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INTRODUCTION



It is now ten years since we began our involvement with Hamilton Island, but my love affair with this island began much earlier. I first fell in love with it in the 1980s when I was sailing through the Whitsundays. Keith Williams was in the early stages of developing the island as a resort, he was building the airstrip, and putting in the Harbour, it was a mammoth undertaking in many ways, but he was passionate about it. I think Hamilton Island inspires passion, so many people who've come here on holiday, or just for a flying visit, have ended up living here, or returning regularly to enjoy everything the island offers. During the next twenty years I came back here many times to compete in Race Week, always admiring the island and its great potential. It wasn't until August 2003 that the very rare opportunity came about for my family to take on ownership of the island, and from that point forward we had a vision: to create a destination that expressed the very best Australia has to offer. Looking back at what we've achieved in these ten years makes me very proud. We have reached many milestones and

achieved so much in the realisation of our vision, through the development and infrastructure of the island, whilst always respecting the beauty of our surrounds. My whole family has been part of this incredible journey, putting so much of their energy into it all, I've been very lucky. I've been proud to work with such talented people as Chris Beckingham, the architect behind Qualia, who has such a great feel for Australia, for Queensland and our natural environment; Walter Barda, the architect behind the Hamilton Island Yacht Club, which some people refer to now as the Opera House of the North; and Peter Thomson, on the design of our 18-hole championship Golf Club. Since I was a boy, in my very first office

job at Colyer Watson in Sydney, I've worked hard and knew early on that it was all about doing your best, pushing to the next level and surrounding yourself with great people. And so it has been a focus all the way through my life, from engineering new sailing techniques, to pioneering new ways of winemaking. What first brought me here to Hamilton Island was my love of sailing, and I'm still happiest when I'm out on my boat, cruising through the magnificent islands of the Great Barrier Reef.

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JUSTIN ARMSDEN He's scooped stories on the Masters including Phil Mickelson, Tiger Woods, and for this issue, his mate, Adam Scott. The two met during Armsden's term as Sports Correspondent for CNN. "We would do tips for the show I hosted, Living Golf, although we spent more time clowning around. He loves banter and has an incredibly quick wit." One of Armsden's big loves about a round on the green, "you can learn a lot about a person's temperament, patience, humour and humility. And then you can share a frosty beer," he says. Joking aside he adds, "sports people are often knocked for hollow gestures, but Adam is passionate about The Adam Scott Foundation, it's the way he gives back to less fortunate kids in Australia."

LISA RATCLIFF "I love being outdoors, the sea, the feeling when the crew really gels and the teamwork is just seamless," says Ratcliff. The thrill of the race has never worn off for this yachting writer of 17 years, who has media managed Audi Hamilton Island Race Week since 2005 and has an RL24 and RL28 at home. Interviewing America's Cup champion James Spithill for this issue came naturally and was a meeting of kindred sailing spirits. "I loved hearing about his upbringing, as I had the same, mucking around in boats and surrounded by the greats. Now my own kids catch the ferry to school, drive the 'tinny' and play around in our Manly Junior," says Ratcliff.



ANDREA FRANCOLINI For someone who does not yacht, and has "no intention" to learn, Francolini can read the wind and shoot the line with an uncanny accuracy, he's been photographing boat sports for 15 years. "I love the sport on Hamilton Island for different reasons than a sailor," he says. "Physically it can be very hard - one Race Week we had a 2-3 metre swell in Dent Passage and my driver had to get the boat airborne so we wouldn't 'nose'. Nobody else wanted to come out that day, but I got great shots." For this issue, Francolini trained his lens on the less feisty Clash of the Paddles, capturing Hayden Quinn competing. When he's not shooting boats, Francolini is off photographing traditional sports including polo in Pakistan, sumo wrestling in Japan, a spot of falconry in the UAE and more.

ANDREW MCUTCHEN He has more than a passing penchant for well-storied objects like watches, "because in an age where the time is everywhere - in your pocket, on your computer screen, in the car - a watch makes a statement about who you are, the style with which you live your life and what values matter to you above all else." In this issue he writes about Rolex, the official timekeeper of Hamilton Island. "The brand is so rich in history, a writer can hardly resist. Seeing a glimpse of a gold Rolex Datejust on the wrist of Martin Luther King or learning that Fidel Castro wore a sport Rolex Submariner when he overthrew dictator Fulgencio Batista during the Cuban Revolution in 1959, these are the things that did me in... A luxury watch doesn't just connect you with the time, it connects you with history."



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17-24 AUG AUDI HAMILTON ISLAND RACE WEEK 30TH ANNIVERSARY

We're gearing up for another Race Week and this one's even more hotly anticipated than usual, with 30th anniversary celebrations turning up excitement levels. This is always one of Australia's favourite yachting events and a firm fixture on the international sailing calendar. Sailors, family and friends all get swept up in the on-water competition and the off-water carnival atmosphere. Racing is split into a Grand Prix class for the top-end racers, an IRC Passage class for modern fast-cruising yachts, performance racing and a sports boat competition. Cruising, corporate, bareboat and non-spinnaker divisions add to the line-up while the Superyacht and SB20 divisions inject yet another dimension to the event. Join us for the big 3-0 bash this year: all the sailing action will be matched by an equally thrilling bill of on-shore entertainment, from fashion shows to food and wine events, dinners and exclusive lunches.

14-17 OCT PGA PROFESSIONALS CHAMPIONSHIP AND HAMILTON ISLAND AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

The inaugural Hamilton Island Amateur Golf Championship tees off at Hamilton Island Golf Club during the 2013 PGA Professionals Championship. Feeling competitive already? There are only 50 spots, so book fast. The amateur Stableford event will host a Pro-Am on day one, followed by a 36-hole competition open to men and ladies. Get some practice swings in now; Australia's top order of teaching and club professionals will be waiting for you on the green.

25 OCT VOGUE LIVING CHAMPAGNE DINNER

One of the most elegant of all island dining events returns to qualia this spring, as Vogue Living and the Champagne Bureau again host an exclusive dinner under the stars. Look forward to six courses designed by qualia's Executive Chef Alastair Waddell, sparkling company and exclusive wines from the finest champagne houses in the world.

15-17 NOV FUJIFILM HAMILTON ISLAND TRIATHLON AND WHITEHAVEN BEACH OCEAN SWIM

Calling all fierce competitors. For the fifth year, the Whitsundays is expecting stiff competition as triathletes tackle the 750m swim at Catseye Bay, the 20km cycle, and a 5km run through Hamilton Island Marina Village to a beachside, photo-worthy finish. Wrap up the high-energy weekend with the Fujifilm Whitehaven Beach Ocean Swim, a 2km and 750m meet, fast becoming as well-known as its jaw-dropping location. This year, you have the opportunity to race alongside Ky Hurst, Craig Alexander and Pete Jacobs. Go, go, go.

22-24 NOV THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET: PAS DE DEUX IN PARADISE

We said pretty pliéés. So, by popular demand, the Artists of The Australian Ballet will be back at qualia to perform some of their favourite pas de deux in paradise. Now in its sixth year, the intimate weekend event gives you a rare glimpse behind the scenes of the ballet company, all in the absolute luxury of Australia's most premium island resort. The magic unfolds in the tropical open air, under a spray of evening stars and with the stunning Whitsunday Islands as the backdrop. Could you imagine a better stage? Thought not.

2014

4 MAY STAMFORD FINANCIAL HILLY HALF MARATHON

Take on 21km of uphill road, fire trail and walking track as you cross Hamilton Island's up-and-down interior in this scenic runner's contest. Individual events include: 21.1km Challenging Hill Run; Corporate 2 or 3 Person Relay, the Kids Fun Run and more. Lace up.

SEP GREAT BARRIER FEAST: BRETT GRAHAM

Attention epicureans. Tables will book out quickly when fine food, divine wine and island atmosphere again top the menu at the next Great Barrier Feast. The 2014 foodie's fantasy will be hosted by arguably Australia's most successful export - Brett Graham from No 13th Best Restaurant in the world - The Ledbury.

30 MAY - 1 JUN THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET: PAS DE DEUX IN PARADISE

The Australian Ballet returns to qualia for the 2014 staging of the annual pas de deux in paradise.

