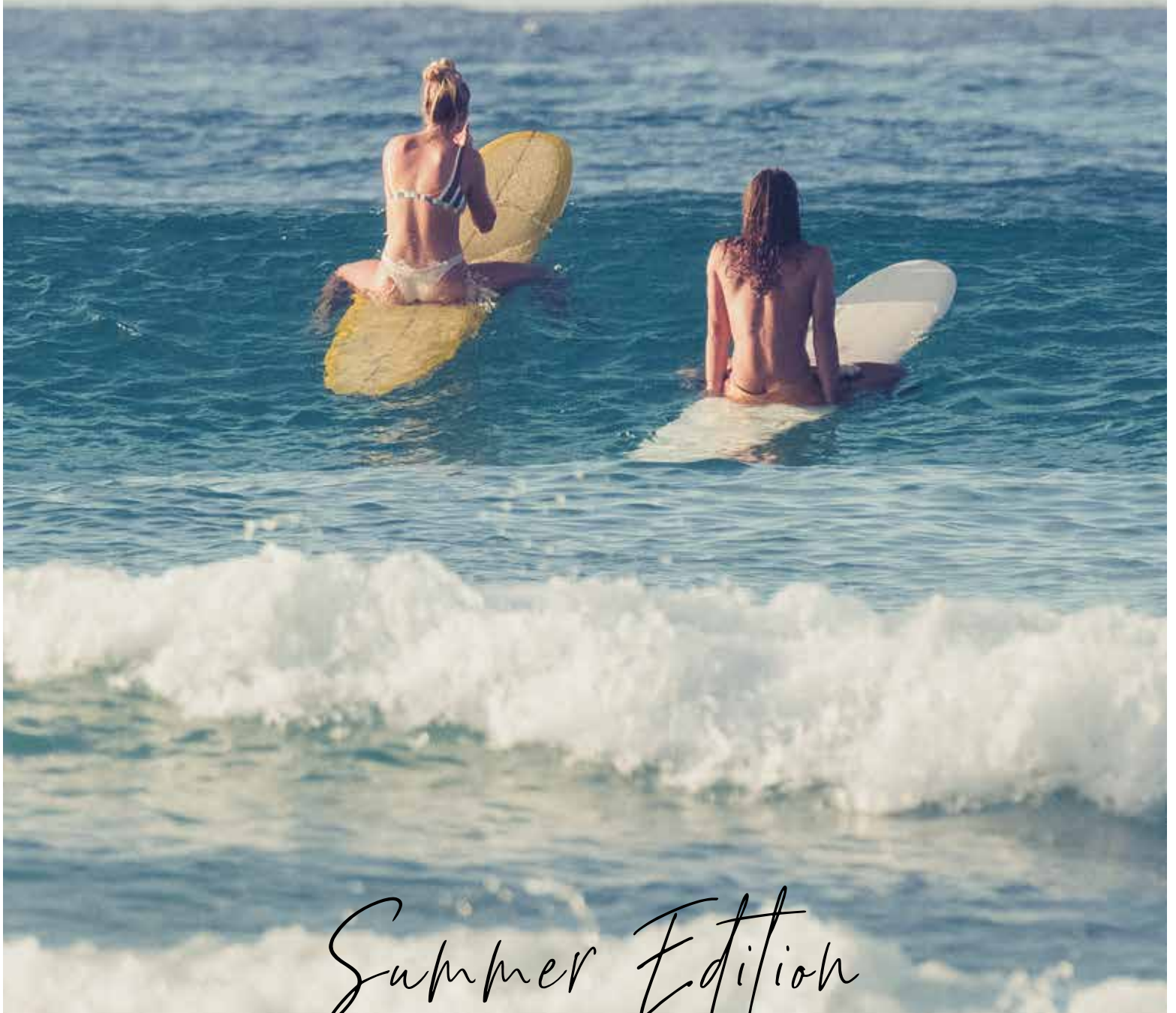




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showcasing the best of the coast,
the hotspots that locals know best.

Hello, beautiful summer! I'm ready to embrace the sunshine, iced coffees (okay, margaritas too), beach walks, sun-kissed hair, more freckles, adding to my hat fetish and rocking flip flops with most outfits this season.

The Gold Coast shines at this time of year and buzzes with holidaymakers and locals alike embracing our white sandy beaches and cooling off in our big blue sea. Don't miss out on turning your head west, though, and looking beyond the hills where you'll find rock pools and waterfalls to explore and cool yourself off on a hot summer day (just check our website for some great tips!).

Among other local landmarks, explore Mermaid Beach and Surfers Paradise in our pages as we highlight beachfront bliss in our 'Suburb Spotlights'. We also share some hot summer fashion ideas, give you the inside info on where to find your sweet summer treats (hello icecream) and even have you jetting off to Singapore in our pages this edition.

I always dig reading the Local Loves and getting my own tips from our local residents – where to eat, enjoy a cocktail or hang with the family. Each person writes their own tale covering most corners of our coast but one thing they have in common is a love for this city.

We're proud as punch to announce that our little magazine was a finalist for the recent Destination Gold Coast Content Award! We were up for the 'newbie' award, which recognises rising storytellers who have contributed to promotion of the Gold Coast area – and that, we do. Aside from this physical edition, you can always read all our tales that celebrate life on the Goldie online at www.scoutmagazine.com.au

Enjoy your summer vacay!

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THE WORD...



Pack your pet pals

Stayz has recently released research on Aussies and our habits around holidaying with pets. Did you know, 71 per cent of us pet owners will take our beloved pet/s on holidays with us. And we're not just taking dogs and cats - fish, ferrets, guinea pigs, rats, snails, birds and reptiles come on holidays with us too! Two-thirds of respondents say the most important factor when planning hols is pet-friendly accommodation.



DESTINATION GOLD COAST CONTENT AWARDS

There's no better feeling than being acknowledged for your passion project. Our little magazine was a finalist for the Destination Gold Coast 'Newbie Award', recognising our contribution to Gold Coast storytelling. Feeling proud!

Burleigh beauty almost here

If you've ever sat sipping a delicious cocktail poolside, in a trendy Bali beach club/bar, overlooking the ocean, and thought 'I wish we had this at home', well, soon you will. Based purely on its location alone, The Beach Pavilion is bound to be an absolute stunner when it opens at Burleigh Heads in December. Taking over the entire top floor of what is probably Burleigh's most iconic building, this bistro/bar with a beach club flavour is brought to the GC via the team behind Sydney's Manly Wharf Hotel as well as Mrs Sippy in Double Bay and Seminyak (told you!). Follow them on Insta (@burleighpavilion) to find out exactly when your cocktail will be calling you.

Hole lotta love!

Gold Coast doughnut lovers can rejoice. It's been announced that the iconic Doughnut Time will re-open in Burleigh Heads. Can we get a hallelulahu?! It's been saved from the depths of business liquidation doom by Gold Coast local Peter Andros (@ketoking).



NEW YEAR HOLIDAY READING

LOOKING FOR SOME BEACH OR POOLSIDE READING THESE SUMMER HOLIDAYS? HERE ARE THREE GREAT NEW WELLNESS TITLES TO ENSURE YOU START 2019 ON THE RIGHT FOOT.



WELLNESS AT HOME BOOK

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Filled with practical activities, information and interviews, explore four pillars of wellness with 17 Gwinganna wellness experts and special guest contributors covering topics like detoxing, sleep, nutrition, meditation, women's hormones, stress and heart health. **\$39.95**



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Rachel Kelly

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101 TINY CHANGES TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

Ailbhe Malone

How to look after yourself and your mental health, in an age where we too often forget to pause and take a breath. A totem for your bedside, bag or to give to a friend in need.

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CHEERS TO THE SILLY SEASON!

TURN YOUR HOLIDAY WINE INTO SOMETHING THAT LITTLE BIT MORE SPECIAL...

Chrissy sangria

INGREDIENTS

1 bottle of white or red wine
4 tbsp white sugar
60ml brandy
2 cups ginger ale
orange wedges
lemon wedges
lime wedges
fresh mint, to garnish

METHOD

Add ice to a large pitcher. Pour in all sangria ingredients and stir. Garnish with mint before serving.



