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As we head into winter, one issue is becoming increasingly impossible to ignore — the pressure-cooker that is the Gold Coast property market. If you've been keeping an eye on real estate over the past year, you'll know that property prices across the region continue to surge at rates far exceeding the national average. Whether it's a beachside apartment, a suburban family home, or a new development, demand is fierce and supply remains critically low. It's a perfect storm — and one that's making waves across every corner of the community.

The reasons for this ongoing boom are varied. The Gold Coast continues to be seen as one of Australia's most desirable lifestyle destinations, with strong interstate migration, investor confidence, and local buyer activity all pushing demand to record levels. But what's not keeping pace is supply. New builds and releases are simply not coming fast enough — squeezed by rising construction costs, planning delays, and available land becoming increasingly scarce. The result? A rapidly rising median house and apartment price that's leaving many, particularly our younger generations, locked out of the market altogether.



Affordability is now a real and urgent concern. For first-home buyers, the dream of home ownership on the Coast is drifting further out of reach. And for renters, the story is just as tough. Vacancy rates have fallen to historic lows, and rents have surged — placing huge strain on singles, young families, and essential workers who call this city home. The housing shortage is no longer just a real estate headline —

it's a social issue that's impacting the broader fabric of our community.

So, where to from here? There's no silver bullet, but it's clear we need more collaborative effort — from developers, policymakers, councils, and financial institutions — to address the supply side of the equation. We need smart, sustainable growth that allows the Gold Coast to retain its unique character while ensuring it remains an accessible place to live for all. More investment in affordable and diverse housing options, faster planning approvals, and support for build-to-rent developments could all be part of the answer.

At Ocean Road, we remain committed to keeping these conversations alive — to shining a light on both the successes and the challenges of life on the Coast. In this edition, we explore the stories behind the market's momentum, speak to the people on the ground, and hear from developers and designers shaping the future of our skyline.

The Gold Coast has always been a place of possibility. As we move through 2025, it's time to ensure that possibility extends to everyone. Enjoy the issue.

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Over the next 15 years, the city's population will reach one million residents. For many, opportunities abound in key industry sectors including medical, health and knowledge, construction, manufacturing, screen and tourism.

Over the past 13 years, the Gold Coast Gross Regional Product (GRP) has increased by 50 per cent. Today, it sits at \$45.4 billion, making us the largest economy of any non-capital city in Australia.

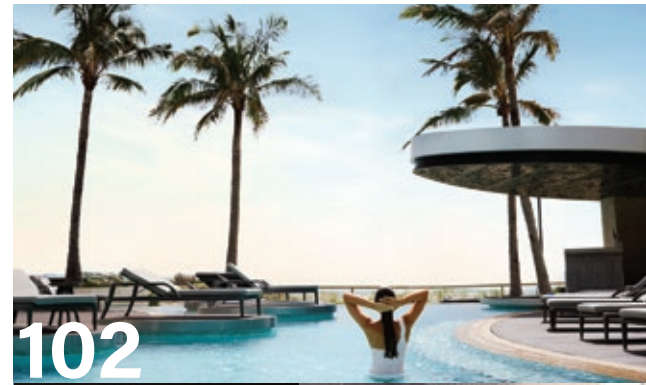
Economic growth presents significant opportunities for local employment as well as inbound investment. Through our Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct (GCHKP), we are setting global benchmarks for medical research, including the adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to pioneer medical advances across a range of fields. Global private enterprise partnerships are driving these opportunities.

To give the community an appreciation of the depth of our economy, the City has produced a State of the City report. The report captures our achievements to date and looks to the horizon at the opportunities ahead.

Given the significant shifts in trade tariffs occurring between China, the US, Europe and the Middle East, our city is not immune to the economic headwinds created by these measures. As Mayor, I am doing what I can to minimise these impacts, particularly for our advanced manufacturing, marine and screen industries. A broader economy is key to weathering global storms.

Our strong trajectory for growth will be managed carefully while protecting our enviable lifestyle. After all, we want to remain known as a city where nature meets enterprise. In that regard, a focus of the 2025–26 City Budget, to be delivered in June, is improving our green and open space. It is vital that we invest more funding into acquiring land for today's and tomorrow's Gold Coasters. You can expect to see some key announcements in the 2025–26 Budget specific to our 'Green Coast' agenda.

Tom Tate – Mayor



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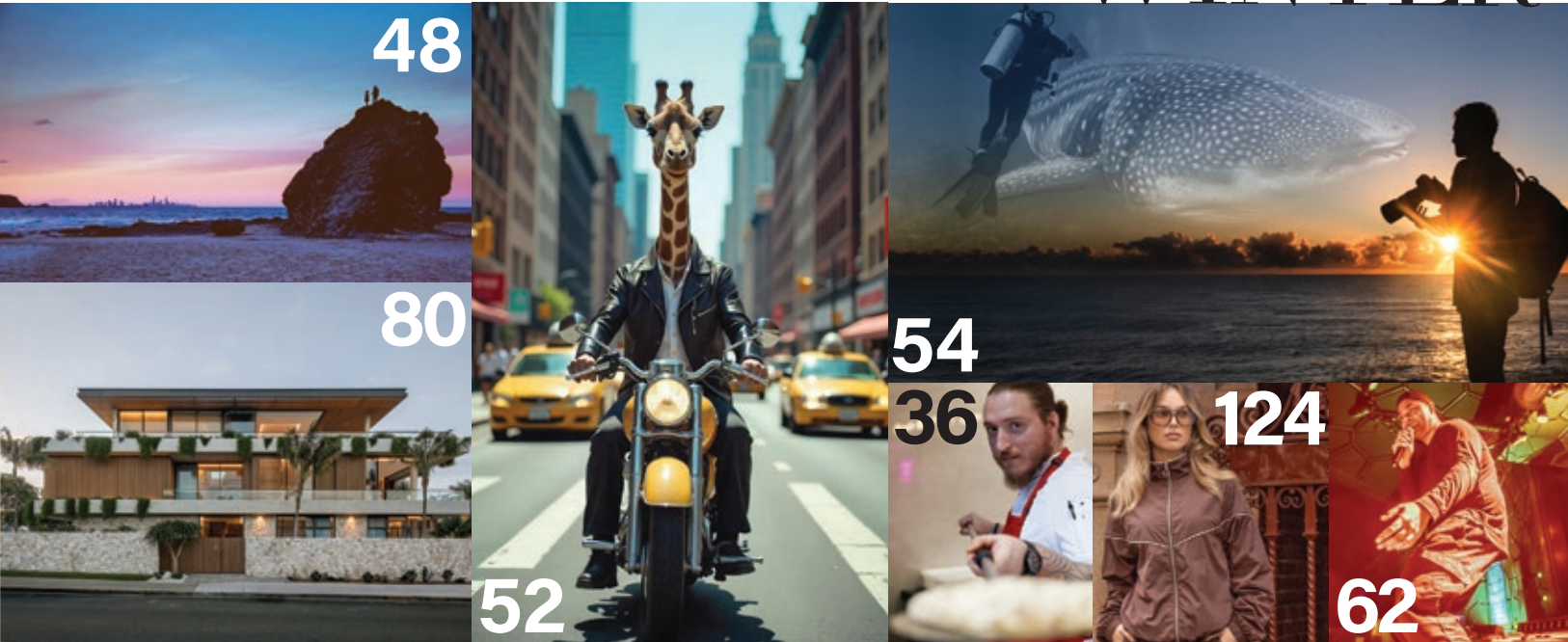
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A full-page photograph of a man, a woman, and a baby. The man on the left is wearing a black bucket hat and a black shirt, smiling broadly. The woman on the right has long dark hair and is wearing a light-colored, textured top, also smiling. She is holding a baby who is wearing a pink floral top and a yellow beaded necklace with a letter 'B'. The baby is also smiling. The background is a bright, indoor setting with light-colored curtains.

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— Paul Fisher

*From Surfboards
to Stadiums:* DJ
FISHER'S
WILD
RIDE TO
GLOBAL
FAME

Words: **Steve Hunt**
Photography: **Supplied**



He was just a Palm Beach grom spinning tracks at surf parties — now Fisher is lighting up the world's biggest stages, all while staying grounded in his beloved Palmy roots.



You can take the boy out of Palmy, but you can't take Palmy out of the boy.

That's certainly the case with Paul Fisher — the former Palm Beach-Currumbin High School student, local surfer, and now global DJ sensation.

In Europe's party capital, Ibiza, he's simply known as Pescado — Spanish for Fish.

To feet-stomping millennials on the streets of the Gold Coast and around the world, he's DJ Fisher, or just Fisher.

To his wife Chloe, daughter Bobbi, and his surfing buddies, he's a loving husband, doting father, great mate — and a true Aussie larrikin.

And he wouldn't have it any other way.

"I still can't wrap my head around how my career has gone into the stratosphere where I'm doing gigs all over the world," reflects Paul, 39.

"I mean, I was just surfing when I left school and having a good

time. I started playing some music and spinning tracks, and now I'm travelling to Europe and the US for work — I feel very blessed.

"But for me, Chloe, and Bobbi, there's no place like home. I'm a Palmy boy and always will be — it's where we come back, put our feet on the ground, and reconnect. We surf the beaches of Palmy or just hang at home with our friends and family."

Fisher's career has been truly meteoric.

When Ocean Road caught up with him, he and Chloe had just launched their aptly named \$50 million Pescado apartment project on the southern Gold Coast's 'millionaire's row' in Jefferson Lane — a collection of seven full-floor, uber-luxury apartments that incorporate their global experiences into an architectural masterpiece.

Asked where his next gig was during the Pescado launch in early April, Fisher laughed at his schedule.

"This weekend I'm off to Nashville, Tennessee," he said.

"I fly to the US, get a connecting flight to Nashville, do my gig, then turn around and fly home again to Palmy and my family. It's hectic. Sometimes I feel like I'm on planes more than I'm on land.

"That's why when I come home, I just love spending time with Chloe and Bobbi and my mates — staying grounded in what makes the Gold Coast such a great place to live."

Born in Australia, Paul Nicholas Fisher was just your average surf-frothing grom.



"Losing It became an international club anthem,
catapulting FISHER into global stardom."







A member of Burleigh Boardriders, he was often seen honing his skills on the beach breaks of Palm Beach or the world-class point breaks of Burleigh Heads, Kirra, and Snapper Rocks, while completing his schooling at PBC.

"I was eight when I started surfing and my brother would push me onto waves — my whole family just loved the beach and we still do," recalls Paul.

He began competing at the age of 12 and was pursuing a professional surfing career with sponsorships from homegrown surf brands by the time he was 16.

While competing on the World Qualifying Series, Fisher's larger-than-life personality began to shine. He started DJing at local Gold Coast venues popular with the surf crowd, such as Komune at Coolangatta — co-owned by former pro surfer Luke Egan and businessman Tony Cannon, who also owns Komune Resort in Bali.

Fisher's gregarious antics and online comedic videos gained popularity within the global surfing community in the mid-2000s.

He launched a surf-entertainment brand called Follow the Fish TV, which became a cult hit, capturing the lifestyle and energy of surf culture through original content that followed surfers and their adventures.

His natural charisma soon caught attention outside the surf scene. Paul began DJing at surf parties and found himself spending more time behind the decks, with his drive to win surf comps beginning to wane.

In the early 2010s, Fisher teamed up with Leigh Sedley to form the DJ duo Cut Snake. They played at beach parties, surf events, and small venues, with their signature deep and tech house sets gaining traction in the American club scene.

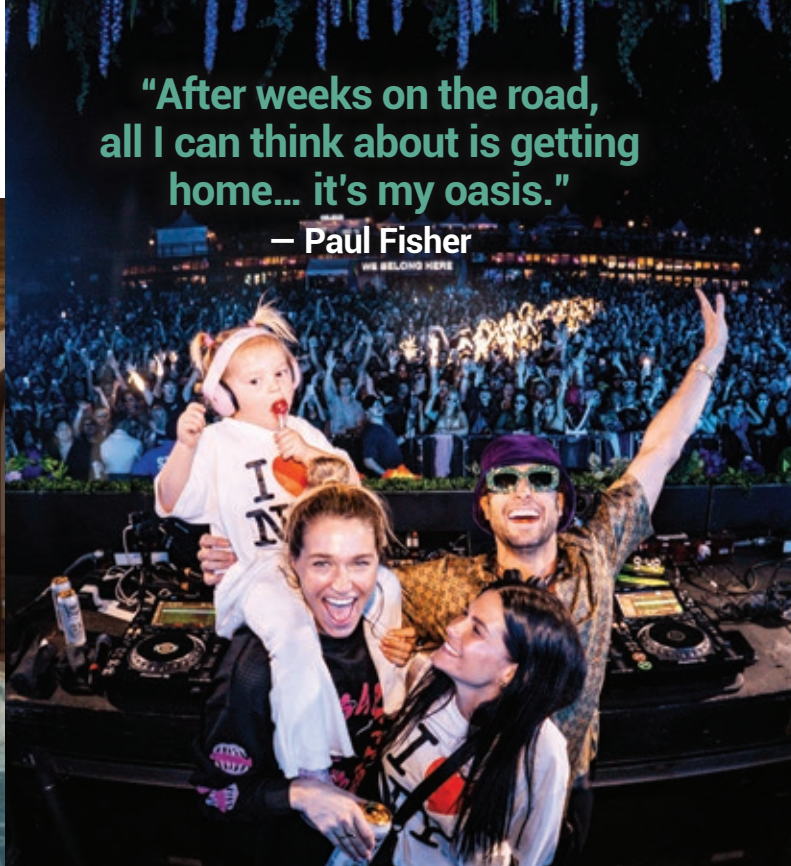
Cut Snake eventually played major music festivals around the world.

Then, in 2017, Fisher launched his solo career under the moniker FISHER, debuting with the track Ya Kidding, which was met with acclaim and support from major DJs and fans alike.

He followed it up with Stop It, before dropping the track that would become his breakout global hit: Losing It (2018). The song earned a Grammy nomination for Best Dance Recording.

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Known for his high-energy performances, cheeky personality, and loyal fanbase, Fisher's breakthrough came with his 2018 Coachella appearance, where he played The Do Lab and Yuma Tent — launching him into the global house music scene.

He has since headlined top-tier festivals including Coachella, EDC, Tomorrowland, and Ultra.

But Paul Fisher's global success is only part of the story.

They say behind every great man is a great woman, and with wife Chloe, Paul has found both love and a business partner.

Paul met Chloe Chapman, an Australian model and swimwear designer, during his surfing days. The couple married in their beloved Bali in 2020.

Chloe — an influencer and entrepreneur in her own right —

originally founded the Australian swimwear label Aloë Swimwear, which she has since sold.

In 2021, she joined close friend Ellidy Pullin — widow of Olympic snowboarder Alex 'Chumpy' Pullin — to co-host the podcast Darling, Shine! following Chumpy's tragic drowning off Palm Beach reef in 2020.

The show has built a loyal global following, with Chloe and Ellidy sharing raw, heartfelt stories — including Ellidy's journey to motherhood through posthumous sperm retrieval and IVF.

Chloe and Paul also have their own story of struggle and hope. Their daughter Bobbi is their "miracle baby" after facing fertility challenges. Chloe has since become a passionate advocate for infertility awareness and miscarriage support in Australia.

"We felt it was important to share

our experiences and encourage other couples on their journey to having families," says Chloe.

Now, as they travel the world together on their US and Europe tour, the couple stays grounded in their Palm Beach lifestyle.

"I'm on the road pretty much the whole year — planes, festivals, cars, everything," Paul says from his Palmy home.

"My life's chaotic. So when I come back to Palm Beach, I just want to cruise, chill and not leave the house.

"I let people come to me and hang here. That's what it's all about. I've got the beach out front. I surf, I train, and I don't really leave Palmy. For me, it's a little getaway. It's my oasis."

For Chloe, Palm Beach is also the perfect sanctuary.

"I'm a Northern Beaches girl from Sydney, but I've been living on the Gold Coast for the last five years," says Chloe.



"Honestly, I wouldn't have it any other way. This is the best place I've ever lived — right here on Jefferson Lane.

"I'm so excited to buy Bobbi her first bike and watch her ride up and down the lane. It's a chilled vibe and a great community. There are so many kids — it's a great environment."

That deep local connection underpins their latest venture: Pescado — a \$50 million development project the couple have dubbed "chaos to calm."

Paul and Chloe will retain the two-storey penthouse at Pescado — a statement of intent that this is no mere investment, but their forever home.

The project is a collaboration between the Fishers and BDA Architecture, with local builder HNKN set to begin construction in the third quarter of 2025.

Together, Paul and Chloe have fused their international design

experience with their coastal roots to create a home that blends architectural sophistication with relaxed beachside living.

"After weeks on the road, all I can think about is getting home," says Paul.

"That feeling of calm, of being fully present, is what we want to bring to Pescado."

"Palm Beach is part of my DNA, and that's reflected in Pescado's design. It captures the natural rhythm and energy of the coastline — it's wavy and groovy, just like my music.

"We wanted to create a space where people can entertain, bring friends over, and enjoy the coastal lifestyle.

"Pescado isn't just another luxury development. It's deeply personal. We're not building this and moving on — this is our forever home. Every detail has been carefully considered."

Designed for wellness, connection and lifestyle, Pescado will feature a resort-style pool, gym, cold plunge,

BBQ and dining areas.

"Pescado's interiors are designed to blend elegance with comfort so it feels like a home, not just a house," says Chloe.

"We've drawn inspiration from our favourite hotels around the world, with a strong focus on sustainability and liveability.

"We used organic textures and neutral tones, with pops of sage green and blush pink to give Pescado its own personality — without overpowering the coastal feel."

Now, with the next chapter of their lives unfolding, Paul and Chloe Fisher remain grounded by the same coastline that shaped them.

"Every time we're away, we just pine for the simplicity of our lives in Palmy," says Paul.

"We can't wait for Pescado to be built — it will be the calm in the chaos. And that's just how we want it."



Aviary

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Aviary Rooftop Bar is transforming into a twilight sanctuary of firelight, flavour and Winter charm.

Aviary is the perfect rooftop retreat this Winter, with the return of Aviary Après. Enjoy throw rugs, the warmth of an open fire pit, mulled wine and more, with the added bonus of live outdoor music from 4PM on Fridays and Saturdays.

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PIZZAIOLO JACOPO MONTEFIORE BLENDS PASSION, TRADITION AND A SPARK OF CREATIVITY TO SERVE UP A FRESH SLICE OF ITALIAN AUTHENTICITY IN SOUTHPORT.

Words: Jason Oxenbridge Photography: Brian Usher

Passionate pizzaiolo Jacopo Montefiore has a distinctive ingredient when creating his fabulous flavours at the city's newest Italian offering, Rossa Pizzeria & Bar in Southport.

It can't be bought — not even from the finest authentic artisans—and it lingers long after those delectable Italian spices have left the palate.

It's quite simply gratitude — and he's sprinkling it with a welcoming smile to a stream of new customers each week.

'Jaco' says the people at Rossa Pizzeria are the real quality ingredients to its success.

"The food is of course incredible, but to accomplish truly great food you have to be energised and stimulated to feel that you're part of something. That's what is happening here — everybody feels part of a family," he says.

He fastidiously monitors each pizza, rotating it at just the right moment to achieve the perfect texture and the characteristic

crispy edges — to create crusty grins on the faces of satisfied diners.

They say simplicity is key in Italian pizza-making, but Jaco is tossing the rule book into the flames of the pizza oven. While tradition is important, staying creative and developing new dishes is what motivates him.

"I'm using my knowledge to do something impressive for customers. These days you can find pizza anywhere, but it's not all the same. I go for traditional Italian ways of cooking, but I'm always thinking about new ideas — even when I'm not working, I'm always thinking about the work, dreaming up new things."

Jaco sees himself as more than a well-seasoned chef decorated with well-oiled anecdotes of his adventures — he's a cultural ambassador of Italy's culinary heritage, sharing it generously, thousands of kilometres away from its original sauce, with new customers on the Gold Coast.

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— JACOPO MONTEFIORE

ingredients are not supposed to be on a pizza — but it's amazing," he says of his recent discovery.

"Ingredients are important, toppings elevate the plate, and we are always researching and trying new things. We don't sell anything here that we don't eat and enjoy ourselves."

Raised in Milan, a city stitched into the global fabric with trendsetters and designers, Jaco opted for flavour over fashion.

He went to school with his twin brother and sister, and it wasn't long before his interest in cooking ignited. Aged just 15, he attended hospitality school while completing his studies.

A yearning to blend travel and cuisine saw him work in tourism and sharpen his craft in true style on the French Riviera at Saint-Tropez and the Pyrenees.

But it's Australia where the 32-year-old has landed on his feet — and France's loss has become a win for Gold Coasters.

"It does not get any better than Australia, and the fresh produce — especially the fish and seafood — is amazing," he says.

As amazing perhaps as 'Jack', a pizza named in the chef's honour — drizzled in garlic cream sauce, topped with prawns, jalapeño, mozzarella, and guanciale.

