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WHAT THE LOCALS KNOW: 13 GREAT REASONS TO LIVE IN CALOUNDRA

IF YOU ALREADY LIVE THERE, THEN WE DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU THE VIRTUES OF LIVING IN CALOUNDRA. READ ON TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS JEWEL IN THE SUNSHINE COAST CROWN.

Sunshine Coast has so much to offer, with a myriad of recreational activities and amenities, employment and investment opportunities and a lifestyle like no other. Here's our top 13 reasons (because let's face it, there's way more than 13 reasons, but we had to draw the line somewhere), why we believe Caloundra shouldn't be overlooked as a property hot-spot and a great place to live.

1 SURF, SUN AND SAND

Something to suit everyone; take your pick from Kings, Bulcock, Golden, Shelly, Moffat or Dicky Beach

2 A PERFECT BALANCE

A environment that is laid back and relaxed whilst still being vibrant, with a myriad of possibilities for work and play

3 HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Enjoy exploring the 9kms of the Coastal Pathway, throw a line in the Pumicestone Passage, or give kitesurfing a go

5 COMMUNITY

Discover a sense of community and join one of the many sporting and activity clubs on offer

4 CONVENIENCE

Stroll down to Bulcock Street for all your everyday needs or the fun of the Caloundra Street Fair on a Sunday morning

6 ENTERTAINMENT

The region is becoming a premier events destination and hosts a variety of major and regional events from the Noosa Long Weekend to the Caloundra Music Festival

7 SHOPPING

The Kawana Homemaker Centre, Stockland Caloundra and Currimundi Markets are all a stone's throw away and offer a range of specialty stores

9 FOODIE HEAVEN

Feast on fresh local seafood and produce (the coast boasts dozens of fresh produce markets) or dine at one of the many restaurants and cafés along the beachfront

11 CULTURE

Be in the centre of the creative heart of Queensland; enjoy a performance at the Events Centre, visit the Sunshine Coast Regional Arts Gallery, or the renowned artisan markets at Eumundi

13 OPPORTUNITY

Unprecedented infrastructure investment is set to fuel over 18,000 new jobs over the next five years

8 INNOVATION

An increasingly skilled and educated workforce, with a focus on innovation and sustainability spearheaded by the nearby University of the Sunshine Coast and Innovation Centre

10 COMMUTING

Easy access north and south via Pacific Highway and to both the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane airports

12 INFRASTRUCTURE

The nearby Sunshine Coast Hospital Precinct provides medical training, research infrastructure, cafés and boutique shopping

■ Kings Beach, Caloundra

"Caloundra has so much to offer, with a lifestyle like no other."

"My abstracts are usually quite textured and consist of many layers."



■ 'Sunset in Paradise', oil on canvas

ARTIST'S INSPIRING HAVEN

SUNSHINE COAST ARTIST AND FULL-TIME MUM **EMILY SNOW** USES BOLD STROKES ON THE CANVAS, YET HER INSPIRATION COMES FROM ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S MOST RELAXED LIFESTYLE DESTINATIONS.



■ 'Kind Eyes', acrylic (+ charcoal) on stretched canvas



■ Emily in her studio



"I enjoy painting animals and like to convey their personalities, attitudes and expression."

Emily fell in love with the Sunshine Coast when she was 15, like many before her who visit each year for summer holidays. She made the move permanent when she was 18.

These days, the mother of three spends most of her days hanging out at home with her two youngest children, often sneaking in a session with the brushes and the easel during the day.

If not, she happily forgoes sleep for art, either late at night or early in the morning.

One of her main goals this year is to concentrate on her art, and create a better work-life balance.

"I'll have more time for painting with my youngest two starting day care a couple of days a week, which will be great for all of us – they are very excited," she says.

However, it's still a full plate for Emily who also plans to complete renovations on the family home, and learn to cook more vegan food.

"During the week I love taking the kids to Noosa National Park or the Eumundi Markets," she says.

"I often take a drive through the hinterland or go for a climb – my night time favourite is dining at Ocean Street.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT EMILY'S ART OR TO COMMISSION A PAINTING, VISIT HER WEBSITE EMILYSNOWART.COM.AU

"The diversity of the area as a whole is what I think is absolutely great about the coast. You have everything within a short drive, yet there are so many beautiful, quiet pockets to relax in and enjoy nature in peace."

Emily has always been very creative, specialising in abstract and impressionist mixed media paintings. Emily describes her style as free, loose and raw.

"I enjoy painting animals and like to convey their personalities, attitudes and expression," she says.

"My abstracts are usually quite textured and consist of many layers.

"I like to create interest with transparency and pops of contrasting colours. Most of my pieces are quite large as I tend to paint in a bold style that makes a statement.

"I am particularly inspired by nature and colour. I find inspiration in everyday life, anything from the sky or the sea, to something as simple as the colours on a page in a magazine."

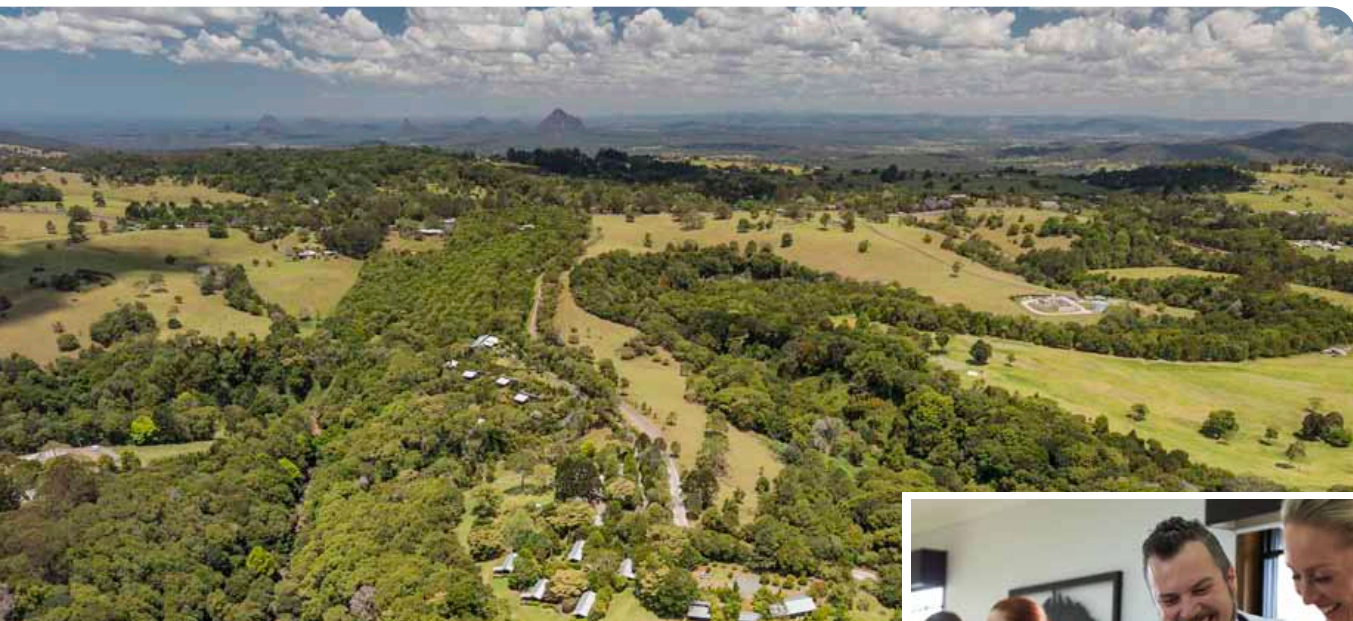
Emily's creative brain is always switched on, with a continual flow of inspiration and ideas, all from her surrounds on the Sunshine Coast. Her biggest problem – not enough hours in the day to paint everything of interest!

WHO SAID ROMANCE IS DEAD?

"Here are our top
4 romantic getaways
located on the
Sunshine Coast."

TOP 4 ROMANTIC GETAWAYS TO MAKE YOUR PARTNER FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU ALL OVER AGAIN.

EVERY NOW AND THEN YOU NEED TO ESCAPE REALITY AND TREAT YOURSELF AND YOUR SPECIAL SOMEONE TO A ROMANTIC GETAWAY. WHETHER THIS MEANS NESTLING UP TO YOUR PARTNER IN A SUB-TROPICAL RAINFOREST RETREAT IN THE SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND OR SOAKING IN THE AUSTRALIAN SUN, THE COAST HAS YOU COVERED.



1 SPICERS TAMARIND RETREAT

88 OBI LANE SOUTH, MALENY

Wake up to the gentle sounds of the rainforest in one of the most romantic places in Australia. The Spicers Tamarind Retreat is an Asian-influenced refuge that immerses guests in another world.