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GEM OF AN IDEA FOR RUBY HOLIDAY SOUVENIRS

The Gold Coast is renowned as a creative playground for artistic types so when it came time to decide how to decorate the walls of The Ruby Apartments, the team didn't need to look too far to bring their idea to life. Gold Coast local Tracie Eaton was commissioned to produce artistic gems to adorn many walls throughout The Ruby Apartments and in a clever collaborative twist, guests will be able to purchase Tracey's one-off artworks, to take home a unique and tangible memory of their stay. Holiday souvenirs just took on a whole new meaning!



Local Q&A

WE ASKED SOME OF OUR LOCALS WHAT THEIR FAVE GOLD COAST CASUAL DINING LOCATION IS AND WHAT'S THE BEST ITEM ON THE MENU?



"That's such a hard question to answer with so many amazing options from Coolangatta to Coomera, especially as the time of day makes such a difference to our choice. However, for my absolute favourite evening dining experience it has to be Etsu at Mermaid Beach – the amazing range of dishes, the deep fried haloumi is to die for, the ever-changing specials and the freshness of the sashimi (or is it the range of Japanese whiskies?!). This restaurant is truly an asset to the Gold Coast."

DAVID BROOK - Ruby CEO

"I'm all about picnics these days. I love Burleigh Headland with fish and chips from any of the fish and chip shops in Burleigh and a bottle of wine. Magic!"

JUSTINE KELLY - Producer, ABC Radio

"Alfred's for a burrito and a beer if I'm lucky, especially on a Thursday night. Almost makes it feel like a Friday!"

MATT BEVILACQUA - Ironman

"It's hard to beat Harry's Steak Bistro for a \$25 steak and endless fries."

KATIE LOVEDAY - HOTA brand manager

"I rate Lucky Boa in Mermaid. Great food, cocktails and service. On the menu I'm loving slow roasted organic broccoli, sesame, miso, furakake."

ANDREW WHITING - Elk Espresso owner

"Poke Poke would have to be my favourite casual dining location. It's just down the road from my house and the food is always fresh and delicious I love the Feelin Clucky or Squidilicious."

BRIELLE COOPER - Ironwoman



SUBURB SPOTLIGHT...

Despite its proximity to busy Broadbeach, Mermaid Beach feels more like a sleepy beachside town than a suburb. With an abundance of cafes, restaurants and local hangouts all waiting patiently to be discovered, Mermaid Beach might just take out the award for 'best kept secret'.



MERMAID BEACH



When it comes to colourful, curated menus and beautifully decorated cafes, Mermaid Beach is your one-stop shop. Having gained national recognition thanks to a drop in from Matt Preston not too long ago, **Bam Bam Bakehouse** – with their cruffins, pastries and signature 'bombs' – will have you lining up for a sweet treat without batting an eyelid. Around the corner and close to the beach, **Rafiki** offers laid back breakfast and lunch options in a relaxed, beach side setting, while **The Milkman's Daughter** has the vegetarians covered with their cruelty-free menu.



Shops

When you're not hanging out at the beach – we argue Mermaid's stretch of sand is one of the best on the Coast – be sure to pay a visit to some of the unique stores and boutiques in Mermaid Beach. Fashionistas will love **Substance Boutique**, while skaters will delight at the range on offer at **Precinct Skate Shop**. But one thing everyone will be able to agree on? A trip to **The Borrowed Nursery**. Set inside a former workshop, now transformed into a nursery-slash-party venue, Borrowed sells, rents and displays plants and pots, while also hosting workshops and events. It doesn't get more unique than that.

Sip

Breakfast, lunch or dinner, you'll never regret stopping by the **Little Mermaid**. Creative cocktails and drool-worthy dishes are all on the menu at the happening spot, which often hosts local musos to create the perfect vibe. Looking for something a little more low-key? **Apres Surf** serves up food with heart and beers to match – just a short walk back from the beach, it's the perfect post-surf hangout (as the name suggests).

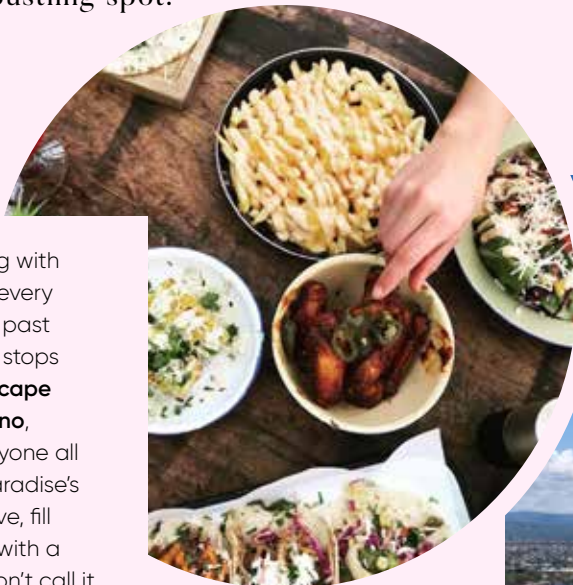


SUBURB SPOTLIGHT...

When visitors think of the Gold Coast, they no doubt picture Surfers Paradise. A towering skyline, golden bikini-clad Meter Maids and – of course – barrelling waves are all quintessential Surfers Paradise icons, but there's plenty more to explore in the bustling spot.

Eat

If you're after beachfront dining with a variety of restaurants to suit every age and budget, you can't go past Soul Boardwalk. Home to food stops like **Gringo Loco Cantina**, **Seascape Restaurant and Bar** and **Vapiano**, they've got something for everyone all just steps away from Surfers Paradise's famous beachfront. Ride a wave, fill up on yiros then wash it down with a schooner... and repeat. They don't call it 'Soul' Boardwalk for nothing.



Play

The unofficial capital of Gold Coast entertainment, there's no better place to run wild and free than through the streets of Surfers Paradise. Get lost in the lights and lasers of the **Infinity** attraction, have your mind blown at every turn in the mad museum that is **Ripley's Believe it or Not**, or simply lay down a towel and soak up the south-east Queensland sun on the beach. The world's your oyster. **TrickPic** is a brand new attraction for Surfers Paradise that puts YOU in the picture. Your social media feed will thank you for a visit to this world-first concept – a crazy fun 3D interactive photo gallery (pictured below).



SURFERS PARADISE



There's no better way to see the Gold Coast than from the top of the tallest building in the southern hemisphere.

Q1's SkyPoint lounge not only offers unrivalled views of the entire coastline, but they also do amazing food and drinks for those wanting some sky-high dining. Test your limits on the **SkyPoint Climb**, which will have you scaling the side of the building and trekking to the very top – choose to go before sunrise or after dark for a particularly jaw-dropping experience.



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HIGH FIVES

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The Cardamom Pod,
Southport and Broadbeach

The LC, Miami

Greenhouse, Miami and Coolangatta

The Milkman's Daughter,
Mermaid Beach

Giri Kana Café, Southport

Fish n Chips

Sorrento Seafood, Mermaid Beach

Fish Monger, Burleigh

Dine Fine, Palm Beach

(the parmesan crumbed fish is to die for!)

Pete's Fish and Chips, Sea World Drive

(a Gold Coast icon, with all the fish and seafood options you can imagine)

Selfish, Coolangatta

Ice Cream

Heaven-yah, Mermaid Beach

Lello Lello, Pacific Fair

(we're told a must-try is the Snickers gelato)

Bubbo Dessert, Surfers Paradise

Oh My Waffle, Burleigh

My Gelato, Kirra Beach

(this place is owned and operated by an Italian family, who make the ice cream on-site #authenticYUM!)



Acai

Rafiki, Mermaid Beach

Tugun Fruit and Flowers, Tugun

(it's always jammed with people wanting a bit of acai goodness)

Salt Mill, Currumbin

Paddock, Burleigh

BSKT, Nobby Beach

EAT...

SWEET TREATS

NOTHING SAYS FESTIVE
SEASON LIKE A FOODIE
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OF ANOTHER LONG AND BUSY
YEAR. YOU DESERVE IT!



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Brio Express

New to join The Oasis is Brio Express – a progressive wholefood cafe supported by a team of true health and wellness fanatics. They offer a menu with purpose. All these items are keto friendly/low-carb and all made in house – literally every one of them right down to the Fatboy icecream!

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The Oasis is at 75 Surf Parade, Broadbeach.

www.oasisshoppingcentre.com

EAT...



TOP 10 BEST BBQ SPOTS

THE WEATHER IS HEATING UP AND SO ARE BARBEQUES UP AND DOWN THE GOLD COAST. YOU DON'T NEED A STATE-OF-THE-ART BARBIE TO GRILL, SMOKE AND SIZZLE UP A STORM – THERE ARE PLENTY OF GREAT BARBECUE SPOTS AROUND TOWN FOR YOU TO USE, FREE OF CHARGE.

