

Lawyers celebrate 25th anniversary

THE University of the Sunshine Coast was an appropriate venue for Munro Thompson lawyers to celebrate its 25th anniversary on Friday night, with more than 300 guests turning up to a special cocktail event to mark the milestone.

The significance of the location became apparent when details of a partnership agreement between the Mooloolaba firm and the University were unveiled.

Munro Thompson managing partner Terry Bethke said the agreement involved the company funding research for a minimum of five years into regional issues affecting the Sunshine Coast.

"We'll be funding research that will help identify issues on the Coast that need support," he said.

While the partnership has

just been announced, Munro Thompson recently funded a USC study into how the region would be affected by the predicted huge growth over the next 15 years in the number of seniors (those aged 65 and over) living here.

The research, conducted by USC business lecturer Dr Scott Prasser, considered the housing, transport, safety, health and other needs of seniors in the years ahead, with the results presented at the third annual State of the Region Conference held at the university. Mr Bethke said 2007 had been "a big year" for Munro Thompson, one of the highlights coming when the company was presented with the Pursuit of Excellence Award by Law Australasia. The award is given to a firm judged to have pursued excellence in all areas of its practice.



COCKTAIL HOUR: John and Carola Cauchi-Gera celebrated the anniversary in style. PHOTO: BRETT WORTMAN/BW170259C



PARTY TIME: Terry, Julieanne and Laura Bethke at the anniversary celebrations.



GLAMOUR GIRLS: Looking their best at Munro Thompson Lawyers anniversary Lisa Muir, Bron Burgess, Kylee Van Rythoven and Lindy Goulter.



SHAKE ON IT: Michael Hefferan, from the University of the Sunshine Coast, and Terry Bethke, principal of Munro Thompson Lawyers.

BUSINESS DIARY

► BUSINESS PLANNING:

THIS workshop is aimed at people who have already developed a basic business plan and want to advance their ability to make business planning work. If you are familiar with the concepts of Competitive Advantage and Unique Selling Proposition, and have the skills to generate cash flow statements, analyse them and draw up budgets and compare actual financial performance with budgeted performance, then this program is for you. It will help you: Identify and discuss the business process planning model, discuss business planning tools, identify and develop action planning, define and discuss evaluation of business planning and discuss and identify the Smart Small Business website. The workshop will be held from 6pm tomorrow, November 14 at the Cardno Centre, 9 Maud Street, Maroochydore. The cost is \$33. Contact State Development on 5437 1300 for more information.

► DEVELOPMENT LUNCHEON:

AN expert's perspective on Transport Oriented Developments, land use planning and traffic solutions will be on the menu at the Women in Development luncheon to be held at Gelee's Cafe at Lake Kawana (note the change of venue) on Thursday, November 15 from noon. Guest speaker will be Jennifer Rosales, a senior professional associate with PB (Parsons Brinkerhoff) in the US. She has extensive experience in traffic engineering and transportation planning and her project experience includes a focus on developing multimodal design solutions, reducing traffic congestion, improving transit and reducing parking demand by increasing the use of alternative transportation modes. The cost is \$35 (incl. lunch) and males are most welcome. Register by calling the UDIA on 5493 9091 by COB tonight.

► BUSINESS PILOT:

THIS free workshop is targeted at anyone thinking about starting a business, or those who have just started in business. It will provide an introduction into how to start a business, including aspects such as business planning, legal structures, marketing, record keeping and time management. It is also highly-recommended as a lead-in to further management training. The three-hour workshop will start at 6pm on Wednesday, November 21 at the Cardno Centre, 9 Maud Street, Maroochydore. Contact State Development on 5437 1300 for more information.

► TENDERING FOR GOVERNMENT BUSINESS:

THIS workshop is designed for existing and potential suppliers to government departments, agencies and other businesses. Participants will learn the principles of Queensland Government purchasing policies and processes, how to complete complex offer/tender documents and more. The workshop will be held from 1pm-5pm at the State Development offices at The Cardno Centre, 9-13 Maud Street, Maroochydore on Tuesday, November 27. The cost is \$33. Contact 5437 1300 for more information or to register.

► CHAMBER XMAS PARTY:

DON'T miss the Festive Season's biggest party. Maroochydore, Mooloolaba and Kawana chambers of commerce are throwing a joint Christmas party at the Islander Cafe (next to Montego's Restaurant) on Kawana Island from 5.30pm to 8pm on Wednesday, November 28. Pick up will be at Mooloolaba Wharf with Cruiz Away Tours to the cafe and return. (price and times still to be decided). The cost of the party itself will be \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members (incl. BBQ and drink on arrival).

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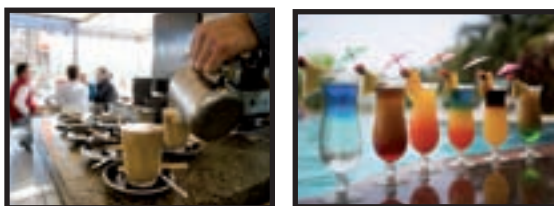
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