAY BE 'HEAVEN FOR KIDS' BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHER REASONS WHY PARADISE RESORT IS ALSO PARADISE FOR PARENTS.

We love our kids. Of course we do. But there are definitely times in life when there's nothing that us parents need more than a little kid-free downtime and the opportunity to reconnect with our beloved partners.

That's where Paradise Resort fits right in. It's promoted as "heaven for kids" but there are so many reasons why it's also a literal paradise for parents. Ask yourself - how long has it been since you ate a meal while it was still hot, enjoyed an uninterrupted chat or had some time to yourself?

There are two ways to find some adult downtime at Paradise Resort and both are easy to achieve. With Paradise Resort being an easily accessible oasis in central Surfers Paradise, if you can find a willing family member or friend to have the kids for a night, the resort is so easy to reach. No travel to organise. No precious time wasted. And once you check in, you'll feel like you're a mile away from the world.

But if you are bringing the kids with you, Paradise Resort's Kids' Club is another great option to give you and your partner some slices of kid-free zen on a weekend away. And you can totally relax and unwind in the knowledge that the minis are just around the corner and are being cared for in a safe and fun way. In fact, trust us, the kids will want to leave you so

they can hang at the Kids' Club. Many of the Paradise Resort accommodation packages actually offer up to four hours of complimentary care in the Kids Club daily. Bonus.

However you find your down time, make sure it's with Paradise Resort. One word sums up a weekend away here: Easy.

WWW.PARADISERESORT.COM.AU

*"Heaven for kids"
paradise for parents.*



DOWNTIME TO-DO LIST

GOT THE KIDS SORTED AND LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SPEND YOUR ADULT DOWNTIME? OPTIONS ABOUND AT PARADISE RESORT!

DO NOTHING

Take a guilt-free break and relax in the adults outdoor spa area located next to the big waterpark and open daily from 9am-7pm. Equipped with an outdoor heated spa and lounge chairs, it offers parents a place to unwind and soak up the sunshine child-free. It's the perfect location to devour a good book or magazine.

GET ACTIVE

OK. We're not going to be Judgy McJudgersons, but, if the idea of downtime is actually getting a sweat up, Paradise Resort can work with your needs too. The Cardio Gym is equipped with a treadmill, bike, rowing machine, fit balls and yoga mats, is open 24 hours and is free for use of hotel guests only. Children are not permitted in the gym at any time. Perfect.

DRINK UP

Now you're talking! On Mixology Mondays, discover the art of mixing cocktails with a demonstration by the resident mixologist. You will be entertained with tips and tricks on how to blend your own cocktails at home and invited to taste a range of seasonal cocktails and enjoy special offers at the bar afterwards.

You can even play "Cocktail Tasting: The Game Show" where each contestant tastes four different cocktails before braving the contests and trivia questions. The Cocktail Champions will be rewarded with gold medals and drink vouchers, so make sure you arrive game ready to take part in this hilarious game show.

And then we have two important words for you: Sangria Sundays. All-day glasses of sangria are just \$5. Enough said.



EAT UP

Set your inner Masterchef free with Paradise Resort's various cooking demos and tastings. For example, they host cheese and wine tastings on Wednesday at 4.30pm where participants relax for a blissful hour to sip on wine and share an array of cheeses.

MUSICAL MELODIES

You can either listen to the soothing sounds of the visiting musicians and their live music, or, take part in some fun musical games. 'Super Star Karaoke' will bring back all the hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s to let you show off your singing skills while letting your hair down. And 'Finish That Lyric' is a game to test your music knowledge and see how well you really know your lyrics.



DAY TRIPPIN'...

NOOSA CALLING

AT THE TOP END OF THE SUNSHINE COAST, NOOSA OOVES SOPHISTICATION AND COASTAL CHIC. IT'S A HAVEN FOR CELEBRITY TYPES AS WELL.



IMAGE COURTESY OF TOURISM QUEENSLAND

BITES

There is certainly no shortage of great spots to grab a bite along the Sunshine Coast, but Noosa might just have the highest concentration of beachside bistros and upmarket bars. Miss Moneypenny's Restaurant and Cocktail Bar has shot to the top of everyone's 'must-try' list in recent years, competing with the likes of Sails and Bistro C - two long-standing local favourites. But if you're after a hearty breakfast, The Drop on Noosa Drive shouldn't be passed up – their haloumi and roast vegetable breakfast bagel is to die for!