1

JUSTIN'S PARK/ JOHN LAWS PARK, BURLEIGH

If it's a BBQ with a view you're after, look no further than Burleigh Heads. Both the beachfront Justin's Park and John Laws Park (known as Burleigh Hill to locals) offer clean, pristine barbecue facilities as well as beach access, toilets, nearby restaurants and – most famously – a stunning view of the Gold Coast.

2

KIRRA HILL LOOKOUT

Perched between North Kirra and Greenmount Beaches, the view from Kirra Hill Lookout is most certainly worth the trek up the hill. Sprawling views from Coolangatta right up to Surfers Paradise make this one of the best sunset spots on the Gold Coast, best enjoyed with a barbecued burger in hand.



LAGUNA PARK, PALM BEACH

This spot is a popular wedding destination and, after taking one look at the stunning waterfront location and towering palm trees, you'll understand why. This quiet slice of Palm Beach paradise is perfect for family get-togethers.

TALLEBUDGERA CREEK

If it's absolute waterfront barbecues you're after, look no further than Tallebudgera Creek. A respite from the hustle and bustle of the Gold Coast, the crystal-clear ocean creek also offers playgrounds, toilet facilities and a rock pool.

PALM BEACH PARKLANDS (PIRATE PARK)

Families with young children will particularly love this park, which boasts an enormous pirate ship as a playground. Set on the Currumbin Creek inlet, the Palm Beach Parklands also offer numerous barbecues and are in close proximity to a dog off-leash beach, if you're looking to bring the entire family.

PARADISE POINT PARKLANDS

It's not called Paradise Point for nothing. Perched on the broad water, Paradise Point offers spacious grassy areas, children's playgrounds and excellent barbecue facilities. Make use of the undercover tables or pack a picnic blanket and enjoy lunch in the shade of the many tall trees.

CURRUMBIN ROCK POOLS

Adventure inland to this natural swimming pool and you'll be in for hours upon hours of rope swinging, creek swimming and wholesome summer fun. There are several sheltered picnic tables and barbecues to make use of, so pack some food and make a day of it.

BROADWATER PARKLANDS, SOUTHPORT

The sprawling Broadwater Parklands are a Gold Coast favourite for a reason – between the water park and the ginormous jumping pillow, it's the perfect spot for an afternoon of family fun. Well-kept, well-positioned barbecues make the most of the view.

CASCADE GARDENS, BROADBEACH WATERS

Along with its towering trees, sparkling river and many monuments and memorials, Cascade Gardens is also known for its particularly clean barbecue facilities. Head here if you're after an afternoon get-together away from the action.

KURRAWA PRATTEN PARK, BROADWATER

Along with being the Gold Coast's first 'all abilities playground', Kurrawa Pratten Park is a favourite for local families and tourists alike for its expansive area, impressive array of facilities and – of course – excellent barbecue spots.

BARBIE MATES

HITTING A LOCAL GOLD COAST PARK
FOR A BBQ THIS SUMMER?
DON'T FORGET THESE...



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Lush Designs Salt and Pepper apron,
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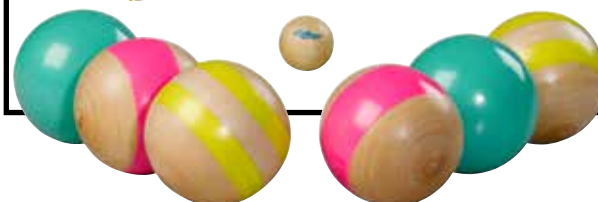
Sophie Allport Flamingo napkins,
\$27, www.sophieallport.com



Bellow salt and pepper grinders,
\$73, www.limelace.co.uk



Annabel James game of boules,
\$40, www.annabeljames.co.uk



EAT...

DINING DESTINATION

WHAT'S THE PERFECT WAY TO SPEND A SUMMER? WINING AND DINING AT A WATERFRONT PARADISE SOUNDS PRETTY GOOD TO US, AND WE'RE LOVING WHAT'S ON THE MENU AT SANCTUARY COVE.

Cove Tavern

If it's hearty food and good vibes you're after, there's no place like the Cove Tavern. Serving up lunch and dinner from a seasonally changing menu – this summer, we're eyeing off the seafood pasta – the Cove Tavern promises quality food and quality service, as well as mouth-watering daily specials that will have you coming back night after night. Whether it's a lunch in the sunshine or an intimate dinner with friends – or, dare we say, some late-night grub to fuel your night – you'll find something to whet your appetite on the Cove Tavern's extensive menu. Then, before you go, be sure to wash it all down with an ice-cold schooner or a wine from their selection.



Arnie's Café and Bar

There's no meal of the day that you can't enjoy at Arnie's. Breakfast? Sorted, with a fresh cold-pressed juice or a steaming coffee – best enjoyed whilst also drinking in the stunning scenery. For lunch, tuck into a classic Arnie's Parmy or any other hearty, wholesome menu item, all while keeping watch for the kangaroos, kookaburras and other wildlife that have been known to frequent the nearby green. For a before dinner treat, a crisp glass of wine and a share plate on the outdoor patio makes for the perfect sundowner – then duck inside for a barramundi or a burger. And, if you're looking to host the perfect summer soiree, Arnie's is also available for private hire, and is perfect for cocktail receptions, launches, meetings or social gatherings.



Esco

The little sister of renowned Sanctuary Cove staple loesco Restaurant has arrived at The Marine Village, boasting an impressive modern Italian and Mediterranean menu of breakfast and lunch offerings – with the quality coffee to match.

Esco is on track to become Sanctuary Cove's mid-morning hotspot, with the poached eggs, asparagus, vine-ripened tomatoes served with toast and extra virgin olive oil already one of the most popular menu items. Bellies full, but still not sick of the picturesque harbour view, customers are sure to dive into the extensive drinks menu and indulge all afternoon long.

"Overlooking one of the most beautiful harbours in the world, Esco is the perfect place to start the day, soaking up the serenity for breakfast, to enjoy lunch alfresco in the sunshine or to meet up with friends for a drink as the sun sets," says restaurant owner and chef Max Alfieri.

Extending the opening times of the popular loesco, Esco will make the most of the warmer months by giving Sanctuary Cove visitors and residents alike the perfect place to relax waterside. With a focus on simple, perfectly cooked ingredients and quality service, there's no better place to celebrate summer.



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EAT...

COCKTAIL CULTURE

IS IT EVEN A SUMMER VACAY IF YOU DON'T HAVE A COCKTAIL IN HAND? WE'VE GOT THE LOW-DOWN ON THE BEST BEVS AROUND TOWN, SO CONSIDER THIS LIST A ROADMAP FOR YOUR NEXT COCKTAIL CRAWL. JUST ADD FRIENDS AND GOOD TIMES!

ETSU

The Mermaid Beach Athletic Club
Cocktail: House-made spiced honey syrup, mandarin liqueur, applejack yuzu, Japanese whisky and peach bitters.
www.etsu.com.au

ALOHA BAR

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www.alohabaranddining.com.au

RETROS

Chambord Showers Fish Bowl: Finlandia vodka, watermelon liqueur, lemon juice, soda and lemonade.
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BAZAAR! AT QT HOTEL

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www.qthotelsandresorts.com/gold-coast/eat-drink/bazaar

THE COLLECTIVE PALM BEACH

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www.thecollectivepalmbeach.com.au

JUSTIN LANE

Blackberry Gin Sour: Gin, crème de mure, blackberry, lemon and vanilla.
www.justinlane.com.au

SCOTTISH PRINCE

Anchors Aweigh: Brookies gin.
www.thescottishprince.wordpress.com

GRANDDAD JACKS

Riddos: Gin, lemon, vermouth, pepper syrup, orange bitters, crushed ice and garnished with a nasturtium leaf.
www.granddadjacks.com



Summer wine winners

Words: Alex Mitcheson

WANTING TO KNOW WHAT WINES YOU SHOULD BE SLURPING IN THE HEAT? READ ON...

When it comes down to grabbing a bottle of wine for any occasion, we certainly have a plentiful choice here in the lucky country. You can go to lengths to find some top international drops but why would you when Australia is producing some really stellar wines that should certainly be on your radar this summer.