Relax in your private outdoor hot tub and then slip inside and make yourself at home in front of the open wood-burning fireplace on those cold nights. Surround yourself by natural beauty and healing calm – a truly original escape.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SPICERS AND ALL THEIR BEAUTIFUL RETREATS, INCLUDING TAMARIND, VISIT [SPICERSRETREATS.COM](https://spicersretreats.com)



■ Spicers Tamarind

What could be more romantic than spicing up your life with some amazing food? Spicers Tamarind also has a cooking school where you can get hot and heavy while learning the intricacies of a range of cuisines from expert chefs in a state of the art kitchen. Be sure to book this ahead when you book your stay; it's a very popular activity and spaces are limited.



■ Spicers Tamarind

2 SECRETS ON THE LAKE

207 NARROWS ROAD, MONTVILLE

Secrets on the Lake offers ten unique, secluded treehouses that take full advantage of the natural beauty of the rainforest at Lake Baroon. The treehouses are nestled on 40 acres, surrounded by natural streams and waterfalls.

Secrets on the Lake is made for romance; there is a beautiful jetty which makes the perfect spot for fishing, relaxing and photography.

Secrets on the Lake will seclude you from the real world to allow for full relaxation and privacy with your partner.



3 TREETOP SEAVIEW MONTVILLE

3/128 MAIN STREET, MONTVILLE

Busy work schedules and long hours in front of a computer screen have affected the way people live their lives and sometimes their relationships. Treetop Seaview Montville is a special place to go to spend quality time with your partner in natural surrounds.

Treetop Seaview Montville's cool mountain air, sparkling views and boutique shops and cafés draw couples from all around Australia. It is the perfect getaway for couples wishing to spend romantic time with each other while breaking away from normal routine.

EUMARELLA SHORES NOOSA LAKE RETREAT

251 EUMARELLA ROAD, WEYBA DOWNS

Behind the coastal dunes and fronting the unspoilt Lake Weyba lies Eumarella Shores, an award winning luxury lakefront retreat just minutes from Noosa. Eumarella Shores is host to a variety of accommodation choices, from cottages to contemporary lake houses, including the stunning luxury lake house that hovers over the water's edge.

At Eumarella Shores you have the option of dining out at one of Noosa's restaurants, or taking the pressure off and ordering a gourmet hamper – after all, who could resist a romantic candlelit dinner watching the moon over the lake with their significant other?

Wake up to the calming sounds of the water birds and pelicans that inhabit Lake Weyba. Watch the eagles gliding above and the kookaburras that perch on the deck rails.

A range of great deals are on offer all year round; check out their website for more details.

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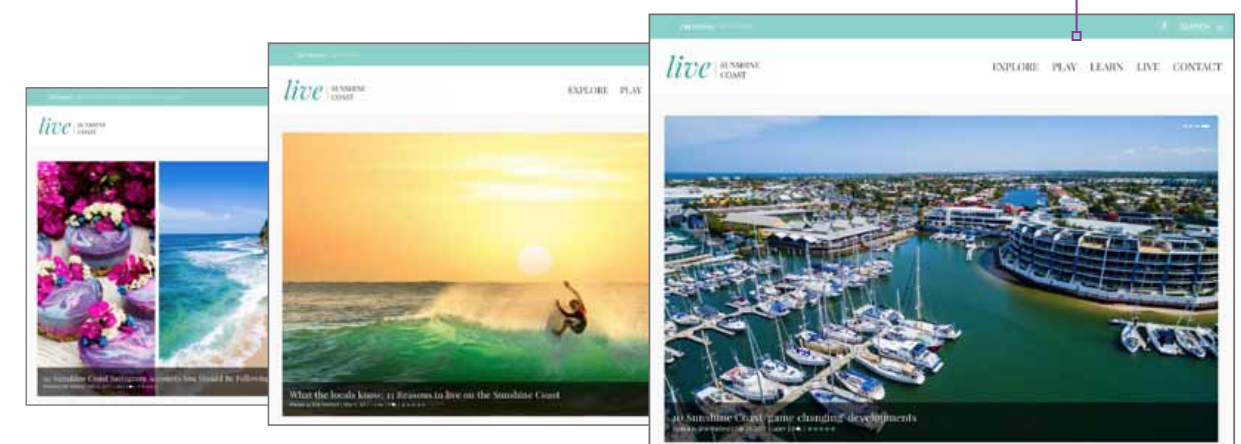
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SHAPING A BETTER SUNSHINE COAST

MAYOR MARK JAMIESON TALKS ABOUT HIS LIFE AND HOW HE'S HELPING TO WRITE A SIGNIFICANT PAGE IN THE HISTORY OF OUR REGION.



■ The University of the Sunshine Coast main campus at Sippy Downs is set in a 100-hectare flora and fauna reserve

First elected in May 2012, Sunshine Coast Mayor Mark Jamieson is now in his second term as mayor, delivering on his promise to shape a prosperous future for the region.

Prior to his election in 2012, Mark Jamieson enjoyed an extensive career in chief executive and senior leadership roles in the private sector, with both strategic and operational responsibilities for customer satisfaction, staff development, business performance/ expansion and shareholder growth.

As one of Queensland's fastest growing regions and in the nation's top ten significant urban areas, the Sunshine Coast is fast becoming one of Australia's leading city regions for the 21st century.

We spoke exclusively to Cr Jamieson about the Sunshine Coast.

"A smart, healthy, sustainable region - with its own identity but intimately connected to the world. This is my vision for the Sunshine Coast."

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT LIVING AND WORKING ON THE SUNSHINE COAST?

The Coast is the best location you could hope to find with our enviable environment and climate matched in with locals who are so friendly and in love with where they live. It's no wonder so many people who visit us want to become long-term Coast residents. Each day there is something different going on and so many interesting people to meet. Everyone here is committed to making the Sunshine Coast the best place it can be. We want our idyllic lifestyle to be enjoyed by future generations like we enjoy it now.

WHAT SPARKED YOUR INTEREST IN POLITICS?

My motivation was to serve our community and develop a stronger economy for our residents.

WHAT DRIVES YOU – HAS THERE BEEN SOMEONE OR SOMETHING THAT HAS INSPIRED YOUR CAREER?

My wife Lorrell has always been an inspiration and she continues to be in this new stage of our lives. She is a great sounding board for ideas and fantastic support in what can be a very time consuming job.

WHAT IS YOUR 10-YEAR VISION FOR THE SUNSHINE COAST?

I love the Sunshine Coast – our fantastic natural assets, our landscapes and the outstanding lifestyle we enjoy. It is why I choose to live here. But the Sunshine Coast is much more. Right now, we are writing a significant page in the history of our region. We are building a new economy, shaping a strong community and ensuring we remain second to none when it comes to our environmental credentials. A smart, healthy, sustainable region – with its own identity but intimately connected to the world. This is my vision for the Sunshine Coast – and I am working hard to make this vision a reality. Building on the past, being decisive now and charting a clear and prosperous future for our community.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR CAREER HIGHLIGHT?

In newspapers, there was the daily highlight of seeing a high quality publication put together by a team of talented and dedicated individuals come off the press each night.

As mayor, it's being able to make a meaningful contribution to enhancing the lives of our residents and the thousands of visitors we welcome to the Coast each year. It's always humbling to be in this position and to receive such a great show of faith and support at the ballot box.

WHAT ARE THE GREAT ATTRIBUTES THE SUNSHINE COAST HAS TO OFFER?

Our people, our climate, our beaches, our hinterland, our waterways, our schools and university, our progressive business community, our range of community organisations, our great variety of events and our unmatched game-changing projects that are helping to make us a location of choice for business and investment – that's just part of what makes our region so special.

WHERE IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLACE TO VISIT ON THE SUNSHINE COAST?

I have a particular fondness for getting out and about in our beautiful Hinterland and visiting the various small towns. But really, as everyone who knows our region can attest, it's very hard to pinpoint just one spot. There's just so many favourite places.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COFFEE SHOP OR RESTAURANT ON THE SUNSHINE COAST?

As someone who travels around our region almost every day, I have a list of favourite places from north at Kenilworth down to near the beaches at Caloundra and up at Maleny and Montville. It'd be a bit unfair to choose just one out of so many great places. I'd suggest everyone who comes to the Coast tries as many as they can.

"Everyone here is committed to making the Sunshine Coast the best place it can be."



■ The Sunshine Coast University Hospital, opening in April 2017, will revolutionise healthcare and offer a range of free services



■ Mayor Mark Jamieson

"Everyone is interested in protecting swimmers and tourists and promoting a safe water environment."

THE METROPOLITAN CALOUNDRA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB IS LOCATED | SPENDER LANE, CALOUNDRA QLD.
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■ Metropolitan Caloundra Surf Life Saving Club, 'Mets on Kings', new deck area

SURF LIFE SAVING *LEGEND*

ALAN MACKLIN TAKES US ON A JOURNEY THROUGH THE HISTORY OF CALOUNDRA SURF LIFE SAVING AND THE IMPACT OF WOMEN ON THE LONGEVITY OF THE INSTITUTION.

LOCAL favourite and hidden gem, the Metropolitan Caloundra Surf Life Saving Club (or "The Mets" as it's now known), has acquired a much-needed face lift that has been 35 years in the making.