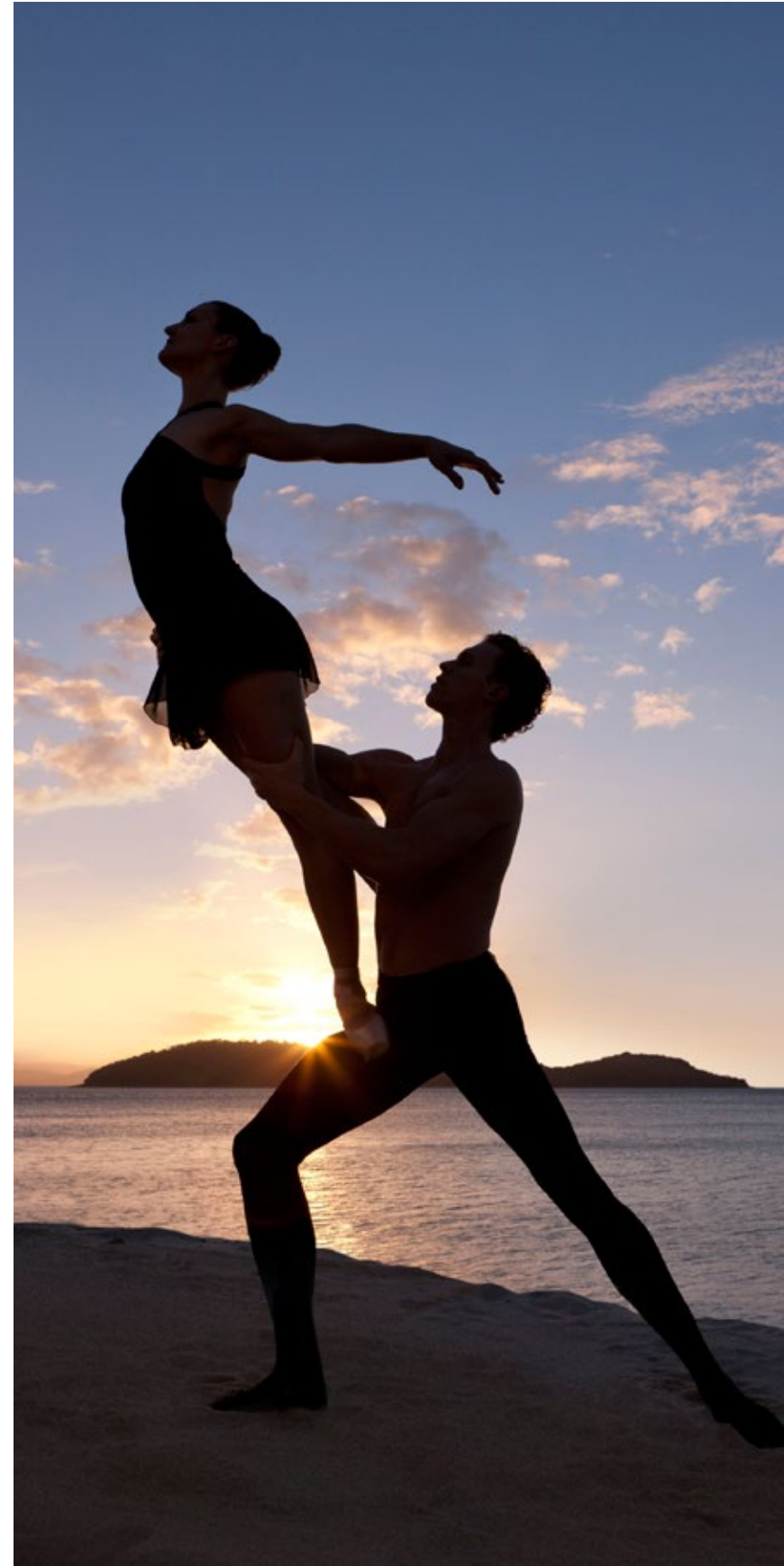


12-15 JUN GATORADE CLASH OF THE PADDLES

It will be back and tougher than ever before with top athletes competing in the outrigger, surf ski, dragon boating, stand-up paddling and board paddling categories. You know what they say: when the going gets tough, the tough get going.

21 JUN THE GREAT WHITEHAVEN BEACH RUN

There's soft-sand running and then there's pristine silica sand marathoning. Been in training or just fancy your natural fitness? Put both to the test with this ultimate sporting event. Take on the 21km challenge or a sizzling 10km race, a teams event or just let the kids loose on the Fun Run. And if you're not on form, you can just flake out on the beach and enjoy paradise.





A NICE DROP OF RAIN

Well, Hamilton Island has always been famed for crystalline, pure seawater... Now, back on dry land, we are soaking ourselves in Cape Grimm, the only bottled rainwater in the world. Cleaner than the mineral font of any natural spring, sourced in the remotes of Tasmania, when the air is at its most pristine, a tall, cool drink of this water should not, if you're a true purist, even be sullied by the average cut of ice. Save the rocks for cocktail o'clock, one can't be all pure all the time.

SPRING BREAKS

Spring sees the island's lush greenery burst forth with the electric orange Heliconia; the tropical pink ginger is in flower, and the bush perfumes of paradise float on the breeze. And if you are staying at qualia, there's no better place to soak it all up. This spring, in addition to the weekly qualia Open Garden Tour led by the expert gardening team, a new self-guided tour is available to pilot qualia guests through the native gums, ancient cycads and exotic palms, explaining the horticultural and landscaping techniques. Budding horticulturists can scribble notes, on how conservation strategies preserve soil integrity and create the microclimates, that allow unique species to flourish.

NICKELODEON ISLAND SAFARI

Guess who flew in to Hamilton Island for the last school holidays? Some of our very best Nickelodeon friends, that's who. Nick Jr.'s Dora the Explorer hosted Breakfast with Dora at Sails restaurant, we went on a Wildlife Walk with Nick Jr.'s Go, Diego, Go! at Wild Life Hamilton Island, and even SpongeBob SquarePants came along for some Nautical Nonsense. We counted lots of grins on lots of little faces.



TO THE TROPHY ROOM

Notching up another two wins for Hamilton Island's resorts and activities, qualia took out the expert panel's Best Australian Island Resort award while Hamilton Island Golf Club scooped the Reader's Choice award for Best Island Golf Course at the recent 2013 Australian Gourmet Traveller Awards. The accolade is just one of many collected by qualia in the Australian Gourmet Traveller Awards since it opened in 2008: the resort was voted Gourmet Traveller's Best New Accommodation in 2008, Best Resort Accommodation in 2009, Best Spa in 2010 and in both 2011 and 2012 it did the double: Best Spa and Best Australian Island Resort. Anyone who has teed off at Hamilton Island Golf Club would have probably also tipped it as the hot ticket too, sitting as it does uniquely, in the Whitsundays on its own private island with a world-beater view and British Open super-champ Peter Thomson architect of the 18 holes. A golfer's fantasy island. No need to gloat, but we do swing while we're winning.



30 YEARS OLD

Big-name athletes like Ky Hurst, Phil Clayton and Jonathon Crowe tapped paddles with new-generation nippers, amateurs and teams from all over the world to mark the 30th anniversary of Australia's largest and toughest paddling event in June. The inaugural regatta back in '83 was founded by the island's then-owner (1975-2003) and canoe-enthusiast Keith Williams, and pitted just two teams against each other for the win. Quickly grabbing attention, and as the sport gained momentum, the annual meet grew into the Hamilton Island Cup and began to draw competitors from all corners. Now known as the Gatorade Clash of the Paddles, the event has evolved into one of the most respected and diverse meets on the international

outrigger calendar, now including a host of other popular paddle disciplines. In 2013, five disciplines were raced across the four days of competition: outrigger, board paddling, surf-skiing, stand-up paddle boarding, and for the first time, dragon boating. The water sport was fierce but the carnival wasn't just for tough competitors, family-friendly nippers beach clinics and sessions with Australia's first and only SUP Yoga (stand up paddleboard yoga) accredited teacher, Charlotte Piho, got everyone active. On-land highlights like the Fun Zone for kids, nightly food stalls down by the marina or the beach and a schedule of live acts turned up the party spirit. See special guest, Hayden Quinn's diary, page 24 and highlights, page 56.



TOP TEN TO DO, RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW

TEXT BY TRACEY WITHERS

YOU'RE ON WHAT LOCALS LIKE TO CALL 'ISLAND TIME'. GIVE IN, RELAX, KICK BACK AND JUST ENJOY, THE DAY IS ALL YOURS.



1. WHITEHAVEN CALLING

Lapped by water so turquoise you'll have to blink to believe it, sprinkled by fine white silica sand so clear it 'squeaks' as you walk, Whitehaven is famed as one of the most gorgeous stretches of beach on the planet. And it's right on Hamilton Island's doorstep. You'll feel a world away, but in reality it's just a short skip by helicopter, yacht or motorboat. Fancy a picnic and afternoon dip? Well, you can do both, today...

2. GO BUSH

Rev it up and ride the rugged fire trails and bush tracks on a Quad Bike Adventure Tour – it's the only way to reach the more remote terrain, and the best photo opportunities, on the island. Thrill-seekers aged 6-14 years can take on the Quads for Kids adventure course in Palm Valley.

3. SWING TIME

Jump on a quick ferry from Hamilton Island Marina in time for tee-off at the award-winning Hamilton Island Golf Club. This is any golfer's fairway to heaven. Designed by five-time British Open champion Peter Thomson, the 18-hole championship course throws down a challenge to enthusiasts and has good holes for weekend-hitters, too. Pick up your gear and Callaway hire clubs at the Pro Shop or tune up your game with tips from the resident golf pro.

4. SERENITY NOW

Hidden away in the lush tropical gardens near the Resort Centre, Spa wumurdaylin is a hushed island sanctuary for your body, mind and soul. Applying natural Waterlily or LI'TYA products, intuitive therapists customise Indigenous-inspired body cocoons and scrubs, massage rituals and facial therapies with a healing touch. Check in. Zone out. Your only choices are to relax, revive and rejuvenate...

5. SAIL ON

The easy-to-navigate islands and passages of the Whitsundays are just waiting to be discovered. Ride the breeze on a skippered yacht charter, cruise secret islands, beaches and bays on your own bareboat charter, or enjoy the best of both land and sea with a sail-and-stay package. Budding captains can book lessons or earn internationally-accredited qualifications with our expert sailing crews. Chasing a tropical high? Just try 'hanging out' on the trapeze aboard Adrenalin Rush, the 36-foot Nacra catamaran.



6. THRILL THE FAMILY

Sports fans of all sizes are guaranteed to get a kick out of a few rounds of mini-golf or a strike at the seven-lane ninepin bowling centre. Bigger (and braver) kids with a need for speed can take a spin on a jet-ski then burn up on the go-kart track back on land. Having a cuddle with a koala, on a tour at Wild Life Hamilton Island, will make anyone's day.



7. SWIM THE REEF

Exploring one of the natural world's most spectacular wonders will be the highlight of your holiday. Whether you have a few hours, a day or a week, you can see the reef at your own speed. The best way to soak up the big, postcard-perfect picture is by helicopter with Hamilton Island Air. Cruise Whitsundays can float you out to the Reefworld viewing platform for the day, where you can snorkel and dive amongst the brilliant, coloured coral formations and marine life and you can even choose to spend the night.

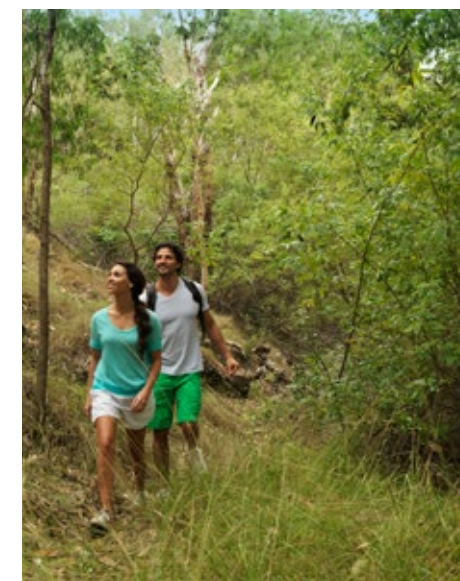


8. FINE DINE

Book early for a table at coca chu and experience chef Adam Woodfield's take on South East Asian flavours. Bommie, located at the sleek Hamilton Island Yacht Club, makes for an elegant evening; the Clubhouse at Hamilton Island Golf Club is top shelf for a scenic lunch and foodies won't want to miss Executive Chef, Alastair Waddell's always innovative menu at qualia's Long Pavilion. Indulge in a touch of Italy at Romano's; fresh seafood at Mariners and if you're eating with the family, Sails Steak and Seafood Grill and Manta Ray Café serve up something for everyone.

9. LINE IT UP

Whether you're a seasoned and salty fisherman or casting off for the first time, Renegade Fishing Charters can hook you up with a private or share charter and a guide to show you where the big fish are biting. The crew will even demonstrate how to clean and prepare your fresh catch for dinner. Visit Hamilton Island Dinghy Hire for your own boat, bait and tackle if you like to drop a line solo.