Riesling is definitely one of these and is perfect drinking as the weather begins to warm up. Often mistaken as a purely sweet wine, there are some great examples of dry and fresh styles from the Clare and Eden Valleys in South Australia. These areas both have altitude and come summer usually have really warm days, yet relatively cool nights. Great conditions that bring on complexity and flavours within the grapes. Thinking of a Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc? Trust me, do yourself a favour and dip your toe into this aromatic grape variety. In general, young Riesling is moderately citrus driven with apricot, nectarine and honey crisp apple aromas. Working fantastically with most spiced food.

TOP 3 PICKS FOR AUSTRALIAN RIESLING THIS SUMMER:

2018 Reislingfreak no.4 – Eden Valley Riesling- Average \$22 a bottle.

Great freshness and acidity- flavours of bruised lime and sweet spice.

2017 Mountadam- Eden Valley Riesling- Average \$20 a bottle.

Aromas of citrus and blossom, underlying herb character make a great complex wine.

2017 O'Leary Walker- Polish Hill River Riesling- Average \$25 a bottle.

Bright and floral wine with a great lemon and lime crispness

SHOP...

Swimmin' in Style

IF THERE'S ONE THING THE GOLD COAST DOES WELL, IT'S SUMMER. IT'S THE LAND OF SUN, SURF, SAND, SALT AIR AND, WELL, STYLIN' SWIMWEAR! WHY NOT SPLASH OUT ON SOME SUMMER NEWBIES TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON.

Peony Petal underwire crop and skimpy pant, \$89 and \$79 respectively, www.peonyswimwear.com



Zulu & Zephyr signature bikini one piece in olive (also available in black and white), \$160, www.zuluandzephyr.com



Aqua Diva Ariel one piece in racer style (also available in Olympia style), \$69.95, www.aquadivaswimwear.com



Shade Swim The Grace swimsuit in teal (also available in black, navy and magenta), \$229, www.shadeswim.com.au

Cotton On Finley rash vest in shell blue/tigers (available in various prints), \$19.99, www.cottonon.com



Skwosh Bravo Avocado boardies, \$79, www.skwosh.com.au



Billabong Sundays boardshort in navy, \$79.99, www.billabong.com



Triangl Twinnie bikinis in Flower Power (available in various styles and colours), \$86, www.australia.triangl.com



Oceana Blue Sea Leopard ladies swimsuit, \$160, www.oceanablueswimwear.com



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Fashionable finds

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FAB FASHION FIND HERE
AT THE OASIS

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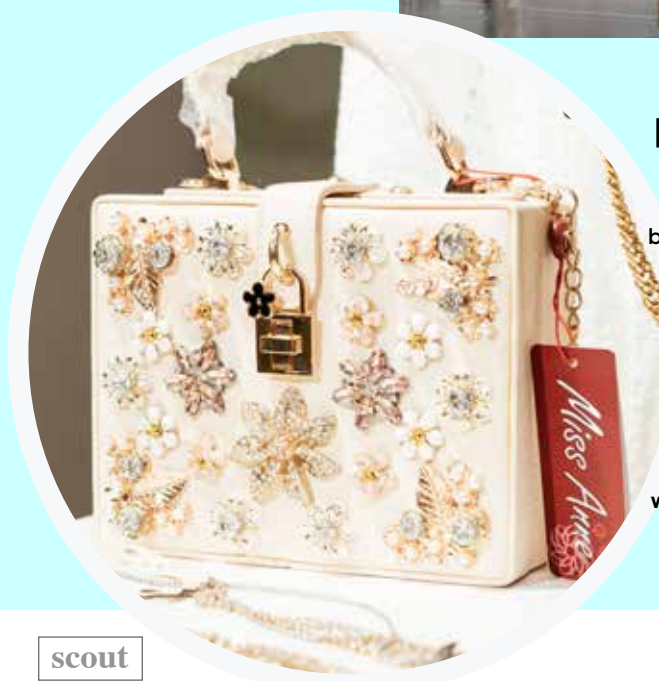
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WELLBEING...

STAY SUN SAFE THIS SUMMER

NOTHING RUINS SUMMER LIKE A SUNBURN. WHILE THE PAIN AND REDNESS MAY ONLY LAST A FEW DAYS, A BAD SUNBURN CAN HAVE LONG-TERM EFFECTS THAT WILL LEAVE YOU WISHING YOU'D LATHERED UP BETTER. TRY THESE TIPS FOR AVOIDING HARMFUL SUN EXPOSURE THIS SUMMER.

While it's certainly true that you can get sunburnt all year 'round – especially when you're in the snow, thanks to its propensity for UV reflection – here in Queensland, we tend to spend a lot more time out in the sun during the summer months, meaning we seriously increase our chances of getting burned. That's why it's so important to keep those five sun safety secrets that the Cancer Council recommends – 'slip, slop, slap, seek and slide' – front of mind whenever we're exposed to the sun's rays.

SLIP...

on some clothing that protects your skin from the sun. Whether it's a sun shirt in the water or a long-sleeve top on the shore, making sure that your skin isn't exposed to the UV rays is a sure-fire way to prevent sunburn. Keep the fabric lightweight to stay nice and cool, too.

SLOP...

on a protective sunscreen that is SPF30 or higher. The Cancer Council recommends reapplying your sunscreen every two hours, particularly when you're sweating, swimming or towel drying, while also following their other sun safety tips.

SLAP...

on a hat – the broader the brim, the better! While you should generally try to stay out of the sun as much as possible, wearing a protective hat when you do have to spend time outdoors is a great way to protect not just your face and neck, but your scalp too (an easily forgotten area where melanomas are reportedly more lethal).

SEEK...

a shady spot if you're planning on spending the day outside! Whether it's under one of the enormous pine trees that are common on the southern end of the Gold Coast or your own beach umbrella, having a shady spot to relax in is a great way to reduce your risk of sunburn and overheating.

SLIDE...

on some sunnies, but make sure they meet Australian standards – the sunglasses must have, at minimum, good UV protection and protection against sun glare. Consult the Cancer Council website for a full description of the Australian Standard for protective eyewear before you make any purchases.

When in doubt, refer to the handy SunSmart app! It will tell you what the UV index – the ultraviolet radiation, said to be the invisible killer that you won't see or feel – is like for the day and how much sun protection you should use.

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WELLBEING...

Sizzlin' Summer!

KEEP A COOL HEAD WHEN IT COMES TO STAYING
SAFE IN THE SUMMER SUN. HERE'S HOW ...

Shader Original in teal (also available in
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WHAT'S ON...

THE CIRCUS GOES 360

THIS JANUARY, YOUR HEAD WILL SPIN AND YOUR MIND WILL RUN IN CIRCLES WHEN THE RADICAL URBAN CIRCUS, 360 ALLSTARS, COME TO TOWN. PREPARE FOR DIZZIFYING STUNTS AND A WHIRLWIND OF TALENT SPANNING ALL FORMS OF ROTATION, ONLY AT THE GOLD COAST'S HOME OF THE ARTS.

Are you ready for a spin out? The phenomenal physical performance that is 360 ALLSTARS is coming to HOTA for 'Kids Take Over' from January 16 to 19, and it's like nothing you've ever seen before.

Exploring all forms of rotation, the show promises mind-blowing talent that pushes the limits, all set to a soundtrack by the award-winning Roman MC and renowned musical producer and show director, Gene Peterson.

"We definitely didn't hold back!" says Gene. "The show has an amazing lighting design, a killer live soundtrack and stunning video projections displayed across three video screens. I wanted every single ingredient of the show to be spectacular in its own right."

While dreaming up 360 ALLSTARS, Gene had just one vision – he was focused on making something awesome. By connecting

the street with the elite, he gathered an international cast complete with a world champion BMX Flatlander – an artistic form of biking on smooth, flat surfaces – two world champion break-dancers, an internationally acclaimed basketball freestyler, and a breathtaking roue cyr artist (don't ask, just Google). How much more awesome could he fit on one stage?

"Once you're thinking without limitations, it's easy to dream big," says Gene. "We ended up head-hunting artists from the UK, Europe, Asia, America, Australia and New Zealand. It probably wasn't the most cost-effective choice, but it was the decision to remove these logistical and financial parameters and put the art first that made the show successful."

And successful it has been. Having delivered explosive shows all over the

world – from the USA to Germany, Canada to China – 360 ALLSTARS is now gearing up to perform here on the Gold Coast. And we simply cannot wait.