Or 'Nduja' — a white base, nduja (soft spicy pork sausage), zucchini, and stracciatella. Another favourite is the seafood delight with prawns, calamari, scallops and a zingy herb oil finish.

For vegetarians, you won't leave a slice of the tomato, fried eggplant, basil and creamy ricotta on the plate. Or try a combo of mushroom, capsicum, eggplant, zucchini, and olives.

There's even one named after the boss: the 'Roberto' (Azzura Investments Founder Roberto Badalotti) — a tomato base, diced fried eggplant, basil, and ricotta. Delizioso!

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Sparkling Shiraz: Australia's effervescent RED DELIGHT

AUSTRALIA'S UNIQUELY EFFERVESCENT RED THAT TURNS EVERY POUR INTO A CELEBRATION.

Words: **Peter Panousis – Wine Consultant, Wine Writer, Educator and Fine Wine Specialist**

Sparkling Shiraz is a captivating wine that effortlessly balances the richness of red fruit with the effervescent joy of sparkling bubbles. Originating from Australia, this unique varietal has gained a passionate following for its ability to both refresh and delight the palate. With its deep crimson hue and vibrant flavours of blackberry, plum and a hint of spice, Sparkling Shiraz is not just a beverage; it's an experience. Whether enjoyed during celebratory moments or paired with unexpected dishes, this wine challenges traditional norms and has earned its place in the spotlight. As we delve into the world of Sparkling Shiraz, we'll uncover its intriguing history, how to savour it best and why it deserves a spot on your table. For mine, it weakens me and I simply cannot resist its charms. It is my kryptonite!

WHAT IS SPARKLING SHIRAZ?

Very simply put, Sparkling Shiraz can be made like Champagne, but with the base wine consisting of Shiraz rather than Chardonnay, Pinot Noir or other varietals. Sparkling Shiraz is uniquely Australian with no other counterpart in the world; although I read recently – and no surprise really – that the French are set to copy the style, or have done already. Originally called Sparkling Burgundy, Sparkling Shiraz first made an appearance in 1881 with the help of both an Australian doctor named Louis Lawrence Smith and a Frenchman called Auguste D'Argent, who had a background in making Champagne.

By 1894 the style was popularised when the Seppelts winery, located in the western

part of Victoria, took production to the next level, making commercial quantities and award-winning Sparkling Shiraz to boot. Still to this day Seppelts winery makes some of Australia's best Sparkling Shiraz. Their innovation has since evolved, leading to a product that celebrates both the warmth of Australian sunshine and the artistry of winemaking.

As this sparkling wine continues to gain popularity both here in Australia and internationally, it serves as a delightful ambassador of innovation in winemaking, challenging preconceived notions about red wines. With its vibrant character and celebratory spirit, Sparkling Shiraz is not just a drink; it's an expression of joy, community and the beautiful ties that wine can forge. Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or simply seeking to elevate your everyday moments, Sparkling Shiraz is sure to deliver an unforgettable experience.

HOW IS IT MADE?

To start, a base wine of Shiraz is made and may receive up to 12 months or longer maturation period in oak. The next step involves creating the bubbles. This can be done by either the Charmat method, which involves creating the bubbles in a stainless-steel tank and uses forced carbonation. The Charmat method is quick and economical and retains fresh fruit characteristics.

The other method involves the still wine undergoing secondary fermentation

(creating the bubbles naturally), then ageing on lees (yeasts and other particles that add flavour and character to the wine) for anywhere from six months to a year or even longer, like a fine Champagne, depending on the producer; then riddling (tilting the bottle neck-down to trap the dead yeasts); then disgorging (once the allotted time is reached, the yeast sediment is removed). After this process the bottle is topped up with more fresh wine and a mixture of wine liqueur (called dosage), and finally the bottle is resealed.

This method of production produces wine that is complex and layered, with loads of toasty, developed characters – note the similarities to making Champagne: a time-consuming and expensive process, but all class to be sure. Furthermore, it should be noted that Shiraz can be substituted with any other red grape varieties such as Merlot, Pinot Noir, Cabernet, Malbec or Chambourcin, but it will not be called Sparkling Shiraz if the wine is not mainly Shiraz (85%); rather it will be called a Sparkling Red. Both wines may be sampled before bottling for the purpose of adjusting the wine if needed – acidity levels, alcohol strength, flavour, etc. Finally, the wine is bottled, labelled and sealed, usually with a cork or crown seal.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

Shiraz is the classic Australian variety and no wonder, as it was one of the first varieties, arriving with James Busby's collection of cuttings in 1831.



Consequently, Australia has some of the oldest Shiraz-producing vineyards in the world, with many dating back to the 1840s. Shiraz works in this country and it's found all over the place, including in the cool-climate region of Tasmania. The variety is dark-skinned and possibly one of the oldest grape varieties in the world. Shiraz is rich, powerful and full-bodied, with aromas of blackberry, plum, violet, coffee, mocha, chocolate and peppercorn. On the palate, the tannins are medium to strong and pronounced, while acidity is medium. Of course, there will be regional and winemaking variations, but you get the picture: Shiraz is not for the faint-hearted.

In the glass, Sparkling Shiraz is frothy, expressive, with a lively mousse, and usually purple to ruby red in colour, or with a brick-brown tinge for older styles. On the palate, Sparkling Shiraz is smooth, silky, luscious, savoury yet fruity-sweet, with many having up to 30 grams per litre of residual sugar. No wonder I'm hooked, especially when one stops to consider that Brut Champagne contains around 9–12 grams of residual sugar. The style tends to be sweet, but this level of residual sweetness is usually balanced out with crisp acidity and freshness. Best served chilled! The wine is totally gluggable!

WHEN TO DRINK

Sparkling Shiraz works well at Christmas lunch or dinner! Think roast turkey, duck, pork or any roasted meats really. However, the wine has a particular place at summer BBQs, working well with charred meats and warm days! Also try it with pizza, pasta or hamburgers – it's bloody delicious. And on cold winter nights, crack open a bottle; it will warm the senses and delight the palate.

Don't forget desserts – it's yummy with anything chocolate. And do not despair, cheese lovers: the wine works with an assortment of fine creamy and not-so-creamy delights! Sparkling Shiraz also pairs particularly well with Asian food like Chinese – try it, you will love it. Finally, this wonderfully versatile wine partners well with a wide range of foods thanks to its bold flavours and effervescent character.

Here are some great pairing options:



grilled meats such as barbecued beef, lamb or pork complement the fruity notes of Sparkling Shiraz; the wine's acidity cuts through the fat, making each bite and sip harmonious. Sparkling Shiraz can counterbalance the heat of spicy Indian or Mexican dishes. The depth of flavour in robust stews or casseroles – think beef bourguignon or lamb tagine – aligns beautifully with the wine's bold notes. The bubbles refresh the palate while enjoying the richness of the dish. Sparkling Shiraz pairs wonderfully with a variety of cheeses: aged cheddar, blue or creamy brie. Its effervescence balances the richness of the cheese, creating a delightful tasting experience. The fruity and sweet notes of Sparkling Shiraz also make it an excellent match for chocolate desserts – be it a dark chocolate cake, truffles or even a chocolate mousse.

In short, Sparkling Shiraz can be enjoyed year-round and at any time, whether you're raising a toast to a milestone or simply treating yourself to an exquisite wine experience. Its charm lies in its ability to adapt, making even ordinary moments feel extraordinary.

WHAT TO CONSIDER...

Brockenchack Vineyard was established in 2007 and is owned by Trevor and Marilyn Harch. Interestingly, Brockenchack is named after the initials of their four grandchildren: Bronte, Mackenzie, Charli and Jack. The wines are expertly made by Shawn Kalleske (of the historic Barossa grape-growing family) and Joanne Irvine (daughter of the famous James Irvine, the King of Merlot in this country, who sadly passed recently). Fruit for this wine is sourced from elevated blocks around 480 metres in Keyneton, on the eastern side of the Barossa. The wine is deep and dark in colour with notes of blackcurrant, plum, cinnamon and raspberry on both nose and palate. The palate is medium-weight and rich with a luscious, dry, crisp finish. It's a wine I want more of each time. Surprisingly, it works well with Oysters Kilpatrick as well as baked poultry or hard salty cheese. It has received many awards, including a Silver Medal at the London Wine Competition and 92 points from Bob

Campbell of The Real Review.

In the middle price range, around \$25, try Peter Rumball's Sparkling Shiraz. Peter Rumball is one of the great Sparkling Shiraz winemakers of Australia, as he is with sparkling wines in general. He established his company in 1988 and sources fruit from many regions. Look for a bottle with its distinctive red and gold labelling – it looks positively Christmassy. The wine uses base fruit from the cool-climate region of Coonawarra in South Australia and is fermented in the bottle, disgorged by hand. It is rich and flavoursome, with notes of chocolate and mocha, yet surprisingly elegant with a fine bead. The final sweetness level is around 25 grams per litre, so it is not particularly fruity-sweet, showing some savoury notes as well. This wine pairs beautifully with BBQ meats or Chinese-style noodle dishes.

If you think Sparkling Shiraz is a cheap fizzy red, think again. There are many extremely well-made wines around the \$70-\$100 mark. One that comes to mind is Seppelts Show Sparkling Shiraz – at about \$100 retail, it is definitely a special-occasion wine. Seppelts was one of the early pioneers of the style, having first made the elixir in 1893, as mentioned. The Show Reserve is all class and style, using base fruit sourced from Victoria's Grampians region and receiving around 12 months of oak barrel treatment. The wine is made exactly like Champagne and matured for up to 10 years in the bottle before release, perhaps explaining its hefty price point. Maroon in colour, with cherry and blackberry-jam notes, it is complex, with layers of flavour including chocolate, tobacco leaf, cinnamon and cloves, finishing with fine yet mature tannins. The residual sweetness is around 32 grams per litre – absolutely bloody delicious! Of course, it pairs wonderfully with hearty winter stews, lamb shanks and beef cheeks; for a special treat, have this wine with a decadent chocolate dessert.

Bring on the cold, frothy red of Sparkling Shiraz! Enjoy, and happy – but safe – drinking.

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HOP TO IT: UNLOCKING *the world of hops* IN BEER



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**FROM THE FIELDS
TO YOUR GLASS
– EXPLORE THE
AROMAS, FLAVOURS,
AND SCIENCE BEHIND
THE HUMBLE HOP.**

Why do rabbits like IPA? Because they are hoppy. I used this joke at a beer lunch a few months ago and couldn't resist using it again. Hops are one of the four main ingredients in beer, and we are coming into their harvest season. If you get the opportunity to visit a hop farm, particularly during harvest, go! It's an amazing experience filled with sensory overload.

Hops are actually flowers that come from the plant *Humulus lupulus*, a vine that grows up to five metres in length. They are trained up a trellis and start producing hop flowers that can be used after a couple of years—unlike grapes, which can take decades to produce fruit ideal for winemaking. Hops thrive in regions similar to those that grow wine grapes, favouring well-drained, humus-rich, sandy soils. In Australia, they are cultivated in Tasmania, Victoria, and parts of New South Wales. Varieties you might recognise include: Galaxy, Vic Secret, Eclipse, Ella, Enigma, and Topaz.

Hops are added to beer for various reasons: to provide bitterness, balance the sweetness of malts, contribute aroma, and most importantly, to act as a preservative. This is why beers don't need additional preservatives, as hops naturally preserve them. Before hops were

discovered, brewers used a mixture of spices and herbs called gruit to balance the beer's flavour and aroma.

Hop flowers have small yellow pods called lupulin, which contain the resin and essential oils essential for brewing.

This is what's needed to impart bitterness and aroma into beer. To put it into perspective, think of it as needing only the pollen from a flower to make beer.

The green petals of the hop cone protect the lupulin pods, like a little cocoon. These pods contain the resin and essential oils that create the bitterness and aromas. If you get the chance to rub a hop cone in your hands, you'll be left with a yellow, resin-sticky residue that smells like you just lathered your hands in essential oils at a health food store.

“Hops are nature's preservative, balancing sweetness, bitterness, and aroma.”

Just like wine, hops have distinct flavour profiles. Ever heard someone say a wine tastes like passionfruit, peach, or smells like fresh grass? These aromas come from the grapes themselves, not the fruit they're named after. The same goes for hops. Each hop varietal has its own unique aroma and flavour, and they vary by region and country. As you begin to train your nose and palate, you'll start to recognise characteristics that define different beer styles and their origins.

American hops often bring out pine, mint, and citrus, with occasional stone fruit notes, like grapefruit, mandarin,

lemon, and pine resin. Aussie hops, on the other hand, really showcase stone fruit, with passionfruit shining through. Galaxy hops, in particular, capture the essence of Australian terroir in a glass. New Zealand hops have similar characteristics to their grape varietals, offering flavours of gooseberry, melon, and lychee. The Nelson Sauvin hop is a perfect example.

German hops like Hallertauer, Europe's most famous hop, present a gentle floral aroma with woody or peppery spiciness. Czech hops, such as Saaz (or Zatec), are known for their earthy spice.

A great beer to try this hop in is Pilsner Urquell. English hops often feature grassy, woody, tea-like, and minty profiles. The list goes on and on, and as you can see, the aromas and flavour profiles differ greatly from hop to hop and country to country.

When discussing beer styles, this is where the choice of hops becomes essential. The aromas, flavours, and bitterness of specific hops help define the style and country of origin.

An IPA, for instance, will often showcase bold bitterness and bold aromas, while lagers and pilsners will have subtler bitterness and aromas, often more for balance than dominance.

Your homework: taste and smell one of your favourite beers and see if you can identify any of the aromas or characteristics mentioned here. It's fascinating to dissect a beer and realise the complexity involved.

Happy swirling!

can my lawyer in one case ACT LATER AGAINST ME *in another case?*

It's possible – but only under very strict circumstances. Here's what you need to know about your lawyer's duty of confidentiality and potential conflicts of interest.

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Theoretically yes, but that lawyer would need to be very careful how they go about it.

That's because every lawyer owes a very strict duty of confidentiality to their clients, and that duty continues well after the lawyer is no longer acting for you – indeed, even beyond your death. A lawyer is bound to act solely in the interests of their client in any proceeding or transaction, and they must avoid any potential or actual conflict between the interests of current and former clients.

So, while technically a solicitor has no fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of an ex-client, they are still bound by the requirement not to disclose confidential information obtained from that client, or use such information in the

advancement of another client's interests. Where your former solicitor takes instructions from someone in a dispute against you, a conflict may very likely arise between their duty of confidentiality to you and their duty to their new client to use all of their knowledge and skill to advance that new client's interests solely.

The reality is we lawyers often get an intimate peek behind the curtain of our client's lives. Their finances, their personal lives, even the way they negotiate or make decisions may be revealed through the course of taking instructions and providing advice. That means that, if we subsequently take on the case of a new client against our old client, all or some of that information we obtained from or about the old client could potentially be used to advance the interests of the new client – to the detriment of the former client.

For that reason, lawyers need to tread very carefully indeed before taking instructions from new clients in circumstances where, by doing so, they may risk breaching their obligations to a former client.

However, there are some limited instances where solicitors can comfortably take instructions, despite potential conflicts of interest. One is where, after having been fully informed of the potential conflict of interest, the former client consents to the lawyer acting for the new client, notwithstanding such conflict. The most common example of this is where two parties to a commercial transaction

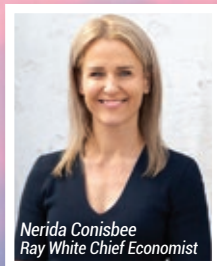
engage one lawyer to act for both parties in circumstances where they are more or less on the same page. But even in those circumstances, the possibility of a conflict arising as a result of an unanticipated disagreement between the parties is ever present, and such circumstances can sometimes ultimately require the solicitor to cease acting for both parties as a result.

One circumstance in which your former legal representatives may be able to act against you is where the firm is able to confidently establish sufficient "information barriers" to ensure there can be no leakage of confidential information. Some larger law firms have hundreds of lawyers, often spread over various departments, offices, states and even countries. Just because one lawyer working in such a firm once acted for you in relation to, say, a family law dispute, that would not necessarily prevent a different lawyer at the same firm, who was not privy to any of your confidential information, from taking instructions against you in an entirely different proceeding. That is, provided a strict Chinese wall – also known as an information barrier or ethics wall – can be established to ensure there is no cross-fertilisation of confidential client information.

However, given the optics involved in taking instructions against a former client, and the risk that a conflict could potentially arise in such circumstances, even with the greatest of care, this approach is rarely adopted by law firms.



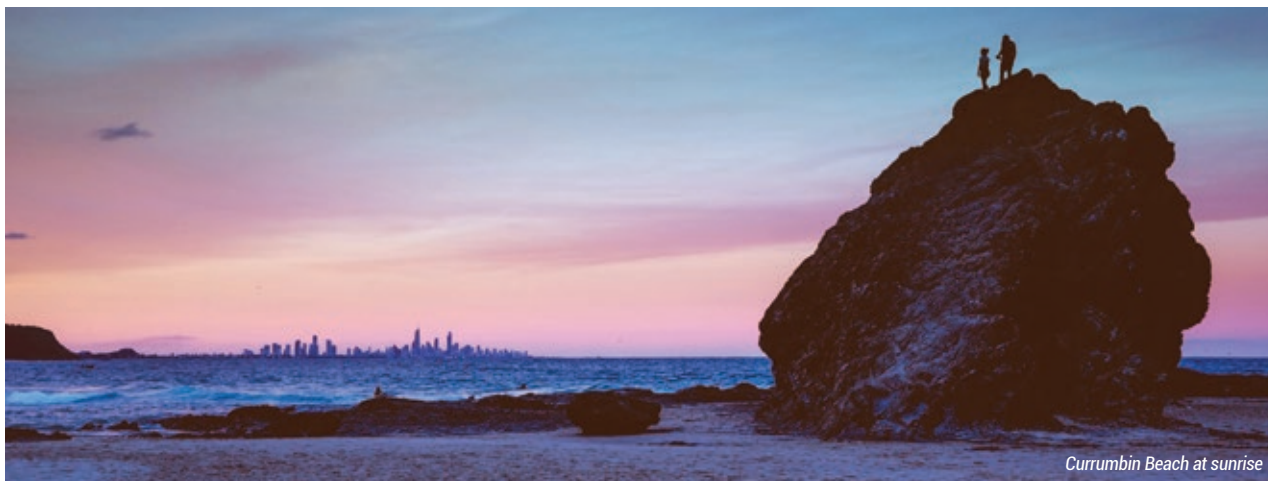
THE COAST *at a crossroads*



Nerida Conisbee
Ray White Chief Economist

BALANCING LIFESTYLE DREAMS
WITH A GROWING POPULATION AND
HOUSING PRESSURES ON THE
GOLD COAST.

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One of the great things about living on the Gold Coast is that we locals know it's the best place in the world, and we've always liked that it was our own secret.

As Sinead O'Connor sings, nothing compares to Burleigh Beach at sunset, Currumbin Beach at sunrise, a relaxing restaurant in Broadbeach or the hustle and bustle of Surfers on a Saturday evening. Then there's the beauty of the hinterland, the magic of one of the theme parks, or simply a stroll along the stunning coastline.

Our little secret was safe for many years, but over the past two decades or so, the Gold Coast has become a magnet for those seeking sun, surf and lifestyle.

It's evolved from being a retiree haven to a bustling, world-class city with a thriving economy and a "can do" attitude.

Unfortunately, with that extraordinary growth come the growing pains that make life increasingly challenging.

Don't get me started on the horror show we know as the M1 between the Gold Coast and Brisbane. This would have to be the most frustrating 90km stretch of highway in the country. It is now officially a car park most days, and the commute between Pimpama and the Gold Coast city centre is a joke.

But it's not just confined to the highways. Most city roads are now choked, especially during peak periods.

With an estimated 20,000 new residents arriving each year, the traffic and infrastructure challenges are real. But the biggest issue of them all is housing affordability.

The median house price on the Gold Coast is now \$1.17 million, making it the second most expensive property market in Australia. This is significantly higher than the national average.

Ray White's chief economist, Nerida Conisbee, says Sydney has the highest median house value at \$1.7 million.

"If growth continues at its current rate, the Gold Coast will be at the Sydney median by 2027," she said.

The median rent is \$832 a week, making it the least affordable place in regional Australia.

The SEQ Regional Plan, a State Government planning instrument, estimates that south-east Queensland needs 147,000 new homes before 2035 to keep pace with population and housing demand.

At the current rate, planning authorities estimate they will fall spectacularly short of this number unless planning restrictions and land accessibility issues are confronted.

There are opportunities to grow housing supply in the canefields, but local developers say the real challenge is the coastal strip.

Height restrictions between Main Beach and Palm Beach will always be a controversial topic. However, there is merit in exploring increased heights for residential towers along the spine of the tramway.

To do this, though, it will take political courage and an acknowledgement from leaders that you can't just sit on your hands and expect the housing crisis to be solved magically.

Sensible, sustainable development is always the key to success in high-growth areas. Of course, environmental considerations must always be taken into account. Resident concerns must also be considered with care.