The local and wider community raised more than \$140,000 over the past 18 months to deliver the club's centrepiece - a deck with "million dollar views".

Alan Macklin, President of the Supporters Club and Chairman of the Building Subcommittee has headed up the renovations and been heavily involved in the planning, funding and construction phases.

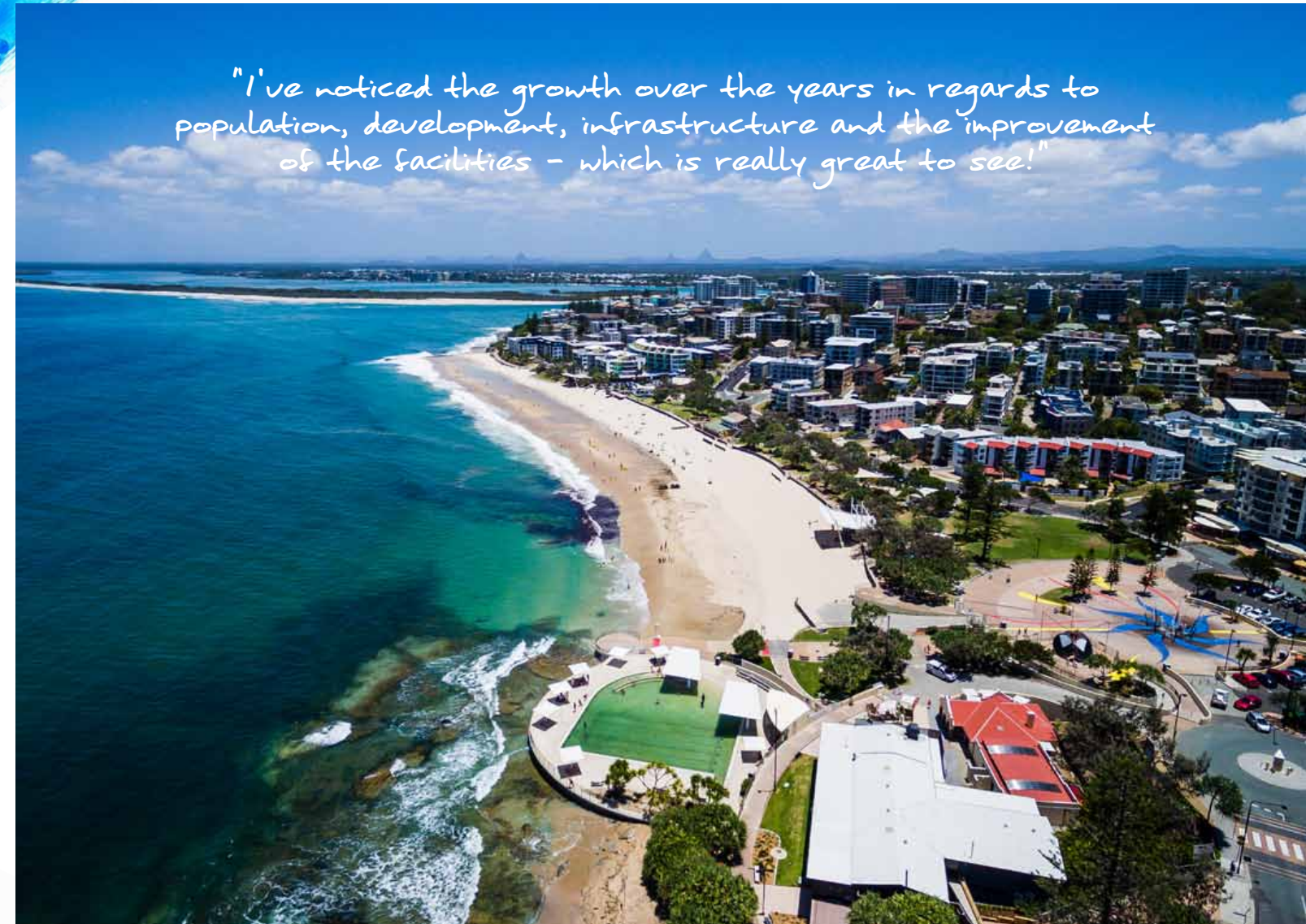
"We've been trying to refurbish the club for the past 35 years," Mr Macklin said.

The deck was conveniently finished before Christmas and has received glowing reports so far from all the locals."

Mr Macklin said that it has been well used since it opened and everyone is very happy with the facility.

"It's a great asset for the club! One of my favourite things to do at the surf club now is to have a beer with my mates at sundown on the new deck."

Mr Macklin is heavily involved with the surf club and finds himself volunteering at The Mets multiple times over the course



■ Kings Beach, Caloundra

of the day! Not only is he the President and Chairman of the related committees, he is also an active patrolling member; a training officer; an assessor when new members are receiving their bronze medallions, a competitor for the club and most importantly, a familiar face to many members.

"The glory about Surf Life Saving is that members are spread across a whole group of ages and genders and it's a fantastic environment to get involved in. There is a healthy common denominator and everyone is interested in protecting swimmers and tourists and promoting a safe water environment."

From the young kids involved in nippers to their parents and the older members in their 80s, Alan has certainly made his mark on the Kings Beach Surf Club over the years.

For longer than he can remember, Alan has been involved in Surf Life Saving across South East Queensland and has seen a lot of changes over this time.

In 1978 he became a training officer and in 1980, at Southport SLSC, he was proud to admit the first female team as active patrolling members of the club.

"I believe that surf lifesaving has moved forward with leaps and bounds since women became active members.

"The movement would have been lost without women in surf lifesaving."

After living in Caloundra for 24 years and with his family having lived nearby since 1865, Alan calls himself a true local to the Sunshine Coast area and a keen observer of the many changes that have happened over that time.

"I've noticed the growth over the years in regards to population, development, infrastructure and the improvement of the facilities - which is really great to see!"

When not out paddling on his surf ski at Kings Beach, Alan is busy running the twenty-year-old family business, Tile Solutions, with partner Vivienne, son Corey and daughter Kara, selling and promoting upmarket Italian tiles for large commercial jobs around South East Queensland.

UNICORN CUPCAKES

BY FEATHER & CRUMB



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"Although these cupcakes look like little naughty pieces of deliciousness, they are actually very healthy treats that anyone can enjoy."

BASE

- 1 cup Almonds
- 1 cup Dates
- 1 cup Desiccated Coconut
- 2 tbsp Rice Malt Syrup
- Pinch of Salt

Blend all ingredients together until combined. Press down in a silicon muffin tray and place in freezer to set

RAW CHEESE LAYERS

- 2 cups Raw Cashews (soaked overnight)
- 1 cup Coconut Milk (or plant milk of choice)
- 1/2 cup Rice Malt Syrup
- 1/2 cup Coconut Oil
- 1 tbsp Maple Syrup
- 1 tsp Vanilla Paste

Split the mixture into 3 even amounts and flavour with 1 tbs of each powder until you are happy with the colour. Spoon little bits of each colour on top of the set base until all mixture is gone. Using a skewer or toothpick swirl the colours around together. Set in the freezer for 3 hours, then enjoy.

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LOCAL ART

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■ 'Suspense as Constant'

CONSTRUCTION START FOR MOSAIC'S CYAN

MOSAIC PROPERTY GROUP, BUOYED BY A STUNNING RUN OF SALES, HAS STARTED CONSTRUCTION OF ITS \$20 MILLION **CYAN APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT ON THE SUNSHINE COAST** AS THE REGION'S PROPERTY MARKET RIDES A WAVE OF DEMAND.



The boutique property developer is progressing the Kings Beach project - the first of five initially planned for the Sunshine Coast - after a strong reception from the market since its soft release in December 2016.

Set to rise eight levels, Cyan is now over 90 per cent sold to local, intrastate and interstate buyers drawn to the opportunity to snap up rare luxury living spaces overlooking spectacular Kings Beach.

"Sales at Cyan have been strong from the outset," said Mosaic Property Group managing director Brook Monahan. "We reached 60 per cent sales in only four weeks over Christmas during the pre-release period, and we didn't officially advertise until mid-January."

"Construction is well and truly under way and we are on track to deliver this exciting new project on schedule as promised."



The buyers securing apartments at Cyan include owner-occupiers from Brisbane and Cairns and investors from across Queensland and Sydney. Amongst these buyers are Russell and Wendy Clegg, who are moving from Forest Lakes, and have purchased a two-bedroom, two-bathroom, beach fronting apartment on the fifth floor of Cyan and cannot wait to move in early next year.

"We wrote a list years ago of all the features we wanted to have in our future apartment, and Cyan ticked all the boxes," Mr Clegg said.

"Cyan consists of only 31 apartments, so it will never be overcrowded with holiday makers, making it the perfect place to call home."

For years the Cleggs had contemplated buying and renovating an investment property, but after seeing Cyan they changed



"Stunning and expansive views of the beach, Pacific Ocean, Glass House Mountains and the surrounding area."