360 Allstars is a part of HOTA's Kids Take Over, a music mini fest where kids create, get loud and make their mark during the summer school holidays from January 16.

WWW.HOTA.COM.AU



WHAT'S ON...

NINE PINTS FULL

**BRASH, BALLSY AND
'BLOOD'-Y BRILLIANT –
THERE'S SIMPLY NO OTHER
WAY TO DESCRIBE DRACULA'S
LATEST PRODUCTION.**

No one does a night out like Dracula's. From the moment you board the Ghost Train right through to the final bow, you're taken on an after-worldly adventure where anything can happen. 'Nine Pints', the brand-new show by the vampiric theatre troupe, is no different.

Less vaudeville and more 'Vegas underworld', Nine Pints delivers a dynamic display of aerial artistry, saucy entertainment and smutty – albeit incredibly witty – comedy. With a dash of brashness, a pinch of cheekiness and a generous serving of #WTF make for one unforgettable night.

The jokes are ballsy (almost literally – one act includes a giant penis) and the performances perfectly executed. Audiences even witness the return of the traditional puppetry that Dracula's founding family, the Newmans, are known for. Nine Pints ticks all boxes.

Combining old favourites (food and cocktails, and the ghost train reel that never fails to bring the audience together in embarrassment) and new additions – a bloody, provocative film clip kicks off the show, which features plenty of fresh talent – Nine Pints will leave your heart beating wildly and your face drained of blood... in the best way possible.

**WWW.DRACULAS.COM.AU/GOLD-COAST/
NINE-PINTS**



Meet the Stars...

Stewart Reeve, 'Diamond'

FUN FACT: Stewart is a well-known Dracula's cast member, who captivated audiences at the Melbourne venue for five years with his quick-witted comedic timing and powerhouse vocals.

Antonia Marr, 'Absinthe'

FUN FACT: Since graduating from college in London, Antonia has taken on some well-known and loved characters – Tiger Lily in 'Peter Pan', 'Wicked's Elphaba, and Mimi in 'Rent' are just a few of the roles she's played.

Will Rogers, 'El-Mo'

FUN FACT: Will was born into a life of theatre – his parents were members of the Handspan Theatre Company workshop, which was just a stone's throw away from the iconic Dracula's Melbourne.

NINE PINTS IN REVIEW

Here's what our scout reviewer had to say after she watched the show: "Year after year, Dracula's never fails to make my jaw drop and my belly ache with laughter. Cheeky and wild, with great tunes, dances and aerial acts, the talent and humour – particularly from 'El-Mo' – will rock your socks off. Keep an eye out for twins Aorta and Jugular when their dynamic aerial acts bring a new spin to the stage show and be sure to stock up on cocktails to get in the mood for another legendary show."

Viola Skyes, 'Vendetta'

FUN FACT: Gold Coast local Viola has been playing guitar since aged 10, and has supported big name acts like Alice Cooper and Motley Crue in her short but impressive career.

Benjamin Winstanley, 'Brutus'

FUN FACT: You'll probably recognise him from previous Dracula's production, 'Terrorbyte', but make no mistake – Benjamin's performance in 'Nine Pints' is unlike anything you've seen before!

Alyssa and Amy Cameron, 'Jugular' and 'Aorta'

FUN FACT: Both trained in contortion, aerials and acrobatics, these Gold Coast-born identical twins are almost never apart.

WHAT'S ON...



DEC 17 – 21

A SANCTUARY COVE CHRISTMAS

The Marine Village will transform into a Christmas Wonderland when Sanctuary Cove hosts its Christmas Carnival. Expect an array of Christmas-themed workshops and activities during the day, including photos with Santa in Santa's Grotto for children and pets. Then – on Thursday December 20 – the Village Green will come to life with Christmas Carols and the highly anticipated Buggy Parade.

WWW.SANCTUARYCOVE.COM



JAN 12

THE STAR GOLD COAST MAGIC MILLIONS RACEDAY

High stakes racing and high glamour characterise the \$10 million Magic Millions Raceday. The nine fast-paced races, including the \$2 million The Star Gold Coast Magic Millions 2YO Classic and the \$2 million Gold Coast Magic Millions 3YO Guineas, are matched only by the Magic Millions Racing Women's \$500,000 Bonus and Harrolds Fashions on the Field – and it all happens trackside at the picturesque Gold Coast Turf Club.

WWW.MAGICMILLIONS.COM.AU

DEC 8 – FEB 17

LET THERE BE ROCK!

A celebration of the rock destination that was the Gold Coast from the 1970s to 1999, 'Let there be Rock!' is a curated display of the stories, memorabilia, photos and footage dating back to the hey-day of hard-core rock and entertainment. Take a tour through the golden age of venues like The Playroom, Bombay Rock, The Patch, Jet Club and Fisherman's Wharf and find some familiar faces – visitors will be sure to spot members of famed rock bands like The Ramones, Cold Chisel, INXS, The Go-Betweens and, of course, the exhibitions namesake, AC/DC.

WWW.HOTA.COM.AU



31 DEC

NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS

GOLD COAST 8pm & midnight
Surfers Paradise Beach, Surfers Paradise

Check out the council website for your local listing and up-to-date locations.

WWW.GOLDCOAST.QLD.GOV.AU

BRISBANE 8.30pm & midnight
Clem Jones Promenade, South Bank Parklands

The best fireworks vantage points are Mt Coot-tha, Highgate Hill, Holy Trinity Church Woolloongabba, Vulture Street, Latrobe Terrace, Paddington, Portside Wharf and Coorparoo.

WWW.BRISBANE.QLD.GOV.AU

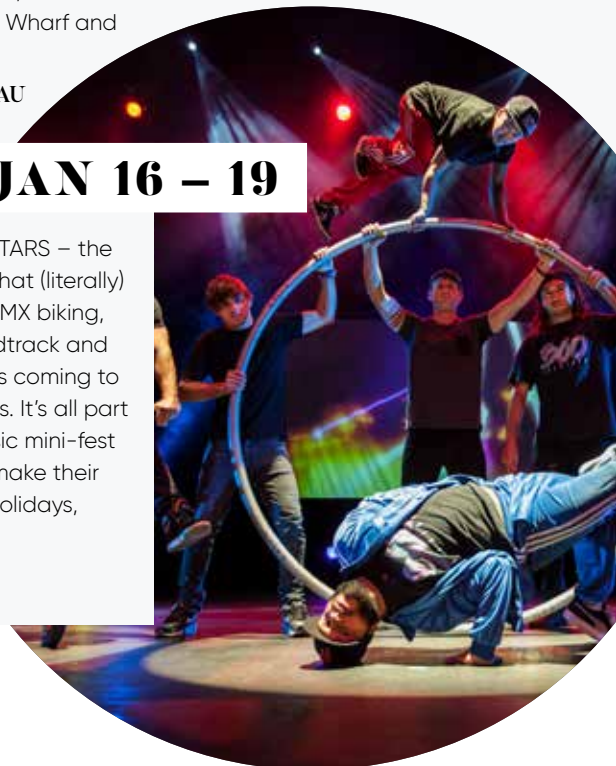


360 ALLSTARS

Prepare to be spun out! 360 ALLSTARS – the internationally-acclaimed show that (literally) puts a new spin on circus tricks, BMX biking, basketball, all set to a bold soundtrack and wild lighting and video effects – is coming to the Gold Coast's Home of the Arts. It's all part of HOTA's Kids Take Over, the music mini-fest where kids create, get loud and make their mark during the summer school holidays, starting January 16.

WWW.HOTA.COM.AU

JAN 16 – 19





JAN 19

UNDER THE SOUTHERN STARS

It's an Aussie music showcase of epic proportions. Be there at Broadwater Parklands when Australian music greats Hoodoo Gurus take to the stage, alongside big name bands like You Am I, Sheppard, British India, The Superjesus, The Getaway Plan and Scott Darlow.

WWW.UNDERTHESOUTHERNSTARS.COM.AU



JAN 26

AUSTRALIA DAY

The holiday season may officially be over, but we've still got a long weekend on the horizon that's getting us through those first few weeks back at work! Make the most of Australia Day weekend – remember, the public holiday falls on Monday January 28 – and enjoy one last hurrah, whether it's a camping trip away, getting involved in one of the events in your local area or simply chucking a few prawns on the barbie.