But the Gold Coast is bursting at the seams. It's not getting any easier, particularly for young people hoping to buy into the housing or unit market.

Opening up new opportunities is vital. The next decade will be the most challenging in the city's history when it comes to catering for growth and making the right decisions.

It must be done in a pragmatic and sensible way. Knee-jerk reactions from nervous politicians will not solve the issue.

"The next decade will be the most challenging in the city's history when it comes to catering for growth."

APOCALYPSE NOW?

A closer look at the biblical concept of Armageddon and its striking parallels with current Middle East tensions.



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"IS THE MIDDLE EAST FINALLY ON THE BRINK OF ARMAGEDDON?"

That was the chilling headline in a recent national newspaper analysis on the region's escalating crisis.

"Is the Middle East inching towards all-out war?" asked the respected foreign affairs reporter behind the piece.

His sobering conclusion: "Probably yes, over time."

Which got me thinking—what exactly is Armageddon? Has it become just a dramatic term for catastrophe, or does it refer to something more literal?

THE ORIGIN OF ARMAGEDDON

The word "Armageddon" originates from the final book of the Bible—Revelation 16:16.

Revelation is known for its symbolic language, apocalyptic imagery, and prophetic vision of the end times. It introduces such dramatic figures as the Antichrist, the false prophet, the mark of the beast (666), the bowl judgments, and the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

Here's the key excerpt:

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. They are demonic spirits that perform

signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

'Behold, I am coming as a thief... blessed is the one who stays awake', says a direct interjection by Jesus Christ in the narrative.

'And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.' (Revelation 16:12–16)

Interestingly, "Armageddon" appears only once in the Bible. The term comes from the Hebrew *Har Megiddo*, meaning "Mount Megiddo", a real location in northern Israel.

PROPHETIC THREADS THROUGH TIME

The Book of Revelation, believed to have been written by the Apostle John while exiled on the island of Patmos in the first century, connects uncannily with much older Old Testament prophecies—especially those in the books of Ezekiel and Daniel.

In Ezekiel, written roughly 600 years before Revelation, the prophet foretells a coalition of nations rising against Israel in the "last days." Many scholars identify these nations with today's geopolitical actors—chief among them Russia and Iran.

MODERN FULFILMENT?

The modern state of Israel was founded in 1948, fulfilling what many Christians see as biblical prophecy. The Old Testament foretold that Jews would be scattered but eventually return to their homeland:

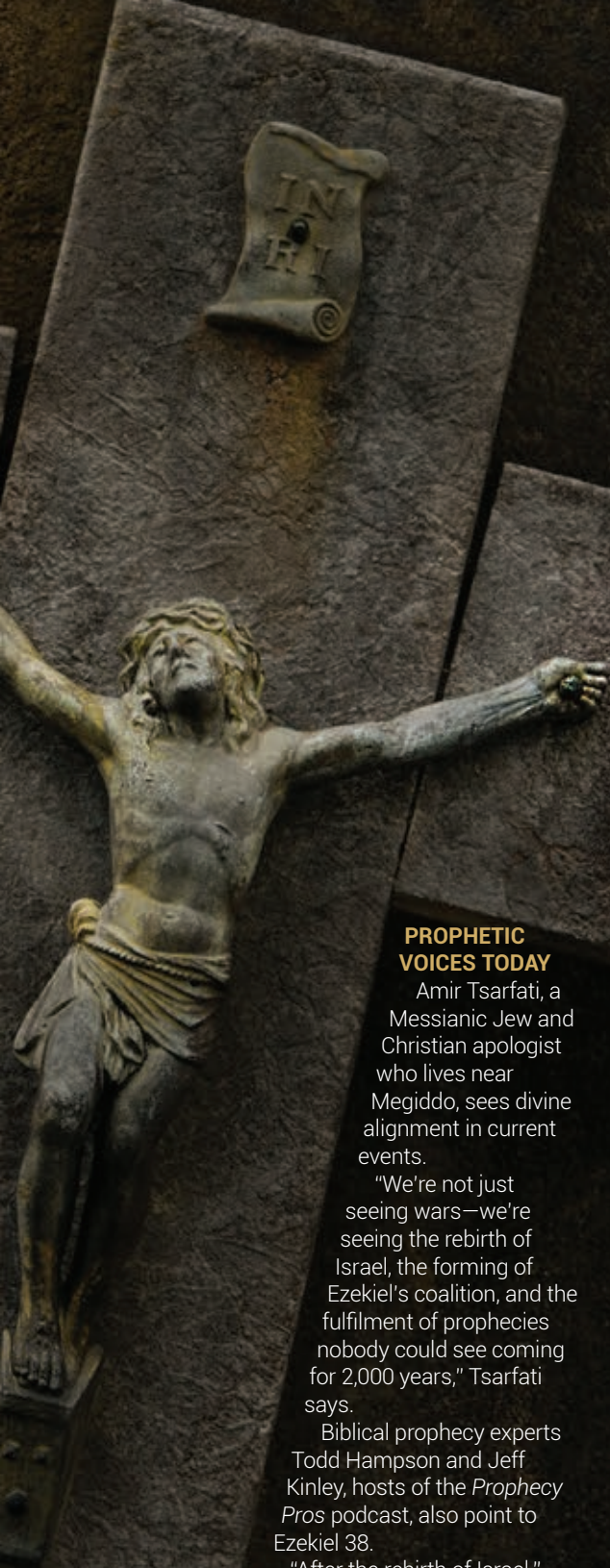
"The Lord will scatter you among all peoples..." (Deuteronomy)

"I will bring my people Israel back from exile... I will plant them in their own land, never again to be uprooted." (Amos)

Since 1948, Israel has survived multiple wars, persistent threats from neighbouring countries, and now, new escalations following the October 7, 2023 terror attack in which 1,200 Israelis were murdered by Palestinians linked to the terror group Hamas.

Iran, Israel's most vocal adversary, has repeatedly called for Israel's destruction and is reportedly pursuing nuclear weapons. This prompted the latest and most decisive event since Israel's formation, its pre-emptive strike on Iran on June 13 which is playing out as we speak.

As tensions continue to rise, references to "Armageddon" have resurfaced in global media coverage.



PROPHETIC VOICES TODAY

Amir Tsarfati, a Messianic Jew and Christian apologist who lives near Megiddo, sees divine alignment in current events.

"We're not just seeing wars—we're seeing the rebirth of Israel, the forming of Ezekiel's coalition, and the fulfilment of prophecies nobody could see coming for 2,000 years," Tsarfati says.

Biblical prophecy experts Todd Hampson and Jeff Kinley, hosts of the *Prophecy Pros* podcast, also point to Ezekiel 38.

"After the rebirth of Israel," says Hampson, "a coalition of nations led by Gog and Magog—

understood as Russia, Iran, and Turkey—will come against Israel from the north."

"If that invasion happened today," adds Kinley, "it would be a direct confirmation that we are living in the last days."

Is it just coincidence that the nations named more than 2,500 years ago are today united in hostility toward Israel?

THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Biblical scholars have long viewed the restoration of Israel in 1948 as a key prophetic milestone.

"Israel's continued existence, identity, and national revival is a remarkable testament to the power of God," wrote prophecy scholar John F. Walvoord. "Other nations disappear into history; Israel remains."

THE VALLEY OF THE DRY BONES

One of the most powerful metaphors in Ezekiel is the Valley of Dry Bones (Chapter 37). The vision portrays a long-dead nation—Israel—being brought back to life.

"Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord... I will bring you back to the land of Israel."

Mark Twain once described the land as a "desolate wasteland" in the late 1800s. But since 1948, it has blossomed—both demographically and agriculturally. In 2023 alone, over 900,000 people immigrated to Israel, many of them Jews returning from over 100 countries.

Israel's population is just over nine million. To put this into context, Iran's population is ten times that, at 92 million, and ten times larger in land mass.

THE END GAME

How does this all relate to Armageddon?

According to Revelation, nations will converge on Armageddon for a climactic battle during the End Times. The battle marks the rise of the Antichrist, the onset of divine judgments, and the ultimate return of Christ.

The reference to Babylon in Revelation is often interpreted as a global economic

system. Scholars have speculated that the "mark of the beast" may represent a digital currency system—something only made feasible in recent decades with the advent of global digital infrastructure.

Is it possible that the COVID-19 pandemic was a precursor to forced global compliance, as some prophecy teachers suggest?

THE ROLE OF PROPHECY

Remarkably, 30% of the Bible consists of prophecy.

One example: the prophet Isaiah predicted the virgin birth of the Messiah 600+ years before Jesus' time (Isaiah 7:14), and his suffering and death (Isaiah 53:5) centuries before the crucifixion occurred.

Daniel, while interpreting a dream for Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar, laid out a vision of four successive empires: Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman. These predictions were fulfilled by history.

"Daniel provided a sweeping prophecy," says Hampson, "accurately predicting history—and leaping forward to the end times."

ISRAEL: THE "SUPER SIGN"

Hampson calls Israel's rebirth the "super sign" of the end times.

"Everything hinges on it. Every Old Testament prophet except Jonah spoke of it."

With this prophetic foundation in place, what comes next?

According to prophecy scholars, we are heading toward:

- The Rapture of the Church
- The rise of the Antichrist
- A global economic system (the "mark of the beast")
- The Great Tribulation
- The Battle of Armageddon
- The Second Coming of Christ

Despite the chaos, Scripture maintains that Israel will endure.

"From the Six-Day War to today's threats from Iran," says Hampson, "Israel has always emerged victorious—and will continue to do so, according to biblical prophecy."

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WHEN 'SEEING IS
BELIEVING'
COLLIDES WITH
DEEP-FAKE
TECHNOLOGY,
CAN WE STILL
TRUST OUR
OWN EYES?



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Seeing is believing. We all know it to be true. No matter how bizarre, unexpected or unlikely it might be, once we see something for ourselves, with our own two eyes, unfolding in real time right there in front of us, even if it goes right against the grain of everything we've ever thought was possible, we're forced to believe it.

Why? Because seeing is believing.

Think about Thomas, one of the original twelve apostles of Jesus Christ. By all accounts, he was clearly an extraordinary guy. Some say he was the brother, perhaps even the twin, of Jesus himself. According to ancient Syriac texts, Thomas carried the good news of the Gospel as far afield as Türkiye, Ethiopia, India and even China, at a time when you could wear out a perfectly good pair of sandals just trying to get as far as the next water-hole. The indigenous Guarani tribes of

REALITY CHECK

"Google's Veo 3 can turn a single sentence into cinematic 'proof' – complete with explosions, dialogue and a soundtrack – in minutes."

Paraguay even claim Thomas made it all the way to the New World, fourteen hundred years before Columbus set sail, preaching to natives in the wilds of South America. The first Spanish ruler of Paraguay hadn't seen it for himself, so of course he didn't believe one word of it. So he sent his best experts out into the jungle to inspect sacred stone inscriptions said to have been carved by Thomas the Apostle. They found Hebrew-like symbols they couldn't decipher, or even work out the age of.

So, the local legend of St. Thomas wasn't necessarily believed by all. But I guess Thomas had it coming. Because, if you remember back to your old Sunday School stories, Thomas himself wasn't all that big on believing stuff he hadn't seen.

According to the Gospel of St John, when Jesus appeared alive and well to the other eleven apostles following his resurrection from the dead, Thomas had slept in or something and missed the whole show. So, when the others told him all about it later, he was sceptical to say the least. In fact, according to John's Gospel he was absolutely intransigent, pig-headedly declaring "Unless I see the nail-marks in his hands, and put my fingers into the wound in his side, I will not believe."

Well, we all know how that turned out for him. But let's face it, every one of us who ever heard that story as a kid was secretly thinking to themselves, deep-down inside, "You know what, Tom, I get it. Seeing is believing".

And it is.

For lawyers, nothing has more starkly underscored the point than the widespread proliferation, over recent years, of the use of closed-circuit television cameras. In the world of criminal prosecution, footage from CCTV cameras strategically positioned on street corners and in public spaces, and from body-worn video-recording equipment carried by police officers and

other first responders, has become an increasingly essential feature of the proof of criminal charges beyond a reasonable doubt.

And it doesn't all flow one way. In a world where seeing is believing, video evidence can exonerate as well as implicate.

Some years ago, I acted for a high-profile sporting identity charged with assaulting police and resisting arrest outside a popular nightclub. The detailed account of three separate detectives claimed he had drunkenly attempted to force his way into the nightclub and then, when approached by police, physically attacked them without cause or provocation. My client denied the charges, but the sworn evidence of the three officers shaped up as sufficient to convince a magistrate otherwise.

A conviction, or even the controversy of a public court appearance on such charges, was certain to seriously damage my client's reputation and career prospects.

Fortunately, before the matter actually came to court, I got my hands on the night club's CCTV footage, and it told a very different story. I immediately took it to the chief prosecutor, and pointed out to him that if the police persisted with their story, the footage could raise serious questions of perjury, and might even sound in civil damages. The officer concerned wisely and very promptly withdrew the charges before the matter even came to court. Seeing is believing.

But that was then, and this is now.

The other day, someone showed me a film clip, depicting a handful of SWAT-type police expertly storming a grimy, run down drug den then systematically eliminating a bunch of heavily-armed baddies in a spectacular

eruption of exploding stun grenades, stuttering machine gun bursts, and cascading cartridge shells, complete with intense and compelling dialogue, ultra-realistic sound effects and a fully integrated background musical score. I couldn't help but marvel at the high-end production values. The polished performance of the players, masterful camera-work, expert direction and flawless quick-fire action choreography, were nothing short of

astonishing. Imagine my surprise, then, when I learned the whole scene was entirely AI-generated, from start to finish. It was all a computer creation dreamt up by Google Veo 3, the brand new AI video tool that can turn a one-sentence keyboard prompt into spectacular movie magic, at next to no cost and all in a matter of minutes.

When I went looking online for more evidence of this game-changing stunt, the first thing I saw was a giraffe riding a motorbike the wrong way down a busy street in New York. Pretty funny, I had to admit. But when the next clip came up – a procession of bogus TV bulletins by totally real-looking reporters, breaking news of chaotic disasters all around the world, complete with convincing on-the-scene footage to prove it – it gave me real pause for thought.

In a time when whole generations slavishly consume all of their news online, the potential for misinformation, and perhaps even mischief and mayhem, was suddenly too close for comfort.

AI is fast changing everything in this brave new world. Maybe soon, if we're not very careful, even the meaning of reality itself.

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– CHRIS NYST**

A full-page photograph showing a diver in silhouette on the left, swimming horizontally. To the right is a massive whale shark, its body covered in white spots and stripes, swimming in the same direction. The background is a deep blue ocean with a sunset or sunrise glow on the horizon.

NO SMALL FEAT:
Diver Todd Thimios
sharing water with
a whale shark, the
largest shark species.
Photo: Todd Thimios

Finding the calm AMONGST RO

Words: Jessica Nelson and Cloe Jager
Photos: Todd Thimios and SCU

How underwater photographer and author
Todd Thimios discovered peace in the deep
— and why he's working to protect it

ROUGH WAVES



In a world of doom-scrolling and distractions, Todd Thimios says few things make you more present than sharing space with a whale. Floating in a realm where most people hold their breath, Todd finds a peaceful quality to being beneath the waves.

He's forged an awe-inspiring career that has made the ocean his office but, unlike most, Todd's place of work brings more calm than chaos.

"I've got a soft spot for big marine creatures. When you are underwater with them, it's intense. There is a big presence right there in front of you. It's personal and very in your face. Everything goes still and you're focusing on the encounter that's happening," Todd says.

"I love being present in the moment, and the bigger the marine life, the more present you have to be."

The international dive guide, author and photographer has some inspiring stories to tell, from freediving with orcas in the Arctic to swimming with countless grey reef sharks in the Pacific.

Growing up in Cairns, on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, Todd spent much of his youth scuba diving one



of the natural wonders of the world. He says it was a natural progression to become a diving instructor at Lord Howe Island for a decade before travelling to the other side of the globe to work as a private diving scout on super yachts around the world.

"My job was to travel ahead of the client and basically scout out dive locations I thought they would like, create content of it for them, then

take them there and look after them underwater while they dived the site," Todd says.

While working in Spain, Todd made the decision to formalise his studies in Marine Science and enrolled at Southern Cross University.

"I thought adding a good base of marine science to a strong practical knowledge of diving would really be helpful for the future if I ever was to change careers. It was pretty amazing. I was living overseas, working freelance all over the world and the beauty of the marine science degree was that a majority of it was online, so it gave me the chance to work at my own pace in different locations all over the place," Todd says.

"I joke that I did my degree in cafes around the world."

Todd would coincide family visits back to Australia with on-campus residencies.

"I really enjoyed the baseline core subjects of biology, ecology, and chemistry, because it gave a good organic breakdown of how everything worked. I could then add it to my personal knowledge of what I had experienced already," Todd says.

"It's given me knowledge to bounce back on. Finishing a degree as a mature-age student is a large accomplishment. I know that I can finish things under pressure, even when a lot of life's noises are in the background."

When the global pandemic put a spanner in the works of his freelance lifestyle, Todd returned to Cairns, where he met and married the love of his life. They've since had two children and settled on the NSW North Coast.

THE 'ULTIMATE' CAREER

Since graduating, Todd now splits his time between the renowned waters of Byron Bay and working as an international guide and underwater photographer. Despite having conducted dives in beautiful locations across the globe, he still regards Nguthungulli/

A man with short brown hair, smiling, stands waist-deep in blue ocean water. He is wearing a dark, textured wetsuit with the word 'RIFFE' printed on the chest and sleeves. He holds a large, professional underwater video camera with both hands. A scuba mask is hanging from his neck. In the background, there are dark, rocky sea stacks under a clear blue sky.

Todd Thimios with
underwater camera
at Boulder Beach,
Lennox Head NSW

"When you are underwater, everything goes quiet. It's peaceful. It gives you a moment to yourself.

There are no interruptions." – Todd Thimios



INTO THE DEEP.
Todd Thimios gears
up for underwater
exploration.

"It celebrates the best diving sites in the world... with a real focus on wildlife events, natural wonders and ocean stewardship." – Todd Thimios, on his new book *Ultimate Dive Sites*

Julian Rocks, off the coast of Byron Bay, as a "special dive site across all seasons".

It's high praise considering Todd is an expert in global dive sites. He has recently published the best-selling book, *Ultimate Dive Sites*, which outlines the best 50 dive experiences in the world.

"I've basically been collating material for this book over the past 15–20 years, from manta rays in the Maldives, orcas in the Arctic, crocs in Cuba and anacondas in Brazil and so much in between," Todd says.

"It celebrates the best diving sites in the world – a top 50 list as curated by me – and puts a lot of emphasis on 'experience' in the broader sense of diving: free-diving, snorkelling and scuba diving, with a real focus on wildlife events, natural wonders and ocean stewardship.

"I definitely brought a lot of what I learned in my degree, of how to dial

myself into a project and focus and finish something, in that process, but it was a wonderful occasion to bring all my photography over the years into one publication and I'm very proud of it."

FUTURE-PROOFING OUR REEFS

Ensuring our coral reefs can be enjoyed for generations to come is a top priority for Southern Cross University researchers, given Australia's own Great Barrier Reef has experienced six mass coral bleaching events since 2016.

Distinguished Professor Peter Harrison's coral larval restoration technique, known as Coral IVF, helps corals reproduce more successfully by allowing coral larvae – bred from corals that survived bleaching – to develop in the safety of a floating nursery before release on degraded reefs.

The research is part of the Reef Restoration and Adaption Program (RRAP), a funded partnership between

the Australian Government's Reef Trust and the Great Barrier Reef Foundation.

Also part of the RRAP is an investigation into cooling and shading options for the Great Barrier Reef, including 'cloud brightening technology', led by Associate Professor Daniel Harrison. The trial uses water cannons to pump atomised sea water into low marine clouds above the Reef. This causes brighter, whiter clouds to form that can reflect sunlight away from the ocean's surface, creating a cooling effect that protects marine life below.

Both projects aim to ensure the Great Barrier Reef can be cherished by divers like Todd, so they too can find the calm amongst the currents, now and into the future.

"When you are underwater, everything goes quiet," Todd says. "It's peaceful. It gives you a moment to yourself. There are no interruptions. You notice the interconnectivity of our environment and how it all works."



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GREASE, GRIT, and proving them ***WRONG.***

Mechanic Erin Bickford and husband Jesse are flipping career stereotypes on their heads—one engine, and one shift, at a time.

Breaking away from traditional career paths, husband and wife duo Jesse and Erin Bickford are rewriting the narrative. He's a registered nurse, while she's a skilled mechanic, proving stereotypes have no place at their dinner table.

"He gets it. He knows what it's like to be in a career where people don't expect to see you. Having that support means everything," said Erin.

"Proud is an understatement for how I feel about Erin. The commitment, hustle, and passion she has for learning and growing within the industry is inspiring, to say the least. She is a role model for me and I'm sure many others," said Jesse.

At just 25, Erin has carved out an impressive career in the automotive industry. From a determined teenager applying for over 70 apprenticeships to a fully qualified light vehicle mechanic and now upskilling in heavy diesel.