CYAN
BY MOSAIC

their mind and decided to buy new, move in and bump forward their semi-retirement. "When you're faced with opportunities in life, it's up to you what you make of them. We saw our opportunity with Cyan and we took it."

Brisbane-based Mosaic plans to deliver a further four boutique residential projects across the burgeoning region during the next two years at a minimum.

Cyan's move into the construction phase comes as Herron Todd White's February 2017 Month in Review predicts growth to continue in the Sunshine Coast's residential property market.

The report says demand for housing is being fuelled by low supply and the impending opening of Sunshine Coast University Hospital.

"Dwelling sales within the coastal corridor between Maroochydore and Caloundra, particularly the sub \$700,000 price range, are expected to continue with increased demand as a result of the much-anticipated opening of the Sunshine Coast University Hospital," the report states.

Mr Monahan said Herron Todd White's assessment of the market helped to explain Cyan's popularity with buyers, who have snapped up 29 of the 31 apartments.

"We've found the market to be extremely receptive to Cyan because of the limited supply of new luxury beachside apartments in this area," Mr Monahan said.



"Mosaic is thrilled that our vast research into this market over an extended period of time has guided us to deliver the right product at the right time to the Sunshine Coast."

Offering the perfect blend of life and leisure, Cyan's elevated beachside position in Canberra Terrace will give residents stunning and expansive views of the beach, Pacific Ocean, Glass House Mountains and the surrounding area. The premium apartments will be crowned by two luxurious penthouses, giving with their own mezzanine level and private roof terrace with uninterrupted vistas over Kings Beach and the ocean beyond.

Cyan's two and three-bedroom apartments are priced from \$480,000, and all have been designed to take advantage of the stunning and sprawling views afforded by the location. The project is set for completion in January 2018.

Each apartment offers light-filled spacious interiors and large, private balconies to embrace the beachside position.

Cyan apartments feature high ceilings, flexible open-plan living spaces and gourmet kitchens with premium fixtures and fittings, island benches, stone bench tops and air conditioning in every room.

The development's location, at 21 Canberra Terrace is just metres from magnificent Kings Beach and the shops, restaurants and cafés of Caloundra's CBD.

CALL 07 5405 9563 FOR MORE INFORMATION

A STEP IN THE *RIGHT DIRECTION*



THE 2015 'SUNSHINE COAST PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS WOMAN OF THE YEAR', ANGELA MILES, TELLS US ABOUT HER SKILL FOR FUNDRAISING AND HOW SHE TURNED HER PASSION INTO A SUCCESSFUL CAREER.

My name is Angela Miles and I am a business woman, single mum with three beautiful children (Joel 20, Braedon 18 and Rachel 17) and the owner of a cat that I am still not sure if it's a boy or a girl, called Chief.

The first time I moved to the Sunshine Coast was at age 17 after I drove to Queensland from Sydney for holiday. I loved it so much I gave my job one months notice and moved in 1990. I moved back to Sydney seven years later but once again returned to the Coast in 2003 and have lived here ever since with no regrets!

I fell into the not-for-profit (NFP) sector at 19 and have loved it ever since. My current role is Charity Manager at STEPS which is an organisation that works to create a brighter future for people with disabilities and provide opportunities for independence and an improved quality of life.

I heard that STEPS was recruiting for a Charity Manager position and I decided that it was time to put my degree and prior experience into action and to help STEPS build a charity from the ground up. They received expressions of interest nationally, but luckily I came up trumps and was offered the role.

Since then I have worked very hard improving STEPS Charity, which has probably been my greatest challenge. STEPS is such a diverse organisation with multiple business units and getting to know the disability services industry inside out is going to take time.

I am currently developing a fundraising model to support the Pathways College, a life skills education based program to support young adults with a disability. This entails building strategic community relationships across the STEPS Footprint. The objective is to meet the cost of the Pathways College, which is 100% community funded with every cent going directly to supporting the students and their education.

I work in a team of four, so I spend a bit of quality time supporting the three dynamic young ladies that work with me. Our day-to-day can be anything from writing strategies and processes, to meeting with existing donors and corporate supporters, to dreaming up activities on how to attract more funds for STEPS.

My passion comes from always having found myself helping those who are underprivileged or needing a helping hand and I have raised funds for many incredible and worthy causes from the homeless to the disability sector.

My first fundraising event for the Queensland Spastic Welfare League was under the guise of the Miss Australia Awards. Not long after I worked for the Sunshine Coast Helicopter Rescue Service and developed a sustainable fundraising program to support the rescue helicopter as a NFP and community based organisation. They relied on this program to raise more than 50% of funding, so this has definitely been one of my greatest achievements so far.

The most rewarding aspect of what I do is to know that every single day I am making a difference in the lives of people with a disability. I believe that there really is no greater joy than to serve someone else.

I'm really excited for 2017, especially in regards to what we have going on at STEPS. There are some incredible community inspired events including a Living Legends Olympian Lunch, STEPS Grand Winter Ball (the premier black tie event of the Sunshine Coast), TOOMOO220 an endurance ride from Toowoomba to Sunshine Coast and the Mooloolaba Christmas Boat Parade... just to name a few.

But, I do have to say I am most excited to continue to build a most worthy charity that serves people with a disability.



STEPS CHARITY – PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY

STEPS WAS FOUNDED IN 1989 BY A SMALL GROUP OF PARENTS ON THE SUNSHINE COAST WHO WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER BY A SHARED CONCERN FOR THEIR DISABLED CHILDREN'S FUTURE.

While STEPS has grown and diversified over the last 26 years, the team is still as passionate as ever about helping others achieve their life goals and aspirations, including Managing Director, Carmel Crouch who was one of the parents all those years ago.

The diversity of STEPS is what truly makes it a unique and inspirational company with its core aspiration to empower individuals and provide opportunities to learn, connect and grow, Australia wide.

STEPS researched the demand for disability housing in Australia and found it was in a crisis state with many young people with disabilities being forced into living situations that were unacceptable let alone equitable. From their unwavering dedication to providing opportunities for people with a disability on the Sunshine Coast, the STEPS Pathways College was born.

The College is an intensive 12 month training course designed specifically to provide young adults with a disability the skills they need to live independently in the community.

I'm sure many of us can remember the exciting and empowering time in our lives when we moved out of home and STEPS has been very humbled to be able to also provide this experience for young people living with a disability.

The team like to call it "The College that the Coast built" due to it being 100% built through donations of materials and

labour supplied by the local construction industry with the generous support of the local community.

From small individual donations to long term business support, the entire team at STEPS has been totally blown away by the amount of support the local community has given to make a difference in the lives of their students.

Not content with providing a college, STEPS also runs a unique retail nursery. To the public, it seems like your average garden centre but behind the scenes all the profits go towards supporting many of their initiatives.

The nursery is mostly run by volunteers, many of whom live with a disability. STEPS provides these employment opportunities as they understand the importance of learning skills and providing a place for connecting with others, which is hugely beneficial for wellbeing.

While most of their work on the Sunshine Coast is dedicated to delivering opportunities for people with a disability, they also work tirelessly to help refugees, migrants and remote regional communities to build skills for working and studying.

Donations big or small go a long way within this charity and businesses are also encouraged to partner with them to support this extremely worthy cause.

STEPS CHARITY ALSO RUNS A NUMBER OF FUNDRAISING EVENTS WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON THEIR WEBSITE
WWW.STEPSCHARITY.COM.AU



DESIGNER RECYCLING

A PASSION FOR RECYCLING AND A DESIRE FOR STRONG ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN DROVE **JOHN ROBERTSON** TO AN ALTERNATE HOUSING SOLUTION.



Local Architect and Sole Director of O.G.E Group, John Robertson, believes that good architecture must challenge, test and respond to countless variables, which is exactly what he has achieved with his contemporary and eco-friendly 'Beach Box' in Buddina.

This modern-day shack uses three shipping containers as the primary structural building blocks and has the extremely modest and almost unbelievable budget of \$170,000 to construct, which certainly isn't something you hear these days for a modern beachside home.

John came up with the initial idea after finding the block of land that had future development potential. He needed something that was affordable, cost effective and flexible. He researched kit homes and other alternatives but found that they weren't within the cost parameters he was seeking. John discovered the containers and the fire was sparked!

The plans were subjected to intense scrutiny by the local council with the case going to the State Parliament. The project was about to be called in (stopped) however logic prevailed and he was able to finish the project. Three months later he won the House of the Year award and received a commendation by the Minister of Innovation for the State finals, where he was up against a \$10 million build.

John, his partner and their combined five kids have lived comfortably in the Beach Box Buddina for three years and are now looking to renovate by adding a master bedroom and a kid's rumpus room. He said his favourite thing about the pods is that he can go to work in the morning and by the afternoon two new rooms would have been added.

Over the past 2-3 years John and his team have been developing a 'design menu' for people of all ages to create one of their very own pod homes starting at only \$60,000. The major reason behind it is to give people the flexibility to put more money into their land and location rather than the house and in turn gain better capital growth.