FEB 8 – 24

SAND SAFARI ARTS FESTIVAL

See Surfers Paradise transform into a captivating beachside exhibition of life-sized sand sculpts, giant tentacles, a sculptural sand crab migration, mermaids, artists and so much more. With arts, literature and education, along with the event highlight, the annual Australian Sand Sculpting Championships, Sand Safari offers a wonderful place of discovery, where families and friends can connect, capture and share memories over two weeks.

WWW.SURFERSPARADISE.COM.AU



FEB 24

TRIATHLON PINK

The Gold Coast will turn into the Pink Coast in February, when the Ramsey Health Care Triathlon Pink Series comes to town for one of six bright pink triathlons. Women, boys and girls (aged 7-13) are invited to take part in the triathlon itself, while the whole family – all ages and genders – are welcome to participate in Fun Run Pink. It all kicks off at 6am at the Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre. See you there!

WWW.TRIATHLONPINK.COM.AU

MAR 2 – 3

12 TOWERS OCEAN PADDLE FESTIVAL

'Tackle the Towers' returns for its eighth year, but this time around, expect even more fun to be had both in the surf and on the shore. One of Australia's premier stand-up paddleboard, ocean ski and prone races, the competition continues to push athletes to their limits – this year, the long-distance course has been extended to a whopping 17km, seeing competitors battle it out from Snapper Rock to North Burleigh Hill.

WWW.12TOWERS.COM



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STAY...

It's finally here

THE JEWEL IN SURFERS PARADISE'S CROWN HAS FINALLY FLUNG OPEN ITS DOORS, USHERING IN A NEW STANDARD FOR HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION HERE ON THE COAST. THE RUBY COLLECTION HAS ARRIVED – AND, BOY, ISN'T SHE SPARKLING.

After 18 long months of construction, we finally have our first taste of the Ruby Collection in the form of the 30-floor, 243 room Ruby Apartments. The first of four towers that will make up the prestigious new address, the Ruby Apartments is quickly filling up with guests, all excited to experience the Ruby difference.

"It's been a long ride to get to this point, but the finished product is looking amazing," says resort CEO David Brook.

Combining appeal for all ages with five-star facilities, the Ruby Apartments deliver sophisticated indulgence and cutting-edge features that aren't often synonymous with family-friendly accommodation.

"With an emphasis on space and design, each apartment in The Ruby Apartments exudes a luxurious feel that complements our Gold Coast surrounds," says David. "The use of teal and earthy tones brings together the ocean and hinterland and our bedspreads form a ripple like the ocean, and the rose gold accents throughout each apartment are modern yet timeless touches and drawn

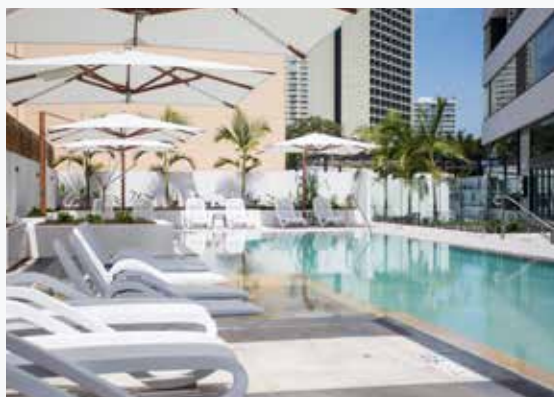
from the inspiration of our namesake Ruby."

The apartments and villas come equipped with ocean or hinterland views from levels 7 and up – some with magnificent views of both – and all have a full kitchen, lounge and dining areas, private en suite with shower, and those handy little extras such as USB charging points, Bluetooth speakers, complimentary Wi-Fi and easy access to Ruby's own digital concierge.

At Ruby, customer service staff are known as Ruby Ambassadors. In their multi-faceted roles, Ruby Ambassadors get to know their guests and their needs to deliver a more personalised service – from check-in to check-out, your Ruby Ambassadors will assist with your every need.

Add to that the dining options, on-site water parks, kids activities, gym, and so much more, you'll need more than one night to truly discover why the Ruby motto – 'we don't do ordinary' – fits so perfectly.

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STAY...

QT GOLD COAST:

Your weekend guide

THERE ARE FEW PLACES THAT OFFER AS MANY CHANCES TO WINE, DINE AND RECLINE IN STYLE AS QT GOLD COAST. WE DON'T BLAME YOU FOR WANTING TO STAY ALL WEEKEND LONG. HERE'S HOW YOU SHOULD DO JUST THAT...

Friday

12PM – LUNCH AT YAMAGEN

The popular izakaya-style restaurant has launched a truly delicious Friday Lunch extravaganza, so make sure you stop by for the set Omakase menu as well as an Asahi Dry or glass of wine (just \$49 per person – minimum 2 people). Or, feast on the full Yamagen menu, jam-packed with Japanese-inspired signature dishes like the Thinly Sliced Snapper and Teriyaki Chicken.

2PM – CHECK INTO YOUR ROOM

From the moment you step foot in QT Gold Coast, you'll discover that unrivalled attention to detail – from the beautiful artist-crafted features and bold custom lighting – and inspirational settings are all part of the charm. With nearly 300 spacious guest rooms, all featuring dazzling views of the coast's famous scenery, and the glamour and style you'd expect from Australia's party playground, there's really no place like QT Gold Coast.

8PM – SALSA AND MOJITOS AT STINGRAY'S LATIN-INSPIRED PARTY RUMBA CALIENTE

Start your weekend off with a bang with Stingray's Rumba Caliente. With Bacardi mojitos, spicy coconut coladas, Cuban espresso martinis and pineapple cinnamon caipirinhas, you'll be forgiven for thinking you're in Latin America. Dance it out to the fiery beats of DJ Don Juan while feasting on empanadas, ceviche, Cuban pizzas and other Latin-inspired canapés to keep you going.



Saturday

8AM – BEACH WALK

FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST AT FIXX

Soak up the stunning Gold Coast coastline with a morning walk, then refuel at Fixx Café. Combining a delicious organic menu with treats to indulge your sweet tooth, Fixx gives breakfast a modern twist – but makes sure the coffee is strong enough to get out of bed for. Keep the health kick going with a delicious acai bowl (and feel less guilty when you tuck into the table of treats...)

NEXT – SPAQ TREATMENT

Relax and unwind with SpaQ's variety of spa packages for singles, couples and groups, or an individual treatment – choose between a massage, facial therapy, body exfoliation or mask, makeup, nails or grooming and waxing.

3PM – EXPLORE THE GOLD COAST ATOP YOUR OWN QT BIKE

Complimentary use of their super-cute retro QT Gold Coast Bikes, available at reception. Then grab a sunset cocktail at The Island Rooftop.



Sunday

9AM – HAVE A DIP AT THE POOL BEFORE CHECKING OUT

Funky meets fresh at the unique QT Gold Coast pool. Dip your toes into the aqua water, then relax in the shade of the towering palm trees or the black and white striped umbrellas. Then, if you can manage to tear yourself away, check out knowing you've just enjoyed a weekend well spent.

11.30AM – BRUNCH @ BAZAAR

But don't leave just yet! The best brunch on the Gold Coast is on at Bazaar, every single Sunday. Tuck into the live crepe station, roving canapés, breakfast pizzas, fondue station and more – and don't forget to wash it all down with a Chandon Rosé on arrival, or the bottomless mimosas.

STAY...

YOUR GROUP VACATION, SORTED



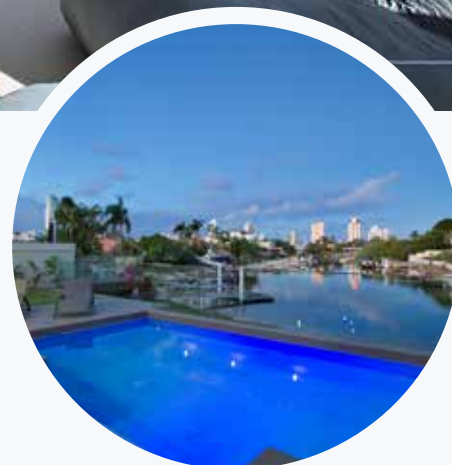
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ADVENTURE...

LIKE A BIRD

Words: Belinda Glindemann

ON ANY GIVEN DAY, YOU'VE GOT YOUR FEET FIRMLY PLANTED ON THE GROUND. THESE HOLIDAYS, HOWEVER, MAKE LIKE A FEATHERED FRIEND AND SOAR HIGH ABOVE THE GROUND ON A WALKING ADVENTURE IN THE SKY...