"A lot of people told me I wouldn't last two weeks in heavy diesel. I hope they weren't holding their breath," she said.

Erin's love for mechanics wasn't inherited—she built it from the ground up. At 16, she earned her Certificate II in Automotive Technology while still in high

school, and at 18 she relentlessly applied for apprenticeships until she landed one on the Gold Coast.

Five years later, she was a qualified light vehicle mechanic, but the challenge wasn't enough. She set her sights on upskilling with a Certificate III in Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology at TAFE Queensland's Ashmore campus.

"One of my proudest moments was choosing to upskill and proving my doubters wrong," said Erin.

"TAFE Queensland has been a game-changer for me. The support and expertise from the teachers at the Ashmore campus have been incredible—they truly invest in your success."

"I've never felt more empowered in my career, and I know the skills I've gained at TAFE Queensland are a huge part of why I'm able to excel in a field that's still often dominated by men," she said.

Working in a male-dominated trade isn't without its hurdles. Erin faces scepticism and physical challenges, but rather than letting them deter her, she uses them as fuel.

"You really have to be sure of yourself and know you deserve to be there as much as anybody else swinging

spanners for a living," said Erin.

Recognising the physical demands of her trade, she dedicates herself to health and fitness, hitting the gym before her shifts.

"The stronger you are, the easier a 12-hour day of back-breaking work becomes," she said.

Her advice to women considering a trade career?

"Do it if you're passionate. Some days will test every ounce of your motivation and discipline, but if you love what you do, it's worth it."

Discover your own path at the TAFE Queensland Online Open Day

Inspired by Erin's story? Explore your own future at TAFE Queensland's Online Open Day, launching 20 August.

Take virtual tours, watch on-demand videos, and hear more real student stories just like Erin's—all from your own home. Get expert advice from teachers and discover the study options that fit your goals—whether you're finishing school, changing careers, or looking to boost your skills.

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"If you haven't heard of us, one of your friends has probably used our track 'Coastline' on an Instagram reel."

— RYAN HENDERSON, HOLLOW COVES

Sounds Like GOLD

GOLD COAST ARTISTS SHINE AT HOTA WITH A STELLAR ALL-LOCAL FESTIVAL LINE-UP ON THE FIRST DAY OF WINTER.

Words: **Glenn Tozer**

Photography: **Simone Gorman Clark**

What better way to bring you *Ocean Road's* music update than through the lens of a music festival entirely featuring Gold Coast talent? On the first official day of winter, HOTA's Sounds Like Gold served up a warm, all-local line-up that was as diverse as it was impressive.

Electric Daisies set the scene with infectious energy — Jessie and Rachel blending decks and violin to deliver

upbeat covers, delighting the many young families soaking up the sunshine. Soon after, audiences got their first taste of renowned beatboxer and MC Tom Thum. With over 70 million YouTube views to his name, his on-stage presence was nothing short of electric.

Young rocker Parker kicked off the originals with 'Local Paradise', referencing Palm Beach's 19th Ave and the 765 bus, earning a knowing nod from the local crowd. His nostalgic spin on A-ha's 'Take

On Me' had parents joyfully singing along.

Next came Emily Grace Taylor, formerly San Mei, now transformed into a rising alt-country star. Her rich vocals and easy charm had young girls dancing in boots and broad smiles. Beckah Amani followed with her signature blend of afro-folk and soul, offering heartfelt lyrics and irresistible rhythms. Her standout track, 'I Don't Know Why I Don't Leave You', left a deep impression on first-time listeners.

As evening fell, indie-rock outfit Girl



Girl and Girl



Emily Grace Taylor



Beckah Amani

"Electric Daises had mums, dads and kids dancing before the midday sun had warmed the stage."

— GLENN TOZER



Electric Daises



JK-47



Parker

and Girl lifted the tempo with their punk-tinged melodies and emotionally charged lyrics. Their single 'Dance Now' was a perfectly timed call to action as the temperature dropped, with the lead singer's raw, vibrato-heavy vocals adding an edge that confirmed why they're gaining international attention.

Border-town rapper JK-47 brought lyrical sharpness and a powerful message to the stage. While his style might've surprised some of the older

crowd, his storytelling and poetic delivery were undeniable. A future performance backed by a live band could elevate the experience even further.

Finally, headliners Hollow Coves took to the stage under a canopy of lights. Despite global success — billions of streams and sold-out shows across Europe and the US — the Currumbin-based duo still fly under the radar locally. Frontman Ryan joked, "If you haven't heard of us, one of your friends has

probably used our track 'Coastline' on an Instagram reel." Between tour dates, the band has been quietly recording new material just beyond the Eco Village.

As the night came to a close, the crowd gathered for a heartfelt singalong to 'Photographs', followed by a short encore that wrapped the event in warm applause. Sounds Like Gold proved not only that the Gold Coast has world-class musical talent — but that winter, too, can shine bright.

As the powerhouse voice behind *Mahalia Barnes and the Soul Mates*, and the daughter of Australian rock royalty Jimmy Barnes, Mahalia Barnes has long carved her own distinct path in music. Now, she's on a new journey – stepping into the iconic role of Mary Magdalene in the *Jesus Christ Superstar* Australian tour. We caught up with Mahalia to talk about the challenges and joys of taking on such a beloved musical, her incredible family legacy, and how she stays grounded in the whirlwind of performance life.

SPOTLIGHT ON

MAHALIA BARNES

From Soul Queen to Mary Magdalene

Interview: **Caroline Russo** hushhushbiz.com Photography: **Jeff Busby & Juliet Taylor**

Congratulations on playing Mary Magdalene in Jesus Christ Superstar! How did the role come to you?

I was asked to come in and audition for the producers and the creative team when they started the casting process. This role was one that really interested me, so I thought I would give it a try!

How did it feel when you were picked for Mary? How did you celebrate?

I was thrilled to be offered the role of Mary. I've never been a part of a stage show like this before, so I was really nervous and excited... I think I probably celebrated by calling my brother David Campbell and his wife Lisa – they really

helped me through the process!

What has it been like stepping into such a legendary role that has been performed by so many iconic women over the years?

It's a real honour. The legacy is really special – some incredible women have played the role of Mary over the years. Kate Ceberano and Marcia Hines in this

country — I look up to, admire, and respect them both so much. I feel proud and grateful to be given the opportunity to step into their shoes!

Mary Magdalene is such an exciting and emotional role. What has challenged you most? And what have you enjoyed most, especially with this being your first theatre production?

I was very nervous to perform in this capacity. I'm comfortable as a singer and love to sing big, emotional and powerful songs, so that side of it was just exciting — I do love Mary's songs! But to take my performance to the next level and take on acting and choreography made me really nervous. I've never acted before, but it didn't take long to find my connection and understanding of the character and shape my interpretation of the role.

I really feel lucky to have been part of such an extraordinary and talented cast who have held my hand through the challenges, supported, inspired, encouraged and taught me so much! I also had amazing guidance and direction from the creatives — in particular, two powerhouse women on the creative team: Bree Tipoki (our resident choreographer, occasional director, swing, total boss — everything, to be honest) and Laura Tipoki, who was our Musical Director in Sydney and throughout the rehearsal process. I've loved all of it and feel I've grown a lot as a performer and personally.

You're not only a singer and performer, but also a wife, mum, and daughter in a big, talented family. How do you juggle it all — especially now while touring?

It's a challenging juggle, I can't lie! I also manage Dad, which is a HUGE job, especially with his new record and busy schedule. My eldest daughter Ruby has recently released her debut EP... so I've been keeping very, very busy. By Sunday night after eight shows, I'm exhausted!

But I'm so fortunate to have an amazing husband, Ben Rodgers. He's not only a ridiculously talented musician, writer and producer, he's also the best dad. He's been holding the home fort down and



doing the lion's share of the family stuff, to be honest. I also have a wonderful team working closely with me on album and touring logistics and planning. I certainly can't take all the credit!

With such a strong musical stage background, has this experience made you consider more theatre roles in the future?

Never say never. I'm always open to doing all the things — I love to push myself and step out of my comfort zone. I love to sing and I love to work with people who inspire and challenge me. If the right show and the right role came up at the right time, I'd definitely consider it.

Your brother, David Campbell, has also had an incredible career in music and theatre. Do you ever trade notes when it comes to performance and touring?

We're such great friends. I absolutely adore David and have so much respect and admiration for his talent and work ethic. He's an exceptional performer who's done so much. I'd be a fool not to seek his advice, especially when it comes to theatre!

We're lucky enough to share the stage and sing together often — and not much could bring me more joy. We've helped each other a lot over the years and love working together and collaborating whenever we can.

With your father Jimmy Barnes' recent health challenges and his amazing comeback, how has that shifted or deepened

your perspective on family and work-life balance?

He's a force of nature. He's faced a few unexpected challenges lately with his health — he's been so fit and well in recent years, looking after himself better than ever — and yet he's had a few unavoidable obstacles.

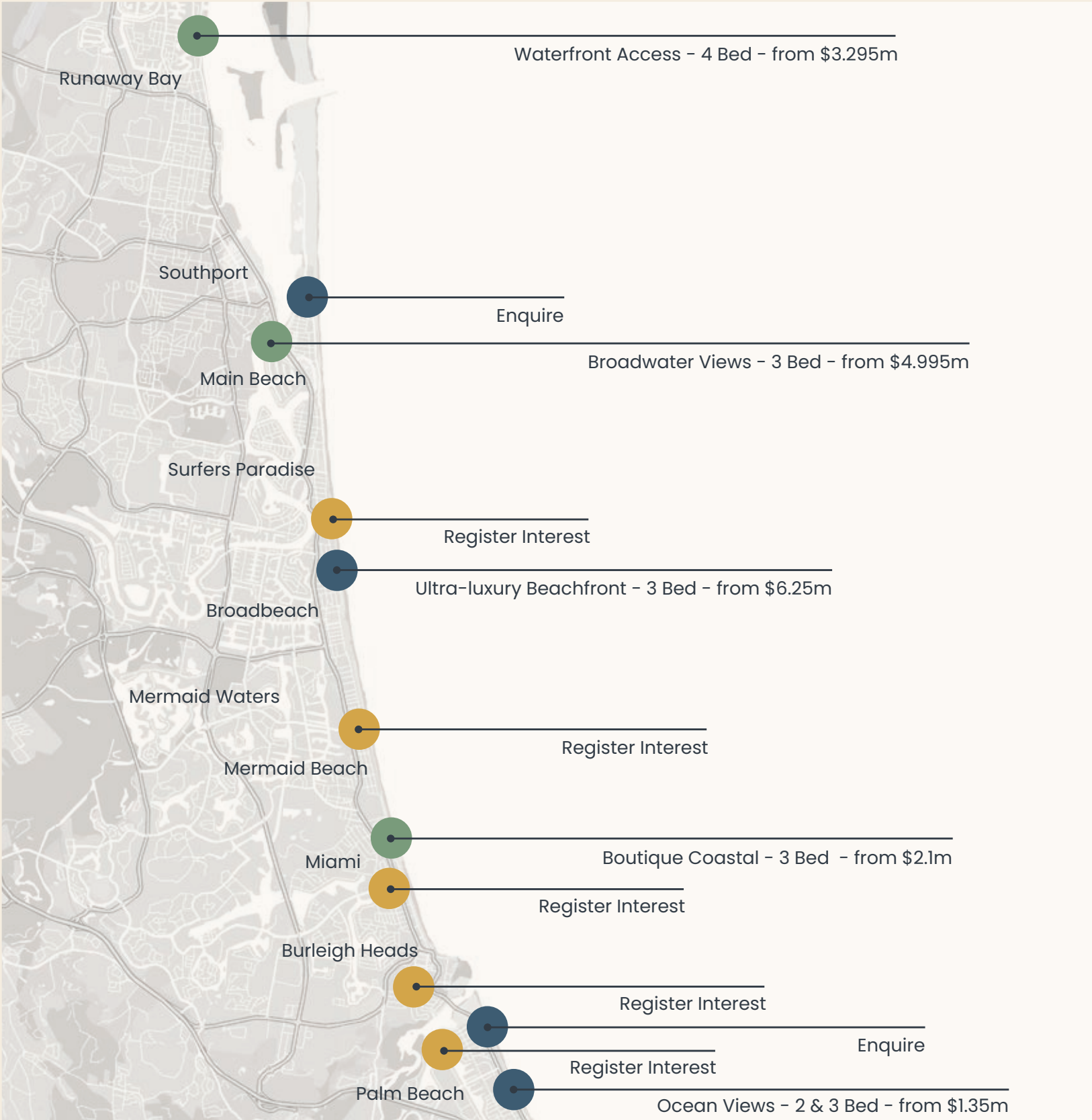
I'm constantly inspired by his commitment and passion for performing and creating new music, his love for his work and his fans. I'm also grateful for his dedication to all of us as a family. He works so hard, but there is always a balance, and family is always the priority.

When things get hectic, what grounds you most — music, family time, something else?

Music and family, for sure... but also food. Our family loves to cook and share delicious food. So do my dearest friends — it's a real love language for us all and can really replenish me when things are crazy. Sunshine is really important to me — even five minutes sitting still with the sun on my face is like a complete reset!

What's the best advice your mum or dad ever gave you — whether it was about music, motherhood, or just life?

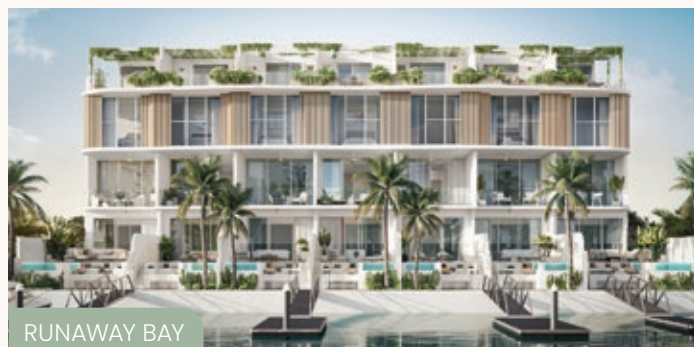
I don't even know where to start. I guess the thing I've always been grateful for is that they instilled in me the importance of being authentic and truthful — with myself and others. To work hard and to always find joy and love in life. To never stop learning.



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on-year, with suburbs like Palm Beach, Mermaid Beach, Broadbeach Waters, and Hope Island continuing to lead the way. Properties are being snapped up faster, and premium results are being achieved at both auction and private treaty—often with multiple offers.

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Tucked away in one of the Gold Coast's best-kept secrets, this magnificent estate stands as one of only eight substantial waterfront residences, surrounded by grand palatial homes and prestigious equestrian estates—all nestled discreetly within suburbia. From the moment you pass through the secure gates and enter the estate's grand 3,136m²* grounds, a sense of grandeur unfolds. A sweeping central driveway, framed by majestic dragon trees and a statement Canary Island Date Palm, leads to a commanding 6.3-metre-high* port cochère that sets the tone for what lies beyond.

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SOUL | 7001/4 THE ESPLANADE **SURFERS PARADISE**

5 7 8 1,070m²*

Introducing 'The Soul Penthouse' - Manhattan On The Beach. Presenting 'Altitude', the crown jewel of Queensland's coastline and arguably the most extraordinary penthouse in Australia. Rising above Surfers Paradise and commanding the top four levels of Soul, the Gold Coast's most prestigious oceanfront tower, this residence is more than a penthouse; it is an international architectural landmark, a private world in the sky, and the highest vertical expression of lifestyle and luxury ever brought to market. Occupying an awe-inspiring 1,070m²* of internal and external space, Altitude is one of the highest sky homes in the Southern Hemisphere.

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19 BELLARA STREET **ASHMORE**

4 4 3 583m²* 3,342m²*

Commanding 57.5 metres* of absolute Main River frontage and set across 3,342m²* of pristine riverfront land, Bellara is not just a residence; it's a landmark estate. Architecturally bespoke, it resides in one of the Gold Coast's most exclusive, tightly held enclaves. This is a location frequented by international A-listers and home to elite educational institutions, major transport links, and prestigious private schools. Welcome to a lifestyle reserved for the world's most discerning. Drawing inspiration from the alpine grandeur of Aspen and Jackson Hole, Bellara brings the essence of mountain-side luxury to the water's edge, seamlessly reimagined for the Gold Coast way of life.

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6 TAY COURT HELENSVALE

6 6 6 6 6 3,559m²*

A Rare Blue-Chip, SUBDIVISION Opportunity at 'Serenity Manor'. An Unmatched Opportunity in the Heart of the Northern Gold Coast – Buy One, Buy All, Renovate or Redevelop. Occupying an expansive 3,559sqm* parcel of premium waterfront land with 155m* of waterfrontage, this rare and versatile opportunity offers multiple possibilities: secure one property, purchase the entire holding, renovate the existing home, or embark on a significant redevelopment project with scope for three luxury residences (STCA).

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3 NORTHCLIFFE TERRACE **SURFERS PARADISE**

4 4.5 2 401m²*

Introducing 'Unforgettable' - a name befitting a residence where the views linger in your memory long after you've left. Perched atop the 23rd floor of the elite, residential-only Northcliffe Residences, this remarkable 401m²* full-floor sky home sets a new standard for luxury beachfront living. Commanding the most prominent position along this iconic stretch of coastline, Unforgettable offers a life suspended between sea and sky, where the uninterrupted vistas span from Coolangatta to Stradbroke Island, the horizon and beyond! This is more than a home - it is an architectural triumph in coastal refinement.

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105 THE SOVEREIGN MILE **SOVEREIGN ISLANDS**

5 4 3 847m²*

Setting a new benchmark in architectural excellence and refined coastal living, this brand-new, never-before-lived-in residence on The Sovereign Mile is the ultimate expression of sophisticated style and exceptional quality. Designed for the discerning buyer who seeks nothing but the best, this bespoke home offers an elite lifestyle of waterfront luxury, nestled within the prestigious, 24/7 gated community of Sovereign Islands. Architecturally conceived by Lumiere Design Group, with interiors inspired by renowned U.S. designer Becki Owens and landscaping curated by LGD Landscape Architects, this home is a flawless union of international style and timeless elegance.

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90C SAVOY DRIVE **BROADBEACH WATERS**

AN EXTREMELY RARE WATERFRONT LAND RELEASE

Perfectly positioned along one of Broadbeach Waters' most sought-after waterways, 90C Savoy Drive presents an exceptional opportunity with 802m²* of premium waterfront land. Directly opposite the serene Cascade Gardens and capturing wide water views, this rare offering is a blank canvas for those seeking to build a luxury residence or pursue a boutique multi-home development (STCA). Surrounded by prestige homes in an exclusive, tightly held enclave, this expansive site promises an unmatched lifestyle in one of the Gold Coast's most desirable locations.

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A TRYP CLOSE TO HOME offers the perfect STAYCATION



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SOUTHPORT'S TRYP BY WYNDHAM WELCOMES A WAVE OF LOCAL AND INTERSTATE VISITORS EAGER FOR LUXURY, CONVENIENCE AND A BREAK FROM THE EVERYDAY.

Picture a winter escape where the sun is shining, humpback whales migrate majestically along the coast, and it's not too far from the comfort of home—yet far enough that the household chores can take a back seat for a few days. (Well, not literally in there with the kids, who are yapping “Are we there yet?”)

Delighted parents are now piping up and answering that incessant question with glee, “Yep, we’re here already.”

Families are flocking to TRYP by Wyndham, nestled in the vibrant heart of Southport, and a popular gem in Azzura

cuisine at Amore Ristorante, or the tantalising flavours of Rossa Pizzeria & Bar conveniently located on the entry level.

Relaxation and wellness are well catered for. Guests can soak in the serenity of the steam room, enjoy a sauna, or stay active in the state-of-the-art gym complete with hydration stations.

Managing Director of TRYP by Wyndham Southport, Roberta Grasso, beams when families arrive at the hotel developed by her family as part of a seven-year vision to enhance Southport.

“Seeing this project evolve is exciting, and our guests often make the comment that they cannot believe they’re in the



Investment Limited's \$3.8 billion Imperial Square development.

Taking a staycation in your own backyard is becoming as popular as a refreshing dip in TRYP's 25-metre infinity rooftop pool, with views stretching across to the Pacific Ocean.

A 2024 domestic tourism snapshot by Tourism & Events Queensland shows the Gold Coast recorded a significant rebound in domestic overnight visitation, with more than 4.3 million visitors in the year ending December 2024, up from 4.1 million in 2023.

That includes record numbers of visitors from the Sunshine Coast and NSW, while locals are also chipping in—with tourism now representing 4.4 per cent of the city's economy. Intrastate visitation increased 3.2 per cent to 2.1 million, including a record 249,000 visitors from the Sunshine Coast—a 34.9 per cent increase over 2023.

With vacancy rates around 80 per cent and accommodation options to suit couples, families or even extended broods, TRYP by Wyndham is capitalising on the trend and welcoming a wave of interstate and local visitors.

There are 225 self-contained apartments, each offering spacious layouts and modern facilities to ensure maximum comfort, along with practical amenities for visitors—many of whom are from the Sunshine Coast and choosing to bypass Brisbane for the allure of the northern Gold Coast.