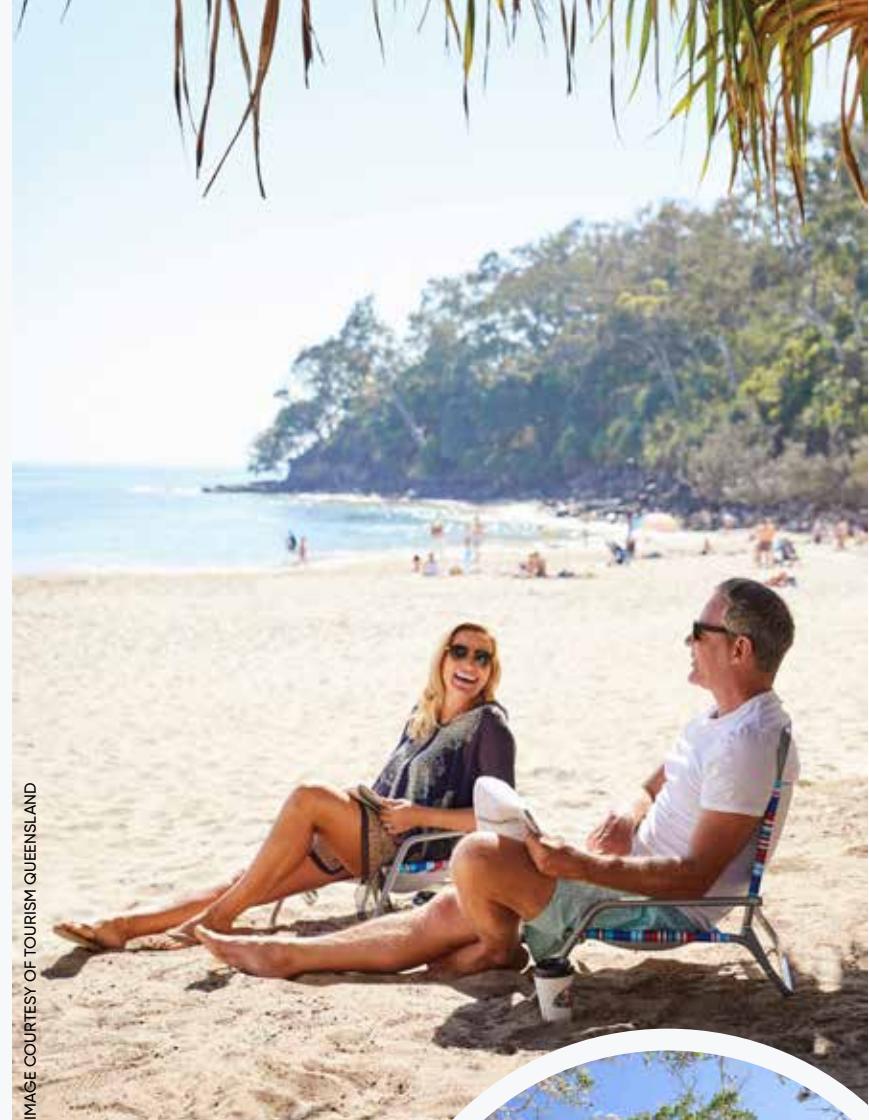


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SIGHTS

Walk from Noosa Heads to Alexandria Bay and you will understand why people travel for days to visit this sunny coastline. The aqua water and shady gum trees of Noosa National Park are quintessentially Queensland, and home to some very shy residents – look up and you just might spot one. If you're up for the adventure, the rock pools (or 'fairy pools' as the locals call them), are a sight for sore eyes – or sore legs, as they're quite a way into the park! Located between Winch Cove and Hell's Gates, this is the perfect spot to relax and recuperate before making your way back to the car.



IMAGE COURTESY OF TOURISM QUEENSLAND

ADVENTURE...

LEARN FROM THE BEST

KEEN TO TRY SOMETHING NEW, BUT NERVOUS ABOUT FAILING? DON'T STRESS. AT CURRUMBIN ALLEY SURF SCHOOL YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS.

Learning a new skill is daunting enough, but there's something about surfing that makes the learning curve seem almost impossible to navigate. When it seems like every great surfer was born with a board in their hands, the thought of even trying to stand up seems pointless. But you'll be surprised to know that surfing is nowhere near as impossible as you might think. Whether you're 5 or 55, it's an awesome sport that can be picked up by pretty much anybody – it just takes a little practise and some words of encouragement from people in the know. That's probably why so many people, both tourists and locals, head to Currumbin Alley Surf School to learn the craft – their team of surf-mad instructors will have you up on your feet in no time.