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.

"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

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.



ADVENTURE...

LIFESTYLE REDEFINED

31 BROADBEACH IS MORE THAN JUST THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK – IT'S THE MOST SOUGHT-AFTER ADDRESS IN ONE OF THE GOLD COAST'S MOST LIVEABLE SUBURBS. WHY? LET US EXPLAIN...

Picture this: you wake up, easily, to the sound of crashing waves and the smell of salty air. Within minutes, you're squishing your toes into clean white sand as you strap on your leg rope. The beach, the waves, are still undisturbed – your beachfront vantage point means you can get in and out before anyone else has even woken up.

When you've had enough, you wander back home, nearly tempted by the scents wafting from the nearby cafes – but you refrain. You're waiting to enjoy your morning brew while also drinking up the best view in the world.

Putting your board back into the specially designed storage section, you make your way inside and flick on the coffee machine. You rinse off quickly in the shower, grateful for the steam washing the salt and sand off your skin, and head back to the kitchen, clean and refreshed, to where your coffee is ready and waiting.

Work day, weekend, it could be either. For you, it's just another day in paradise. See, 31 Broadbeach just makes life easy. From the sleek, sophisticated design – with an urban Melbourne twist, courtesy of renowned studio Carr Design Group – to the perfectly positioned apartments – take your pick from the elevated ground floor 'beach house', with its own private pool and terrace, or the half- and whole-floor apartments – that maximise your coastal and ocean views, every last detail has been carefully considered to create your ultimate escape. Think beachside living with an elegant facelift.

Everything you need is on your doorstep. The spectacular Broadbeach location – with its parklands, shopping and dining destinations, as well as that uninterrupted stretch of picturesque beaches – is your new local, and the perfect backdrop for your afternoon floating in the rooftop pool.

It's all yours for the taking.

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ELSEWHERE...

SINGAPORE STOPOVER

Words: Missy Burrell

WHEN YOUR MIND IS IN CONSTANT PARENT MODE BUT YOUR BODY SCREAMS “RECHARGE ME!”, A KID-FREE VACAY MIGHT JUST BE THE TONIC. OR IS IT?

Hitting the ‘book now’ button on return Scoot flights, heading straight out of Coolangatta into the city-state of Singapore, conjured incredible imagery in this exhausted, mother-of-three’s mind. Four nights. Count ‘em. Four. Of kid-free bliss. My eyes glazed over, my brain busy calculating how many hours of uninterrupted sleep that would equate to.

Mealtimes? Quiet. Me? Fixated on my Hainanese chicken rice, instead of tossing tablet devices to bored children like you’d toss a bone to a starving dog (I said BACK you beasts!).

But mostly I was looking forward to releasing all control and responsibility – with only myself to look after (instead of hovering over kids aged 7, 6 and 1) – what grown-up-type fun was I in for? Striking a sultry pose while sipping Slings at an infamous rooftop bar? Slipping into a summer dress to stroll through giant glass greenhouses or shopping up a storm in the city’s answer to London’s Oxford Street? These were all the mini movies playing in my mind by the time I ascended the steps to the Boeing 787 Dreamliner (an apt name given my trance-like state). Did they eventuate into reality? A big, fat, N. O. P. E.

It was clear by the end of my first day, Singapore had other things in mind for me (numerous Slings excluded). And I could not have loved it more. Kicking off the Sling series in the city’s longest-running

microbrewery restaurant, Brewerkz in Clarke Quay, surfing Singapore’s MRT system and finding myself at the iconic selfie spot of Marina Bay (with the national icon – a Merlion – backdrop of choice) – my ‘quiet’ afternoon turned into something else entirely.

Fortunate timing meant my visit coincided with the annual i Light art festival featuring light art installations that transformed the Marina Bay skyline, and made for some pretty faaaabulous Insta-stories fodder.

Said festival included a carnival. And when I say carnival, I mean of the size-of-three-and-a-half-football-fields variety. The Prudential Marina Bay Carnival was a pop-up festival of fun, with 40 rides and games brought in from all over the world. It would have been wrong for me not to have given it a good ‘ol go. Did it need to be the rotating thrill ride called the Mach 5, which reaches 96km/h in under eight seconds, and had a G-force that made me feel as if my feet would drop away from my legs? Not really. But I’m not one to do things by halves. And after eight years of teacups and merry-go-rounds, I figured I deserved titillation of the carnival kind.

And so started my spiral into all things adrenaline. Day two’s planned sun soaking session on the man-made Sentosa Island instead saw me rise high above the South China Sea on the Skyride chairlift, smashing the competition in the Skyline Luge track and straddling a Segway for the very first time. No need to fret – I did still squeeze in a swim – and a Sling or two. Nighttime brought with it the water display, laser show, fire effects and spectacular music of ‘Wings of Time’ – the island’s famous outdoor night show. Topped off with some Salmon en Ajo Asado from Spanish tapas bar Octapas





back at Clarke Quay, it's safe to say I was ready for a bit of R&R.

So, of course, the natural thing to do would be to head straight for Universal Studios come the morning. Transformers: The Ride gave a whole new meaning to the term '3D' (and new ride tech) for me and the Waterworld live action show (which I'd previously seen in the US) remains one of the best theme park attractions I've ever seen. And that's really saying something as a born and bred Gold Coaster.

But the world's tallest duelling roller coaster – the Battlestar Galactica: Human vs. Cylon – was probs one step too far. I chose the Cylon team, meaning I was on the inverted coaster that ditched the old chain lift start in favour of a high speed launch. Meaning, also, that I was screaming for the entirety of the coaster, instead of just a few 'woos' in the middle. I literally had to take a minute upon exiting to regather myself.

I decided to take in Chinatown on the way home for a squiz and a meal. Turns out the day's excitement was not through yet. The restaurant was authentic, with a menu featuring pig's kidney, liver or stomach stewed in soup. Or 'trotters'. Or a plate of braised intestines. There was even a frog dish on the menu. I passed on these local delicacies (proper wuss), and went with a beef noodle stir fry. My adventure seeking obviously doesn't extend to cuisine.

I'll be honest – I am out of form. My feet can't take a pavement pound like they used to, so I did squeeze in a little pamper sesh at the city's hipster hub, Haji Lane. Its colourful shopfronts and laid-back vibe made me think of Nimbin (without the weed). Shoutout to the ladies at 99 Percent Hair Studio who took me in off the street, gave me a head rub, curled my hair all pretty-like and gave my tired tootsies the royal treatment. Rocking a fresh 'do, I made a few little purchases, before I headed over to take in the Supertree Grove and Garden Rhapsody light show at Gardens by the Bay.

My only disappointing experience in Singapore was running out of time. There were so many more 'must-dos' on my to-do list when I headed to Changi Airport it almost had me booking a return trip. So it's not a goodbye from me, Singapore, just a see ya later. And next time, this big kid will be bringing her little kids along for the ride. Because maybe, just maybe, their idea of fun is where it's really at after all.

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PET-FRIENDLY PLACES



WE KNOW WE LOVE OUR PETS HERE IN THE LAND DOWN UNDER BUT A RECENT SURVEY PROVES WE ARE ONE OF THE MOST PET-FRIENDLY PLACES IN THE WORLD.

Australia, take a bow. Travel website www.TrustedHousesitters.com recently released research around the "Top 100 Pet-Friendly Places Around The World" and our country took out 20 of the Top 100 spots! The survey was conducted with the help of more than 10,000 members of the site who recommended more than 54,000 locations.

The survey also showed that Australia lead the way by having more dog-friendly beaches than any other country. Here's a list of our country's most pet-friendly places, in case you were planning a holiday with your pooch this summer:

1. South Bank, Brisbane (world #7)
2. North Stradbroke Island, Moreton Bay, Queensland (world #12)
3. Hahndorf German Settlement, Adelaide Hills (world #21)
4. Safety Bay, Perth, Western Australia (world #26)
5. Big Banana, New South Wales (world #29)
6. Watiparinga Reserve, Adelaide, South Australia (world #36)
7. Ballarat Botanical Gardens Reserve, Victoria (world #38)
8. Gold Coast, Broadwater, Queensland (world #39)
9. Floreat/Peasholm Dog Beach, Floreat, Western Australia (world #42)
10. Lights In The Attic café, Hawthorn, Melbourne (world #44)
11. Lux Foundry, Melbourne (world #48)
12. Eumundi Markets, Sunshine Coast (world #50)
13. Kings Park, Perth (world #61)
14. Belle General Café, East Ballina, New South Wales (world #64)
15. Drift Café, Margaret River, Western Australia (world #66)
16. SkyHigh Mount Dandenong, Victoria (world #76)
17. Burns Beach Café, Perth (world #79)
18. The Pool Café, Peregian Springs, Queensland (world #81)
19. Yarralumla Gallery and The Oaks Brasserie, Canberra (world #85)
20. Mrs. S Café, Maylands, Western Australia (world #94)

DAY TRIPPIN...