There's alfresco dining with Italian and Mediterranean

heart of Southport,” she says.

“It's close to all the Gold Coast attractions, so we cater to that market well by offering packages that appeal to the whole family. We have all the major theme parks on our doorstep and there's so much for visitors to see and do.

“We are seeing a lot of locals from the northern Gold Coast who are enjoying the dining and live music we have here, and it's great to see these people coming back into a re-energised Southport.”

Function and meeting space options cater for up to 60 people, including the rooftop Imperial Lounge, cocktail function space by the rooftop pool, and the Regal Lounge private dining room.

“Everything from small weddings to birthdays and corporate functions are catered for, and we are hosting a whole range of industries in these spaces,” says Roberta.

TRYP by Wyndham will play a pivotal role in the Imperial Square juggernaut, which is set to inject significant investment and a new level of sophistication and retail/tourism experiences into the Southport CBD.

“We are thrilled with the product—it has exceeded all expectations. To see confidence and investment returning to Southport is something special,” she says.

■ **Winter getaway special offers are on now, including 25 per cent off two-bedroom apartments from June to August. Visit www.trypsouthportgoldcoast.com.au**



Regional Project of the Year: Corso House, Justin Humphrey Architects Pic: Andy Mac

EXCELLENCE *in housing design celebrated*

AT GOLD COAST AND NORTHERN RIVERS REGIONAL ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

Words: **Lindy Johnson** Photography: **supplied**

Innovation, sustainability and striking residential design took centre stage as the region's most talented architects were recognised at the Gold Coast and Northern Rivers Regional Architecture Awards. The event showcased outstanding contributions to the built environment, highlighting projects that redefine modern living while responding thoughtfully to place, climate and community needs.

BUILDING OF THE YEAR

'Four Dwellings on 800m2' has won the Philip Follent Building of the Year at the recently announced Gold Coast and

Northern Rivers Australian Institute of Architects Regional Awards.

Designed by Clare Design and located at Palm Beach, the project comprises four residential dwellings on an 800m2 site including a duplex, a house, and a granny flat that can comfortably accommodate up to 20 people.

The jury commended 'Four Dwellings on 800m2' as "an exploration of gentle density and intergenerational living", while providing access to breezes, shading and natural light in a subtropical environment.

The project also received a commendation in the Residential Architecture – Multiple Housing category.

REGIONAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR

'Corso House' in Surfers Paradise has been awarded the Gold Coast and Northern Rivers Regional Project of the Year. Designed by local practice Justin Humphrey Architects, the jury noted that "each surface, from floor to ceiling, forms a harmonious whole".

Entry to the house is via a cobbled carport under a concrete canopy draped with greenery, creating a welcoming transition from outdoor to indoor.

Window openings connect internal living spaces to a shaded planting corridor, creating a sense of refuge from busy professional lives.



Building of the Year: Four Dwellings on 800m2, Clare Design. Pic: Gollings



House of the Year: Kanooka House, Dan Wilson and Knight Office. Pic: Yaseera Moosa



People's Choice Award: Lavarack House, BDA Architecture. Pic: Andy Macpherson



Regional Project of the Year: Corso House, Justin Humphrey Architects. Pic: Andy Macpherson

'Corso House' also received a commendation in the Residential Architecture – Houses (New) category.

HOUSE OF THE YEAR

'Kanooka House' has been awarded the Gold Coast and Northern Rivers House of the Year. Designed by Dan Wilson and Knight Office, the jury said the new home for a young family of four "exemplifies the capacity for architecture to bring immense value to a project despite a modest budget."

'Kanooka House' also received a commendation in the Residential Architecture – Houses (New) category.

"design took centre stage as the region's most talented architects were recognised..."

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

'Lavarack House' has won this year's Ken Newton and Brian Mossop People's Choice Award.

Designed by BDA Architecture, Lavarack House has been thoughtfully crafted for the Gold Coast's subtropical climate. The home's natural ventilation ensures year-round comfort while reducing its environmental impact.

STAY LOCAL, BUILD NEW: the knock down rebuild opportunity with Metricon

Why more Gold Coast families are choosing to rebuild where they love—combining the comfort of familiarity with the luxury of a brand-new home.



There's a reason the Gold Coast lifestyle is so envied. From sunrise swims and sunset strolls to neighbourhood cafés, school drop-offs and weekend sports at the local oval – it's the rhythm of coastal life that turns houses into homes and suburbs into communities. So, what happens when your home no longer meets your needs, but everything else in your life works perfectly? For a growing number of Gold Coast residents, the answer is simple: a KnockDown Rebuild (KDRB) with Metricon.

Australia's leading home builder is seeing a steady increase in local homeowners – and those who aspire to live here – choosing to stay close to what they love by replacing tired, outdated homes with brand new ones tailored to suit their family, lifestyle, and block of land.

Metricon's KnockDown Rebuild customers also aren't confined to the home they currently live in. Instead, they're

purchasing older homes just down the road – maybe on a better street, closer to the beach or on a more suitable block – and starting fresh. The key is that they're keeping their lives anchored in a familiar area. School runs stay the same. Work commutes don't change. Local shops, sports clubs and favourite cafés remain part of daily life. It has all the benefits of a big upgrade, without the big disruption.

There's also a growing trend of new buyers making the move to the Gold Coast from elsewhere, who see the KnockDown Rebuild approach as the ideal entry point. Rather than competing for a limited supply of modern homes in popular areas, they purchase an older property in the suburb they love, knock it down and build new – getting the exact home they want in the perfect location.

For many, the appeal of a KnockDown Rebuild lies in avoiding the unknowns and compromises of a renovation. Older homes often come with structural issues, poor energy efficiency, dated



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Spacious primary suites with walk-in robes.

floorplans and never-ending maintenance costs. By contrast, a brand-new home is designed for modern living, with light-filled spaces, flexible layouts and energy-smart inclusions – especially with Metricon's award-winning designs.

It can also be a more cost-effective path than many people realise. With no need to pay stamp duty on a new home, and no costs for agents or relocation, a KnockDown Rebuild has the potential to offer significant savings – along with the lifestyle benefits of staying in a neighbourhood you already love.

To truly understand the potential of a KnockDown Rebuild on the Gold Coast, nothing beats walking through a finished home. Metricon has a number of display homes to see what's possible. At Labrador, the spacious Merricks from the Freedom by Metricon range is ideal for multigenerational living – a smart,

"It has all the benefits of a big upgrade, without the big disruption."

stylish home that balances practicality with room to grow. At Broadbeach Waters, the Vista from the Designer range offers generous proportions, open-plan living and elegant finishes, perfect for those with larger blocks. Finally, at the impressive SkyRidge display village in Worongary, you'll find four stunning homes showcasing different layouts, styles and design inspiration.

With a Metricon KnockDown Rebuild, you don't have to sacrifice location to get your dream home. Whether you're already living on the Gold Coast or planning to make it your home, it's a chance to stay close to everything you love – while building a better way to live. Visit a display home and discover what's possible when you choose to start fresh, without starting over.

■ For more information on how you can start your KnockDown Rebuild journey, visit www.metricon.com.au or call 1300 638 742.

THE HOME *that adapts to* **LIFE'S** **CHAPTERS**

INTRODUCING CORAL HOMES' HIGHLANDS 372Q-A VERSATILE, FUTURE-READY DESIGN REDEFINING ACREAGE LIVING IN QUEENSLAND'S LOCKYER VALLEY.

Words & Photography:
Coral Homes



"With the potential to earn extra income or add long-term value, it's a home that works for your future."

Coral Homes continues to redefine the Australian lifestyle with the launch of their latest display home, the Highlands 372Q in The Fairways Estate, Kensington Grove. Nestled in Queensland's picturesque Lockyer Valley region, this home represents a new benchmark for functional, stylish, and flexible acreage living.

With five bedrooms, four bathrooms, and four distinct living areas, including a self-contained granny flat, the

Highlands 372Q is designed to meet the evolving needs of modern families. Whether you're welcoming extended family, creating a private guest suite, or simply planning for the future, this home design is as practical as it is beautiful.

REIMAGINING ACREAGE LIVING

The Highlands Series has long been a customer favourite, celebrated for its spacious layouts, modern farmhouse styling, and connection to nature. Now, Coral Homes proudly introduces its

newest addition: the Highlands 372Q.

This striking home makes a bold statement with its Alpine façade, a stunning blend of natural timber, stone features, and clean architectural lines that evoke the warmth and charm of a mountain retreat. A palette of soft neutrals enhances the home's texture-rich exterior, striking the perfect balance between rustic sophistication and contemporary edge.

Inside, a curated blend of charcoal tones, walnut timber, and matte textures

brings a sense of depth and harmony. From plush fabrics to tactile wallpapers, every material has been carefully chosen to deliver comfort and timeless elegance in equal measure.

A FLEXIBLE FUTURE UNDER ONE ROOF

One of the most innovative features of the Highlands 372Q design is its private, self-contained granny flat, a thoughtfully designed retreat complete with a bedroom, ensuite, kitchenette, and living space. This unique zone offers privacy and independence, ideal for elderly relatives, grown-up children, long-stay guests or even as a potential income stream.

The rest of the home features expansive, interconnected living spaces and a spacious alfresco that blurs the lines between indoors and out. Whether it's family dinners, weekend BBQs or working from home, the floorplan adapts to your lifestyle, now and in the years to come.

THE RISE OF FLEXIBLE LIVING

In today's world, the idea of 'home' has changed. Families are choosing to live together longer, whether for economic reasons, lifestyle choice or necessity.

From multi-generational households to hybrid work setups, the demand for flexible floorplans is rising. Coral Homes has responded with clever solutions like self-contained retreats, wider hallways, adaptable rooms, and accessible design features that grow with you.

Design trends such as granny flats, transformative spaces, and internal courtyards are shaping the future of residential living, making homes more inclusive, connected and functional.

COME AND SEE IT FOR YOURSELF

With over 35 years of experience and more than 27,000 homes delivered, Coral Homes continues to build more than houses, they build communities.

Be among the first to experience the Highlands 372Q at The Fairways, Kensington Grove - a display home that brings together space, style and versatility in one beautiful package.

■ Visit: 7 Stirling Drive, Kensington Grove
Open: Sat – Wed: 10am – 5pm
Don't have time to visit the home in person?
You can also tour it virtually anywhere,
anytime online: www.coralhomes.com.au



"Finally, a thoughtfully designed, multi-generational home that brings the whole family together, without compromising on space or privacy."

Ben Garland, General Manager of Construction



RAISING *the* BAR:

WHAT'S NEXT FOR GOLD COAST PROPERTY?

INSIDE THE HIGH-STAKES CONVERSATION
DRIVING THE REGION'S FUTURE GROWTH

Words:
Gabrielle Kenworthy
Photography:
Brian Usher

AROUND
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"We're not shutting the gate – we simply can't. The Gold Coast needs smarter planning and faster action if we're going to keep up with the growth that's already here".

As the Gold Coast grapples with rapid growth, constrained housing supply and the countdown to the 2032 Olympic Games, the third edition of Ocean Road's Around the Table Property Forum brought together leading minds across planning, development and investment for a high-level exchange of ideas.

Hosted at the RACV Royal Pines Resort, the exclusive event unfolded over an afternoon of fine dining and expansive city views, setting the stage for a timely, solutions-driven discussion.

the venue

This year's Around the Table Property Forum returned to the 21st floor of RACV Royal Pines Resort, with discussions taking place in the private dining room of Videre Restaurant – a space known for its panoramic views across the Gold Coast skyline and hinterland. The setting provided a relaxed yet elevated backdrop for high-level conversation among industry leaders.

Guests enjoyed a tailored menu that featured contributions from Arakawa, the resort's signature Japanese restaurant. Known for its refined approach to sushi, sashimi and teppanyaki, Arakawa brings together traditional technique and modern presentation, adding a distinctive culinary highlight to the afternoon.

RACV Royal Pines continues to evolve its offering for high-end business and lifestyle events, combining best-in-class hospitality with a growing focus on flexible conferencing, elevated menus and standout venues such as Videre and Arakawa.



the hosts

BRIAN USHER
Publisher, Ocean Road Magazine
&
STEVE HUNT
CEO, Media Hunt Communications





Patrick Hefferan



Andrew Erwin

Matt George



Ron Bakir

Pip and Alex Wood



Rebecca Young

Daniel Faigen



William Nickiforides, Robert Badalotti & James Nickiforides

the guests

MARK HAMMEL
Division 1 Councillor, Deputy Mayor and Chair
of the Planning & Regulation Committee

KEVIN ZHANG
Sales and Marketing Director,
MRCB International

DANIEL FAIGEN
Director, Hirsch & Faigen

HON. WILL HODGMAN
Chair of Invest Gold Coast (ex-Premier of
Tasmania 2020-2024)

MRS REBECCA YOUNG
Assistant Minister to the Deputy Premier and
for Planning, Housing and Better Regulation

PAUL RIGA
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Hon. Will Hodgman

Kevin Zhang



Paul Riga

David McMahon



Glenn
Bacon



the menu

APPETISER

Ikura caviar, salmon puri,
yuzu tamari ponzu

ENTRÉE

Hiramasa kingfish, negi miso, white soy
dashi, seaside herbs, Aleppo oil

MAIN

Grass-fed beef tenderloin, miso hummus,
wasabi jus, charred cabbage salad

DESSERT

Matcha ice cream craquelin choux bun,
hot matcha latte

BEVERAGES

Mumm Tasmania
Sons of Eden Freya Riesling
PHI Chardonnay
PHI Grenache Amphora
Bethany First Village Shiraz
Byron Bay Lager
Stone & Wood Pacific Ale
Boags Light
Heineken Zero





Martin Zumstein General Manager RACV Royal Pines Resort



the conversation

The forum was opened by Steve Hunt, Founder and CEO of Media Hunt Communications, who once again led a high-calibre discussion on the most pressing issues facing the Gold Coast property sector.

The afternoon commenced with an in-depth presentation from Paul Riga, Director of Urbis, who set the scene with a detailed overview of the latest Gold Coast market data. Riga noted that while the median price for new apartments on the Gold Coast remains close to \$2 million, the first quarter of 2025 showed promising signs, with 209 new apartment sales recorded and a modest return of new supply to the market.

However, Riga cautioned that this activity conceals deeper challenges. He pointed to the persistent shortfall in new dwellings, highlighting that the city needs approximately 6,000 new apartments each year to keep pace with demand, a figure that far exceeds the 2,500 to 3,000 forecast to be delivered in the coming years.

He also revealed that average project timeframes have significantly lengthened, with developments now taking between 5.5 to 7.5 years from application to completion, up from just 3 to 4 years five years ago. Many approved high-density projects are unlikely to proceed in their current form, and Riga warned that this would disproportionately affect the delivery of more affordable one- and two-bedroom homes.

Despite these headwinds, he emphasised the continued strength and renewed government attention ahead of the 2032 Olympic Games.

Division 1 Councillor, Deputy Mayor and Chair of the Planning & Regulation Committee, Cr Mark Hammel, responded by acknowledging the urgency of the housing situation and called for a shift in mindset. He noted that the Gold Coast is no longer in a position to simply "shut the gate", and that local government must be prepared to support growth with more flexible and commercially viable planning outcomes.

Hammel outlined the Council's work to reframe the public conversation around growth through the ongoing local growth management strategy, which has successfully broadened community understanding of the need for more housing options across the city.

He called out outdated planning restrictions, such as the minimum 600sqm lot size in many suburbs, as among the key barriers to supply, and argued for a more proactive approach to enabling light-frame, slab-on-ground construction in established areas with existing infrastructure.

Cr Hammel cited Sherpa's recently approved Flourish development in Palm Beach as a clear example of how quality, attainable product can be delivered in desirable locations.



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Hammel reiterated that housing supply should not be confined to coastal towers alone – rather, that well-located, medium-density development in inland centres would be essential in bridging the gap over the next decade.

The discussion was further enriched by insights from Kevin Zhang, Sales and Marketing Director of MRCB International, who spoke to the strong fundamentals driving the company's continued focus on the Gold Coast. He said projects like 26 Vista and Maris in Southport are seeing exceptional buyer demand, particularly for more affordable stock, and stressed the importance of planning certainty and timely approvals to support offshore investment decisions.

The Hon. Will Hodgman, Chair of Invest Gold Coast and former Premier of Tasmania, called for long-term vision and closer alignment between all levels of government to ensure the city can capitalise on Olympic-led growth and deliver meaningful infrastructure outcomes.

Daniel Faigen, Director of Hirsch & Faigen, closed the panel with a clear message on feasibility. He cautioned that planning frameworks must reflect market realities, noting that delays, rising costs and inflexible zoning continue to challenge delivery – and that more responsive, commercially minded policy is urgently needed.

The Ocean Road Around the Table forum once again delivered a spirited and solution-focused exchange between policymakers, developers and advisors, reinforcing the importance of open dialogue and aligned ambition in unlocking a more resilient, equitable and forward-thinking property market for the Gold Coast.



The Urban Appeal *OF LIFESTYLE CARE* COMMUNITIES

WHY ODYSSEY'S INNOVATIVE MODEL IS THE RIGHT FIT
FOR OUR GROWING CITIES.

Words: **Melinda Burton** Photography: **supplied**





“Odyssey Chevron Island will not just be a place to live; it will become a place to thrive.”

PHIL USHER, FOUNDER AND CEO,
ODYSSEY LIFESTYLE CARE COMMUNITIES

Former Gold Coast Mayor Gary Baidon and wife Kathy.

Amidst the rapid rise in urban populations, an aged care pioneer is hailing lifestyle care communities as the ideal remedy for densely populated areas. Odyssey Lifestyle Care Communities founder and CEO Phil Usher has applied over 20 years of experience to design a better model of ageing for Australians—one that you don't have to compromise on quality.

“Odyssey is different to other aged care or retirement alternatives because it's a Lifestyle Care Community,” he says. “We are passionate about giving the power back to residents. In fact, this is the direction that the new aged care act stipulates. We are just ahead of the curve. Here, couples stay together if they wish. Pets are welcome. Families love visiting and staying over. And most importantly, you get the support you need to live your best life here on the Gold Coast.”

Mr Usher says in regions where space is at a premium, lifestyle care communities offer a number of unique benefits.

“Seniors are the perfect neighbours for people living in highly populated areas, they don't contribute to traffic congestion, they prioritise harmonious

living and most importantly, they actively engage in the local community,” he says.

Mr Usher says there are numerous reasons why these types of communities provide a natural solution to some of the significant challenges faced within densely populated areas.

“Unlike residential buildings, traffic issues are not something our kind of community contribute to, as most of our residents are retired and don't travel during business hours,” he says. “In a standard residential building, most people will have two vehicles however, in our case, one in 10 residents have a car. The average age of those residing within a care community is late seventies plus, so these kinds of developments haven't been known to exacerbate existing traffic woes.”

This sentiment aligns with Odyssey's innovative community currently underway at Chevron Island, located between Anembo and Mawarra Street and due for completion within the first quarter of 2026. The landmark five-star project consists of 167 apartments across a single 19-storey tower.

From the gourmet restaurant to the welcoming pool deck, every amenity will enrich the sense of community for future

residents. Those with care needs are also accommodated with Odyssey's 24/7 onsite care team at their fingertips.

Mr Usher says Chevron builds on the success of the Robina community and will offer brand new luxury apartments in the heart of Chevron Island.

“It's incredibly exciting to see our Chevron community come to life and we are starting to see an indication of what life will look like for our future residents, and it's simply phenomenal,” he says.

“Construction is progressing with the slab now poured up to Level 12 and the core reaching Level 15, which is an exciting milestone that defines the near full height of the tower's main structure.”

Mr Usher says even with their Chevron development set to create a number of jobs; the project will not worsen traffic conditions when finished.

“Due to the nature of what we do, our staff changeover is outside of peak hours, instead our team are rostered on either side of business hours,” says Mr Usher. “We operate three shifts per day, so even with our team on hand to deliver personalised care and support services, it won't contribute to traffic congestion.”

Another benefit to consider is the amount of business senior residents bring to their local area.

“From our Robina community, we've seen our residents actively engage with neighbouring establishments such as cafes, restaurants, bouquet shops and services and we expect to see the same at Chevron,” he says. “We are proactive in fostering partnerships with those around us and this is the sort of activity that helps create new opportunities and contributes to the surrounding community.”

Odyssey Chevron Island will not just be a place to live; it will become a place to thrive, offering a lifestyle that balances comfort, luxury, care and social engagement. It's just what the doctor and the government ordered!”

■ Visit odysseycommunities.com.au for more information.



AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE? Homecorp Is Building It

**From foundations to legacy-driven communities,
Homecorp is reshaping how Australia lives, builds and thrives.**

What if \$3 billion was only the foundation? What does it really take to build a lasting legacy? Some developers chase the market, but only one is shaping the future. One is outrunning the pack. One is building far beyond the numbers.

