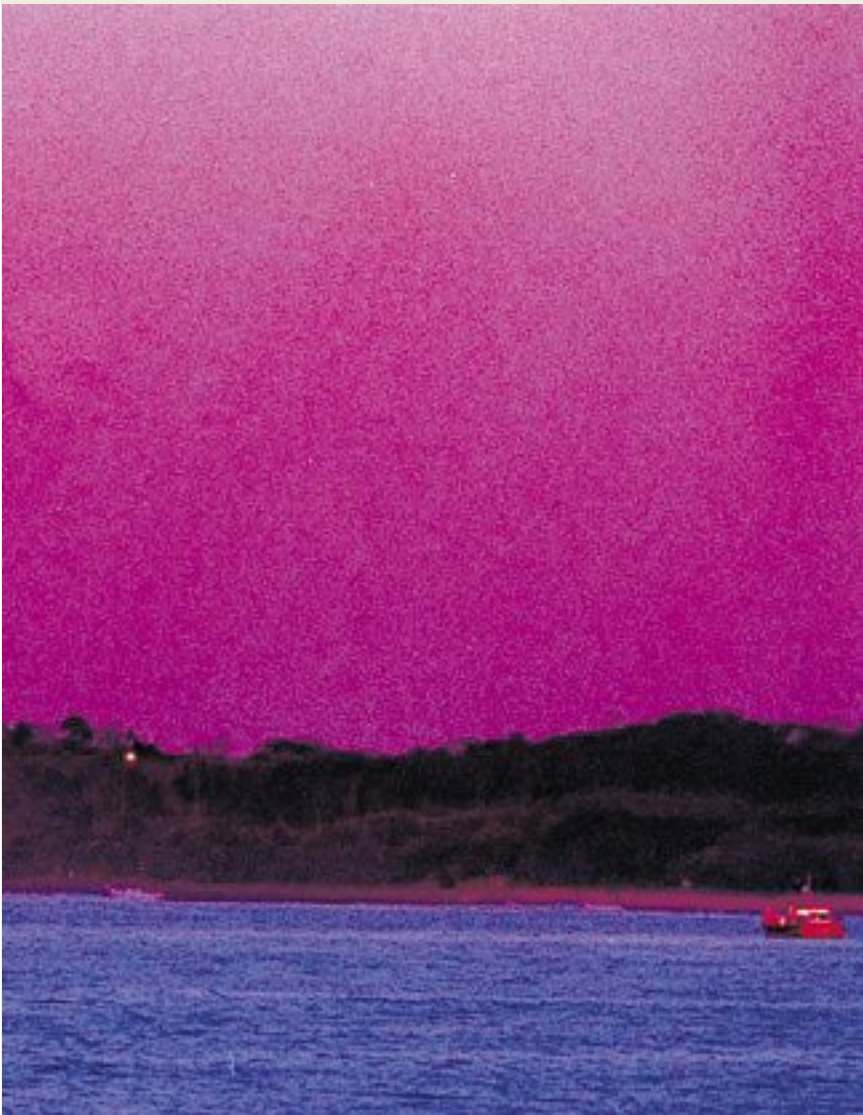


and we're loving it!



PERFECT START TO DAY: Sunrise at Mudjimba Beach.



ENVIABLE OUTLOOK: A young Coast resident on top of Mt Ngungun.



Daily columnist and Alex Surf Club manager ASHLEY ROBINSON

"I LOVE walking on that stretch of beach between Wurtulla (near the proposed Stockland development) because you hardly pass anyone else, it's even better on a rainy, windy day because there are even less people.

"If I had to pick a favourite spot it would be that little beach down at Pt Cartwright down the bottom from the lighthouse.

"I think there is something religious about that spot."

Born in Nambour in 1957, Ashley's dad came to Eudlo in 1918 with many of his fondest memories at the Duckpond in Palmwoods – a place he would be happy to have his ashes scattered – either that or Old Woman Island, the home of the annual charity swim for special needs children.



Real estate dynamo AMBER WERCHON

"I love the natural beauty, the geographical diversity, beautiful stretches of coastline and the lush green mountains of the Blackall Range ... all within an easy drive of one another. A swim at the beach can be followed by lunch up at Montville and a browse around the shops. We enjoy a great, relaxed lifestyle enhanced by a temperate climate which makes outdoor leisure more inviting. It's hard to pick a favourite place. I love Alexandra Headland where I live, but Noosa remains very dear to me as that's where I got married. It was a perfect setting which completed a wonderful day."

Noosa restaurant owner JIM BERARDO

Living in New York City, Jim Berardo remembers having a holiday snap from Boiling Pot in Noosa National Park on his desk, saying "One day I'm going to live there".

His first visit was in September 1982 and he finally achieved the dream in 1998, and in all that time the Boiling Pot has not changed a bit.

Jim says the beach walk into the Noosa National Park looking over Laguna Bay is one of the Coast's most magical scenes.

"You just get into that different headspace when you go in there."

He says he loves the honesty and non-pretentiousness of Coast people.



He says Australians have a great sense of humour, and it's fascinating to listen to conversations and the nicknames used.

The Daily's longest serving editor PETER OWEN

Peter came to the Coast from Brisbane in the late 1980s.

"Twenty-two years on, I think our move to the Sunshine Coast was one of the smartest things we've ever done, and I have no intention of leaving this magical place.

"Though my three sons are scattered throughout the world, they still consider the Coast their home.

"And, remarkably, their closest friends in Melbourne, Brisbane and Scotland are still people they met here as infants, went to school with, and with whom they shared the special experience of growing up on the Sunshine Coast."

The keen golfer knows where to spread his ashes.



"The 17th hole at Horton Park, where I scored my one and only hole-in-one."



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