

# contents<sup>iw</sup>



## from the editor

Sometimes, the very best pleasures in life are the small ones we don't pay for. And for me, they're a varied bunch. During winter they include the chance to wear beautiful jackets, burrow under a thick doona at night, sip (OK gulp) hot chocolate and wear my pink flannellette pyjamas to bed. But in summer, it's a whole different ball game. Here, we're talking long sleep-ins, a beautiful breeze drifting through my new unit, re-reading a book for the 50th time while stretched across a blanket on the grass and, of course, going to the beach. But not during the day when it's hot, sticky, overcrowded and too noisy to hear yourself think. Instead, I go at night, when I can enjoy the sounds of crashing waves by moonlight. As someone who is heavily bombarded by emails and phone calls every second of the working day, I can't tell you how much these moments of respite help to restore my sanity (and, of course, give me a giggle when amorous visitors head into the shadows pretending they're hunting for pippis). So for me, the warmer weather couldn't come fast enough. And all over the Coast, people enjoy summer in different ways, from the volunteers who ensure the PGA runs smoothly (page 16) to beachside businessman Hey Bill Watson (page 18), who is probably unknown outside Noosa but is a much-loved character within its boundaries. And it's with these different personalities in mind we hope you enjoy our Welcome to Summer edition, filled with lots of great reading to help you enjoy the next few months, from gorgeous swimwear to wonderful design ideas and great giveaways to try a dose of summer fun in Brisbane. And, whatever your simple summer pleasure might be, I hope it is in plentiful supply in the coming months.

*Lea*

## on the cover

- goss from the green** 16  
pga volunteers tell which aussie golfer is gorgeous
- hey day** 18  
meet the noosa character with sand in his veins
- summer daze** 28  
coast label marmalade unveils its new swimwear

## upfront

- agenda 5
- snapped & spotted 7
- weddings 11
- cover story 12
- first person 16
- interview 18
- pursuits 20

## relax

- backyard tourist 23
- travel 24
- motoring 26

## me

- fashion 28
- accessories 30
- beauty 31



## GIVEAWAYS

brisbane's gearing up 42 for a hot summer of fun in the sun — and you could visit for free

## what's on

- gigs 34
- arts 35
- what to do 36
- in tune 39
- movies 41

## food

- recipe 43
- restaurant review 44
- nibbles 47

## pastimes

- tvguide 48
- boredom busters 50

## home

- gardening 63
- home ideas 64
- decor 66
- at home 68
- favourite things 70



[www.theweekender.com.au](http://www.theweekender.com.au)

To place an advertisement in the *weekender*, please contact our offices in Noosa 5412 2300 or Maroochydore 5456 6555



Cover // Oriwa Williams at UnderWater World Photography // Ben Vos  
Publishing // The weekender is published by Sunshine Coast Publishing Pty Ltd, a division of Quest Community Newspapers, with 70,000 copies distributed weekly between Noosa Heads and Pelican Waters.  
ABN // 40 090 524 799

[www.theweekender.com.au](http://www.theweekender.com.au)

## santa paws is coming



Pet owners will enjoy the chance to have their furry companion's photo taken with Santa when he makes a special trip to Plaza Parade on December 7 for Sunshine Plaza's annual Santa Paws celebration. It runs from 9am-1pm and part of the proceeds will go to Slippery Creek Animal Refuge. Every dog that visits will also receive a Christmas giveaway. Details: [www.sunshineplaza.com](http://www.sunshineplaza.com)

## give refuge



Sunshine Coast Animal Refuge has launched an All I Want for Christmas is a Home campaign to try to find families for more than 30 of its mature cats, such as Honey (see page 5). The refuge team says at this time of year people are interested in adopting a kitten but can overlook adult cats. "Our cattery is running at full capacity and we are desperately trying to find homes for about 30 adult cats before the traditional post-Christmas dumping of pets happens," spokeswoman Trudy Norwood says. "It also prevents us from rescuing any cats from death row." Trudy says there are plenty of benefits to adopting an adult, including the fact they are already house trained, are much calmer and less destructive than a kitten, are great companion pets for the elderly and have already developed their personality. SCARS' cats are also vet checked, wormed, vaccinated, desexed and micro-chipped. For more information phone the refuge on 5494 5275 from 9am-noon Tuesday to Saturday.

decor <sup>jw</sup>

# SUMMER STYLE

Get ready to hit the beach or the back yard with these Scandinavian-inspired finds

Chic summer living is all about relaxed style. Add a splash of red, white and blue to your next barbecue or beach party with matching chairs and cushions and create an instant canopy with a large umbrella.

SunnyLIFE Classic red and white stripe towel \$49.95.  
SunnyLIFE red floral tote \$49.95





WITH KYLIE JACKES

- 1 // Cushion \$34.95 (all items bar No. 6 are from SunnyLIFE) 2 // Beach paddles \$19.95 3 // Bongos \$24.95 4 // Ukulele \$29.95 5 // Umbrella \$79.95 6 // Home Republic towels \$49.95, Adairs, Maroochydore, 5479 2350 7 // Deck chair \$139.95 8 // Floor cushions \$79.95 each 9 // Towel \$49.95

**SunnyLIFE stockists** // Pillow Talk, Maroochydore, 5443 7238, Kawana, 5444 6655; Bliss Homewares, Moffat Beach, 5492 8816; Koko Homewares, Mooloolaba, 5452 5451; Watermelon Red, Coolum, 5473 9440; Gibsons, Noosaville, 5474 1111; and also [www.sunnylife.com.au](http://www.sunnylife.com.au)

**Correction** // The leaf cushion in our November 20 edition was from Casa Noosa and cost \$29

SunnyLIFE Camilla towel \$99.95