That figure might sound like the summit to some of what they hope to achieve, but for Homecorp, it is only the beginning. For one of Australia's leading developers, builders and community creators, it is more than a number. It represents lives changed, skylines redefined and communities shaped across the nation. What sets this company apart is not just the scale of its impact, but the mindset behind the momentum. This is a story of continuous learning, bold growth and a refusal to accept the norm. It is about a team that lives and breathes its values and builds with purpose.

Looking closely at the meaning of Kaizen, the Japanese concept of continuous improvement, you will find

Homecorp at its heart.

The idea that every process, every moment and every decision can be refined fuels everything they do. It is about making the everyday better, challenging what is expected and doing something greater. It is taking full responsibility for the legacy being created.

Homecorp is one team driving one vision, with a presence that spans from Queensland to South Australia to Victoria. No matter the postcode, the purpose remains the same. With a diverse portfolio spanning house and land estates, boutique townhomes and mid to high-rise multi-storey developments, the company continues to set new benchmarks across every sector.

From the early days of The Views in Rockhampton to a \$3 billion national pipeline, Homecorp's journey has been built on more than land and architecture. It is driven by a mindset – one that sees no ceiling when the goal is to create something that will outlast its makers.

Founded in 2004 by CEO and Founder

Ron Bakir, Homecorp has never wanted to follow the status quo. It began with a clear mission to do things differently.

"I have always wanted to rewrite the rules. My journey to Homecorp was founded on a simple belief, if you dream big enough and work hard enough, anything is possible. No is never an answer. I wanted to create homes across Australia's seaboard for families, homes that nurture the next generation of nurses, teachers, tradespeople and dreamers. I had a vision to create a legacy, something that would be remembered for generations to come," said Mr Bakir.

Growth is not always linear. It has been defined by resilience, adaptability and a commitment to strategy over speed. Each decision has been made with a long-term view, backed by a shared determination to leave a meaningful mark. As the team says, we want to be seen from space – to reflect the scale of what is possible when vision is paired with action. It is this belief that powers Homecorp's pursuit of building better.



Eve Residences



Monte Carlo Avenue

Homecorp's competitive edge lies in its fully integrated, end-to-end delivery model. Every part of the process, from acquisition, design and approvals to construction, customer service and property management is managed in-house. This seamless model ensures precision and consistency across every touchpoint, strengthening quality control and giving customers greater confidence. It also embodies one of Homecorp's core values: Responsibility. When people call these places home, there is a responsibility that goes beyond the build.

"The Australian property market is constantly evolving. It demands more than just awareness of trends, it requires the courage to lead through them. At Homecorp, we have embraced that challenge by staying true to our values while remaining agile in our approach. That mindset has guided us nationwide, but nowhere has it aligned more strongly than on the Gold Coast. The region continues to outperform, fuelled by its unmatched lifestyle, natural beauty and growing infrastructure. It is a place where our vision thrives and where we are proud to be shaping the next chapter of elevated, attainable living," continued Mr Bakir.

Homecorp's deep connection to the Gold Coast is more than geographic, it is generational. With a proven track record and an eye for what is next, the company has delivered some of the region's most iconic new addresses.

Eve Residences, completed in November 2024, is a \$270 million coastal masterpiece that rises 25 storeys along the coveted Marine Parade precinct. Comprising 157 architecturally designed

apartments, it is crowned by two extraordinary skyhomes that offer the pinnacle of luxury living.

Above them, an exclusive 6-star rooftop oasis inspired by Singapore's Marina Bay Sands redefines resident amenity, featuring a fully equipped contemporary gym, a glistening heated infinity pool and an elegant lounge and private dining room. Eve's curvilinear form echoes the sweeping tidal patterns of the Broadwater, creating a sculptural landmark along the Gold Coast's iconic 'Golden Mile'. At ground level, the acclaimed One-Eighty Japanese Restaurant delivers a traditional omakase-style dining experience, meticulously crafted by award-winning Michelin-star chefs, elevating the lifestyle offering to a new level of prestige.

Cienna Varsity Ridge extends Homecorp's vision for elevated yet attainable living. Stage One delivered 257 thoughtfully designed apartments in late 2023, while Stage Two, currently under construction, will introduce a further 289 by 2027. Cienna Varsity Ridge challenges the assumption that affordability must come at the expense of experience.

Residents enjoy access to a suite of premium, resort-style amenities including a pool and spa, sauna, rooftop sun deck with BBQ areas, a dedicated dog park, games rooms for both adults and children, a resident's lounge and a buzzing café serving some of the Gold Coast's finest coffee. It is a true lifestyle precinct at the heart of a thriving, connected neighbourhood.

Now, a bold new addition to the Gold Coast is on the horizon. Homecorp has officially lodged plans for a striking

25-storey residential tower at 24 Monte Carlo Avenue, set within a lush riverside enclave just minutes from Broadbeach and Surfers Paradise. This multi-million-dollar development will deliver 116 spacious two, three and four-bedroom apartments, with sweeping views across the city's world-renowned surf, golden beaches and the hinterland.

The site's rare position combines proximity to the Gold Coast Light Rail with the calm of its natural surrounds. The project will offer residents a luxury resort-style pool and spa, beautifully landscaped gardens and an exclusive residents' lounge, establishing a new blueprint for vertical living grounded in connection, comfort and design integrity.

"Every project we deliver is an opportunity to do more, not just for the skyline, but for the people who will live, grow and thrive within it. We are tearing up the rulebook - design excellence, lasting quality and community connection are non-negotiable. This is our legacy in motion," concluded Mr Bakir.

Across Australia, more communities are emerging. New projections from the Gold Coast City Council released in May 2025, show the city's population is expected to surpass one million by 2040, driven largely by interstate and overseas migration. From thriving regional estates to landmark towers, Homecorp is not simply answering demand. It is rewriting the future of Australian living with a bold vision, local insight and a legacy mindset that never stands still.

That's the Homecorp difference. Watch this space.

■ **For more information, visit**
www.homecorp.com

A new chapter for Southport living: Maris officially launches to market

MRCB International's Maris Project achieves strong sales, with over 50% now sold.

Southport's evolution into one of the Gold Coast's most connected and liveable urban precincts is gathering pace, with the official launch of Maris, a \$200 million boutique apartment development from leading international developer MRCB International.

Perfectly positioned to take advantage of Southport's reinvention, Maris is already striking a chord with buyers. Ahead of its launch, the project recorded more than 50 per cent of residences sold, underscoring the appetite for high-quality, lifestyle-oriented apartments in walkable, amenity-rich neighbourhoods.

Rising 20 storeys and designed by acclaimed practice Plus Architecture, Maris will deliver 192 one- and two-bedroom residences, with flexible floorplans allowing for the creation of expansive three-bedroom layouts. Apartments have been thoughtfully crafted to embrace light, space and liveability, reflecting the lifestyle of modern coastal buyers.



Artist's Impression



Above: The elegant entryway to Maris
Left, Maris, facing Queen Street.

“The demand we’ve received to date validates our approach of creating considered, lifestyle-driven residences in locations with deep infrastructure, connectivity and lifestyle appeal.”

MRCB International Sales and Marketing Director Kevin Zhang

“Maris reflects a new era of living in Southport – well-designed, well-connected, and perfectly aligned with the Gold Coast’s relaxed lifestyle.”

MRCB International CEO Ravi Krishnan

MRCB International CEO Ravi Krishnan said the early sales success highlights renewed confidence in Southport’s long-term prospects.

“Buyers are recognising the value in Southport and the opportunity to secure design-forward apartments in walkable, connected neighbourhoods,” said Mr Krishnan.

“Maris reflects a new era of living in Southport – well-designed, well-connected, and perfectly aligned with the Gold Coast’s relaxed lifestyle.”

Located just footsteps from the Broadwater Parklands light rail station, and within easy reach of Australia Fair, major dining precincts, and the proposed 2032 Olympic arena at Carey Park, Maris will place residents in the heart of one of the city’s most exciting growth areas.

The development will offer an enviable suite of private amenities, including a rooftop yoga and dining terrace with panoramic views, a resort-style podium-level pool, a gym, sauna, and a beautifully appointed resident lounge designed for connection and community.

With demolition of the former Sundale Motel site now complete, the Maris site is ready for its next chapter. Construction is scheduled to begin in the second half of 2025, with completion expected by 2027.

Momentum has been strong from the outset. According to recent research by Urbis, Maris was the top-selling new apartment development on the Gold Coast during the March quarter, accounting for 80 of the 209 new apartment sales city-wide.

The launch of Maris represents the next chapter in MRCB International’s growing Gold Coast portfolio, building on the success of its flagship project, 26 Vista in Surfers Paradise, one of the fastest-selling luxury towers in the region during 2023 and 2024.

With upper-level residences yet to be released, and construction approaching, interest is expected to build further, particularly among interstate buyers and downsizers seeking elevated living in a central, connected and walkable lifestyle precinct.

The Maris Sales Display is now open at Q1 Retail, 3011 Surfers Paradise Boulevard, Surfers Paradise, QLD.



designing excellence: Bastion partners with JAMIE DURIE DESIGN

Internationally
acclaimed and
award-winning
landscape
designer, TV
host and author,
Jamie Durie,
brings his
signature blend
of sustainability
and serenity to
Nera Residences.



In a fusion of natural beauty and architectural sophistication, Gold Coast developer Bastion has joined forces with internationally acclaimed landscape designers and television personality Jamie Durie to create the Zen Garden at Nera Residences – a lush, private sanctuary in the heart of Chevron Island.

With a career spanning more than two decades across television, design, and sustainable living, Durie brings a holistic, nature-first philosophy to the projects. His vision for Nera's is one of harmony and intention, a space that offers not only beauty but meaningful moments of pause.

The strategic collaboration reinforces Bastion's commitment to wellness-focused designs, whilst leveraging Jamie's globally celebrated expertise in sustainability.

"I've always believed gardens should feed the soul," said Mr Durie.

"This space will be more than decorative; it will be restorative. A place



where residents can recharge, connect and find peace in their daily lives."

Jamie will also lead the landscape design for the building and its boutique residences, thoughtfully incorporating planters, elevated green terraces, and cascading foliage to create a tranquil environment that infuses nature into every corner of Nera.

"We are thrilled to be working with Jamie on this project. He is internationally known for his incredible designs, and we are excited for him to bring his signature blend of sustainability, innovation and natural elegance to Nera," said Alex Wood, CEO of Bastion Property Group.

"Together, we will craft a place where luxury meets nature in perfect harmony, offering residents a connection to nature whether they are in an apartment, sky home, or boutique residences."

Located at 8-10 Parneno Street, Nera will deliver 81 boutique apartments, six sky homes, and a full-floor penthouse. Designed to reflect the rhythm of coastal living, Nera will offer residents a lifestyle centred around design, wellness, and connection – all just moments from the Gold Coast's most iconic beaches and cultural precincts.

Among its standout features is an entire rooftop devoted to elevated wellness. Residents will enjoy a wellness retreat featuring an infinity pool with panoramic ocean views, a luxury spa, an ice bath, and a state-of-the-art fitness centre designed in collaboration with EMF founder Scott Freeman.

These elevated lifestyle amenities are framed by the architectural vision of award-winning firms, Plus Architects and BDA Architecture, whose contemporary functional design approach brings cohesion, sophistication and timeless appeal to every level of the building.

Complementing this vision, Bastion has partnered with renowned Australian architect Joe Snell and his firm Studio Snell – known to many as a judge on House Rules and a respected voice in the national design conversation – to bring his five foundational design principles of space, light, air, sound, and view into the soul of Nera's boutique residences on Burra Street.

The boutique residences are strategically positioned along Burra Street, flowing seamlessly into the Zen Garden, offering residents direct access to Nera's tranquil oasis.

Joining the Bastion team is also Michelin-starred chef Shaun Rankin,

who brings his signature touch and culinary creativity to the design of the private dining room, exclusively available to all residents. Meanwhile, the interiors, crafted by Issa Shnoudi and his company Paradigm Design Studio, reflect a seamless fusion of elegance and functionality, enhancing every aspect of elite living.

But it's Durie's Zen Garden on the ground floor that promises to anchor Nera's identity. Set within lush landscaping, shaded seating, and versatile spaces thoughtfully designed for relaxation, the garden will offer quiet spaces for reflection, social connection and mindful retreat.

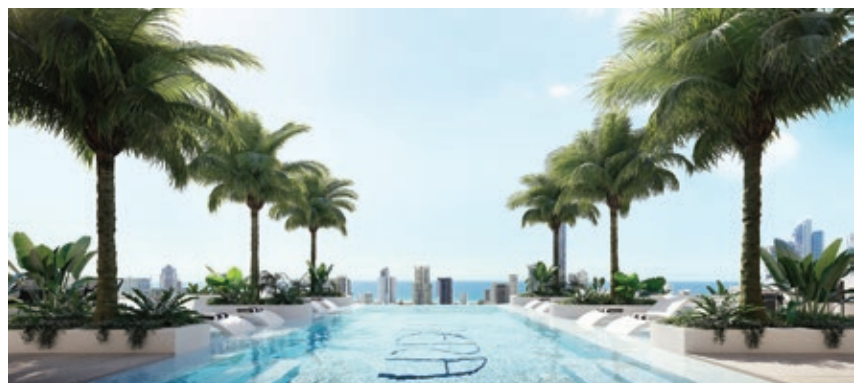
"Nera has been designed to set a new benchmark for luxury high-rise living," said Mr Wood.

"The garden will be a defining feature of the project, where modern architecture meets natural tranquillity."

With construction already underway and the project selling fast, Nera is shaping up to become one of Chevron Island's most talked-about addresses. A place where thoughtful design, nature and wellbeing intersect to deliver an elevated way of life.

Bastion acts as the developer, builder, and building management behind Nera, ensuring a meticulous execution across every phase of the project to guarantee exceptional quality and an elevated living experience for all Nera residents.

■ Visit www.neraresidences.com.au





SPRING INTO ACTION BRAND NEW AND READY TO MOVE IN THIS SPRING

WITH A STRING OF NEW PROJECTS NEARING COMPLETION ACROSS THE GOLD COAST, NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME TO CONSIDER A NEW APARTMENT GUIDED BY THE EXPERIENCED TEAM AT NPA PROJECTS.

In a fusion of natural beauty and architectural sophistication, Gold Coast developer Bastion has joined forces with internationally acclaimed landscape designers and television personality Jamie Durie to create the Zen Garden at Nera Residences – a lush, private sanctuary in the heart of Chevron Island.

For those visualising summer in a brand new apartment on the Gold Coast, where your day starts with a walk on the beach or drinks as the sun sets on the city's iconic skyline, there is a window of opportunity to make that future your reality.

A selection of premium apartment projects from Runaway Bay down to Miami is approaching completion from late spring into early summer, meaning savvy buyers are poised

to secure a brand-new home or holiday base ahead of the spring rush.

"We're talking about exceptional apartments delivered by quality developers and builders that are months away from being finished," says Andrew Erwin, Director of NPA Projects. "It's an opportune time to inspect while they are still under construction. If you wait until a project is finished, there's a real chance you'll be competing with a lot more buyers."

NPA Projects works closely with those seeking to purchase an apartment off the plan, or post-completion, guiding buyers through each step of the process and presenting quality products that match their personal needs, lifestyle goals and timeline.



LUNE LEADS THE WAY

Among the soon-to-be-finished developments is Lune, a boutique collection of six luxury apartments in Main Beach, guaranteed for 30 September completion. Each residence includes three bedrooms, three bathrooms and three secure car parks, with generous living areas and high-end finishes throughout. Four apartments feature private rooftop terraces with pools, while the two ground-floor homes offer landscaped courtyards and their own private pools.

"Lune Main Beach is exactly the kind of project Main Beach has been waiting for," says Andrew.

"It's boutique, with just six residences, large and generous living spaces, and a mix of rooftop or courtyard options depending on the level. You don't have to imagine what it might look like in a few years. You can walk through, get a feel for the finishes, and be ready to move in before summer hits."

"They are incredibly spacious with an 18 meter frontage with an uninterrupted view of the Broadwater."

Also on NPA's books is a collection of apartments in the final stages of construction in Miami, while a third project, located in Runaway Bay and, is slated for a spring finish, with several premium four-bedroom villas still available.

"It's a great time to book a hard hat inspection and come and see projects as they near completion," says Andrew. "A lot of people wait until a project is done before they show serious interest, but that is often when competition increases. Getting in earlier gives buyers more choice and a better chance to secure their preferred apartment without the added pressure."

IT PAYS TO ACT EARLY

It is a message supported by the track record of past projects. At The Monaco in Main Beach, NPA Projects sold out of residences prior to completion. Since completion in 2023,

"You can walk through, get a feel for the finishes, and be ready to move in before summer hits."

several apartments have resold for more than 50 per cent above their original purchase price, including an apartment on Level 19 purchased for \$5.6 million that later sold for \$8.5 million.

"We had a Saturday open home after completion and 60 people turned up," Andrew recalls. "We were left with a waitlist of around 20 people who would still love to live there. It just reinforces that it pays to act early, to avoid disappointment and paying a premium."

Buyers interested in purchasing off the plan can also take confidence from the fact that NPA Projects works with trusted developers who are committed to delivering what they promise. Many upcoming completions come with firm timeframes and contractual guarantees, helping to remove the uncertainty that sometimes surrounds off-the-plan buying.

"We encourage the inclusion of the completion dates in the contract to help give purchasers peace of mind," Andrew adds.

Beyond the projects completing in the coming months, NPA has a healthy pipeline of new opportunities in premium beachside suburbs such as Mermaid Beach, Palm Beach, Broadbeach, Burleigh Heads and Miami.

"We've got something for different timelines and budgets," says Andrew. "If you know what you're looking for, we can help you find it, prior to being officially released."

With a track record of satisfied clients, quality partnerships and strong market performance, NPA Projects is well placed to guide buyers through the process, whether it is their first off-the-plan purchase or their fifth.

"It's about doing it the right way," says Andrew. "When people have a good experience and see a great result, they come back. That's what we're here for."

■ Visit www.npa.group for more.

High-end buyers from across Australia are driving record-breaking sales in luxury beachfront apartments, reinforcing the Gold Coast's elite status in the national property market.

Burly Residences

TOTAL PROPERTY GROUP
confirms strong demand
for luxury beachfront residences
WITH RECORD SALES ACROSS
GOLD COAST DEVELOPMENTS



Royale Penthouse

TOTAL Property Group is reporting an exceptional run of luxury apartment sales across several premier Gold Coast developments, with discerning buyers from Sydney, Brisbane, and the Gold Coast continuing to invest heavily in high-end beachfront property.

Southeast Queensland's leading prestige apartment specialist, TOTAL Property Group, has facilitated multiple record-breaking sales over recent months, reflecting the extraordinary demand for absolute beachfront residences and reinforcing the Gold Coast's status as Australia's most desirable property market.

In the standout transaction of 2025 to date, TOTAL Property Group managed the Surfers Paradise off-the-plan record \$19.18 million sale of the full-floor penthouse at Royale Gold Coast, a landmark six-star development by DD Living, located on the exclusive

Northcliffe Terrace beachfront in Surfers Paradise. The 706sqm penthouse, occupying the entire 35th level, was secured by a Brisbane-based buyer seeking an irreplaceable absolute beachfront residence, highlighting the strength of local demand for top-tier coastal apartments.

TOTAL Property Group Managing Director Adrian Parsons said demand for ultra-luxury beachfront apartments continues to surge, with every premium residence attracting strong competition from multiple high-end buyers.

"The Gold Coast has cemented its place as a premium lifestyle destination for affluent Australians. Owning property here has become as highly sought-after and aspirational as Sydney or Melbourne's most prestigious postcodes. We're seeing a significant increase in local demand, with Gold Coast buyers leading the charge for premium beachfront residences and

competing strongly with interstate interest," Mr Parsons said.

TOTAL Property Group also reported the recent sale of two four-bedroom residences at Mondrian Private Residences, Australia's first beachfront branded residential development located alongside the five-star Mondrian Hotel at Burleigh Heads. A Sydney buyer secured a Level 14 residence for \$9.6 million, while a Gold Coast local purchased a Level 19 apartment for \$11 million, adding to the growing number of prestige purchases by both interstate and local buyers.

Meanwhile, Burly Residences in North Burleigh continues its strong sales performance, with many sales to executive professionals, entrepreneurs, and affluent locals. The landmark \$540 million beachfront development by DD Living has become one of the most sought-after addresses on the Gold Coast, appealing to more apartment



Jewel Private Residences



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– ADRIAN PARSONS

Royale view from beach



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buyers aged 40–60 than ever before who value six-star lifestyle amenities and expansive floorplans.

“Burly Residences, with its rare North Burleigh beachfront position and world-class facilities, offers an unmatched opportunity to secure a lifestyle property in a tightly held market,” Mr Parsons said.

TOTAL Property Group also confirmed a range of recent premium sales at Jewel Private Residences, adjacent to The Langham, Gold Coast, with three-bedroom residences in the Diamond Tower Residences selling for \$6.1 million to \$6.4 million.

Jewel’s completed Diamond Collection Residences have attracted high-net-worth buyers drawn to its absolute beachfront location, private concierge services, and access to The Langham,

Gold Coast’s five-star amenities.