MEET KATE AZARNIKOW...

22-year-old Kate has been with Currumbin Alley Surf School for a year, but has been surfing since she was 6.

"My brother surfed and I wanted to do whatever my big brother did, so I convinced my dad to take me with them to surf at Point Roadknight Beach in Victoria," Kate says. "Dad told me to ride my first wave on my belly, but I quietly agreed to disagree – I jumped straight up to my feet and rode down the face of the wave. I was hooked." Kate lists her biggest surfing accomplishment as being part of the Disabled Surfers' Association, a day full of smiles and laughter, and says she's keen to surf Sri Lanka in the future. She loves helping people to achieve their personal goals in surf lessons, and often hits the Beach Shack at Currumbin after a big day in the water.



MEET

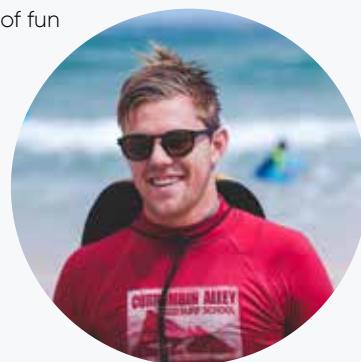
MATTEO DELLAGIACOMA...

The first time Matteo stood up on a surfboard was around 10 years ago in the Canary Islands of Spain, with his good friend Jose. "We had an epic day and since then I've never stopped surfing," he says. Matteo lists his biggest surfing accomplishment as being able to have heaps of fun in the water, every day, and says he wants to surf tons of different sports around the world while learning new things at the same time. "The most rewarding thing about teaching people to surf is seeing all different kinds of people having fun, coming out of the water with the biggest smile," says Matteo. "The most important thing in surfing is to have fun." When he's not having heaps of fun in the water, you can find Matteo at Zipang Japanese in Currumbin.



MEET JAMES WOODS...

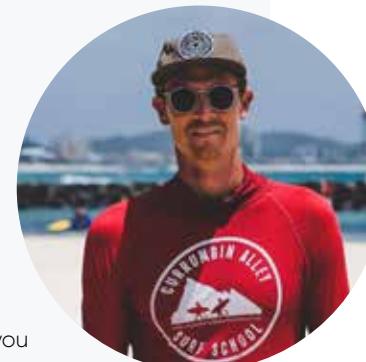
James has been surfing since he was 6, when he gave it a go in a river with his dad. He's been a coach since 2010 and absolutely loves seeing his students improve under his tutelage. A personal milestone for James was when he learned to do 'wafts' (Google it!). He's keen to travel more and surf the world. After a big day of surfing, you can find James at Currumbin Beach Vikings Surf Club enjoying the view.



MEET SAM CHILCOTT...

And finally, the man behind Currumbin Alley Surf School... Sam learned to surf with his dad when he was 5 years old, on the same waves he now teaches his students on.

"My biggest surfing accomplishment has been being able to travel all over the world and surf places I dreamed about when I was a kid," says Sam. "I'm going on a boat trip in the Menatawais later this year. I can't wait." When he's finished imparting his surfing wisdom on the students of Currumbin Alley Surf School, you can find Sam at Caribour in Tugun or at local-fave Zipang. The thing that keeps him teaching? "Seeing how happy learning to surf makes people is super rewarding!"



WWW.CURRUMBINALLEYSURFSCHOOL.COM.AU

ADVENTURE...

ON THE FLY

Words: Belinda Glindemann

EVER WANTED TO EXPERIENCE THE RUSH OF SKYDIVING WITHOUT ACTUALLY FALLING TOWARDS HARD GROUND AT 200KM/H? iFLY GETS IT.

Ahhh... Skydiving. It's that sport that looks so amazing on TV but when you consider the theory, it just doesn't make sense. Firstly, you have to jump from a moving plane. A. Moving. Plane. This is all levels of wrong. Then there's the fact that you are falling towards a hard surface at 200km/h. And it's supposed to be enjoyable. And in all this craziness, your lifeline is actually a sheet of thin fabric and some cords, shoved in a backpack? Wrong, wrong, wrong.