As the house is small or 'semi-tiny', it has been designed to be very functional. This limits what you can buy and forces you to forego unnecessary house times i.e. "junk" as John likes to call it, that I am sure we are all very aware of, most likely filling your cupboards or corners!

As your life evolves or demands change, the bliss in these homes is that you don't have to entirely move. The option of adding an extra room or two on top or to the side is easy.

With the famous quote by Glenn Murcutt in mind "touch the earth lightly", John is extremely passionate about providing sustainable properties that embrace the outdoor land and don't lock you into an air-conditioned room. These houses of humility enable people to have their own humble personality in an urban and architectural place.

He is a strong believer that it doesn't have to be an expensive house to be cool!

John has very big plans for these sustainable pods and hopes to one day make them entirely 'off the grid' with integrated solar and battery power.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT O.G.E GROUP AT
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HANDCRAFTED IN NOOSA

FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS IN A SHED IN THE BACKYARD, **GREEN CATHEDRAL** WAS STARTED BY TIM SCARCE, WHO LEFT HIS CAREER AS AN AIRCRAFT ENGINEER AND FOLLOWED HIS DREAM TO CRAFT BEAUTIFUL BEACH INSPIRED FURNITURE IN NOOSA. HIS **WIFE AND COWORKER SALLY**, TALKS ABOUT LIFE WITH A YOUNG FAMILY AND A FURNITURE MAKER.



TELL US A BIT ABOUT GREEN CATHEDRAL FURNITURE – WHERE ARE YOU BASED, WHAT DO YOU DO, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN DOING IT?

Green Cathedral Furniture is a Noosa based Furniture Design and Manufacturing Company. Green Cathedral (GC) was originally established by Tim Scarce in 2008, and until 2011 Tim worked exclusively for local Interior Designers Magnolia Interiors, Ottily & Lewis & A.P Design House, to name a few.

In 2011 we released our first piece from our Babanees range (the Babanees Stool) and have been busy designing and making our own range of authentic Modern Australian Furniture since.

DO YOU HAVE A MOTTO AT GREEN CATHEDRAL, WHAT IS YOUR BUSINESS ETHOS?

Our ethos is "To design and craft authentic pieces of furniture that represent value and sustainability through their high quality craftsmanship and timeless design."

We often say that "It is more important to be authentic than original" - In this age of social media, we are constantly exposed and therefore influenced by what others are doing. True originality is very hard to define and even harder to defend.

When we created the original 'Babanees' stool over 5 years ago, there was nothing on the market like it. However, we have never claimed it as an original design; it was in fact an interpretation of a classic milking stool. We created an oval leg shape in place of the round and we added the 'dipped' colour and (signature) button inlay on top.

Our ability to back up that one piece with a whole range of pieces and variations (including benches, tables, shelving, plant

stands and kids furniture) and to develop an aesthetic (Modern Australian), one that is instantly recognisable as "a Green Cathedral piece" - that is authenticity and that is what we strive to achieve.

The other is: "Work to make it work". That is the motto that we use when things just aren't going our way either with the designs or within the business - it does feel as though we use this one often!!

WHO DO YOU RUN THE BUSINESS WITH?

I run the business with my husband Tim, who created and started GC in 2008. I came on board full-time in 2011.

TELL US ABOUT TIM, WHAT IS HIS BACKGROUND AND HOW DID HE GET INTO FURNITURE MAKING?

If you ask Tim, he'll say he has been making furniture his whole life. Unfortunately, the boarding school that Tim went to was not a big supporter or nurturer of artistic talents, so straight out of high school he went into a career in aviation. 12 years later Boeing offered a voluntary redundancy and Tim was the first to volunteer. He took his redundancy payment and purchased a shed full of tools and GC was created.

It's amazing how many of the skills that he uses every day were gained in his aircraft engineering days - welding, riveting, painting and upholstery (yes he can do it all).

WHAT IS YOUR BACKGROUND SALLY? AND WHAT IS YOUR ROLE AT GREEN CATHEDRAL?

I am what is known as a Multipotentialite (Google it - it's a real thing)! I have had many career titles; Real Estate Agent, B&B Operator, Hotel Manager, Ballroom Dance Instructor, and Boutique Manager just to name a few, but they have all helped in preparation for my role at GC.

GC is the longest 'job' I have ever had. I put this down to the fact that each day is a challenge, it is varied and there is always something else to learn.

My role as Business Manager is to oversee the day-to-day operations: marketing, payroll, bookkeeping, sales. I also am the conceptualist and co-design with Tim on many of our designs.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE THE MOST ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS?

It may be an unconventional answer - but Tim!

He is amazing; the way his mind works, the way he sees things. His ability to create constantly astounds, motivates and excites me.

...and the design - I love having an idea and then trying (pitifully) to draw and describe it to Tim and then I stand by and watch as he makes it come to life.



■ Furniture and artwork from Green Cathedral Bespoke Furniture, Noosa



DOES GREEN CATHEDRAL SUPPORT ANY CHARITIES?

Last year was about supporting charities close to home. We had a friend with a terminal illness that we helped raise money for as well as donating prizes for local (and one interstate) fundraisers.

WHO DO YOU SUPPLY TO? WHAT SORT OF CLIENTS ORDER BESPOKE FURNITURE?

We currently have 2 stockists in Australia (Sydney & Mornington Peninsula VIC) and we will be announcing 2 more in the next couple of months. Our most famous customer is probably Nat Bassingthwaite - she bought a Bailey bed for her son Hendrix in 2015. Sibella Court has also used our products for some projects and stocked our stools in her Sydney store for a while.

WHAT IS THE CRAZIEST THING THAT SOMEONE HAS ORDERED? AND DID YOU MAKE IT?

The 3.6m wall-hung Credenza was one of the most challenging. The client sent us a concept drawing which was almost identical to a drawing Tim had done 3 years earlier - we had no idea how we were going to make it let alone hang it but we did it and the 'Bombora' credenza became one of our favourite pieces.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST SELLING ITEM?

We have sold more Babanees Stools than any other piece, but our beds are so popular that we generally have 10-12 on order at any given time - and we make approximately 5 per week.

WHAT IS YOUR ALL-TIME FAVOURITE THING THAT TIM HAS MADE?

I really love the beds and the cot - they are 100% original AND authentic Green Cathedral's design. It is almost 3 years since their release and they have not yet been replicated or imitated - which is a testament to the skill and craftsmanship involved in the design and making of them.

IS HE ALL-ROUND HANDY?

In my wedding vows the words "I promise to always love your ridiculous handiness" were spoken, so that would be a resounding YES!

DO YOU HAVE BROKEN FURNITURE IN YOUR HOUSE THAT HE NEVER GETS AROUND TO FIXING?

Haha - What furniture? It's kind of a standing joke with our friends that we have so little furniture in our home.

We are working on it though; each of our kids got bedroom makeovers for Christmas and now each has, not have a GC bed... I am still waiting for mine though.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?

We have Bella (15), Bailey (10) and Archie (3). It has been a tough few years with the massive growth of the business and the 'Melbourne Venture' last year, especially on Bella, who gets called on to babysit a lot.

A school friend of mine recently (last month) lost his epic battle with cancer; he was in the AFP, had a loving wife and 3 young

kids. He had worked hard to provide for them financially but at the cost of spending time with them. The charity we set up was to help enable him to make some memories in the last year of his life. His life and death had a major impact on both Tim and me; it made us reassess our priorities, which resulted in the closure of our Melbourne Gallery, the purchase of a 4WD, boat and camper trailer in December and the vow to make lasting memories with our kids. We have even booked our first proper holiday (ever) and are heading to NZ in August.

HOW DO YOU GUYS MANAGE TO RUN A BUSINESS FULL TIME AND BRING UP 3 CHILDREN?

Sometimes it would seem, not very well; but hey, they are good kids, they don't go without and we all love each other.

Growing up, my mum was a single mum with 5 kids running her own upholstery business, so I guess the knowledge that I have it easy in comparison really helps.

WHERE ON THE SUNSHINE COAST DO YOU LIVE?

Noosa. A year ago we moved from a home 500m from the beach to 6 acres in the Noosa Hinterland and we (and our 2 border collies) couldn't be happier!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE GETAWAY SPOT?

We live in Noosa (aka the best place on earth) so the need to getaway is not huge - if we've had a tough day, we take the boat out on the Noosa River, have a drink/fish/swim and come back revived, refreshed and ready to do it all again.

WHAT DO YOU GUYS LOVE TO DO ON THE WEEKEND?

As above. However, we are about to take the camper trailer on our first ever camping trip (together) to Fraser Island - depending on how it goes, we may or may not do more camping.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE PLACE TO EAT?

We have many go-to places in Noosa - lately it is Whisky Boy (Cnr Gympie Tce and Thomas St, Noosaville). The food, service and drinks are all top-notch.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SIMPLE DECORATING TIPS FOR THE NOVICE DESIGNER?