The success of these sales comes amid a broader market trend that sees the Gold Coast positioned as one of the fastest-growing real estate markets in the country, bolstered by rising migration, infrastructure investment, and the region’s international lifestyle appeal.

“The Gold Coast has undergone a substantial economic shift in recent years, transitioning into a diversified and resilient economy underpinned by strong population growth and expanding sectors such as construction, healthcare, education, and professional services.

Its emergence as a sophisticated coastal investment hub is evident in the scale and quality of developments now being delivered, as well as the elevated expectations of high-net-worth buyers.

For many affluent Australians and global investors, Gold Coast real estate has become a strategic portfolio asset.

It offers a rare combination of premium residential product, absolute beachfront positioning, and long-term lifestyle and capital growth appeal—conditions increasingly difficult to find in major capital cities,” Mr Parsons said.

TOTAL Property Group continues to attract strong buyer interest across all ultra-luxury high-end development projects, with several new releases expected to come to market in the coming months across the Gold Coast and Brisbane.

■ **For further information on available residences, visit www.totalpropertygroup.com.au or contact TOTAL Property Group on 1300 393 855.**

Burly Residences living



Burly Residences master ensuite





Magic United's National *GAME PLAN*

FROM GRASSROOTS TO GREATNESS, THE MAGIC GROUP EXPANDS ACROSS AUSTRALIA
WITH ELITE TOURNAMENTS SHAPING THE FUTURE OF FOOTBALL.

Words: **Adem Poric**

Magic United Football Club isn't just making moves on the pitch — they're redefining the game across the country. Under the banner of The Magic Group, the club is driving a national expansion that's transforming how young footballers train, compete, and rise through the ranks.

What began as a local success story on the Gold Coast is now a thriving network of tournaments and leagues across Australia. With 15 competitive events tailored to fit different seasonal needs, The Magic Group's reach is growing fast — and the results speak for themselves.

"We're very excited about the event offerings we have, catering to the needs of teams from around Australia," says Magic Group CEO Adem Poric.

"Our focus is on providing quality, competitive environments for players at all stages of development."

A TOURNAMENT FOR EVERY SEASON

The Pre-Season Club Championship is one of the flagship offerings. It's a club-based competition designed to ease the challenge of organising friendlies before the regular season. Already running in South East Queensland, Melbourne, and

Perth, it gives clubs a streamlined way to prepare while facing strong opposition.

The Diamond League has also taken off, with active competitions in the Gold Coast (hosted by TSS), Melbourne, and Perth.

This year alone, 130 teams will travel to Melbourne in July for a dynamic three-day tournament. Back in April, 101 teams turned out for a trio of Gold Coast events, including the TSS Tournament, Kings Easter Championship, and Academy League Gold Coast.

A PREMIER EVENT

The crown jewel of The Magic Group's calendar remains The Premier Invitational. First held on the Gold Coast in 2012, it has grown into one of the country's most significant junior football tournaments.

"In 2024, 500 teams participated, and over 105,000 players and spectators attended," says Poric. "We're on track to reach over 600 teams in 2025."

This year's edition runs from September 26th to October 5th and promises another unforgettable showcase of talent.

Following the Invitational, The Academy League runs through the off-season (October and November) in Queensland. It gives young players access to top-tier games, providing crucial match experience

against established academies. In 2024, 80 teams took part.

EXPANDING THE MAGIC

One of the most exciting developments is the launch of the Sydney Premier League, kicking off in October 2025. Announced earlier this June, the new league aims to unite the state's strongest academies in a structured competition featuring promotion and relegation.

"This will be a real game-changer," says Poric. "It's all about giving players and coaches more opportunities to grow through quality, competitive football."

The Sydney Premier League ensures consistent, high-level matches and creates a clear pathway for ambitious players aiming to take their game to the next level.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

From Perth to the Gold Coast, and now to Sydney, The Magic Group is setting new standards in Australian youth football.

Whether you're a club, academy, or school, there's an opportunity to get involved and be part of something bigger.

■ For more information on any of The Magic Group's tournaments, contact: adem@themagicgroup.com.au or mitch@themagicgroup.com.au







Follow the pathway to pro soccer in Erie, USA!

Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity at the Erie Sports Center in Erie, Pennsylvania, USA, to join the Villarreal Erie Residency Academy!

This residential academy is the first of its kind in the USA, and as an official partner academy of Villarreal Club de Fútbol, one of Spain's top LaLiga clubs, players at Villarreal Erie Residency Academy train with Villarreal CF coaches from Spain under the Spanish club's innovative methodology.

What's more, all players get the chance to travel to Spain for training experiences and elite pathways both in the US and Spain. What are you waiting for?

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CONCRETE WAVES *and footy days*

LANDING, SURFING AND STADIUM LIGHTS – HOW A FLYING VISIT TO MELBOURNE DELIVERS BARRELS, BIG WINS AND ZERO DOWNTIME.

Words: **David Simons**



Touching down at Tullamarine, you feel Melbourne's pulse straight away: cooler air, sharper angles, the thrum of a city that runs on coffee and culture. For a pair of Gold Coast groms accustomed to palm trees and laid-back line-ups, the contrast is immediate. Yet the Big Smoke hides a salty secret – URBNSURF sits literally next-door to the runway. Land, grab your board, and you can be in the line-up within the hour. That's exactly what we did.

The weather played its part: blue sky, light breeze, a mirror-flat lagoon. My mate Jake, our resident tube-fiend, hadn't surfed the pool for a year and was buzzing through the seven-surfer briefing like a kid on cordial. The expert setting roared to life and Jake went to work, clocking up an outrageous fifty-two seconds inside the vortex – twenty barrels, two wipe-outs and a grin you couldn't hose off. URBNSURF's tech is pure repeatability: wave after sucking wave, each one identical, each one perfect. No crowds, no close-outs, no waiting. Just set your line and hold on.

Not everyone chases the beast. Jake's friend Sitayah, new to the sport, dipped into the Cruiser session while he acted as in-water guide. With separate Roller and Bay settings the lagoon's design welcomes first-timers, families and frothing pros alike – even spectators score, front-row to a show that never shuts down.

Melbourne kept giving. The Gold Coast Suns rolled the Saints at Marvel Stadium under a cloudless autumn sky, and the city backdrop reminded us how energising a weekend away can be.

Fly in, surf, catch a game, sip something strong in a laneway bar, and be on the red-eye home before Monday.

If you're heading south, pencil in URBNSURF as a lay-over. Whether you're a barrel-hunter or you've never waxed a board, it's a surf trip like no other – close enough to touch the wing-tips and consistent enough to make every minute count. Because sometimes the best waves aren't born in the ocean; they're engineered in the shadow of the runway, waiting for you to paddle out.

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LAUNCHING DREAMS from Pennsylvania to Spain!

BRIDGING CONTINENTS
THROUGH FOOTBALL.

Words: **Jason Oxenbridge**





Nestled in the heart of northwestern Pennsylvania, the Erie Sports Center has become more than just a regional hub for athletic excellence — it's a launchpad for dreams. With sprawling facilities, a commitment to athlete development, and global partnerships, the centre is redefining what it means to be a community sports complex.

One of the most powerful examples of this vision in action is the Villarreal Academy, a youth soccer development program housed within the Erie Sports Center, and its recent international tour that took students from Erie to the headquarters of Villarreal CF in Spain.

The trip, led by Troy Bingham, owner of the Erie Sports Center and a long-time advocate for youth sports development, was a landmark moment for the academy and its players. It offered a rare opportunity for young aspiring players to immerse themselves in the world of professional European football — to witness, firsthand, what it takes to reach the elite level.

A world-class facility in Erie

The Erie Sports Center itself is a dynamic, multifaceted sports and recreation complex that serves athletes from across Pennsylvania and the

broader Great Lakes region. With indoor and outdoor soccer fields, basketball courts, fitness facilities, and a growing list of community programmes, it's designed to nurture talent from the grassroots all the way to elite performance.

Among its standout initiatives is the Villarreal Academy — an official satellite of Villarreal CF, one of Spain's premier football clubs. Villarreal CF is globally recognised for its youth development system — producing world-class players through a structured, technical, and holistic approach to training.

Through this partnership, Erie athletes gain access to the same methodologies, coaching philosophies, and long-term development strategies used at the highest levels of European football.

A life-changing experience in Spain

In early 2025, a group of students from the Villarreal Academy in Erie had the chance of a lifetime: they travelled to Spain to visit Villarreal CF's headquarters. The trip wasn't just a sightseeing excursion — it was an intense and inspiring immersion into the professional football world.

Led by Bingham and accompanied by the academy's coaches, the students toured Villarreal's elite training facilities,

met professional players, trained under Villarreal's academy staff, and even played games against local Spanish sides. This kind of exposure is a game-changer for young athletes who are serious about reaching the top.

The players experienced firsthand what it takes to succeed at the professional level — from the discipline of daily training routines to the intricacies of tactical preparation and mental focus. For many, it was their first time seeing professional football in its natural environment — not on a screen, but up close, real, and achievable.

One of the most impactful moments was meeting some of the first-team players from Villarreal CF.

The players shared stories about their own journeys from youth academies to professional football, answered questions, and took the time to inspire the next generation. For the Erie players, these interactions were not just memorable — they were motivational.

Bridging cultures and building character

The trip wasn't solely about football. It was also a cultural exchange and a personal growth experience.

The students explored Spanish cities, visited historical landmarks, and took in the rich culture of the region. They toured famous sites such as



the Castellón Cathedral, strolled through vibrant town centres, and sampled local Spanish cuisine. These experiences added depth to the trip, offering the students a broader perspective on the world and the role of sport within it.

Travelling internationally, adapting to a new environment, and representing their academy abroad instilled valuable life skills — independence, confidence, and the ability to perform under pressure. It also highlighted the universal nature of football — how a shared love for the game can bring together people from different languages and backgrounds.

The vision of Troy Bingham

At the core of this opportunity is Troy Bingham, whose vision for the Erie Sports Center goes far beyond building local sports teams. A former professional footballer and lifelong advocate for youth development, Bingham believes in creating pathways for young athletes that extend well beyond Erie.

His leadership in bringing the Villarreal Academy to the centre was about giving talented players access to international standards and global opportunities.

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"The goal is not just to make better players," Bingham explains, "but to make better people — more disciplined, more curious, more confident. Football is the vehicle, but the destination is much bigger."

By establishing connections with professional clubs like Villarreal CF, Bingham

has made it possible for Erie's youth to not only dream big, but to actively pursue those dreams with the right tools, training, and mentorship.

Building towards the future

This international trip is just one step in a much broader journey for the Erie Sports Center and the Villarreal Academy. The success of the visit to Spain has already sparked excitement across the local soccer community, and more international exposure opportunities are on the horizon.

For the students who went on the trip, the experience has lit a fire. They return not just with improved skills, but with a clearer vision of what they're working toward — professional football is no longer an abstract idea, but a concrete goal they have seen, touched, and tasted.

The Erie Sports Center continues to expand its offerings and partnerships, with an eye on becoming a national leader in youth sports development. By combining high-quality facilities, expert coaching, and global opportunities, it is proving that you don't have to be from a major city to access a world-class athletic experience.

The trip to Spain was a defining moment for the Villarreal Academy students at the Erie Sports Center. It showcased the power of sport to inspire, educate, and elevate young people, both on and off the field. And it underscored the Erie Sports Center's mission — not just to build better athletes, but to open doors to futures that once seemed out of reach.

As the players returned home, they carried more than just memories. They came back with a renewed sense of purpose, a deeper love for the game, and the belief that with hard work and the right support, anything is possible.

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Words: **Meghan Jarvis**



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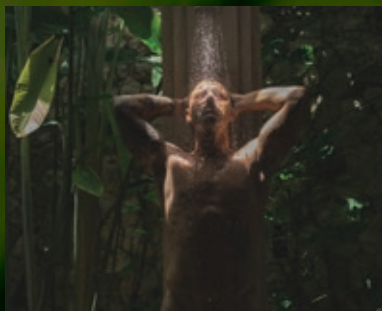
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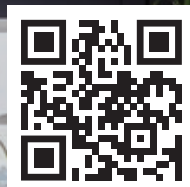
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Let yourself get lost in love at The Valley Estate, the bespoke, one-off venue crafted to inspire celebration and reflection with loved ones. Here's a peek inside the dreamy day wedding of Tiffany & Matteo.

The story of how you both met?

We met on the Gold Coast, at Miami Marketta, six years ago. We had mutual friends however; we met organically when I (Tiffany) went up to Matteo's pizza stand and ordered a Vegetariana. He said, 'come back for another pizza later' and a smile. The attraction was instant. We exchanged phone numbers, and as they say, the rest is history.

How did the proposal occur?

We were on vacation in Italy, and I presumed it would happen at the Opera that Matteo had booked in Venice.

To my surprise, it didn't happen there! He decided to propose in Sicily instead, which is where my Nonna is from. Matteo wanted it to be very intimate with a special meaning of family and promise. It was a beautiful experience; we were both shaking and crying!

Why did you choose The Valley Estate to host your amazing wedding?

I have a special connection to The Valley Estate having been a part of their team as Sales Manager for the past two and a half years.

I am fortunate to meet all the beautiful couples that come through the estate and bring their special day to life, so it made sense that our special day should be there. All the staff have become family.

The entire estate encapsulates our Romantic Italian Style, and we knew the food was going to be amazing. With Matteo being an Italian Executive Chef, this was an absolute must for our special day!

What inspired you to choose the ceremony location at The Valley Estate?

The Manor as our backdrop was the perfect setting. We wanted an outdoor Italia Garden themed ceremony.

The architecture is incredible, and we wanted it featured as part of the ceremony. The florals were especially curated to compliment the build. It was structural and uniquely us.

What is your fondest memory of the wedding?

There are so many! However, one particularly fond memory is when our friends were eating the amazing spread of antipasti and seafood. All the Italians laughing, drinking and eating prosciutto, oysters, olives – and the list goes on. Food is a love language for us, and we all enjoyed every bite! The feeling of it being enjoyed as a collective, made it even more special.

What was the inspiration behind your styling?

Our styling was Modern Italia. The Valley Estate team executed this so well. The red Vespa, styled table settings in the garden, deep burgundy back drop, and the olive green back drop for our traditional Millefoglie cake cut. We also had a Tiramisu tower!

Everything was curated and well thought out, with so many stories set up around the gardens.

The florals by Sarah from Florals & Co complimented everything and brought it all together.

Details of the dress:

My dress was a Vivienne Westwood. Renowned for being sculptural, yet wearable, I wanted to look classic and elegant. Old Hollywood vibes with my Mantilla veil gave it an authentic Italian aesthetic.

Details of the suit:

Matteo's custom-made suit from Wil Valor fit him like a glove. We went with a classic tuxedo.

Favourite photo location?

There were so many! It's simply too hard to pick one. The pencil pine lined driveway, The Manor, The Lake, The Jetty, The Gentleman's Retreat, The Bridal Sanctuary, everywhere you looked there was an amazing photo opportunity.

Words of advice for future couples who are planning their wedding:

Make your wedding uniquely yours. We had a day wedding that was cocktail style, which meant we were able to have free-flowing, constant food throughout the day. Our wedding was in May which gave us all the florals we wanted, and the weather was stunning. It fit into what we wanted our wedding to be. Enjoy the process with your partner. Remember, it is about you and your partner celebrating with your loved ones. It truly is the best day of your life, so try and savour every moment.

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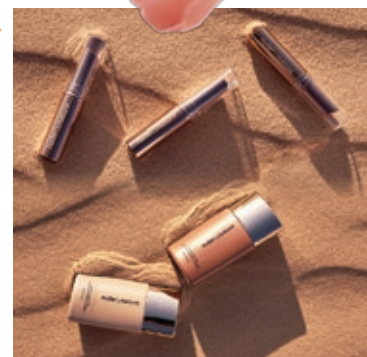
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As the crisp coastal air sets in, it's time to switch up your beauty routine with products that nourish, restore, and add a touch of winter glow. We're embracing self-care rituals that warm the body and revive the skin. Think deeply hydrating face masks to combat dryness, bronzed makeup tones that bring back that sun-kissed radiance, and magnesium-infused baths to soothe tired muscles and calm the mind. Here are our top beauty picks to help you glow through the cooler months.

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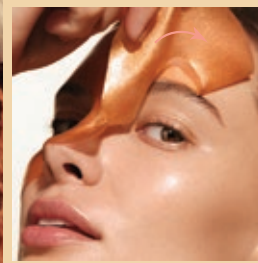
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CURLS, GLORIOUS CURLS:

How to embrace & master your natural texture

With the right cut, products and techniques, curly hair can go from challenging to effortless.

Words: Bernadette Cliff

Curls can be one of the most difficult hair types to manage, particularly in a climate like Queensland. But once mastered with the right haircut and home routine, embracing curly hair can result in the most beautiful — and surprisingly easy — hairstyle you've ever worn. Every head of curls is different, so a personalised approach is essential. Just because something works for someone on TikTok doesn't mean it will work for you — their hair type, curl pattern, scalp condition and lifestyle could be completely different. That's why we always recommend seeing a professional who can assess your curls, try products on your hair, and teach you how to layer them correctly to achieve voluminous, hydrated and frizz-free curls. The Carol haircut from our latest collection, The House of TONI&GUY, is a halo cut that can be adapted to multiple hair types. It creates volume and movement, with an on-trend silhouette that avoids old-fashioned wedge shapes. Different curl types require different cutting techniques. Sometimes dry cutting works best; sometimes the shape is created on wet hair. A combination of blunt cutting, twist cutting and point cutting is usually needed. Cutting curly hair is definitely approached differently from cutting straight hair. When paired with a personalised cocktail of Label.m products, you'll be well on your way to your best curls yet.

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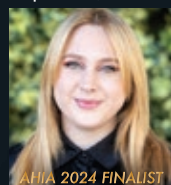


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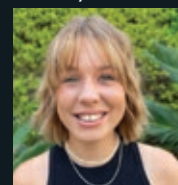
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Compiled by: **Melissa Usher, Fashion & Beauty Editor**

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“LOOKING AND FEELING AMAZING SHOULDN'T COME
WITH A HEFTY PRICE TAG OR A HEAVY CONSCIENCE.”
— JAZ STEWART

In an age where mindfulness meets style, Gold Coast label TENN Designer Hire is rewriting the rules of luxury. Founded by law-graduate-turned-fashion-entrepreneur Jaz Stewart, the business invites women to slip into the world's most coveted gowns without slipping into environmental debt — or draining the bank account.

“Designer fashion should be accessible and sustainable,” Jaz smiles. “When you rent instead of buy, you enjoy a show-stopping look, shrink your carbon footprint and spare your wallet all at once.”

TACKLING FASHION'S WASTE CRISIS

The industry discards an estimated 92 million tonnes of textiles each year, much of it from one-off outfits bought for formals, weddings and galas. TENN flips that narrative. By curating

investment pieces from labels such as Albina Dyla and Lia Stublla, then professionally cleaning and maintaining each garment, the company extends a dresses lifespan through multiple love stories.

A NEW STANDARD OF CONSCIOUS GLAMOUR

Clients browse a collection that balances trend with timelessness, hiring gowns for a fraction of retail cost. Reusable garment bags, carbon-neutral delivery and partnerships with charities for end-of-life recycling round out TENN's circular ethos.

“We're not just hiring out dresses,” Jaz says. “We're changing mindsets. Sustainability isn't a trend — it's the future of fashion, and we're proud to lead that change one dress at a time.”

With its blend of innovation, inclusivity and integrity, TENN Designer Hire proves true luxury is measured not by ownership, but by impact.



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BYRON BAY BLUESFEST 2025

Australia's music-lusting tribe turned out in almost record numbers, voting with their feet and flipping the proverbial bird at any suggestion that this institution should follow in the footsteps of another Byron icon, the now extinct Splendour in the Grass, to the fate of history.

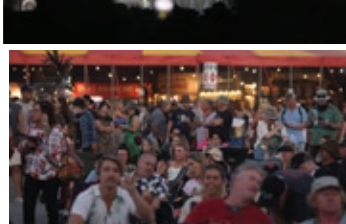
Defying the dinosaurs in government who didn't want to stump up a reported \$3 million in funding to keep the event alive, people power – as usual – won the day as an estimated 100,000 people over the Easter weekend proselytised the event's resurrection.

