

## UPDATES

Mini-Manners are offering an eight-week course at the introductory price of \$80 to teach children good manners. The course has a strong focus on respect, integrity and putting others at ease.

After moving from Sydney to Palm Cove four years ago, wedding photographer Ian Stone's business Posh Photography has been voted one of the top three in Queensland by brides at the Australian Bridal Industry Awards.

Hurry to catch the last few days of Storm, exhibiting until March 6 at Cell Art Space. Declan Delargy's abstract and expressionist artwork is a combination of acrylic and mixed media on canvas. He majored in printmaking at James Cook University and recently won the Cairns Art Society's award for painting.

Paradise Palms Resort and Country Club's wedding expo coordinator, Angie Schesser has declared its recent wedding expo a success. It attracted some 400 visitors through the door of Paradise Palms' Clubhouse, of which an astounding 200 were brides-to-be.

Vision Hotels and Resorts' flagship property, The Lakes Cairns Resort and Spa, has been named one of the top 10 places for families to stay in the South Pacific for the second year in a row. General manager of Vision Hotels and Resorts Craig Biber says this is a real testament to the staff at The Lakes who have worked extremely well to overcome the difficult economy and associated challenges of the past 12 months.

Paramedical Aesthetician Annette Booth-Jones has joined the team at Jade Cosmetic Clinic. Annette has had a prestigious career in Sydney at the Edin Institute of Plastic and Cosmetic Surgery.

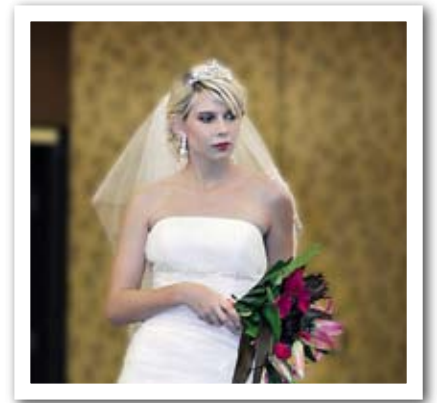
Mike Smith has been appointed general manager of Rydges Plaza Cairns. Mike took the helm of Rydges' 101 room CBD property last month to oversee the hotel's operations and extensive refurbishment of its meeting, conference, dining, bar and leisure facilities that is scheduled for completion next month.

Louise Kong has been appointed restaurant manager of Lilo while Simon Neil will take his position at the funky new bar when it officially opens in March. Both are experienced hospitality professionals with Louise's career spanning some 20 years. Simon also boasts several years experience having worked at a number of restaurants and hotels.

# Spotlight on Business

## A Successful Expo

Events executive Tamara Moore says the team from The Shangri-La Hotel could not be happier with the success of its recent wedding expo. It was a full house with approximately 800 brides and grooms as well as friends and family attending the expo, which was held on Sunday, January 31 between 10am and 3pm. "We had a fantastic turnout and we had a lot of great feedback from those who attended," Tamara says. There were 45 suppliers from the Cairns region all displaying their products and services as well as two fashion parades showcasing designs from three bridal designers. Sonia Zappa also took the honours as the bride of the year and as a result received a swag of prizes. The newly included groom's area was also a success with many grooms taking the opportunity to sit back, relax and take in some sport while their brides sought out the variety of wedding industry providers, who were all conveniently located under the one roof.



## Restaurant of the Year

The team at the Hotel Cairns Plantation Restaurant have been awarded Cairns restaurant of the year by the northern chapter of the Australian Culinary Federation. For the third time in four years the Plantation Restaurant has taken out the top award attracting local and international attention as the hottest spot to dine in Cairns.

## Miss Show Girl Sponsorship

Leading Cairns real estate agent Therese Plath from Ray White Cairns Central is a sponsor of this year's Cairns Miss Show Girl competition. As a highly respected and successful business woman with more than 20 years experience in the local real estate market, Therese will be an inspiration for the contestants vying for this year's crown. "I feel privileged to be involved in this year's show and to be assisting the judging panel," says Therese. "I hope all the girls enjoy the day and most importantly feel proud of their individual achievements." Peter Morrison from TravelWorld Cairns Central is also a major sponsor, donating a trip for two to Hong Kong for the lucky winner.

## Theatrical Workshops

Lighting designer Ben Hughes will share his knowledge with a one-day workshop at JUTE Theatre on March 27, as well as being involved in JUTE's production of Macbeth from March 12 to 27. "As well as bringing his expertise to JUTE's first production for the year, Ben will be one of the professionals mentoring the five aspiring actors who have been selected to perform in Macbeth," JUTE's artistic director and chief executive Suellen Maunder says.

## Printer Takes Environmental Lead

Expressway Signs is the first company in Queensland to install HP's latest innovation – the Designjet L25500. The new printer uses silicone-based inks, which are 100 percent environmentally friendly and produce the same quality prints as normal ink. The cartridges and print media, which can be recycled along with almost all the machine parts, do not cost green-friendly customers any extra. According to Expressway Signs' Matthew Connolly, printing using the new machine is cheaper than traditional solvent printing. An open house event will be held in the future to demonstrate Expressway Signs latest investment and educate attendees. "Most people do not know that ink is harmful to the environment. In reality it is extremely toxic and in some instances a proven carcinogen," Matthew says. The event will be held at the end of the month and will coincide with the launch of the business' new website.



## AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT ON TRACK

### Work Finishes

The \$200m domestic terminal redevelopment at Cairns Airport is progressing with the taxi rank and limousine pick-up area now complete. There are now separate pick-up points for public buses and large and small coaches and a covered pedestrian crossing will soon be installed at each end of the main building along with a cover at the public pick-up area.

### Yuruga Cafe Opens

Yuruga Native Plant Nursery on the Atherton Tablelands has opened a Saturday Garden Cafe, serving coffees, teas, sweet treats and hearty lunches. Open every Saturdays 9am to 5pm, the cafe is located at 5970 Kennedy Highway, Walkamin.