I know. There are definitely loads of clever people around who love to skydive and do it regularly. But the even cleverer people at iFLY Indoor Skydiving are catering to the rest of us adventure seekers who prefer to keep our thrill level a little more 'vanilla'.

iFLY offers all the exhilaration of skydiving but you do it inside a mega glass tube, in a building, on the ground, at Surfers Paradise. Phew. There's no parachute, no jumping out of planes but also nothing attaching you to planet Earth. It's just you and a massive wind generator - and an incredible adrenaline rush! iFLY explains the experience as akin to feeling like a real life, crime-fighting hero. And I can personally attest to that. With my adventure-seeking family in tow, including big burly hubby and two mini flyers, aged 11 and 9, we donned flight suits, goggles and helmets and put our bodies on the line (well, we actually put our bodies into the wind) all in the name of journalism. We couldn't have asked for a more knowledgeable, friendly and easy-going instructor than Dom. With 500 actual skydives under his belt and

experience in the iFLY wind tunnel that dates back years to the facility's opening, he was more than capable of keeping us newbies feeling confident and looking the goods while flying. And, once the briefing session is complete, 'flying' is a simple matter of leaning into the wind inside the giant glass tunnel and letting the column of air lift you up and float you effortlessly into 'flight' – all within reach of your instructor.

As you can imagine, it's a state-of-the-art, fully controlled, ultra-safe environment. And the all-round viewing platform lets you share the magic with family and friends, who will gasp as you fly like someone out of a movie. Indoor skydiving is both an exhilarating experience and a highly addictive sport. The best bit? It is safe for kids, challenging for adults, exciting for teens and realistic for skydivers. So it suits the whole family. And, iFLY offers flight times that are actually longer than any outdoor skydive. Bonus. Whatever your thrill requirement, whatever your age and whatever your experience level, iFLY will have you floating on cloud nine. Literally.

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ADVENTURE...



WALK THE TALK

Words: Belinda Glindemann

THERE'S A FAMILY OF COAST LOCALS WHOSE CAREER HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON SHARING ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST SPECTACULAR NATURAL WONDERS, WHILE ALSO PRESERVING IT.

There's something magical about Tamborine Mountain that draws my family time after time. When I get the kids to sit down at the start of every school holiday and write me their holiday wish list, a visit to Tamborine tops it most seasons. One of my family's favourite stops on any mountain adventure is Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk. This tourism gem's name is as literal as they get. Visitors follow the 1.5km Skywalk trail along the cool rainforest floor before enjoying a bird's eye view of the canopy of lush rainforest trees from a spectacular elevated walkway – it's as close to walking through the sky as you'll get! Think 300m of high-tech steel bridges through the highest points of the upper canopy as well as a 40m cantilever bridge that soars a breathtaking 30m above the creek and rainforest below.

Managed by brothers Nick and Brendan Moore, Skywalk was developed by the boys' very committed parents, Ian and Jennifer, over a five-year period leading up to its opening in 2009. While the Moores previously owned and operated other well-known Tamborine Mountain businesses (including the innovative Songbirds in the Forest restaurant, six-studio Songbirds Rainforest Retreat and Glow Worm Eco-Tours), Skywalk has been their most difficult, yet rewarding, development. Nick describes his parents as "tenacious" in their approach.

FAST FACTS:

Skywalk is set on a magical 30 acres of privately owned rainforest beside the rock-pools of Cedar Creek on Mt Tamborine

It combines forest floor trails, 300m of high-tech steel bridges and a 40m cantilever bridge

At the highest point, Skywalk is 30m above the rainforest floor

The entire walk totals 1.5km

The walk takes about 45 minutes at a leisurely pace.

"It took nearly five years of planning, research, obtaining state and local council approvals and overcoming various obstacles along the way," Nick explains. "Many problems had to be overcome in building a high steel bridge on steep, volcanic soils in the middle of a pristine rainforest without destroying the fragile environment. Most people would have given up."

Massive 120-tonne cranes with booms up to 80m long lifted the tower columns and 40m walkway and cantilever sections up, over and then carefully down through the canopy into place, high above the forest floor.

"We are proud to say that not one forest tree was cut down in the process of installing the Skywalk," Nick says.

While the Skywalk itself is the jewel in this eco adventure's crown, our family also loves the informative Rainforest Eco Gallery. It showcases local rainforest animals, birds and reptiles and includes dioramas of Australian and exotic insects, butterfly collections and a large aquarium with local water life. There are also interesting info panels sharing stories of local and indigenous Australian history. And when you've completed your Skywalk, nothing's better than a revitalising drink and some lunch in The Birdwing Café.