10. ENERGISER

The tropical water is calling. Time to answer. All guests staying in Hamilton Island-owned accommodation are invited to collect a complimentary catamaran, kayak, windsurfer or paddleboard from the Beach Sports Hut on Catseye Beach and go for it. But this island isn't just about the sparkling coastline – there are 20kms of bushwalking trail that lead to breathtaking lookouts and secret spots across the island. On the Passage Peak or Village Trail walks, a free audio tour (available in various languages) will highlight flora and fauna along the way.

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IS IT A BIRD, IS IT A PLANE, NO, IT'S JAMES SPITHILL, SAILING SUPERHERO.



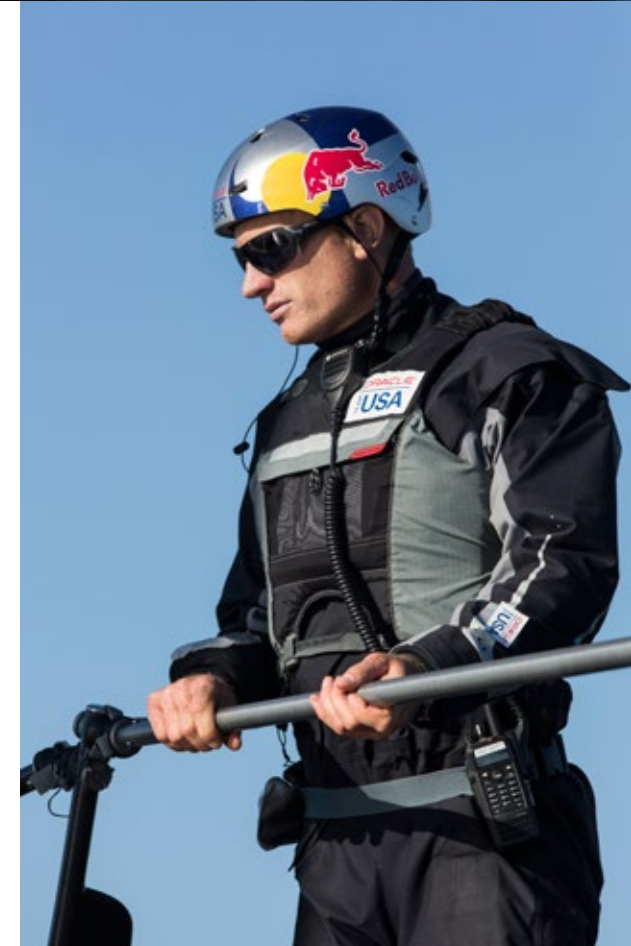
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VENICE, 34TH AMERICA'S CUP, ON BOARD TRAINING ACTION

Once upon a time, nature and nurture combined with a super freakish sailing gene, bore a prodigy, who dreamed at nine years of age that he would one day be involved in the pinnacle, the America's Cup... Now 34 and driving Larry Ellison's 72-foot catamaran, ORACLE Team USA, James Spithill, husband and father of two, is embarking on his fifth America's Cup campaign, and this time as defending skipper. Growing up in sleepy Elvina Bay in Pittwater, north of Sydney, provided the early start for Spithill's love affair with the sea. It was a watery haven for him and his siblings, a ferry ride to school and water-only access to the family home, with a bevy of watercraft at his disposal. He also shared the neighbourhood with sailing royalty, including Rob Brown and Colin Beashel, both part of the triumphant Australia II America's Cup crew, in 1983, and ultimately integral to Spithill's

professional career. Spithill, also known as 'Jimmy', 'Pitbull', 'Lucky', 'Spitfire' and 'Giacomino' to his Italian fans, cites Beashel as his number one Australian mentor and hero, "He's the best sailor Australia has produced, with no ego and very low key," he says. Nurturing the extraordinary vision of their eldest son from the beginning have been his parents, Arthur and Jenny. They still can't quite explain how their two older children, James and Katie, cracked the match racing code in such dazzling fashion, and how younger brother Tommy has made a name for himself in bluewater racing. Back in the 1980s, the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club youth match racing program sharpened Spithill's skills and at 14, he packed his bags to slog it out overseas, competing on the under 20 match racing circuit. He spent years campaigning Elliott 6s up to Catalina 40s with his dad, who also doubled as companion and travel agent. "We would buy airline tickets with credit cards and hope the kids would win some prize money - and hope it came in





SAN FRANCISCO
34TH AMERICA'S CUP,
TRAINING IN THE BAY



before the credit card was due," recalls his dad. Between venues, the teenager and his crew were booked on overnight trains and planes, to help alleviate accommodation costs. But it was one of this country's greatest ocean racing heroes, Syd Fischer, who gave James his life-changing break, taking him on at 19, as helmsman of Young Australia for the 1999-2000 Louis Vuitton Cup. James went on to steer for OneWorld in 2003 and Luna Rossa in 2007, before switching to Ellison's camp. Victory in the world's oldest sporting trophy came in 2010, when Ellison's 115-foot space-age trimaran BMW ORACLE Racing, beat Alinghi 2-0 in the finals. Now as ORACLE's team prepares for the America's Cup Defence in San Francisco, from 7-21 September, his dad says that his son is still not interested in the money, or the profile and is essentially

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the same easy going kid, who used to race tired old wooden dinghies that he would salvage from the waterfront. Spithill describes himself as 'easy-going', as well as 'competitive'. He claims the best piece of advice came from Fischer who said to him, "You can be a rooster one day, and a feather duster the next. Don't let your ego or what people write about you get to your head," he says. He's also a speed nut, with razor



sharp reflexes thanks to his foray into amateur boxing as a teenager. He too has a craving for knowledge. To fully understand the aerodynamics of the giant solid wing sail, on the AC72 catamaran, the design for the 34th America's Cup, Spithill spent two weeks flying a Cessna 150 and qualified for his private pilot's license. Hankering for the next adrenaline shot he flew with the US Navy's Blue Angels; rode shotgun in a Formula 1 racing car; and he's somersaulted in the only helicopter in the world, that rolls forward. Strength has always been a major advantage at the elite level of sailing; on the AC72 being acrobatically and aerobically fit is paramount for the 11-man crew. "You need great athletes, who are also great sailors," says Spithill. "We train 5-6 days a week using a combination of cross

SAILING



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WITH THE AMERICA'S CUP ON HAMILTON ISLAND

fit, weight and strength training. We also do boxing, stand-up paddle boarding, and a lot of the guys kite board and windsurf on their time off.” Hamilton Island hosted Spithill and the magnificent America’s Cup trophy two years ago, during its world renowned Audi Hamilton Island Race Week. Spithill was so impressed with quality and the many local offerings that he ranks Hamilton Island as one of his top three international destinations. During the visit, he felt at home among the tightknit sailing fraternity at Race Week, including the island’s owners, the Oatley family. “The Oatleys have always pushed technology and performance on their boats, just like we do in the America’s Cup. It’s great to see an Australian family leading the way and seeing Wild Oats XI regarded as the most successful ocean racing maxi in the world. “This takes a lot of dedication and commitment, as a competitor and racer I have a lot of respect for this level of contribution to the sport,” he adds. The Louis Vuitton Cup, to be held from 7 July – 30 August on San Francisco Bay, will be used as the selection series to determine who will race the Defender in the America’s Cup finals. We will be willing Spithill to victory.

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SAILING

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HELLO SAILOR

John Clinton is a larger-than-life character with a twinkle in his eye, a penchant for lime green and a long beard in keeping with ZZ Top's frontmen. (He has found musical success as vocalist and drummer for country rock band, the Wolverines.) Clinton and his wife Kim, are Audi Hamilton Island Race Week veterans and are well known at marinas all over Australia. They are the cruising fleet's pin-up pair with their Beneteau 50, Holy Cow.

HOW MANY AUDI HAMILTON ISLAND RACE WEEKS HAVE YOU CONTESTED AND WHICH ONE IS THE MOST MEMORABLE?

JOHN CLINTON: We started in 2000 so this year will be our 14th. The last one is always the most memorable - and that's definitely not due to Alzheimers.

WOW, THAT'S DEDICATION. TELL US WHAT YOU'VE SEEN CHANGE IN THE LAST DECADE?

JOHN CLINTON: The Yacht Club and qualia are major architectural achievements, but the whole island atmosphere and identity has changed. These days Hamilton Island caters to a much wider range of guests and Race Week is a sophisticated world-class event with a huge variety of onshore activities. And the marina facilities have improved so much. Last year's après sailing delivery of free ice and 'fat free' sausages on F-arm was a great success. Denis Thompson's Race Management team run



an excellent regatta and Audi too, their sponsorship has brought a different, really positive flavour to Race Week.

WE HEAR YOU ARE CALLED THE KING OF 'THE FARM' (F BEING THE ARM OF THE MARINA WHERE THE CRUISING BOATS ARE BERTHED), WHY ?

JOHN CLINTON: Could it be because I sail on a 'Cow', the biggest animal in the yard? I'm not really aware of that title, and if so, shouldn't my Queen be treating me like a King... I guess we are well known for our cruising up and down the east coast and we are seen enjoying the big regattas.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT SAILING & TYING UP WITH THE CRUISING DIVISION?

JOHN CLINTON: The camaraderie and the once-a-year meetings with sailors from all over. We have formed so many friendships over the years that these days we can go into a marina anywhere in Australia and bump into someone we know, even in rural areas.

DO YOU PREPARE THE BOAT IN A SPECIAL WAY FOR SAILING IN THE WHITSUNDAYS?

JOHN CLINTON: Yes we load up with everything we could possibly need, want or desire to eat, drink or dress-up in.

ANY TIPS FOR CREW CATERING?

JOHN CLINTON: Our race days always begin with coffee. On Holy Cow we have two coffee machines, in case one breaks down. Our first cup is so that Kim and I can talk to each other and plan the day, and then the next round is for the crew, so they will be more amenable to our plans. We share the catering; everyone takes turns so it's competitive.

FOR FIRST TIME ENTRANTS, WHAT ARE SOME OF THE LOCAL ANOMALIES TO BE MINDFUL OF?

JOHN CLINTON: Tides... whales... cows... Seriously, the big tides and strong currents are a trap for the uninitiated. They also make this a really interesting place to race.



HAVE YOU GOT A FAVOURITE SPOT ON HAMILTON ISLAND?

JOHN CLINTON: For me, the finish line outside Hamilton Island Yacht Club, preferably with the rest of the fleet behind us. Kim's favourite is Spa qualia.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE RESTAURANT?

JOHN CLINTON: I love Manta Ray Café, great food, great staff and they always manage to fit in the whole crew, plus unexpected additions. Once we booked for 12 and by the time we arrived we had a table of 28!