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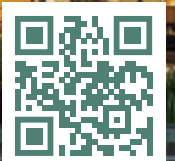


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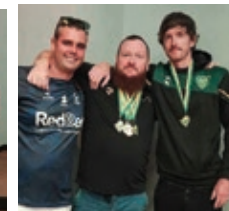
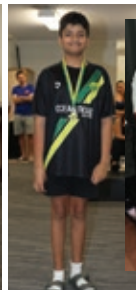
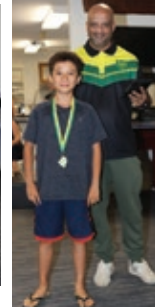
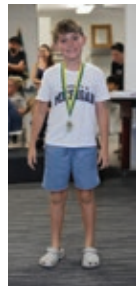
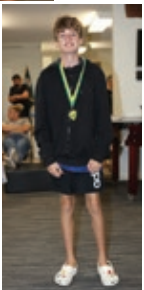
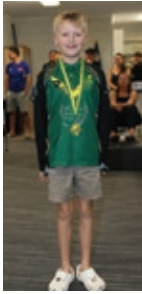
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THE BONOGIN VALLEY BULLS CELEBRATE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AT 8TH ANNUAL BONOGIN VALLEY MEDAL NIGHT PLUS JUNIOR BULLS AWARD CEREMONY

The Bonogin Valley Bulls Cricket Club capped off a remarkable 2024/25 season with the 8th Annual Bonogin Valley Medal Night, proudly presented by The Sporting Globe. Players, supporters, families, and sponsors gathered to celebrate individual and team accomplishments in a season that showcased both growth and success across all levels of the club. The club also celebrated the Junior Awards at a separate Ceremony. Well done, another great season by the Junior Bulls.

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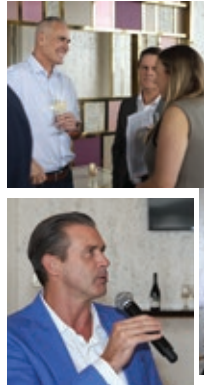
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THE CORPORATE LUNCH PRESENTED BY RICHARDSON MURRAY

It was an exclusive, invite-only event that drew some of the Gold Coast's top business and corporate personalities. The inaugural Corporate Lunch, presented by Richardson Murray, offered a rare opportunity for local business leaders to mix and mingle in a relaxed yet elegant setting. Held at the luxurious Level 18 private space at The Darling, the event blended both a cocktail-style atmosphere with a sit-down experience, allowing guests to enjoy the best of both worlds.

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1. Anton Richardson & Ekaterina Richardson.
2. Tove Langridge & Andrew Meadowcroft.
3. Carla Tooma.
4. Jon Palmer & Daniel Palmer.
5. Ana Lukac, Callum Farrugia & Sarah Crowe.
6. Adrienne Porter & Ingrid Bonnor.
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A SPARKLY CELEBRATION ON THE GOLD COAST WATERS FOR TRAVIS'S 50TH

Photographed by the talented Brian Usher for *Ocean Road Magazine*, this spectacular 50th birthday celebration was more than just a party – it was a tribute to friendship, style, and unforgettable fun moments.

Set aboard the iconic YOT 75, the evening transported guests back in time with a glamorous Palm Springs 1975 disco theme, complete with classic Palm Spring styling, vibrant energy, and golden-hour views over the water.

With 50 of our dearest friends flying in from all over including Perth, Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast, and of course, our beloved Gold Coast, the sunset gathering began at the YOT Bar before setting sail into the night.

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LA SOIRÉE DANCES INTO LIBERATION AND JOY

Dancer and creative director Brie Quartermaine brought something truly unique to the Broadbeach Cultural Centre: La Soirée—a bold, adults-only dance performance that celebrated feminine power, play, and transformation. A sold-out crowd of over 120 guests witnessed the magic as non-professional dancers took the stage to share their journeys of self-discovery through movement. These women were graduates of Centre Stage, a 10-week performance program created by Brie to empower women—most over 40 and many mothers with families to look after—to reconnect with their inner spark. Through dance, they explored confidence, sensuality, and joy, shaking off layers of societal conditioning and self-doubt.

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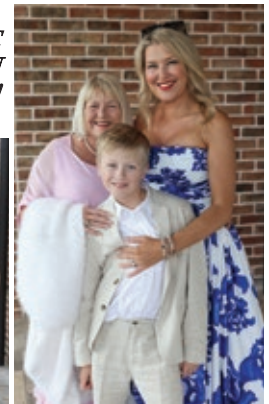
A MEMORABLE MOTHER'S DAY AT THE VALLEY ESTATE

The Valley Estate in Currumbin Valley hosted a beautifully curated Mother's Day celebration, offering guests an unforgettable experience in one of the Gold Coast's most picturesque locations. Guests were treated to an elegant Mother's Day High Tea in The Glasshouse, where delicate pastries, finger sandwiches, and fine teas were served in a serene, light-filled setting. Over at The Manor, families gathered for a sumptuous Mother's Day lunch, featuring a seasonal menu designed to indulge and impress. Surrounded by lush gardens and heritage charm, the event was a heartfelt tribute to mothers and mother figures, with laughter, love, and gratitude shared across every table.

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LAUNCH OF FLOTSAM FESTIVAL'S FOCAL POINT EXHIBITION 2025

A sunset celebration perfectly captured the spirit of surf, art, and community. Set against the golden hues of Coolangatta's beachfront, the evening kicked off at Bar Evelyn, where guests gathered for sunset drinks and a first look at the newest works featured in the Focal Point exhibition – Flotsam's visual tribute to surf culture and coastal life. From there, the vibe shifted into gear with a guided walking loop from the Coolangatta Beach House, winding to Kirra Point and back, offering a moment to soak in the scenery, connect with fellow creatives, and sample refreshments along the way. It was a gentle introduction to what would become a high-energy night.

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1. Cr Gail O'Neill, Carolyn Emge & Cr Glenn Tozer.
2. Belinda Symons & Corinee Lang.
3. Glen 'Rocky' Rawlings & Lisette Drew.
4. Joel Archard.
5. Kazz Kuss & Cathy McCarthy.

YOU CAN SIT WITH ME CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

In a vibrant afternoon filled with purpose and heart, the Gold Coast community gathered at the stunning Kirra Beach House on Friday, May 16, to celebrate a milestone – the 10th anniversary of YOU CAN SIT WITH ME. The oceanfront venue set the perfect backdrop for an inspiring fundraising lunch, dedicated to raising \$25,000 to support the charity's mission of combating social isolation across schools, sports clubs, and community groups in Australia. Hosted by beloved media personality Emily Jade O'Keeffe and Olympic gold medallist Giaan Rooney, the event brought together a room full of changemakers, local supporters, and passionate advocates of inclusion. Their warmth, humour, and heartfelt connection to the cause set the tone for an unforgettable afternoon.

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1. Savannah Hassum & Sophie Sparks.
2. Serra Pitman & Rachael Jeffrey.
3. Emily Jade O'Keeffe & Giaan Rooney.
4. Trish Allen & Melissa Usher.
5. Eliza McDonald & Taryn Wallace-Harrison.
6. Anna Stokes Zerner & Natalie Gruzlewski.
7. Kate Duckett & Deborah Brisley.
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A TASTE OF WHAT'S TO COME AT ROSSA PIZZERIA AND BAR



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Members of the media were treated to an exclusive sneak peek of Rossa Pizzeria and Bar, the stylish new dining destination located at TRYP by Wyndham Southport on the Gold Coast.

The evening offered a first look at the venue's modern interiors and an opportunity to sample the full menu, including their standout signature pizzas made with fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

The vibrant atmosphere, combined with bold flavours and warm hospitality, made a lasting impression on guests.

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WOMEN IN TOURISM FILM INDUSTRY BREAKFAST

It was lights, camera, action at Women in Tourism Gold Coast's April breakfast, where the spotlight was on how film and tourism are shaping the future of the region. Held at Paradise Country, the event featured a powerhouse panel hosted by Tania Zaetta, with The Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP (Minister for Education and the Arts), Gina Black (Gold Coast Film Commission/Invest Gold Coast), and Digital tourism star Allan Dixon. Panellists explored how the film and tourism industries collaborate to position the Gold Coast as a global destination, highlighting iconic productions that have boosted the region's visibility.

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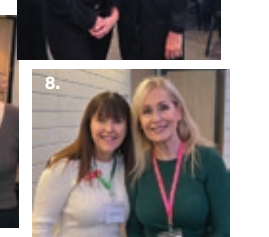
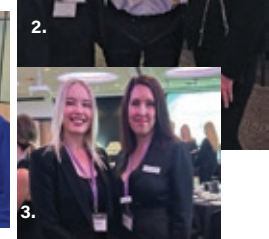
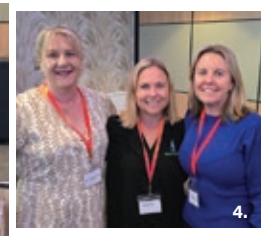
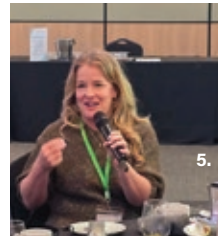


1. Georgina Randall & Cassie Sutton.
2. Dusica Cvetkovic & Abby Mooehead.
3. Jasmine Grace, Sarah Crawford & Erin Pickering.
4. Cr Naomi Fowler, Allison Forner & Tania Zaetta.
5. Katrina Sanguigno & Gina Black.
6. Mamta Bhandari & Abbie Saunders.
7. Ian Grace & Kai Eris.

WOMEN IN TOURISM THE FUTURE IS NOW *How artificial intelligence is shaping tourism*

Attendees from the marketing, education and hospitality spheres met at Robina Event Centre to connect over strategies harnessing automation, data collation and enhanced customer experiences. The vigorous conversation focussed on AI's transformative powers to personalise guest experiences and streamline business operations. Speakers Cooper Jitt (Founder, Talk Agency), Adam Simons (Director, Market with Momentum) and Ben Kirwood (Director, Zip Sites) sparked thought-provoking conversations with emcee, Brooke Clancy (Marketing Bud) delving into the pros and cons, tips and tricks. The morning supported a worthy cause, Endometriosis Australia. The condition affects one in seven women aged 44 to 49 with younger demographics now showing higher early diagnosis rates.

Words & Photography: Allison Forner



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2. Audra Broughton, Adam Simons, Brooke Raven.
3. Pia Christiansen and Cassie Sutton.
4. Michelle Thompson-Cramp, Sally McRober, Renee Brescianini.
5. Emma Moad. 6. Cooper Jitts, Matt Bennett, Lisa Wynter.
7. Simon Hislop, Erin Pickering.
8. Collette Harvey, Allison Forner



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THE SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL BREAKFAST DRAWS STRONG SUPPORT

The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal breakfast was held at the Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise, drawing an inspiring crowd of community leaders, business professionals, and supporters. The event highlighted the crucial work the organisation does across the Gold Coast and beyond, raising vital funds to support vulnerable Australians in need. Guests heard moving stories from individuals whose lives have been transformed by the Salvos, reinforcing the real impact of the Appeal. The morning also featured a heartfelt address from local representatives and Salvation Army officers, as well as a generous show of support from attendees through donations and pledges.

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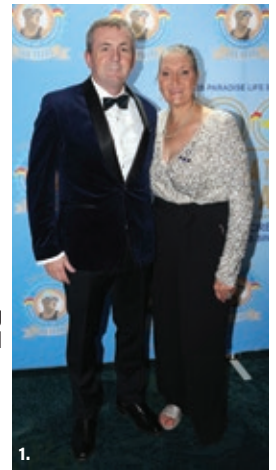
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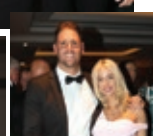
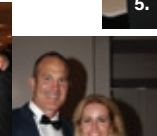
A CENTURY OF SERVICE CELEBRATED IN STYLE

The Surfers Paradise SLSC marked a historic milestone with its Centenary Gala held at the luxurious JW Marriott Gold Coast Resort. Distinguished guests, life members, volunteers, and supporters gathered in elegant surrounds to honour 100 years of lifesaving excellence, community service, and coastal legacy. The evening featured heartfelt speeches, archival displays, and live entertainment, paying tribute to generations of club members who have patrolled the beaches and shaped the Club's proud history.

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1. Chris Haile & Cassandra Sedgman.
2. Mayor Tom Tate, Mayoress Ruth Tate.
3. Dr Ros Franklin & Angie Bell MP.
4. Ross Hassum & Warren Potter.
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HOW MEGHAN JARVIS BUILT A LIFE (AND BUSINESS) AROUND LIVING LONGER, BETTER

Meghan Jarvis, a dynamic pro-athlete, former World-Class BMX racer, Ninja Warrior, seven-figure entrepreneur, businesswoman, published writer, actor, stuntwoman, and radio personality, embarked on a personal journey into the world of recovery and longevity. Her mission to live better and longer and share these cutting-edge tools with others is a testament to the transformative power of biohacking.

When people ask how we've become so successful in the recovery and wellness world, the answer is simple: we live and breathe the tools we share. As a physiologist, kinesiologist, and wellness coach, my obsession with peak performance began as an athlete and evolved through years of testing the latest biohacking technologies to keep myself – and now my clients – operating at their absolute best.

But it's not just about recovering faster. It's about living longer, feeling better, and staying ahead of the curve. Over the years, I've integrated cutting-edge recovery tech into my daily life, from cold plunges to brainwave entrainment, all with the goal of optimising my healthspan (not just my lifespan).

These are the questions I ask myself every single week to

keep evolving – and that I encourage you to consider, too:

Am I helping my body reset today, or just pushing through?

Cold plunges and ice baths changed my life. After years of high-impact sports and performances, I needed something beyond basic recovery. A two-minute cold plunge is my ultimate reset button – diminishing inflammation, boosting circulation and mentally clearing the slate.

Am I supporting the muscles that carry me?

Compression therapy boots and massage tools are not just luxuries, they are non-negotiables in my proactive recovery plan. Tight hamstrings and tense shoulders don't just impact performance – they affect mood, sleep, and energy. By taking a proactive approach to recovery, we can stay ahead of the curve and optimise our health.

What have I done for my feet lately?

Foot vibration and massage machines might sound like a luxury – until you realise your feet take thousands of impacts a day. Proper circulation and release through the feet can improve overall energy flow and reduce fatigue.

Am I sweating it out or storing it up?

Infrared sauna and steam therapy are my go-to for deep recovery. It's science-backed self-care that detoxifies, supports metabolism, and enhances mood. Adding mindfulness practices like sound healing makes it even more powerful.

Is my brain getting the recovery it needs?

BrainTap is a total game-changer. We always focus on muscle recovery, but peak mental performance requires rest and recalibration. Guided brainwave entrainment helps me downshift into deep focus or relaxation.

Where am I ignoring the little pains?

TENS machines have been a lifesaver during intense training and travel. Pain relief and muscle stimulation aren't just for injuries – they're part of my regular maintenance plan. By focusing on prevention, we can address the little pains that add up and ensure we're always performing at our peak.

At the core of our success is the belief that recovery is the new hustle. You can only train as hard as you recover. These tools aren't just for elite athletes – they're for anyone wanting to live longer, stronger, and with purpose. Ask yourself these questions the next time you feel the urge to push through exhaustion. Biohacking isn't about gimmicks – it's about mastering the basics with the best tools available.

WHY WE'RE WINNING IN WELLNESS

At the core of our success is a belief that recovery is the new hustle. You can only train as hard as you recover, and you can only work as hard as you repair. These tools and strategies aren't just for the elite athletes we support – they're for anyone who wants to live longer, stronger, and with purpose.

What began as my quest to avoid burnout has become the foundation of a company dedicated to helping others feel like their best selves. Whether we're setting up ice baths for elite performers or guiding teams through infrared sauna protocols, it all comes back to this:

Live better now, and you'll live longer later.

So, next time you feel the urge to push through exhaustion or ignore that tight hamstring, ask yourself these questions. Biohacking isn't about gimmicks – it's about mastering the basics with the best tools available.



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DATE	ARTIST	VENUE
10	Danny Fai Fai	Twin Towns
11	Chocolate Starfish	Twin Towns Showroom
11	Vinyl Revival	Twin Towns
11	Phil Guest	Twin Towns Juniors
11	Pistol Whip	Twin Towns
11	Dario Lagana	Cavill Lane Surfers Paradise
12	Rachel Bostock	Twin Towns Still & Barrel
12	Hodads Duo	Twin Towns
12	Blonde Chocolate Duo	Club Banora
13	The Mason Rack Band	Twin Towns
13	Woohoo Duo	Nerang RSL & Memorial Club
13	Borrowed and Blue	Twin Towns
15	Martin Way	Twin Towns
16	Tommy Memphis	Twin Towns
17	Rob Rhodes	Twin Towns
17	10CC The Ultimate Greatest Hits Tour	Twin Towns Showroom
18	Side Hustle	Twin Towns
18	Whitey	Twin Towns Juniors
18	The Influence	Twin Towns
18	10CC The Ultimate Greatest Hits Tour	Twin Towns Showroom
19	Creedance Clearwater Collective	Twin Towns Showroom
19	Conspiracy	Twin Towns
19	Chandler Jay	Twin Towns Still & Barrel
19	Side FX	Club Banora
19	Venus Envy	Twin Towns
20	Martin Way	Club Banora
20	Cpt. Thunderbolt Duo	Nerang RSL & Memorial Club
20	Joe Phillips	Twin Towns
22	Forever Everly	Twin Towns Showroom
22	Martin Way	Twin Towns
23	Big Bad	Twin Towns
24	Craig Kickbush	Twin Towns
25	Cruising with the Grandparents Club	Twin Towns Showroom
25	Steve Savage	Twin Towns Juniors
25	The Accidents	Twin Towns
25	Phoenix Rising	Twin Towns
26	The Bongo Boys	Twin Towns
26	Curt Luxton	Twin Towns Still & Barrel
26	Fat Albert	Club Banora

26	Australian Eagles Show & Money for Nothin	Twin Towns Showroom
26	Aussie Pride Band	Twin Towns
26	MDM	Burleigh Sports Club
27	Greg Berrimen	Twin Towns
27	Runes Duo	Nerang RSL & Memorial Club
29	Martin Way	Twin Towns
29	My Fair Ladies	Twin Towns Showroom
30	The Harmony Guys	Twin Towns
31	Simone Cutting	Twin Towns

AUGUST

01	Joe Phillips	Twin Towns Juniors
01	Floorburners Duo	Twin Towns
01	Red Rock	Twin Towns
02	Berst	Twin Towns
02	Rhydian Lewis	Twin Towns Still & Barrel
02	Old Skool Duo	Club Banora
02	Mark Divola Duo	Twin Towns
03	Jarrod Murphy	Twin Towns
03	The Robertson Brothers	Twin Towns Showroom
05	Paul Tabone - Viva Pavarotti	Twin Towns Showroom
06	Tony & Patti	Twin Towns
07	Darren J Ray	Twin Towns
08	The Australian Bee Gees Show	Twin Towns Showroom
08	Ignition Duo	Twin Towns
08	Kane Stuckey	Twin Towns Juniors
08	Stone the Crows	Twin Towns
09	Hermans Hermits	Twin Towns Showroom
09	Ramjet	Twin Towns
09	MDM	Twin Towns
09	The Influence	Club Banora
09	Timbre Grains	Twin Towns Still & Barrel
10	Remedy Duo	Twin Towns
10	Late For Woodstock	Twin Towns
12	Back to the Tivoli	Twin Towns Showroom
13	Pink Floyd	Twin Towns Showroom
13	Rivershed	Twin Towns
14	Jamel Boukabou Duo	Twin Towns
15	Chester Duo	Twin Towns
15	Eighties Recall	Twin Towns
15	Alex Bowen	Twin Towns Juniors
16	Fiona O'Shea Duo	Club Banora
16	Eighties Recall	Twin Towns

16	The Mersey Beatles	Twin Towns
16	Craig Shaw	Twin Towns Still & Barrel
16	Hi Hey Hello	Twin Towns
17	Phil Guest	Twin Towns
19	Nostalgia 2	Twin Towns Showroom
20	The Rockafella's	Twin Towns
21	Mono	Twin Towns
22	The Aliens	Twin Towns
22	Steve Savage	Twin Towns Juniors
22	Conspiracy	Twin Towns
23	The Classic 70's Show	Twin Towns
23	Scott Browne	Twin Towns Still & Barrel
23	Chilli Padi	Twin Towns
23	The Bongo Boys	Club Banora
24	Michael Hickey	Twin Towns
26	King Queen Cash Show	Twin Towns Showroom
27	Tommy Memphis	Twin Towns
28	Danny Fai Fai	Twin Towns
29	Fat Albert	Twin Towns
29	The Groove Doodz	Twin Towns
29	Greg Berrimen	Twin Towns Juniors
30	George Ferguson	Twin Towns Still & Barrel
30	Late For Woodstock	Club Banora
30	Phoenix Rising	Twin Towns
30	Radio City	Twin Towns
31	Scott Whatman	Twin Towns

SEPTEMBER

06	Leo Sayer: Still Feel Like Dancing?	Twin Towns Showroom
07	Normie: The Story So Far	Twin Towns Showroom
19	Oh What A Night	Twin Towns Showroom
20	Elvis An American Trilogy	Twin Towns Showroom
21	Michael Jackson King of Pop	Twin Towns Showroom
26	The Beach Boys Experience	Twin Towns Showroom
30	Rick Price	Twin Towns Showroom

OCTOBER

03	Six & Out	Twin Towns Showroom
04	Human Nature	Twin Towns Showroom
18	The Roy Orbison Story	Twin Towns Showroom
19	Murphy's Pigs	Twin Towns Showroom
25	Bowie Symphonic Experience	Twin Towns

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