I'll admit, I had a few tummy butterflies the first time I ventured out on to the elevated section – it's high and the walkways are mesh-like so you can see through them to the amazing rainforest floor below. But once you catch your breath, you realise that Skywalk is actually equal parts exhilarating, awe-inspiring and educational. You'll go home wishing you were a bird who could call the Tamborine Mountain rainforest canopy your home.

WWW.RAINFORESTSKYWALK.COM.AU

ADVENTURE...



NEW ARRIVALS

THERE WAS DOUBLE DELIGHT FOR DREAMWORLD WITH THE ARRIVAL OF TIGER CUB SISTERS EARLIER THIS YEAR.

There's nothing more exciting than welcoming a new member into the family. Except when it's a double delivery. And except when those two sisters are adorable tiger cubs!

The Dreamworld family was delighted to announce the birth of two female tiger cubs at Tiger Island earlier this year. Tiger mum, Nika, was a trooper throughout the process, giving birth to the healthy sister cubs an hour apart, weighing in at 1.4kg and 1.6kg. They've since been named Melati and Mya. Their names were selected by Tiger Island staff and chosen from more than 2000 suggestions received online. Melati is an Indonesian name meaning "Jasmine flower" and Mya is an ancient name which has many origins, meaning "beloved" or "great".

The birth heralds the first pitter-patter of newborn paws at Dreamworld since 2015 and the sixth litter born at Dreamworld since Tiger Island opened in 1995.

These two beautiful cubs will be fantastic global ambassadors for their endangered cousins in the wild

Dreamworld's General Manager of Life Sciences, Al Mucci, said the birth of the cubs marked another important step forward in the global tiger conservation movement, supported by the Dreamworld Wildlife Foundation.

"As Queensland and the Gold Coast gear up to welcome visitors from around the country and the world for the Commonwealth Games in April, it's a perfect time for Dreamworld to be promoting the tiger conservation message," Al says.

"These two beautiful cubs will be fantastic global ambassadors for their endangered cousins in the wild."

"Around the world, it is estimated there are fewer than 4000 tigers alive in the wild. Tigers are listed as critically endangered

and Dreamworld's breeding program is helping to ensure a long-term future for these magnificent animals. Our Tiger Island facility is focussed on educating guests on the perilous state of wild tigers.

"We're very proud of the fact the Dreamworld Wildlife Foundation is one of the world's largest financial contributors to wild tiger conservation. Tiger programs are a core component of the tiger conservation movement and we plan on these two girls growing up to be mums of their own, as part of breeding programs with our other Australian zoo partners," Al says.

Dreamworld visitors will be able to view the cubs through Tiger Island's interactive 'up-close' viewing windows with interactive tiger cub experiences, including guest photos and walks, set to be enjoyed by visitors in time for the Commonwealth Games.

WWW.DREAMWORLD.COM.AU



WILD TIGER CONSERVATION FAST FACTS

#1 Tigers are listed as critically endangered, which classifies them as "Very High Risk of Extinction in the Wild"

#2 Due to poaching and deforestation, it is estimated there are fewer than 4000 wild tigers in the world today

#3 The Dreamworld Wildlife Foundation has contributed more than \$2 million toward Tiger Conservation programs since launching in 2012

#4 Money raised at Dreamworld for the Wildlife Foundation goes directly to fund frontline conservation activities in tiger conservation areas in Russia and Indonesia

#5 Dreamworld provides funding to organisations such as Wild Cats (formerly 21st Century Tiger), Fauna and Flora International and The Phoenix Fund. These organisations police the jungles to find and destroy tiger traps, and track and arrest poachers. They also run programs in local communities to educate people on the critically endangered status of wild tigers

#6 All tigers at Dreamworld were bred in wildlife centres. None of the tigers at Dreamworld were removed from the wild.

ELSEWHERE...

EURO ROAD TRIPPIN'

Words: Anastasia White

THERE ARE A MILLION AND ONE WAYS TO DO EUROPE – YOU CAN LIVE LARGE OR PINCH YOUR PENNIES. YOU CAN GO FOR A FEW WEEKS OR A FEW MONTHS AT A TIME. YOU CAN JOIN A TOUR OR GO ROGUE. FOR SCOUT MAGAZINE'S VERY BRAVE ANASTASIA WHITE, IT WAS FIVE COUNTRIES IN SIX DAYS ON A ROAD TRIP...