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE AUDI HAMILTON ISLAND RACE WEEK SOCIAL EVENT?

JOHN CLINTON: Undoubtedly the Champagne Lunch on Lay Day.

THE PRIX D'ELEGANCE IS WHEN THE HOLY COW CREW REALLY RAISES THE DRESS-UP STANDARD. WHAT DO YOU HAVE PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR?

JOHN CLINTON: As there's an election coming up with more than a few ordinary candidates, we have decided to launch the "Cow Party" at Hamilton Island. We figure we are really good at parties so it should be a winner.

ANY GOOD CATCHY SLOGANS THAT MIGHT INSPIRE KEVIN AND TONY?

JOHN CLINTON: We have a few good election slogans: Vote 1 The COW Party, the udder alternative. Join the COW Party - Moove to where the grass is greener.

CLASH OF THE PADDLES



DIARY OF HAYDEN QUINN,

**AGE 25,
BSC MARINE BIOLOGY,
FOODIE, PRESENTER,
AUTHOR, LIFEGUARD
& PADDLING PRO
(WELL, SORT OF)**



JUNE 19TH - WEDNESDAY (SETTLING IN DAY)

12.30pm: Arrive on Hamilton Island, the last time I was here was for the first Instameet last year and I told everyone (quite loudly) how I paddle, love it and it's my passion, (I commentate for the Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Iron Man Series) and that I was keen to race and spend some more time on this beautiful island... And I'm back.

1.30pm: Heading over to Beach Club restaurant for a seafood risotto with sparkling water. Good way to ease myself into pre-race island life. There's always a competitive side to racing, these guys are world-class athletes but it's fun, an experience doing activities I love with friends. I'm here with six mates, who've come from all

over Australia. I know I won't win; all the big names in surf ski are here; Clint Robinson, Dean Gardiner, Jeremy Cotter. That's confidence for you...

JUNE 20TH - THURSDAY (FIRST DAY OF OUTRIGGER CANOE SPRINTS)

5.30am: Up early, really looking forward to today, I'm good in the morning.

6.30am: I'm commentating on OC1, 250m outrigger canoe sprint races today at Catseye Beach, with Pete Murray. The races are great, spectators all over the beach, nice atmosphere, everyone is having such a good time, so much energy out here.

10.00am: Late post-race breakfast at the Beach Club restaurant: poached eggs,

spinach, toast, baked beans, bacon, chamomile tea, and one croissant with butter and jam. Hungry work commentating.

11.00am: Back to Catseye Beach to watch the 8km outrigger marathon. There's a great atmosphere, masses of people out to cheer on the competitors and watch the races. Competitors and spectators have come from Hawaii, Hong Kong, all over the place, I love it.

1.00pm: Head to the marina for lunch and end up at the island's fish and chip shop, Popeye's. Wolf down a half chicken and chips with gravy and an endura (electrolyte) drink.

2.00pm: Get my gear organised on the grass in front of my room at the Beach Club, perfect place close to home and close to the water, I'm making

ACTION



sure it's all good to go, these crafts are complicated.

3.00pm: More race watching, the 16km outrigger marathon is on now. It's awesome.

6.30pm: I'm with the boys at Manta Ray Café, carb-loading to keep up my stamina for tomorrow, having a penne chorizo with added chili and green beans as a side, washed down with a beer. We laugh a lot. I'm really happy to be here and ready to compete, bring it on.

10.30pm: It's late for me, usually like to be tucked up by 9pm. Bedtime.

JUNE 21ST - FRIDAY (16KM SURF-SKI MARATHON DAY)

6.00am: A race day protein shake with chia seeds on waking, it's going to be a 16km surf-ski day for me. Conditions looking good from my window.

7.00am: I down a full breakfast at the Beach Club restaurant resisting the croissant, no sugar hit before the race!

11.30am: 8km pre-race warm up, check equipment working and body in order - all working, luckily.

1.00pm: Pre-race fueling with crisp breads and peanut butter, an endura (electrolyte) drink and a beetroot juice shot - a good source of nitrogen in the blood and is sort of like a natural EPO.

2.00pm: Race starts, it goes the whole way round the island, from Catseye Beach back to Catseye Beach. I know

what I'm getting myself in for, as I know the top end guys, but it's still a tricky thing judging the currents, wind direction and navigating. It's massively good fun out on the ocean, nice conditions, a bit of a tail wind at times and a few fun runners.

2.35pm: Take in mainly liquid over this distance. A half / half mix of Gatorade and water in my bladder. One energy gel.

3.16pm: Cross the finish line in 16th place, pretty happy with that. Clint Robinson first place with a great time, 01:16:08.

3.45pm: Protein shake with chia seeds to repair the muscles, the body's worked hard.

4.30pm: Really hungry so I down half a chicken and chips, no gravy this time :(

7.00pm: Big feast at coca chu restaurant, probably my favourite spot on the whole island. Can't say exactly what we had as there was so much!!! But loved the chicken and betel leaves, so good, post race contentment finally.

9.00pm: Off to bed now.

JUNE 22ND - SATURDAY (25KM SURF-SKI MARATHON DAY)

6.00am: I forgot to have my beetroot shot!

7.00am: Get on barge with our surf-skis and head to Lindeman Island.

9.00am: It's started and we all fiercely paddle back towards Hamilton Island, tricky conditions out here, thought there

were going to be incredible runners (when the wind whips up small waves that you can surf on the ski) but the tide and the wind are running in the same direction, so that's knocking a lot of the runners down.

11.06am: It's a hard slog back but I've made it, I'm 27th out of 50 competitors, first place is Clint Robinson, again! His time is 01:34:30, but the sun's out and I'm with friends. Life's good.

12.30pm: A well deserved helping of greedy food after a big race; love this, a bacon, egg, cheese, BBQ sauce wrap with hot chips from Popeye's. No post race stretching, my exercise is Cross Fit in the gym five days a week and yoga most mornings.

6.00pm: A few beers in the Bougainvillea Marquee followed by a big serve of lasagna and salad.

7.30pm: Appearance 'on the couch', a chance for fellow paddlers to interact with with Clint Robinson, Ky Hurst and myself. Pete Murray is on the mic, he opens it up to the floor, there are lots of questions coming our way.

10.00pm: Bedtime, tired, good day.

JUNE 23RD - SUNDAY (42KM OUTRIGGER OC6 MARATHON DAY - BUT NOT FOR ME!)

9.00am: Heading to qualia to watch the tough 42km outrigger six man changover race.

9.30am: Starting now at Pebble Beach, this is a hardcore competition, athletes battling it out. 58 crews are taking part.

12.00pm: The Outrigger Australia Open Men's crew have just won with a time of 03:02:50, a good clear win, tight close finish for second and third, and for fourth as well, everyone cheering them on, going mad, lots of outrigger clubs here, great setting. Great end to the racing. It's been world class.

5.30pm: Beers on Bommie Deck.

7.00pm: Last dinner at Sails; rib eye on the bone, medium rare, béarnaise sauce, wedges plus some extra bug's tails and another beer to wash it down.

8.30pm: After party on Front Street, 1980s themed, a big hoorah, the whole street.

10.00pm: Slip away early, I've done my share of partying. Here's to next year.

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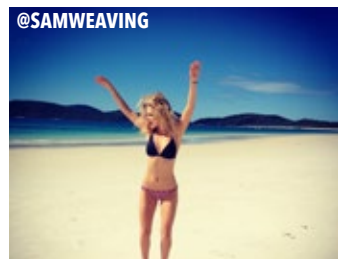
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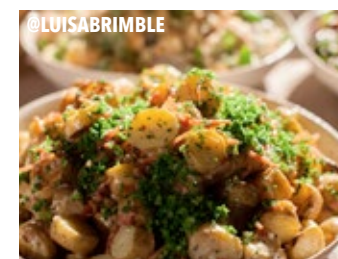
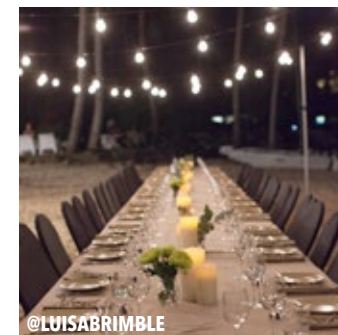
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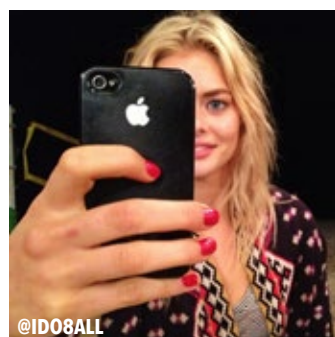
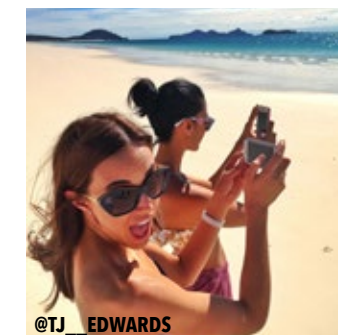
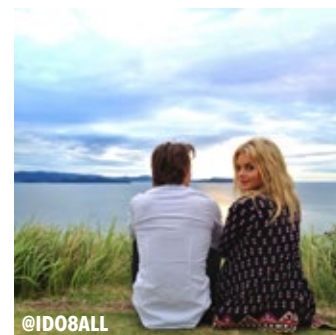
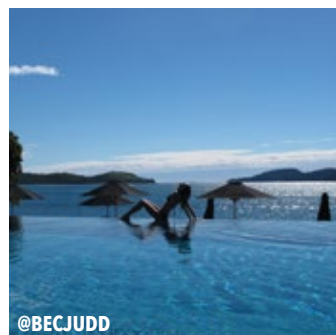


CREATIVITY HAS THE POWER TO TRANSFORM HUMAN BEHAVIOUR AND THERE'S NOTHING QUITE LIKE A BUNCH OF PASSIONATE INSTAGRAMERS ON HAMILTON ISLAND TO INFLUENCE A FAIR FEW MILLION FOLLOWERS.



There is an art to a good Instagram, it has soul. And there is an art to getting likes, which we stumbled upon when REEF was invited along to the second Hamilton Island Instameet in May. Personally we had never approached Instagram with such soulful zeal, but watching a group of pros in action made us rethink our game plan, especially when we looked at the Instagram of Li Ya Hong, who posted a picture of herself wearing a weighty strand of Paspaley pearls and quickly hit over 400,000 likes. Followed by a picture of Heart Reef that reached even more. But then Li Ya Hong is a Chinese supermodel, and we are not, and she has over four million followers on Tencent Weibo, the Chinese social media phenomenon that has an audience in excess of 780 million people. The original Instameet on the island in 2012 reached over 8 million people via social media, this installment,





WATCH WE ARE HANDSOME, JEREMY SOMERS ULTIMATE INSTAMEET:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVrBaUKMlDA>

WATCH BILLY LAW'S A TABLE FOR TWO:
<http://atablefortwo.com.au/2013/05/video-feast-hamilton-island>



return2paradise, without doubt doubled that figure.