Instagram and Pinterest are great tools for building an idea of your own aesthetic, however do not become a slave to trends. Your home should be a reflection of you, not someone else.

Look for key pieces that you absolutely love and build around them.

Invest in a solid oak dining table and use it!

In 20 years' time your kids will be sitting around it remembering all the Christmas and birthday dinners, arguments and anecdotes - it can be refreshed or repurposed and won't end up as landfill.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GREEN CATHEDRAL, VISIT THEIR WORKSHOP OR GREENCATHEDRAL.COM.AU OR EMAIL THEM AT FURNITURE@GREENCATHEDRAL.COM.AU



COASTAL STYLE

WITH MARGIE SULLIVAN

THE SUNSHINE COAST IS ABUNDANT WITH **CASUAL ELEGANCE** UNLIKE ANYWHERE ELSE. ITS FRIENDLY, BEACHY VIBE LENDS ITSELF TO A RELAXED LIFESTYLE THAT IS THE ENVY OF MANY.

■ Available at Green Cathedral Bespoke Furniture



"Our homes are one of our most precious commodities."

So how do you bring this into your home? We spoke to Peregian Beach local Margie Sullivan, interior designer for Mosaic Property Group, about her tips for turning a house into a home.

- 1 Choose a restrained, understated palate that incorporates relaxed, classic furnishing.
- 2 Make use of textural finishes and fixtures.
- 3 Make allowance for an abundance of natural light.
- 4 Create functional, responsive interiors to complement both the environment and the occupants.
- 5 Incorporate a particular design that accommodates indoor/outdoor living, making the most of natural ventilation.
- 6 Include a vibrant outdoor aesthetic that relates to the interior design.

HOW DO YOU INCORPORATE THE SUNSHINE COAST LIFESTYLE INTO INTERIOR DESIGN?

The Sunshine Coast lifestyle is synonymous with a relaxed, laid back feel, so interiors on the coast are generally a reflection of this. There is also a wonderful sense of community on the Sunshine Coast, and that is enhanced through thoughtful, responsive architecture and interiors.

HOW DOES THE INTERIOR DESIGN OF A HOME AFFECT THE PEOPLE LIVING IN IT?

The interior of a home directly relates to how we experience and use 'space'. Well resolved interiors mean that this experience of 'space' becomes more than that, and creates a sense of 'place' and a connection to 'place' for those using it. Our homes are one of our most precious commodities and are always worthy of well-resolved, aesthetically outstanding interiors!

HOW DO YOU DESIGN A HOUSE TO MAKE IT A HOME?

A house is a home when a series of spaces come together and are resolved in a response to those who reside there. For me, designing interiors for someone's home means drawing on a holistic approach to design principles and being responsive to the architecture, environment and most importantly, the client.

WHAT SETS THE SUNSHINE COAST APART FROM OTHER REGIONS?

Geographically, the environment in which the Sunshine Coast exists makes it a stand out from other regions. It offers a lifestyle, climate, and sense of community that is second to none, and a forthcoming opportunity through upgraded infrastructure. Don't get me started on the spectacular beaches, restaurants, cafés and local produce available from the farmers' markets!

IF YOU WANT TO GET THE BEACHY LOOK TO YOUR HOME, THEN MARGIE RECOMMENDS A VISIT TO GREEN CATHEDRAL FURNITURE IN NOOSA OR MAS & MIEK CERAMICS, BOTH FEATURED IN THIS MAGAZINE.



GOOD COMPANY

A MEETING ON A CATTLE STATION IN NORTH QUEENSLAND ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO WAS NOT ONLY THE START OF AN **ENDURING FRIENDSHIP**, BUT ALSO THE CONCEPTION OF WHAT WAS TO BECOME A **VERY SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS TEAM**.

"We firmly believe that you must continue to earn the right to be in business every day, whilst staying grounded at all times."



■ Dave Handley (left) and Brook Monahan (right)

As co-founders of Brisbane-based Mosaic Property Group, the dynamic duo of Brook Monahan and David Handley are still best mates, but working on a business of a very different kind.

Brook describes Dave as an "honest, hardworking and straight-up bloke"; qualities well suited to Dave's position heading up the development side of the Mosaic business. Dave says that Brook, whose role encompasses strategy, marketing, finance and team management, is more of an extrovert, making him a natural fit as Mosaic's front man.

Mosaic has plans to roll out a \$100 million plus pipeline of at least 6 projects across the Sunshine Coast over a two-year period starting in January 2017, beginning with a 31-apartment luxury beachside project at Kings Beach in Caloundra. Mosaic's pipeline will deliver a total of 200+ dwellings to the region in response to what Mosaic sees as pent-up demand for high quality residential product on the Sunshine Coast.

We talk to Brook and Dave about how they met, why they've chosen to bring their families up to the Sunshine Coast and why they are so passionate about expanding their business in the region.



■ The original buildings that later became the head office of Mosaic Property Group



■ Mosaic Property Group head offices today, still in-keeping with their original heritage



■ Artwork by Emily Snow

BROOK MONAHAN - MANAGING DIRECTOR

After my time up north working on a cattle station as a stockman, and then some time following this working for a larger grain trading and commodity group out of Toowoomba, I decided to take a very different path and start my first business at a young age. A few years later, I owned and ran a fund management and property development/construction business, amongst other businesses I had started. I'd stayed in touch with Dave as good mates, so I asked him if he was interested in joining the property business, and thankfully he agreed and soon after became a director and part-owner. Since then we've worked together in several different businesses that we have owned together.

In early 2012, when I made the decision to rebrand the development and construction arm of a property business of ours, I couldn't think of a better bloke to head up the development side of the company. We had successfully worked together in various businesses up until that point, for well over 7 years. Mosaic Property Group has grown significantly over the past five years, now with 65 team members and still counting.

Our business strategy is very clearly defined and disciplined, so we know where we are heading without getting too far ahead of ourselves. We firmly believe that you must continue to earn the right to be in business every day, whilst staying grounded at all times. We never take anything for granted and we feel blessed by the quality of people we have attracted over the years, including four other Directors of the group.

Without a doubt, a huge part of our success has been my relationship with Dave, along with the close relationships both of us have also formed with the other four Directors who have joined Mosaic over the years. I have total confidence in Dave, and absolute respect for his integrity and work ethic. I feel very fortunate that I am in business with my best mates and blokes that I have a lot of respect for.



■ Brook and his family and on the farm

DAVE HANDLEY - DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

One of the first things I noticed about Brook when I met him was that he wasn't afraid of hard work; he'd have a go at anything. We had a good time - both young and fancy-free and really enjoying the work we were doing. He was a bit of a larrikin when he was younger though - he once left a box of rotten fish in my bedroom cupboard while I was away. When I came back - well, you can imagine the smell after it being locked up in 40 degree heat. It's probably a wonder that we became such good mates!

Opposites attract I guess, and we've always worked really well together. We're similar in a lot of ways, but I think it's our differences that really matter. We seem to complement each other and seem to work synergistically. Brook is much more of an extrovert whereas I'm more introverted, so he's great being the face and front man of the overall business while I'm happy in a supportive role, and managing delivery.

We're best mates both inside and outside the office. We've lived in neighbouring farms in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland with our respective families for the last 10 years and we each have four kids who, luckily, all get on well together; so it's easy to socialise outside the business as well as work closely inside the business.



■ Keen fisherman, Dave with his catch off the top of Queensland

*WE ASKED BROOK A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT HE LOVES ABOUT THE SUNSHINE COAST**WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING ON THE SUNSHINE COAST?*

It's understated. While the café, restaurant and shopping choice has evolved in the last 6-7 years to rival parts of inner Melbourne, the coast has managed to keep its laid-back feel. The natural landscape is breathtaking - hinterland, mountains, national parks and stunning beaches. It's the best place in Australia to live.

MOSAIC HAS GROWN A STRONG REPUTATION IN THE BRISBANE MARKET. WHAT'S BEHIND THE DECISION TO EXPAND INTO THE SUNSHINE COAST?

The decision was well conceived and researched over a long period of time. Given we reside on the Sunshine Coast, and some of the other directors have had previous experience working on major projects in this region, it was a very well informed decision based on genuine local market knowledge. Amongst the many positive drivers for the region, the unprecedented level of infrastructure and private investment, with the resultant increase in employment opportunities, was a key influence in this decision-making process.

WHAT DOES THE RECENT INJECTION OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PROJECTS INTO THE SUNSHINE COAST MEAN FOR MOSAIC?

This was an issue in Mosaic's decision-making process and strategy regarding the Sunshine Coast. This significant investment in major projects will help the local economy transition to a more sustained and predictable level of performance in the future. This structural change in the economy is extremely important, especially given Mosaic has a disciplined, risk controlled and steady approach to property development to ensure that the best outcomes for all stakeholders can consistently be delivered.

WHAT MAKES THE SUNSHINE COAST A HAPPY HUNTING GROUND FOR ASTUTE INVESTORS?