If all started in Paris...

Arriving a few days into 2018, the boyfriend and I hit the ground running, determined to do anything and everything in the five days we had in Paris. Of course, jetlag had other plans, which brings me to my first 'Euro Trip Tip'. When it comes to that 4pm urge to head back to the hotel after a big day of exploring, do. not. give. in. No matter how committed you are to having a 'quick rest' then going back out for dinner, you will absolutely fall asleep and wake up again at midnight. It's much safer to stay more than 500m from your bed until at least 7pm.

Paris was a whirlwind of museums, shopping and so... much... walking... We climbed to the top of the Sacré-Coeur Basilica, rented bicycles and descended hundreds of metres below the city to see the catacombs, where the bones of more than six million Parisians have been arranged to line walkways and form patterns.

EURO TRIP TIP:

Book tickets online, not in line. Even if it's the morning of, it's so much easier to secure your place for any experience you'd like to try ahead of time.

Barcelona, baby...

From Paris, we caught the train south to meet up with the rest of my family at a little house in the Dordogne. We grabbed a rental car from Avis Car Hire on the way, which



quickly became our lifeline to the rest of the continent. The next day, our three-car convoy had crossed the French-Spanish border and we'd arrived in Barcelona. For two nights, we strutted up and down La Rambla (stopping to sit for some terrible caricatures), ate our body weight in paella and saw Gaudi's greatest designs, from the Sagrada Familia to Park Güell. Then, having only just picked up a few Spanish phrases, we were back to France and the boyfriend and I were getting set to embark on the final and most exhausting part of our trip – the road trip.

Before we left, we were told by just about everyone that visiting five countries in six days was absolute lunacy. They were right – but it was also a lot of fun.

The French Riviera...

Who says you can't hit the coast in winter? Awash with cerulean blues, crisp whites and pastel pinks, the French Riviera (Cannes, Nice and Menton specifically) is something from a dream – or a Slim Aarons coffee table book. We hit all three towns in one day, stopping at each for a meal and a walk around. Menton was the cheapest of the three for accommodation (one night in a decent hotel cost just \$70AUD) and had the advantage of sharing a border with the tiny principality of Monaco, so we hit up Monaco's main (read: only) city of Monte Carlo for dinner and an unsuccessful whirl of roulette.

Info Italia...

I had my heart set on getting to Munich and it just so happened that the best way there was to pass straight through Milan – what a bummer. We checked into our hotel, jumped on the metro and headed straight to the city centre, re-emerging under the shadow of the ginormous Duomo Cathedral and right next to the stunning Galleria Vittorio Emanuele. After a bit of sightseeing, there was only one thing on my mind – pizza. We managed to fit two in before bedtime, along with a wander around the lesser known canals of Milan. The next morning, we awoke to find that our car had been broken into – nothing vital was stolen, but it still kind of sucked. It also happened to be the morning

EURO ROAD TRIP IN NUMBERS:

CITIES VISITED: 14

KILOMETRES TRAVELED: 3000KM

AVERAGE ACCOMMODATION COST/NIGHT: \$60AUD

TIMES WE NEARLY GOT LOCKED OUT OF OUR ROOM DUE TO DODGY LOCKS: ALMOST ALWAYS

NUMBER OF WAYS TO SAY 'THANK YOU' LEARNED: 4

AVERAGE DRIVING TIME PER DAY: 5 HOURS

PERCENTAGE OF COFFEES THAT WERE ACTUALLY DRINKABLE: 10 PER CENT

MONEY WON GAMBLING: \$60AUD

that we embarked on an eight-hour drive through a blizzard, which would have sucked a lot less if we had all of our windows intact. C'est la vie.

EURO TRIP TIP:

undercover parking trumps street parking, every time.

Munich and Zurich...

A harrowing day winding up and down snowy mountains was made much better by a night in beautiful Munich. We drank beer and house cocktails in a cozy traditional restaurant, saw the glockenspiel come alive on the hour at the Munich Rathaus, and tried our hand at ice-skating under falling snow. The next morning, we were off to Dachau to visit the Memorial Concentration Camp, which was as confronting as you would expect, but also pretty incredible.

From there, we headed to Zurich which, I'll admit, didn't blow my mind. With that being said, the scenery was totally stunning – the city is split by a crystal-clear river that flows straight down from the surrounding mountains – and we did spend less than a day there.