The focus for return2paradise, quite apart from the endless blue skies, turquoise sea, white sand, glossy boats, picturesque lighthouse, statuesque palm trees and infinity pools, need we go on, was food.

The weekend was one long super-healthy fresh produce, mind blowing, Babette's feast. Australia has such incredible produce, the Whitsundays and Hamilton Island especially. So there were treats: a fantastic seafood BBQ on Chalkies Beach, with sustainable fishing from the region, platters of oysters, prawns and painted crayfish, all from Mr Seafood himself Geoff Morgan; on Catseye Beach it was dinner under the moon and the stars, with a long communal table strung with a canopy of lights, and a spread of so many great dishes including crocodile tail, kangaroo loin, Barossa farm chicken and everyone sharing together big platters of quinoa, pumpkin and beetroot salads, all served on blocks of tree, polished off with Pavlova; breakfast was at Bommie Deck with Simon George & Sons, the local fruitologist serving amazingly fresh regional fruits. Exercise was needed; a sunrise walk to Resort Lookout; a sunset at One Tree Hill and a fifth hole stroll at the Hamilton Island Golf Club for sunset and champagne.

Back by popular demand was instagramer, Pauly Vella @paulyvella

who acted as mentor to the six insta-talented Hamilton Island Instagram competition winners from Australia, China and the UK; (Pauly is an air conditioning mechanic from Sydney's west with over 230,000 followers). Other gramers included Billy Law, Luisa Brimble, Michael Klim and his wife Lindy; and Rebecca Judd, plus Samara Weaving and her boyfriend Matt Skinner, who all joined in every part of the weekend. It's invitation only and feels a bit like an adult summer camp, but everyone agreed that you feel like you're already friends, as you've already connected on Instagram. As Sophie Baker, Senior Communications Manager and brains behind the initiative says, "Instagram is an incredibly influential, visual medium, highly portable, an ever-changing mosaic carried in the pockets of 100 million users worldwide. What we love about hosting these Instameets, is that our ambassadors all view Hamilton Island through their eyes and share the beauty of the island, with their vast and varied global social media networks, in an authentic and unguarded way. "There is something very democratic about Instagram, the social barriers are immediately broken down, we all come from vastly different backgrounds but there is a generosity of spirit in all the Instameet posts, a good positive energy and it makes us all great friends."

#return2paradise #hamiltonisland



AND GOD CREATED ADAM,

THAT'S ADAM SCOTT, KNOWN TO HIS FRIENDS AS SCOTTY. HERE HE TALKS SHOP AND TEAM WORK WITH HIS FRIEND AND JOURNALIST, JUSTIN ARMSDEN.

Adam Scott was born a golfer, a champion in the making, and since winning a junior world title at the indecently early age of 17, has carried the burden of expectation.

There were his parents, who despite subsequent disappointments, believed that success would eventually come his way. And there were golfing peers who felt his determined glare, burning on their backs, during tournaments. Whatever the hurdles, Scotty has taken the game's frustrations well in his stride. In 2012, a well-publicised lapse, evidenced by a run of bogeys, cost the Australian dreamer the British Open. Such a torturous defeat would have crushed a lesser player and consigned them to lower rankings for some time.

But, the wisdom of commentators - that a player needs to know what it takes to lose a major, to win one - was not lost on him. In April 2013, victory, in arguably the most prestigious tournament in the world, the Masters, earned him golf's Holy Grail - the green jacket. It was a just reward for determination, patience and commitment. And not just for the player himself. "That victory was as much for me as it was for everyone around me," he tells me on the phone. "There is no doubt that I cope with the highs and lows of being a professional player because of my parents and mentors."

"...I'M A PROFESSIONAL GOLFER AND I WANT TO WIN MAJORS AND I WANT TO HAVE MY NAME ALONGSIDE THE WORLD NUMBER ONE RANKING, THAT'S MY BURNING DESIRE."

When he sealed the Masters victory, at golf's theatre of dreams, Augusta National, in April, it was a culmination of years of meticulous planning by everyone involved in the Adam Scott camp. "Without doubt, the most important thing is to put in the work to make sure your game is in the best state possible at the beginning of the week. It's all about preparation," he says. Scotty has a blessed life, age 32, he's surrounded by marquee sponsors; has model good looks; can surf and takes his private jet to exotic locations to play the game, which has given him everything. "Yes, it is a great life but it has come with plenty of hard work and sacrifices, for sure," he explains. "But I'm a professional golfer and I want to win majors and I want to have my name alongside the world number one ranking, that's my burning desire." The team that travels with him includes his manager, Justin Cohen, David

Darbyshire his personal trainer who makes him take ice-baths after practice rounds, to assist recovery; and his dad, Phil, who accompanies his son during the four Major Championships. This strong band of Aussie brothers helps Scotty cope with the long season on the road. "The right team behind me is really important. You've been around it," he reminds me, "and you see how it works, it's about having guys to help me relax too," he says. I have seen how it works, especially at the British Open, when the team rents a

house for the week, near the course. I've seen the inner-sanctum at work and at play, it's impressive and they all celebrated the Masters win. When I hosted Living Golf on CNN, Scotty shared the small screen with me as the show's touring professional and tips expert. Getting to know him, I genuinely hoped and knew he'd become a player who would go on to be among the best. I've seen him spin a golf ball on a club head; witnessed him land balls on the green from impossible positions, and hit meticulous shots both left and right

handed. But it was during a filming day at Loch Lomond Golf Club in Scotland, when I intentionally buried a ball deep in the rough and asked him to hit it out through the fork of a tree, with a 7 iron that clinched it. Not only did it land on the green, he put the ball within a foot of the cup. We laughed for so long that the cameraman ran out of tape. I think he surprises himself with this Midas touch at times. "Dad always encouraged me to focus just on the natural feel and not get too technical," he explains. It was solid advice from his dad, an accomplished

player himself and now a course designer and self-confessed golf tragic. "As a teenager, Ads would do things on the course I didn't think possible. All I had to do was point him in the right direction and off he'd go, great kid," his dad says with a wry smile. Now that Scotty has satisfied the expectation that he'll be a champion, he can turn his attention towards redemption at the British Open. And hopefully a round of golf at Hamilton Island Golf Club, when he gets back and has some down time.



SCOTT'S WIN, THE MASTERS, AUGUSTA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB

THE GREAT WHITE MIGALOO

Every year, between June and October, a population of approximately 1200 humpback whales cruise past Hamilton Island, on their great migration north. Stay sharp. If you're lucky, you might sight the almost mythical Migaloo, you can't miss him, he's the only known albino humpback whale. And he likes the Whitsundays, these waters are one of his regular haunts.

1. Every year Migaloo migrates 5,000km from Antarctic polar waters up the eastern coast of Australia to mate in the sub-tropical waters of the Great Barrier Reef. Snorkellers rest easy; humpbacks do not feed during mating season, they live off their body fat, or blubber, from June to October.

2. Migaloo once surfaced in front of a trimaran near Townsville. He collided with the boat, lifting it and breaking off its centre keel. The main concern at the time was not for the captain but Migaloo's wellbeing.

3. Migaloo is one rare mammal, the only all-white humpback recorded, ever, in the 20th and 21st century.

4. Although most whales avoid landmass, humpbacks follow the coastline, which explains why Migaloo was first spotted by whale researcher and Chief Scientist at Pacific Whale Foundation, Greg Kaufman, in 1991 and has since been so visible on the coastline.

5. Fellow Pacific Whale Foundation researcher, Dr Paul Forestell, consulted an Aboriginal elder to help choose a name. The elder explained that albinos are considered to be special beings, "perhaps signs or tokens from the spirit world." The elder suggested the name "Migaloo" meaning "white fellah" in Aboriginal slang.

6. Migaloo is male. He has been sighted travelling with a mother / calf pod and he has been recorded during mating season, singing. Only male whales sing. Researchers only conclusively confirmed Migaloo's gender, after a DNA sample was analysed of his sloughed skin.

7. Researchers are unsure of his age however they have speculated that Migaloo is between 21-34 years old.

8. Migaloo is an attention seeker and news desks across the world have helped establish his notoriety within the environmental and passionate whale watching communities. So famous is this white whale that he now enjoys government protection; any person coming within 500m faces a \$16,500 fine by either the QLD or NSW governments.

9. It's not easy being an albino humpback whale. Without the vital melanin and pigment in his albino skin, scientists are concerned that the lack of natural protection from the sun is causing skin cancer and skin cysts on Migaloo.

10. The Pacific Whale Foundation created the official Migaloo website www.migaloo whale.org not only to educate the public, but as a place to share pictures of Migaloo sightings. He also has a twitter account, @Migaloo1, which is a bit of a liberty really when you consider humpbacks are notoriously anti-social.

MARATHON MAN

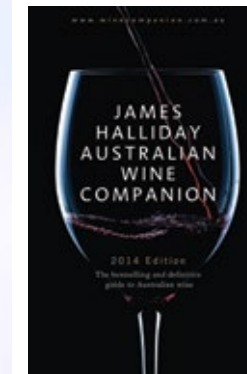
James Halliday is a wine legend. Both a wine maker and wine lover, he has written or contributed to more than 65 books on wine since he began writing in 1979. His annual Australian Wine Companion is the bestselling and definitive guide to Australian wine. In his inimitable style, Halliday shares his extensive knowledge through detailed tasting notes and winery information, making it an indispensable industry reference and a must-have guide for anyone planning to visit a winegrowing region or wanting to replenish their cellar or wine rack. Each year Hamilton Island invites him to select the wines to be served at the Great Barrier Feast and he offers a sneak preview of forthcoming favourites, ahead of the top wines announcement, begging the audience as he presents them, to keep the winners a secret. To compile the 2014 Companion some 8,064 wines were tasted, with full tasting notes for 4,009 wines, ratings, drink-to dates and prices for a further 2,207, making the cut for the book. He profiles 1,396 wineries and lists his 'best of the best by variety'. It's a mammoth task, one that Halliday likens to painting the Harbour Bridge.