SNAP HAPPY

IF THERE'S ONE THING YOU MUST DO WHEN YOU'RE ON HOLIDAYS, IT'S TAKE PHOTOS. LOTS OF THEM. HERE'S WHERE TO FIND THE BEST LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHIC BACKDROPS TO MAKE YOUR SOCIAL FEED SHINE! WHY NOT MAKE A DAY TRIP OF IT?



There's a school of thought in our modern society questioning that if something didn't get posted on Facebook or Instagram, did it really happen at all? No, we're not talking about this morning's acai bowl or your brother's beer-and-BBQed-meat shots (although yes, as an aside, we're sick of seeing them!) – we're talking about holiday photos. If you didn't post an album of beach, pool and cocktail shots from your week in Seminyak, did you really fly to Bali? If you didn't publish selfies at Coachella, did you really rub shoulders with music and Hollywood royalty?

Whether you're holidaying here on the Gold Coast or just lucky to call the GC your home, it's always good to know where you'll find the best locations for that killer social media shot.

scout sat down with local photographer Jacob Ritchie, who is also director/digital content manager at Two Birds Social (ie. he knows a thing or two about a killer social feed), to pick his brain on capturing the best snaps here on the Gold Coast.

Jacob says you shouldn't only think of the beach when you think of a great Gold Coast backdrop. He says you want to look for textural backdrops that provide interest and depth. And with such a wealth of options here on the Gold Coast, why not make a day trip of it? Pack your camera, some sustenance, a few outfit changes and your biggest grin, and try to tick off a few of Jacob's fave local photographic locations:

MEXICALI

2223 Gold Coast Highway, Nobby's Beach: Jacob says to look out for the murals attached to this taqueria as a great backdrop and also the "epic pastels" this location offers.

THE BORROWED NURSERY

44 Cronulla Avenue, Mermaid Beach: Lush greenery contrasts against industrial features here. These guys are really geared to photography with venue hire available for serious photoshoots.

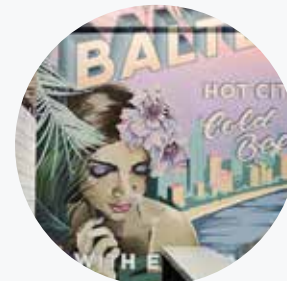
BALTER BREWING COMPANY

14 Traders Way, Currumbin: Jacob says inside this brewery is an array of textures perfect for your hot shot. And you get the chance to try a local beer while you're snapping. Two birds, one stone.

MY BURLEIGH RENO

@my.burleigh.reno: Start scrolling this Insta feed and you'll have house envy in no time! It's another serious photographic venue location, but if you're chasing serious social cred, you'll find it here.

Having said all that, there's no way you're escaping spending time on the Goldie without some inspiring beach photos to really get your social followers jealous. Jacob says his pick of the foreshores is Mermaid Beach. "It's uninterrupted and so so clean," he says.



A little further afield

Here are some other locations that are worth a day trip, to get some great photo album fodder:

Byron Bay lighthouse

The Farm, Byron Bay

(especially when the sunflowers are in bloom!)

Best of All Lookout, Springbrook National Park

Tamborine Mountain

(try Rainforest Skywalk or any of the lookouts)

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...



DAVID BROOK
Ruby CEO

Which suburb do you call home? The beautiful banks of Coomera Waters

What makes that suburb the best on the GC? Warm summer breezes across the water, the smell of the ocean, the sound of the sea birds and watching as the dolphins swim along our canal whilst enjoying a glass of Queensland's own Sirkomet Chardonnay whilst the sun sets over Mt Tamborine from on our back deck.

Fave place to stop, relax for 20 mins and enjoy a morning cuppa? We love taking an early morning sail across to South Straddie, with breakfast at Tipplers Resort, a double espresso and a warm spinach omelette with fresh smoked ham and cherry tomatoes.

You're planning a fun, local night out with your mates? Which three locations top your list and why? The Black Angus Bar & Grill Sanctuary Cove sitting out on the deck, listening to the live music, whilst enjoying amazing views over the marina, people watching and constant reminder of why we live here. Also, Broadbeach Mall during summer with the free entertainment and so much great food. Finally, Star Casino, with its world-class acts and Kiyomi Japanese Restaurant

Best local spot for family hangs and why? The Beachfront, the Broadwater, South Straddie. Isn't that why we live here to enjoy clean sea water, fresh air, sunny skies and long summer nights?

Fave Gold Coast shopping destination? I leave the shopping centres for my wife to enjoy. My fave shopping destination has to be Bruce Lynton's Dealership. What great customer service, range of quality vehicles and amazing after service. An amazing Gold Coast family that have looked after me for many years.

Complete this sentence: Only a Gold Coast local knows... The real passion and pride we all share for our destination and the importance of showcasing it to the World whether that be on the golden sand beaches, out in the surf, at the theme parks or in the depths of the rainforests.



ANDREW WHITING
Elk Espresso owner

Which suburb do you call home? Hard one. I personally live in Robina but I feel like Elk is my home too so Broadbeach as well.

What makes that suburb the best on the GC? Robina I love as there is heaps of nature tracks that I run with my pram. Great community area to raise kids! I love Broadbeach as it has great beaches plus its easy to grab an takeaway elk fix while taking the kids to the park with the giant kids playground.

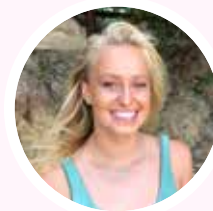
Fave place to stop, relax for 20 mins and enjoy a morning cuppa? And what treat is on the plate beside your hot bevvie? I try and sneak "my time" at home with Filter coffee and a read before the kids wake up!

You're planning a fun, local night out with your mates? Which three locations top your list and why? Iku in Burleigh - took me ages to get there and it was great! Great cocktails and I loved the variety of food. Aloha Bar - soooo much fun times to have there - Creative Tiki cocktails and the vibe is the best. Lupo - Natural wines and food that you can taste the love in it.

Best local spot for family hangs and why? We love Robina Common. Its got large open fields for the kids to play, epic playgrounds and great pathways through nature to rid and scooter on.

Fave Gold Coast shopping destination? I go weekly at the crack of dawn with the kids to the Farmers Markets at HOTA. Its a great experience for the kids and the produce is amazing!

Complete this sentence: Only a Gold Coast local knows... how spoilt we are with the beaches and hospitality establishments!



BRIELLE COOPER
Ironwoman

Which suburb do you call home? Mermaid Beach

What makes that suburb the best on the GC? Mermaid is so central to everything my life is based around! Kurrawa Surf Club is just down the road, Pacific Fair is a two-minute car trip, and there's coffee shops and restaurants every 100m. A short drive away from the endless options of beaches. Most of all it's the neighbours and friendly faces I see every day that make Mermaid Beach the best.

Fave place to stop, relax for 20 mins and enjoy a morning cuppa? Ocean 4218 in Mermaid Beach. They are all about saving the ocean, one coffee at a time. They have delicious healthy and well-priced options all day long. I can't go past their acai smoothie with a chocolate almond protein ball.

You're planning a fun, local night out with your mates? Which three locations top your list and why? Miami Marketta, there's never ending choices of food, dessert and drinks. Aloha in Broadbeach, is something a little different and they have delicious cocktails. Justin Lane: a drink and a fresh pizza with awesome DJs on a rooftop in Burleigh is always a good option.

Best local spot for family hangs and why? 'The Dudley Deck' is my family's go to. Take your pick at any one of the timber decks along Hedges avenue, you can't go past a nice drink and a game of beach cricket as the sun sets.

Fave Gold Coast shopping destination? Pacific Fair, everything in the one stop with plenty of parking.

Complete this sentence: Only a Gold Coast local knows... How good it feels to start and finish your week in the best location in Australia.

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