EURO TRIP TIP:

Immerse yourself in the culture and history, both good and bad – you will come away with a much better understanding of the country you've visited.

Lyon and the last leg...

We finally headed back to France, spending our last night in Lyon – which pretty much felt like home by this point. Although we ended the trip on a completely-freaking-freezing note (rain and sub-5-degree temperatures makes for two very miserable Australians) we managed to soldier on for some more shopping and yet another pizza. By the time we had returned the car, caught the train back to Paris and boarded our 24-hour flight back home the next day, we were equal parts exhilarated and exhausted. I've never slept so well.

LOCAL LOVES...

SCOUT ASKED SOME LOCAL PERSONALITIES JUST WHY THEY LOVE THE GOLD COAST SO, AND TO REVEAL THEIR FAVE HANGS. HERE'S WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY...



LUCY FISHER
Gold Coast Film Festival Director

Which suburb do you call home?

Southport

What makes that suburb the best on the GC? We like the mix of people in Southport and the parks. We love that it's central to Surfers plus on the tram line and easy to get to Brisbane.

Fave place to stop, relax for 20 mins and enjoy a morning cuppa? And what treat is on the plate beside your hot bevvie? ParcBah is my favourite café. Their coffee is always great, the owner Todd is awesome and the Breakfast Bruschetta is my favourite treat on weekends.

Fave Gold Coast casual dining location? What's on the menu? The Lobster roll at Tribeca on Chevron is pretty amazing. And Sushi Train is a regular for us as a family. Soba Soba in Chinatown has the best noodles ever and is an UberEats go-to.

You're planning a fun, local night out with your mates? Which three locations top your list and why? It would have to involve cocktails and ideally a performance, theatre or a movie, so HOTA is usually on my list! Old Tom in Broadbeach has the most inventive food and gin cocktails to die for. Can Tho in Runaway Bay also serves up great food and cocktails.

Best local spot for family hangs and why? Epic Skate Rink in Tweed for roller skating fun, Harley Park in Labrador for the beach, playground and views and the Australia Fair Event Cinema for family animations!

Fave Gold Coast shopping destination? Pacific Fair is pretty awesome.

Complete this sentence: Only a Gold Coast local knows... You can take your wine into the cinema at HOTA!



DANIELLE GLANVILLE
'Luna' @ Dracula's Cabaret

Which suburb do you call home?

Broadbeach

What makes that suburb the best on the GC?

It's close to the beach, Pacific Fair, some amazing bars and restaurants and it's home to Dracula's Cabaret, of course!

Fave place to stop, relax for 20 mins and enjoy a morning cuppa? And what treat is on the plate beside your hot bevvie? Caffe Cherry beans in Pacific Fair has the best coffee! And I'll have one with a Nutella protein ball on the side.

Fave Gold Coast casual dining location? What's on the menu?

Vappianos and it would have to be mushroom fettuccine

You're planning a fun, local night out with your mates? Which three locations top your list and why?

The Loose Moose (it's a nice place with great live music, yummy food and cocktails), Koi (for the exact same reason) and top of the list would be Dracula's Cabaret! There's nothing like it on the Gold Coast – great entertainment and food and a night full of surprises and fun.

Best local spot for family hangs and why? The beach for sure! Currumbin is especially great and has fun activities like stand-up paddle boarding and even dog friendly sections!

Fave Gold Coast shopping destination? Pacific Fair, definitely!

Complete this sentence: Only a Gold Coast local knows... The Gold Coast's winters are most other place's summers!



PAUL GALE
Hot Tomato Radio Presenter

Which suburb do you call home?

Carrara

What makes that suburb the best on the GC?

The cow roundabout and being close to Metricon for all the Suns games

Fave place to stop, relax for 20 mins and enjoy a morning cuppa? And what treat is on the plate beside your hot bevvie?

I like Coming Home Co at the Kitchens in Robina Town Centre. Try the pumpkin pie pancakes!

Fave Gold Coast casual dining location? What's on the menu?

Collective at Palm Beach have a massive range of great food and the rooftop bar is second to none.

You're planning a fun, local night out with your mates? Which three locations top your list and why?

Any of the bars at The Star – I celebrated my 50th in The Garden Bar last year and it was a great night. One of the nicest beers I've ever had was upstairs off the tap at Kiyomi.

Best local Gold Coast spot for family hangs and why?

I love to take the family down to Burleigh, also walk down James Street and then down to the beach.