"I've already started work on the 2015 edition," he says "with the first of what will be several hundred days of tastings, with 120 wines per day tasted. "Wines are sent to me for tasting throughout the year, and it is an inflexible rule that every wine sent will be tasted. "The first period of intense activity is for the annual Top 100 appearing in The Australian Weekend Magazine. I normally allot the first two weeks in September for this task, and in that time taste around 1,400 wines. This will involve tastings both on weekends and

weekdays. "Letters will have been sent to pre-selected wineries, which I know are either making high quality wines or especially good value for money wines. Some clever wineries try to sneak into the tasting, but do not get past my PA's guard. Given the limited timeframe, there has to be a prequalified tender basis. "The system is constantly evolving, but in principle I will taste 70%-75% of the 8,000-plus wines that will have been submitted and tasted for each (future) edition of the Wine Companion. The

remainder will be tasted by either Ben Edwards, Tyson Stelzer or Campbell Mattinson. "It is more mentally tiring than physically damaging, although I have several palate protectors. The chief being: soda water (alkaline, and thus balancing the acidity of the wines); green olives on their stones (to strip out tannins from the red wines); and hard cheese (counteracting the acidity in white wines). I also frequently swap between white and red wines." Robert Oatley Vineyards first appeared in the 2008 Companion with a credible

three and a half stars, rising to five stars in 2011 and the highest possible rating of 'red five stars' in 2013: "outstanding winery regularly producing wines of exemplary quality and typicity". Less than 5% of wineries enjoy this status, they must have at least two wines rated at 94 points or above, and had a five star rating for the previous two years. The just released 2014 edition once again credits Oatley with a red five star rating, with three wines reviewed making Halliday's 'best of the best' listings, a great achievement in five years.



CLASS NOTES
A TASTE OF HALLIDAY'S TOP RATED ROBERT OATLEY VINEYARDS WINES FROM HIS LATEST COMPANION.



ROBERT OATLEY FINISTERRE MARGARET RIVER CHARDONNAY 2010 *BEST OF THE BEST*
Superb yellow-green; the complex bouquet has an attractive touch of Burgundian funk before the vibrant and lively palate comes into play; here there are grapefruit, white peach and subtle French oak inputs. The finesse, length and attendant citrusy/minerally acidity of the wine is excellent, and it will have a long cellaring future.
RATING: 96 DRINK: 2022



ROBERT OATLEY FINISTERRE MARGARET RIVER CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2009 *BEST OF THE BEST*
The purity of this wine comes through with the utmost clarity on the bouquet with fragrant blackcurrant/cassis aromas, the medium to full-bodied palate a great example of Margaret River cabernet, the focused fruit supported by tannins that, while firm, are in no way out of balance. The contribution of French oak is obvious, but not over the top.
RATING: 96 DRINK: 2029



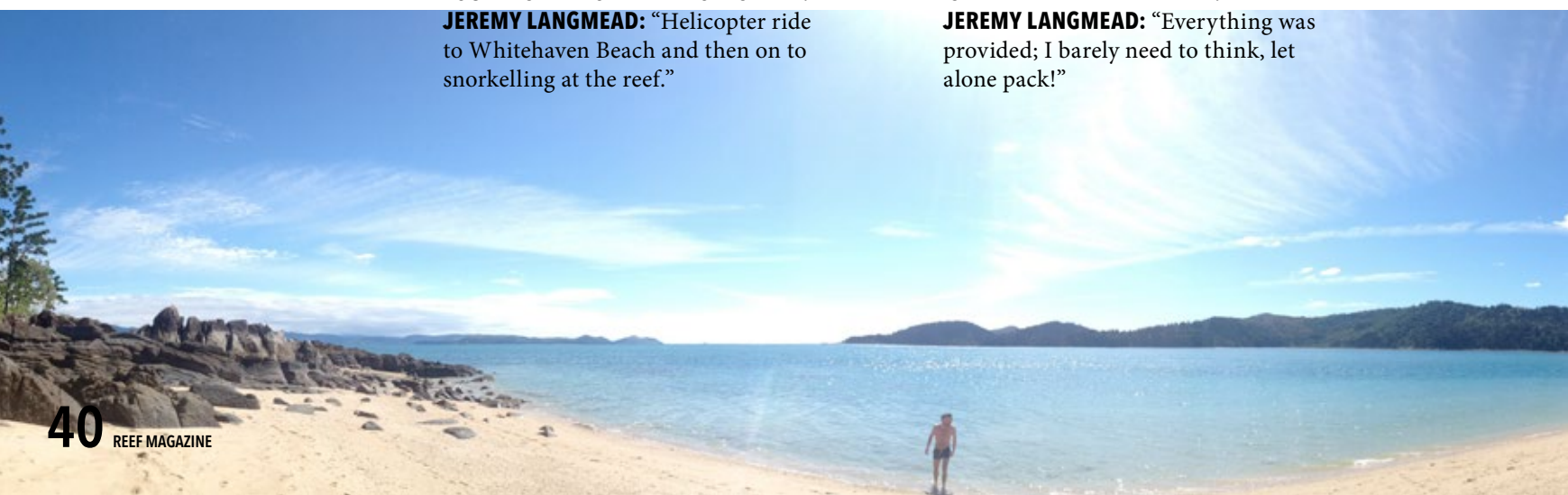
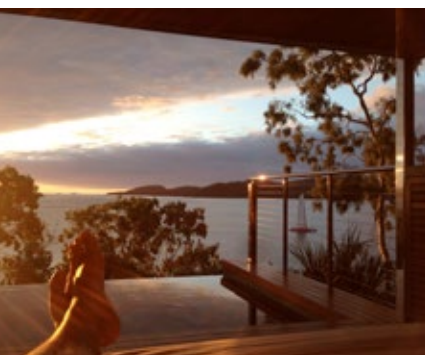
ROBERT OATLEY FINISTERRE MUDGE CHARDONNAY 2011
Pale straw-green; the most elegant chardonnay I have encountered (over a 40-year period) from Mudgee. Early picking (and the consequent low alcohol) has resulted in finely detailed white peach and citrus aromas and flavours, the barrel fermentation/oak influence cleverly restrained. Crisp acidity adds length to the finish.
RATING: 95 DRINK: 2018



ROBERT OATLEY FINISTERRE DENMARK PINOT NOIR 2011
The colour is light, but with some purple in its make up; has aromas of plum and cherry (both red and black), the palate with excellent structure, the tannins verging on Burgundian in their texture. In the manner of all good pinots, the fruit lifts and expands on the finish and aftertaste. Will respond well to medium-term cellaring.
RATING: 94 DRINK: 2018

Q&A: JEREMY LANGMEAD,

EDITOR IN CHIEF OF MR PORTER.COM



WHAT WERE YOUR FIRST THOUGHTS WHEN YOU LANDED ON THE ISLAND?

JEREMY LANGMEAD: "Wow."

WHAT'S ON YOUR IPAD/IPOD POOLSIDE?

JEREMY LANGMEAD: "New EP by London Grammar."

ISLAND-DRESSING ESSENTIALS FROM MR PORTER.COM?

JEREMY LANGMEAD: "Orlebar Brown swim shorts and t-shirts; Rivas for my feet."

THREE THINGS YOU NEVER FLY WITHOUT?

JEREMY LANGMEAD: "A scarf to wear on the plane; moisturiser to stop me looking like Yoda at the other end; and a good book."

ARE YOU A HOLIDAY HEALTH CLEANSER OR AN ISLAND INDULGER?

JEREMY LANGMEAD: "A happy combination of the two. A smoothie, but with vodka."

WHAT'S IN YOUR COCKTAIL GLASS?

JEREMY LANGMEAD: "Dirty martini."

YOUR BEST DAY ON HAMILTON ISLAND?

JEREMY LANGMEAD: "Helicopter ride to Whitehaven Beach and then on to snorkelling at the reef."

AWAY-FROM-WORK EPIPHANY?

JEREMY LANGMEAD: "Need to visit Australia more often, whether for work or pleasure. I found the journey from London quite easy."

WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU FACEBOOK-ED/INSTAGRAMED/TWEETED (WHILE ON THE ISLAND)?

JEREMY LANGMEAD: "View of the sunset from my qualia pavilion."

PLEASE HELP SETTLE THIS NATIONAL DEBATE: BOARDSHORTS OR BUDGIES?

JEREMY LANGMEAD: "Neither. Tailored swim shorts (either Orlebar Brown setters or Robinson Les Bains). Too short and you expose too much; too long and you get a weird tan line."

SOMETHING YOU DO ON HOLIDAY THAT YOU WOULD NEVER DO AT HOME, YOU CAN SHARE?

JEREMY LANGMEAD: "Relax. Wear a v-neck t-shirt."

WHAT WOULD YOU BRING TO HAMILTON ISLAND NEXT TIME AND WHY?

JEREMY LANGMEAD: "Everything was provided; I barely need to think, let alone pack!"

Typically Charles

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CHARLES HEIDSIECK
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DEAR COLLETTE WE NEED YOUR HELP...

YOU ARE AN AUDI HAMILTON ISLAND RACE WEEK PRO, YOU'VE BEEN GOING FOR SEVEN YEARS. WE WOULD LOVE YOUR FASHION ADVICE/ SPECTATOR SURVIVAL GUIDE, THANKS VERY MUCH X

YOU WERE RAISED ON A BOAT, YOU SPENT YEARS LIVING ON THE OCEAN, DO YOU HAVE ANY SEASICKNESS TIPS FOR US?

COLLETTE DINNIGAN: "Wear a pressure point wristband, always look at the horizon and if you can, drink ginger ale. My dad who was a sailor says that the best remedy for seasickness is champagne. Luckily I don't get sick though."

YOUR BEST SPECTATOR WARDROBE ADVICE FOR US?

COLLETTE DINNIGAN: "It's pretty simple, stay away from black."

WE WERE THINKING OF PACKING A SWAG BAG OF NAUTICAL NAVY, RED AND WHITE STRIPES, TOO FAR?

COLLETTE DINNIGAN: "No not at all. Pack

espadrilles and sneakers as well. All colour is good and if you're going on board then wear shorts and take a parka; if you're going out to sea it can get quite choppy and you don't want to get wet. Also pack a few long print dresses for warm balmy nights."

DITCH THE HEELS FOR DECK SHOES? WE ARE SHOE PIGS, WHAT WILL WE WEAR?

COLLETTE DINNIGAN: "Heels are really bad and there's no way you're going to need them; they don't feel quite right. Make sure you have a really good pedicure though as you are constantly getting on and off boats and will be wearing flat sandals. Yes, pack flat sandals."

YOUR RESORT SHOW IS STAGED AT QUALIA DURING RACE WEEK, WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT IT?