There is a wise investment saying that states "smart private investment should always follow extensive public investment". Given this, we believe the Sunshine Coast currently represents one of the strongest opportunities nationally for private investors to maximise this opportunity. From a market fundamentals perspective, it is also important to note that demand is increasing, as demonstrated by current and forecast strong population growth. Along with this, the supply of quality residential product has been limited for some time now, a situation that is not forecast to

change in the immediate future. This means a favourable supply/demand imbalance for investors, as currently evidenced by the strong rental market conditions being experienced on the Sunshine Coast (including extremely low vacancy rates and increasing rental returns).

IF MONEY, TIME AND APPROVALS WERE NO OBJECT, WHAT'S A PROJECT YOU'D LOVE TO SEE COME TO LIFE ON THE SUNSHINE COAST?

A multi-modal transport corridor that includes high-speed rail and links Brisbane, Caloundra, Maroochydore and Noosa.

WHERE IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLACE TO VISIT ON THE SUNSHINE COAST?

There are so many naturally beautiful places on the Sunshine Coast, so it is very difficult to nominate one. Noosa National Park is obviously special, as is the Blackall Range, but the stretch of coast between Caloundra and Peregian Beach also has pockets that are just as special. Those people who live on the Sunshine Coast are truly spoilt.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE COFFEE SHOP OR RESTAURANT?

Spicers Tamarind and Clovelly restaurants at Maleny and Montville and Locale and Wasabi restaurants at Noosa would be my top four restaurants on the Coast. There is an endless choice of exceptional coffee shops.

WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

IF PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION IS A MALE-DOMINATED INDUSTRY, MOSAIC PROPERTY GROUP'S WORKFORCE IS CLEARLY BUCKING THE TREND.



Just under half of Mosaic's office staff of 52 are currently women. The ratio was given a major boost in 2017 after Mosaic bolstered its ranks with seven women from the 11 new staff members it has employed this year. The Brisbane-based developer now employs 24 women in its head office, including some with senior roles in the group.

University classes focussed around courses such as Property Development, Construction Management and Project Management typically have a greater male enrolment ratio, with women accounting for a small percentage of the class sizes. This is one of the explanations as to why women account for only 11 per cent of the total construction workforce and leave the industry at a rate almost 40% higher than men.

However, managing director Brook Monahan said Mosaic's workplace had become a level playing field for staff through a conscious effort to employ people based on their merits and suitability rather than gender.

"The diversity of our workforce has allowed us to become a more innovative company in an increasingly competitive industry," said Mr Monahan.

According to a property gender diversity report from Ernst & Young, companies that draw on a diverse mix of talent, including gender, can deliver enhanced profits, investor returns and productivity uplifts.

Mr Monahan said Mosaic will continue to dedicate resources focused on career development for women.

"Whilst we are proud that there are already various senior positions held by women at Mosaic, we are still very aware that an ongoing level of commitment is required to ensure that our next generation of female leaders are also given the confidence, skills and opportunities to forge strong careers," Mr Monahan said.

"Despite the growing trend of women in the workplace, there is still an existing gap of females in leadership positions within many industries and the key to improving this is likely to come from a stronger focus on the next generation of leaders currently studying at school or in university.

"We ultimately have to work together as an industry to accelerate the change needed to increase the number of women in property, construction and leadership roles, based on merit."

"Our pieces are simple, but refined."



MOTHER DAUGHTER DUO AND THEIR HIDDEN CERAMIC HOUSE

WE SPOKE WITH **CHARLIE DE DEYNE** (DAUGHTER) ABOUT THE MOTHER/DAUGHTER MAGIC BEHIND THE BEAUTIFUL CERAMIC BUSINESS **MAS + MIEK**.

TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF, WHERE DO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ORIGINATE FROM?

Well our family originates from Belgium, but moved to the Sunshine Coast in the early 80's. It was then that my grandparents Aimee and Jacqueline Proost built two iconic tourism parks on the Sunshine Coast, the Cable Water Ski Park in Bli Bli, known as Ski and Skurf and the Big Kart Track, which is still owned by our family today. My father, who has operated the Big Kart Track for 30 years has always been a very active member in the Sunshine Coast society.

My brother and I were both born in Buderim, but I moved to Brisbane in my late teens for boarding school and stayed to do university there. However, for me, the Sunshine Coast has always been home. I commute up often to spend time at our home in the hinterland, visiting the beach, and of course, working in the studio tucked away amongst the bamboo.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR FURRY FAMILY?

We own a cat, a dog and four very fat, happy chickens.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT THE SUNSHINE COAST?

For me it's the hinterland and its natural sub-tropical beauty. I find the hinterland an endless treasure. From the Glass House Mountains, to hidden waterfalls, to quaint little villages to wander through, I could never bore of the Sunshine Coast hinterland. Although, I do love the beaches the Sunshine Coast has to offer.

WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT MOST PEOPLE WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE SUNSHINE COAST, THAT MOST LOCALS DO?

Hmm... Well everyone knows the iconic Glass House Mountains, but I doubt that enough tourists hike up all the smaller surrounding mountains like Ngun Ngun to view them all together at sunrise or sunset. It's something my friends and I love to do, with a fresh coffee or a few beers (depending on the time of day, of course!)

WHAT ARE YOUR TOP 5 MUST DO SUNSHINE COAST ACTIVITIES?

- 1 Climb Mount Tibrogargan
- 2 Walk Noosa National Park and skinny dip
- 3 Wander through all the stores in Noosa
- 4 Have a burger at Rick's café in Palmwoods
- 5 Go for a dip in Kondalilla Falls and hike to Baroon Pocket Dam
- 6 And if I can sneak in a 6th, it would be to go go-karting at The Big Kart Track

DESCRIBE THE SUNSHINE COAST IN 3 WORDS.

It would be the perfect mixture of Vibrant, Relaxed and Community.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOURSELF AND MIEK?

Well, we are very similar, which I know for some mother daughter friendships can be tricky and a falling point, but for us, it's our strongest. We have a similar aesthetic taste and both operate the same way; we are both very optimistic and motivated and we egg each other on in that way. It's great, we are very lucky. There certainly isn't anyone else I could spend endless hours in the studio with day after day.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT WORKING WITH YOUR MUM?

One of my absolute favourite things in life is opening a still hot kiln with my mum. We both get so giddy with excitement as we see how everything turned out; how our glazes played with each other and how the fire affected the colour palette.

WHEN DID YOU FIRST START OUT?

Well it all started with a birthday present one year my dad bought for my mum. As a surprise, he bought her a pottery wheel and a few lessons. From there it all just exploded. We all joke that he created a monster. Turns out he made two, as I soon became very involved with ceramics.

TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOUR STYLE OF ART AND WHAT YOU CREATE.

Our pieces are simple but refined. We love making utilitarian pieces with a tactile quality that people will love to hold; that make you stop for a second and live in the moment. Cherish your cup of coffee or fold your hands around your favourite soup bowl; enjoy how your slow cooked food looks in your unique plate. Everything in your daily life that surrounds you should inspire you, from the humble cup or bowl to the vase that complements the blooms that you choose.

WHAT DOES THE AVERAGE DAY IN THE LIFE OF YOU TWO LOOK LIKE?

Well the beauty of ceramics in an art practice is based on process. It's one of my favourite things about clay, that you need to go through the whole making, drying, firing, glazing process for each piece, and see it through all the way to the end. So, our days in the studio really depend on where we are in the process! But usually our day always starts with breakfast together on our balcony, talking about what we have in front of us for that day.

EXPLAIN THIS 'PROCESS'.

First and foremost is an idea or inspiration and then we work towards body of work, you could call it a collection. We create individual pieces, nothing in matching sets but all from the same 'family'. Different techniques are used to make pieces from wheel thrown to hand-building and then glazes are created and tested on the biscuit fired work (fired to 1060°C). Clays and glazes are chosen to fit a certain collection and the creative cycle works towards an end in several firings. The whole process usually takes several weeks until we start on a different or complementary collection.

WHAT ARE YOU BOTH INSPIRED BY?

I know my mum finds a lot of inspiration in sculptural elements and tactile qualities of daily life that often go unnoticed. The contrast between the natural world and the man-made environment like concrete, tarmac or a riverbed can equally inspire and evoke a collection. A lot of the subtle colours and the layering of imagery in the collage vases come from that inspiration, and we build a collection around that. For me, I'm more enthralled in the process of ceramics, especially in the glazing. I love the element of chance we have when we make glazes, we never really know what we will open our kiln to, and I love that. So, that's how we form our collections together; my mum draws from inspiration around her and then we take it from there, experimenting and playing with the process to see what we end up with.

ANY MAS + MIEK GOALS FOR 2017?

We do have one very exciting project this year that will most likely dominate our 2017 - we are opening a space in Newstead in Brisbane this April! Named, 'Mas & Miek Ceramic House' it will be a large open studio space for learning about ceramics, with classes, workshops, a café and a store. We are really excited!