Fave Gold Coast shopping destination? I love Pac Fair and Robina, both are my favourites.

Complete this sentence: Only a Gold Coast local knows... Where the potholes are!



SARA CARRIGAN OAM
Olympic Gold Medallist



TANIA BLANCHARD
Artist



TOM TATE
Gold Coast Mayor

Which suburb do you call home? Mermaid Beach

What makes that suburb the best on the GC? We can walk to the beach, walk to a number of parks with the kiddies, walk to numerous coffee shops and I love the community feel chatting to the other locals who regularly walk past with surf board under arm.

Fave place to stop, relax for 20 mins and enjoy a morning cuppa? At the moment, I love a brew from Double Barrel or my local Background Barista.

Fave Gold Coast casual dining location? What's on the menu? Toss up between Bam Bam Bakehouse where we can grab one of their blankets sit on the grass and enjoy 'picnic rug service' – perfect for the kiddies! Or Marie Anitas with their organic, gluten free healthy meals and cute little backyard that's also great for the kiddies.

You're planning a fun, local night out with your mates? Which three locations top your list and why? Hmm a night out??? Haven't known one of those for a while ... last bit of fun involved some axe throwing at Lumber Punks in Miami followed by the yummiest ever steak and chippies at the Glenelg Public House.

Best local spot for family hangs why? The Historic Rivermill at Nerang is fab hanging out on the riverbank or the verandah overlooking the beauty of the Coomera River and the kiddies can run, play and enjoy a pat with the animals.

Fave Gold Coast shopping destination? Not much of a shopper but Miami Farmer Markets are a pleasure with fresh fruit and veges and yummy treats.

Complete this sentence: Only a Gold Coast local knows... How awesome our Gold Coast really is!

Which suburb do you call home? Burleigh

What makes that suburb the best on the GC? The great community that resides here and its vibrant feel. It's close to the beach and one of the best surf breaks in the world (which makes my hubby and two boys happy). Great restaurants and bars are at our doorstep too. My girlfriends and I have a hashtag... #whybaliwhenyoucanburleigh

Fave Gold Coast casual dining location? Little Plate is in the back streets of Burleigh. It's intimate, friendly and the perfect place to share some delicious tapas style food. You can't go wrong ordering anything of this varied menu but the mussels are a highlight.

You're planning a fun, local night out with your mates? Which three locations top your list and why? Starting off in early afternoon with an Aperol Spritz at Rickshaws – the best place for admiring the beach views and an entree with the best bug roll (warning: just stop at one!). Then moving to the fun and lively atmosphere at Jimmy Wah's Vietnamese inspired dining. You could try one of their many Asian-skewed cocktails but I keep it simple with a chilled Rosé while devouring the Yellowfin tuna sashimi. The party can continue on as late as you want at Justin Lane Rooftop Bar. This is the perfect place to end the night.

Fave Gold Coast shopping destination? James Street, Burleigh. I always seem to find something at Bikini and Me. Or if I'm up for the drive then Pacific Fair since it's been done up has all the brands under the one roof.

Complete this sentence: Only a Gold Coast local knows... how lucky we are to be living in such a wonderful place. There is more to living here than the amazing weather, the pristine beaches, great surf and theme parks. There is a community here that is genuine and vibrant, that's interested in the arts and cultural activities. The place to be for creatives and entrepreneurs!

Which suburb do you call home? Bundall

What makes that suburb the best on the GC?

Close to great dining – mainly at Isle of Capri.

Fave place to stop, relax for 20 mins and enjoy a morning cuppa? And what treat is on the plate beside your hot bevvie?

The back deck of my home with the dogs. Nice cup of tea and a curry pie.

Fave Gold Coast casual dining location? What's on the menu?

Tucker on Ferry. Garlic lamb and shallots (no carrots).

You're planning a fun, local night out with your mates? Which three locations top your list and why?

Hellenika in Nobby's, then on to the Star Casino, finishing at a mate's house for free drinks.

Best local spot for family hangs and why?

Broadwater, either on a boat or relaxing along the foreshore. The water is calm for little ones and there's always so much going on.

Fave Gold Coast shopping destination?

Harbourtown, as there's always the best discounts.

Fave haircut? Paul the Singing Barber on Chevron Island.

Complete this sentence: Only a Gold Coast local knows... The extent of our arts and culture scene and how it is evolving. Check out HOTA, Miami Marketta or NightQuarter. Fantastic.

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