COLLETTE DINNIGAN: "It's a luxury resort and mirrors the quality of what we do. It's perfect showing the

collection here. Hamilton Island has that great feeling of good travel, the same as our resort collections which are all about going to destinations and sitting poolside; it's luxury with a punch of colour and it's a great backdrop for the clothes. qualia has the amazing ability to calm me down as soon as I set foot in the resort, it's that special island time when you leave the city behind. It's such a beautiful natural place with all the trees and the bush and so you feel you can relax."

SAILORS ARE TOP ATHLETES, HOW SHOULD WE PACE OURSELVES FOR THE WEEK?

COLLETTE DINNIGAN: "Stay healthy; don't go to bed too late - you can get caught up in all the carry on and the parties! Just appreciate the tranquility of the island."

THE TOP PHOTOGRAPHIC APP, TO CAPTURE THE WHOLE EVENT?

COLLETTE DINNIGAN: "Hipstamatic with John S lens, Kodot XGrizzled film, it enhances the colours and makes you feel you have stepped back in time, it's so retro and very emotive."

CAN WE INSTAGRAM/TWEET OR FACEBOOK DURING THE RACES?

COLLETTE DINNIGAN: "Of course, it's the way of the world."

GO-TO RACE WEEK BAR?

COLLETTE DINNIGAN: "Pebble Beach at qualia, can't get better."

FAVOURITE RACE WEEK RESTAURANT?

COLLETTE DINNIGAN: "Pebble Beach at qualia."

EVERY SAILOR HAS AN ADVENTURE STORY, PLEASE TELL US YOURS, THEN MAYBE WE CAN 'BORROW' IT.

COLLETTE DINNIGAN: "The time when we were on our sea journey to Australia and we were in the depths of the Southern Indian Ocean and thought we saw an island, we thought the charts were wrong, as it wasn't showing on them but then we realised, as we got closer and closer, that it was a huge dead sperm whale and there were albatrosses and seagulls swooping down, feeding on it."

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MASTER & COMMANDER

IN 1929, THE UK DAILY MAIL DIDN'T JUST SUGGEST, THEY SHOUTED: "THE WONDER WATCH, THAT DEFIES THE ELEMENTS". YES, EACH WORD WAS CAPITALISED, AND YES, IT WAS ALL TRUE, WRITES ANDREW MCUTCHEN.



The Rolex Oyster, buckled firmly to the wrist of English swimmer Mercedes Gleitze, had indeed lasted the 10-hour open water swim of the English Channel, "without injury". The full-page advertisement went on to describe the "Triumph in Watch-making" that was achieved when Mercedes' said toes touched the chalk rocks of England with a watch that, "after careful examination", still kept perfect time and was untouched by corrosion and condensation. Since then, the venerable Swiss maison has made the sea its home, with feat after nautical feat, spanning the decades. These include the first divers' watch, waterproof to 100m in 1953 (the Submariner, which adorns the wrist of this writer most days); the world's deepest ever dive in 1960 and then, as recently as 2012, a journey that would make Jules Verne roll several times in his grave, to "the deepest place on earth", the Mariana Trench. And, who was the first person, ever, to bump the bottom of that 11km deep ditch in a solo-manned vehicle? The multiple Academy Award winner James Cameron. You might have heard of him. The Rolex Deepsea Challenge wristwatch that accompanied him was strapped to a robotic arm to prove a point; Rolex rolls in the deep. Just like before, when Mercedes' final strokes across the Channel brought her home, the watch emerged from the undersea voyage, undamaged and another legend was born. But somewhere along the way, in the early '90s, Rolex lifted its eyes from "the silent world" as another famous Rolex wearer Jacques Cousteau, described the deep sea, to the surface above. The watchmaker considered what might be possible on top of the water, as well as beneath.

High winds, soaking spray and the percussive thump of a hull, carving through rough seas was a beat that could no longer be ignored. Rolex decided to develop their first new model since the Daytona in 1964 and to begin sponsoring the world's greatest yacht races; from the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup along the coast of Sardinia to the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Before we move on, stop and consider that little detail: there was a full 28 years between new Rolex models. Few facts reinforce Rolex's mastery of the iconic quite as well. And so in 1992 Rolex released the Yacht-Master, the first watch in the Professional Oyster collection to be available in three sizes - 29, 35 and 40mm. Where the Submariner and Sea-Dweller were considered 'tool' watches for underwater use, the Yacht-Master was a luxury variant for "topside". Celebrity wearers at the time included Brad Pitt and Eric Clapton. The Oyster Perpetual Yacht-Master II regatta chronograph, that followed 15 years later, was the first watch in the world equipped with a programmable countdown with a mechanical memory. This unique complication utilizes a rotatable ring command bezel developed in-house. It allows yachtsmen to cross the line as soon as possible after the starting gun; handy at a regatta when every second counts and utterly wearable at the celebration afterwards, with any attire, be it nautical or nice. The latest edition, of the Yacht-Master II, was launched at Baselworld in 2013. It's in 904L steel, fitted with a Cerachrom bezel insert in popping blue ceramic. Now we all know that Rolex defies the elements, be it "moisture, water, heat, vibration, cold or dust." But better still we know that Rolex defies the trends, in the silent world below, and in the glamorous Rolex world above.

ROLEX & YACHTING: IT WAS INEVITABLE

Rolex has always enjoyed breaking new ground, on water, but it wasn't until the early 1990s that the revered Swiss watchmaker began its association with yachting. Rolex now sponsor several of the top offshore yacht races in the world, including the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE

Organised by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, the Rolex Sydney Hobart Race has become one of the top three offshore yacht races in the world. It begins at 1pm on the 26th of December when over 100 sailboats cross the starting line in Sydney Harbour. Over 400,000 enthusiasts gather to watch the yachts head north out of Sydney Harbour before turning right toward Hobart, Tasmania some 628 nautical miles away. Wild Oats XI set the current record for the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in 2012 when it crossed the line in one day, 18 hours, 23 minutes and 12 seconds. Wild Oats XI also became the first boat to claim the treble - race record, line honours and overall winner - twice.

MAXI YACHT ROLEX CUP

A challenging race along the Sardinian coastline.

ROLEX SWAN CUP

An event for Swan Yachts held every two years in the glittering British Virgin Islands.

THE ROLEX FASTNET RACE

The Celtic Sea and its temperamental weather patterns make the trophy for the Rolex Fastnet Race a cherished piece of silverware. Held every two years.

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For 96 hours, the Rolex Farr® 40 Worlds turns the Tasman Sea into a colourful sparring ground where yacht owners must skipper their own craft.

ROLEX AND HAMILTON ISLAND

Rolex is now the official timekeeper of Hamilton Island.

WEDDINGS

TEXT BY TRACEY WITHERS
PHOTOGRAPHS BY PAUL CINCOTTA



SAM & NATALIE HEWITT

DATE: 3 June, 2013
TIME: 4.00pm
LOCATION: All Saints Chapel and Outrigger Function Centre
GUESTS: 56
CELEBRANT: Rosalie Allan
"The holiday started off pretty badly, with Natalie's seat on the plane getting double booked, the father of the bride losing his wallet with the money that was required to pay for the things leading up to the wedding, (hair, make up etc) and Sam forgetting his birth certificate which was required for us to get married. After all of this we ended up in business class on the plane, finding the wallet with all the money and the documents got flown over three hours before the ceremony. Considering the mishaps, we ended up with the most beautiful sunset, perfect weather and an unforgettable wedding."



HAPPILY MARRIED

HAMILTON ISLAND HOSTS 400 WEDDINGS EVERY 365 DAYS

Subtext, the planning-and-procuring experts know what they are doing. There are more than 10 top ceremony locations on the island and 15 venues for a crowd-wowing reception, or for an intimate celebration with a close group of friends and family. The speciality of getting married on Hamilton Island is that every wedding is unique, customised, made-to-order. "We have sourced and flown in mini bottles of maple syrup for a Canadian bride to give to guests as a bonbonniere," says Rohan Gull, Managing Director of Hamilton Island

Weddings, the go-to on-island wedding planners who take it all in their stride. "We've sourced the best suppliers for any unique touch, any couple could dream of," he adds.

EXTRAORDINARY IS THIS ISLAND'S ORDINARY

There's nothing like an entrance. You can parasail in to the aisle and if you're game then fly off on your just-married helicopter. "Anything is possible," promises Gull. Even a scuba ceremony? "We'd just find a Celebrant with a scuba certificate." The dedicated wedding photographers are already expert at underwater shooting. "We do

lots of shoots with fully-dressed brides and grooms in the pools or in the warm waters of Catseye Bay, the day after the wedding."

IT CAN BE TRADITIONAL, BUT BESPOKE

About 70 per cent of ceremonies on the island are civil, the rest are religious weddings of all denominations. "Religions do have varying restrictions, however, over the years they have all become more relaxed about performing religious ceremonies outside the traditional chapel," Gull explains, adding "Chaplains will marry couples on the beach, the 5th hole at the



ALEX & HULYA HOLDINGHAUSEN

DATE: 5 May, 2013
TIME: 2.00pm **LOCATION:** One Tree Hill and Bommie Deck, Hamilton Island Yacht Club
NUMBER OF GUESTS: 55
CELEBRANT: Annie Lloyd Lewis
"The Bommie Deck was the most amazing wedding reception venue and while we were nervous about the weather, we had the most perfect day. Our guests enjoyed the sunset over drinks and canapés and during our photo tour we were able to capture the amazing atmosphere."