WHERE CAN PEOPLE FIND YOUR ART?

We originally sold our ceramics at different artisan markets in Brisbane but now we are super excited to be selling in our new space in Newstead (near the Gasworks) Brisbane! Mas & Miek Ceramic House will have all our current selection of work. The space is still under construction but if anyone would like to know more, go to "theceramichouse.studio" or follow us on social media to stay tuned!

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SUNSHINE COAST ON NATION'S PROPERTY MAP

THE **SUNSHINE COAST** IS ALL GROWN UP. REGARDED AS A COASTAL TOWN JUST FIVE YEARS AGO, THE REGION HAS EVOLVED INTO AN **ECONOMICALLY THRIVING HUB** WITH MULTIPLE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ON THE GO.



But the "Sunny Coast charm" is not lost, says Scott Gardiner of Savills, who believes the beach lifestyle, village vibe and great weather are the major drawcards for people choosing to live here.

"But putting my business hat on, the Sunshine Coast has a bright future for economic growth, coming from a strong foundation, coupled with the number of major infrastructure projects," Mr Gardiner said.

"This drives all sectors of the region, including employment, population growth, construction and tourism. It all points to a bright future.

"One major factor that makes the Sunshine Coast different is the potential for major sustainable growth.

"I see this because we are coming from a lower base compared to say the Gold Coast or Brisbane, but we have major infrastructure projects and development that will drive the region economically in the long-term."

These projects include a major hospital precinct, the Aura master planned community development, expansion of the Sunshine Coast Airport and the development of SunCentral.

"We're also seeing local and state governments working very well together to proactively create a vibrant community," Mr Gardiner said.

Mr Gardiner says the region's property market has had a major boost off the back of these projects.

"We're far from boom territory, but what we are seeing is a sustainable upward trend which I believe is better for the long term," he said.

"The major change in the Sunshine Coast property market has been the uplift in confidence from both owner occupiers and investors."

Hamish Bolderston, from local real estate agency Henzells, says the Sunshine Coast's economic base will shift away from reliance on the traditional sectors of tourism and construction.

"This change will lead to a more sustainable local economy which should also lead to population growth and increased household income," he said.

Mr Bolderston said as a result, Sunshine Coast property had national appeal.

"We are seeing an influx of southern buyers who are looking to secure property in premium beachside locations given the great value this property represents," he said.

"The Sunshine Coast has a great mix of people from a range of backgrounds – people from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane – it makes for an interesting and diverse community."

Colliers agent Baydn Dodds agrees. He calls Kawana Waters home and says the Sunshine Coast has the whole package: a great climate, world-class beaches and stunning natural scenery.

"What's special about the Sunshine Coast is its collection of coastal and hinterland villages which all have their own unique character and identity," he said.

From an economic perspective, Mr Dodds says an influx of new development is creating a larger, self-sustaining workforce which will reduce the need for commutes to Brisbane and would provide more job opportunities for kids growing up on the Coast.

"There is an overall level of optimism in the commercial market from the initiatives planned for the region," he said.

"These will provide a much more diverse economy, less impacted by cyclical swings and roundabouts and hence with more stable tenant and income profiles."

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John Robertson, Principal Architect, OGE

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1

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2

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3

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4

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5

BALLINGER BEACH, CURRIMUNDI

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6

SUNSHINE BEACH, SUNSHINE

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7

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8

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9

NOOSA DOG PARK

The dog beach at the end of Hastings Street in Noosa Woods offers protected beach for families where dogs can play off leash with each other.

10

CHANCELLOR DOG PARK

Sippy Downs at Lakehead Drive just by the Hibiscus Retirement village in the centre of the suburb offers a great, local area to hang out with other happy dog owners.



PETICULAR TASTE



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■ John, Brett and Rufus

Inspired by the pet boutiques in New York, Jon Manning, partner Brett, and Cockalier Rufus have opened a beautiful pet boutique called Peticular in Peregian Beach, offering the best international and local pet products that are high quality and stylish, fit for all fashionable and funky dogs 'n' cats.

Jon and Brett came up with the idea five years ago whilst living in Sydney, after bringing home their pup, Rufus. Inspired by the niche stores in New York when visiting relatives, they decided they'd give it a go themselves.

Peticular was born as an online side business, however it quickly grew to the point where the two were able to shed their corporate full time jobs and set up an HQ store. They made the great sea change to the Sunshine Coast at the end of 2016, when they fell in love with the scenery, lifestyle and warmth of the people after a holiday. Not to mention, the stress free and improved quality of life made it very hard to say no!

Ever since the opening pet loving locals have jumped on the Peticular bandwagon and Jon and Brett have been overwhelmed with the supportive and wonderful community. Rufus has of course been the happiest of them all since the opening, as he has become a great taste and toy tester! He also fancies himself as a celebrity in store with his photos adorning the walls and postcards.

After visiting Stumers Creek in Coolool almost every morning with stylish pooch Rufus, Jon highly recommends their 'Dirty Dog Shammy' for regular beach goers. He says that this will dry your dog in about the quarter of the time when compared to using a towel. It works a treat and is machine washable.

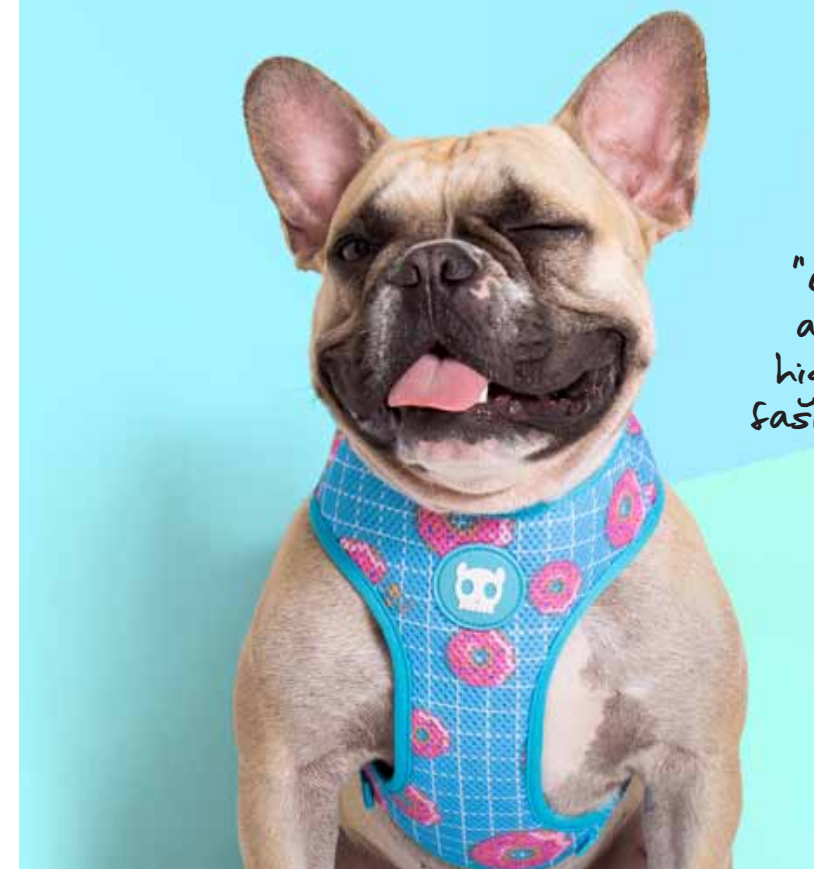
As well as the shammy, Peticular has a wide range of high quality foods, comfortable beds for a good night's sleep, stylish pet accessories and so much more! While their focus is cats and dogs, they also have a fantastic range of gifts and homewares for pet lovers, from cards and cushions to bags, stationery and books.

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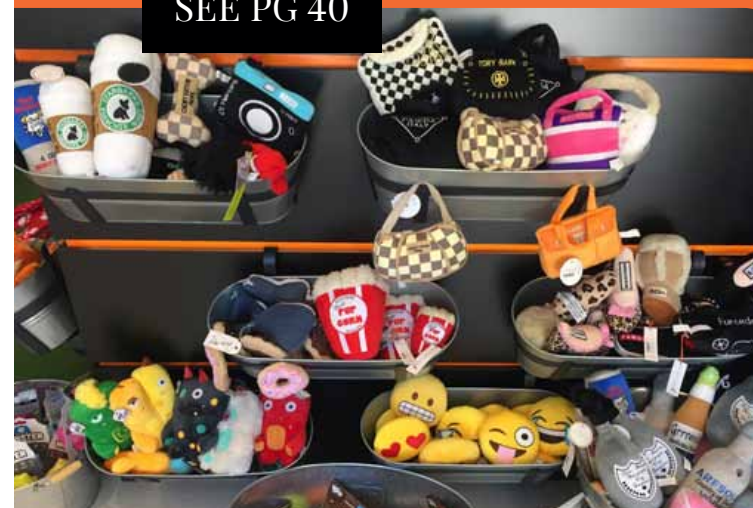


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