RYAN & NATALIE HARNDEN

DATE: 26 April, 2013
TIME: 4.00pm **LOCATION:** All Saints Chapel and Cutter & Ketch Room, Hamilton Island Yacht Club
GUESTS: 100 guests
CHAPLAIN: Father Chris Yule, Anglican

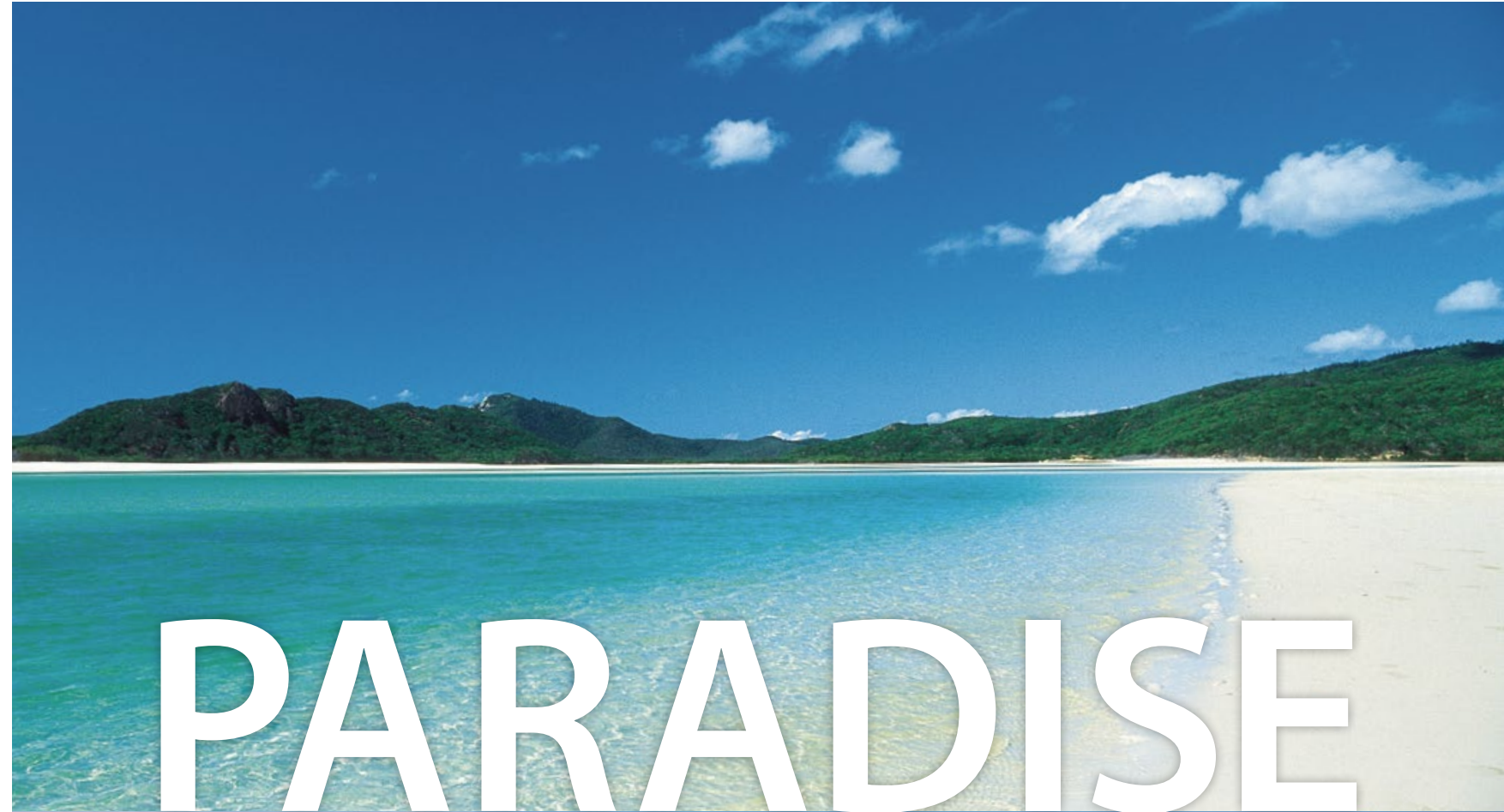
"One of our fondest memories of our wedding, apart from our nuptials, was towards the end of the night - we both took a step back to take in the ambience of our reception. All our guests were on the dance floor joyously dancing. Everyone was having such a fantastic time and enjoying each other's company, which gave us such a buzz to know we created this."

WEDDINGS



CHRIS & JODIE GODDARD

DATE: 18 May, 2013
TIME: 10.00am
LOCATION: Catseye Beach, Sails Steak and Seafood Grill
GUESTS: 41
CELEBRANT: Deanna Kent
 "We loved it all and it makes us want to do it all over again on the island! Also having all your family and friends, on holiday to celebrate with you, is fantastic."



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right on your doorstep..

Golf Club or at One Tree Hill. Non-denominational All Saints Chapel hosts civil ceremonies too."

DREAM SCENARIOS

Whitehaven Beach is the ultimate location for tropical brides. But it can be tricky to organise solo. "Hamilton Island Weddings holds the only commercial permit to conduct weddings on Whitehaven Beach, so couples don't have to apply for their own permits, fill in any official forms or jump through any hoops," says Gull. Sail the whole wedding party out for the I-dos, or helicopter out for photos, while guests do canapés back on Hamilton Island.

300 BOTTLES OF CHAMPAGNE POP EVERY WEEK

The most popular champagnes are Charles Heidsieck NV Brut and Veuve Clicquot. The island's leading chefs, restaurants and local caterers are all expert at matching a fine menu with a fine French.

GATHERED HERE TODAY - AND TOMORROW

"The day" often speeds past in a bliss-blur. The upside of having all guests on the island means everyone enjoys

a mini holiday together, pre or post honeymoon. Spa qualia and Spa wumurdaylin are perfect for bridesmaid-bonding sessions. And a spin around the panoramic Hamilton Island Golf Club will keep any father-in-law on side.

ELOPE IN STYLE

The intensely-luxurious qualia with its private Pebble Beach; postcard Whitsundays view from the plunge pool at your pavilion; cocktails on call, and just the two of you - guarantees happily ever after.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO IMPORT A SINGLE THING

Hamilton Island alleviates bridezilla anxiety. Catering and accommodation is sorted. Venue, perfect. Photographer, experienced and has a map to secret spots. The island's florists have contacts to pull together rare and exotic bouquets, plus all the local knowledge about blooms that will hold up in island humidity. "Brides who have their wedding on Hamilton Island can have a personal wedding planner - their friend on the ground, so to speak - so we have lots of happy brides," says Gull. "When couples reach the island, everything is done." Pressure is off, feel the love.



BRAD & TAMMIE KIRK

DATE: 30 May, 2013
TIME: 2.00pm **LOCATION:** Catseye Beach and Sails Steak and Seafood Grill
GUESTS: 20-30 guests
CELEBRANT: Peter Upton
 "The fact that we could have all our family and close friends there in such a beautiful surrounding, how we were looked after by the celebrant Peter, to our planner Sarnia, the photographer who did a fantastic job and even the staff at Sails during our reception were outstanding."



Great Barrier Reef Adventures & Whitehaven Beach Day Cruises

Outstanding day cruises to the Whitsundays' most iconic attractions, including the colourful outer Great Barrier Reef and world famous Whitehaven Beach. Cruises depart daily from Hamilton Island Marina. For bookings or further information contact the Hamilton Island Tour Desk on 07 4946 8305 or 58305 (in-house) or visit them in the main Resort Centre. cruisewhitsundays.com



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THIRD COURSE



SEVENTH COURSE



ALASTAIR WADDELL



PETER GILMORE AND SIMON THOMSEN



DAN HUNTER



FOURTH COURSE

THE MENU

7.55pm

First course - Dan Hunter

Pancetta and spanner crab, rye cream, air dried tuna
Wine selection: Charles Heidsieck Rose Reserve, Reims

8.30pm

Second course - Alastair Waddell

Truffle and organic egg yolk, sheep's milk yoghurt
Wine selection: 2012 Castle Rock Estate Riesling, Porongurup

9.05pm

Third course - Peter Gilmore

Abalone and squab, ginger scented milk curd, rare herbs, seaweed and anchovy broth
Wine selection: 2010 Paringa Estate 'Estate' Pinot Noir, Mornington Peninsula

9.35pm

Fourth course - Dan Hunter

Dry aged jumbuck and ruby chard, eggplant in white miso
Wine selection: 2009 Robert Oatley Finisterre Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River

10.10pm

Fifth course - Alastair Waddell

Hay smoked Shiro Kin wagyu, buttermilk, soy caramel
Wine selection: 2011 Brokenwood Mistress Block Vineyard Shiraz, Hunter Valley

10.40pm

Sixth course - Alastair Waddell

Apple and butternut squash, oats and honey
Wine selection: 2009 Craigmoor Estate Botrytis Sauvignon Blanc Semillon, Mudgee

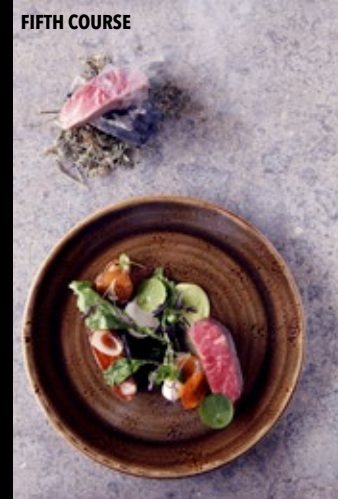
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Seventh course - Peter Gilmore

Prunes, salted caramel, jersey cream, confetti
Wine selection: Campbells Liquid Gold Classic Topaque, Rutherglen

GREAT BARRIER FEAST

It was foodie heaven, and the pursuit of excellence in all areas of fine dining, that brought together a unique weekend of food and wine tasting at the 2013 Great Barrier Feast. The Saturday night showpiece dinner, at qualia's Long Pavilion, was a cook-off par excellence with Australia's finest chefs each contributing to the seven course degustation, including Peter Gilmore, Dan Hunter and Alastair Waddell. All the action inside the kitchen was visible to the guests in the restaurant, via a live camera link up. Highlight of the evening was qualia Executive Chef Alastair Waddell's wagyu dish. He came out of the kitchen to do the finishing touches, with Waddell visible to all the guests in the plumes of white smoke that filled the restaurant, which added a beautiful 'woody' aroma - and some real foodie theatre. The outstanding wines were selected by the expert palate of James Halliday, although the tasting notes were almost poetry enough.



FIFTH COURSE



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GREAT BARRIER FEAST



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HAMILTON ISLAND WEDDINGS
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GREAT BARRIER FEAST

AEG MASTERCLASS - PETER GILMORE

Hamilton Island Yacht Club was packed with guests soaking up the wisdom and great cooking that top chef Peter Gilmore of Sydney's Quay Restaurant provided, during his AEG Masterclass. Notes were taken, clever ideas were shared, and food was consumed, amid much salivating.

Highlight of the masterclass was Gilmore cooking mud crab congee and in the process, taking the complexity out of it for the attentive audience.



AEG MASTECLASS - DAN HUNTER

He's a bit of a superstar chef and Dan Hunter, ex the award-winning Royal Mail in western Victoria cooked up a storm at the Hamilton Island Yacht Club. He shared stories about his career in the kitchen and his passion for sustainability and self sufficiency when it comes to great produce.



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GATORADE CLASH OF THE PADDLES

Energy, stamina and good sport, made for a sensational 30 year anniversary of this renowned paddling event. 650 surf skiers, outriggers, stand up paddlers, board paddlers and dragon boaters descended on the island for the four day event, which also attracted Olympians, top surf life saving athletes and world champions. Catseye Bay resounded with all the cheering as competitors chased down great times, including Clint Robinson, Jeremy Cotter, Ky Hurst and Luke Cuff. One word: champion.



CARBS ON THE COUCH WITH PETE MURRAY, HAYDEN QUINN, KY HURST & CLINT ROBINSON

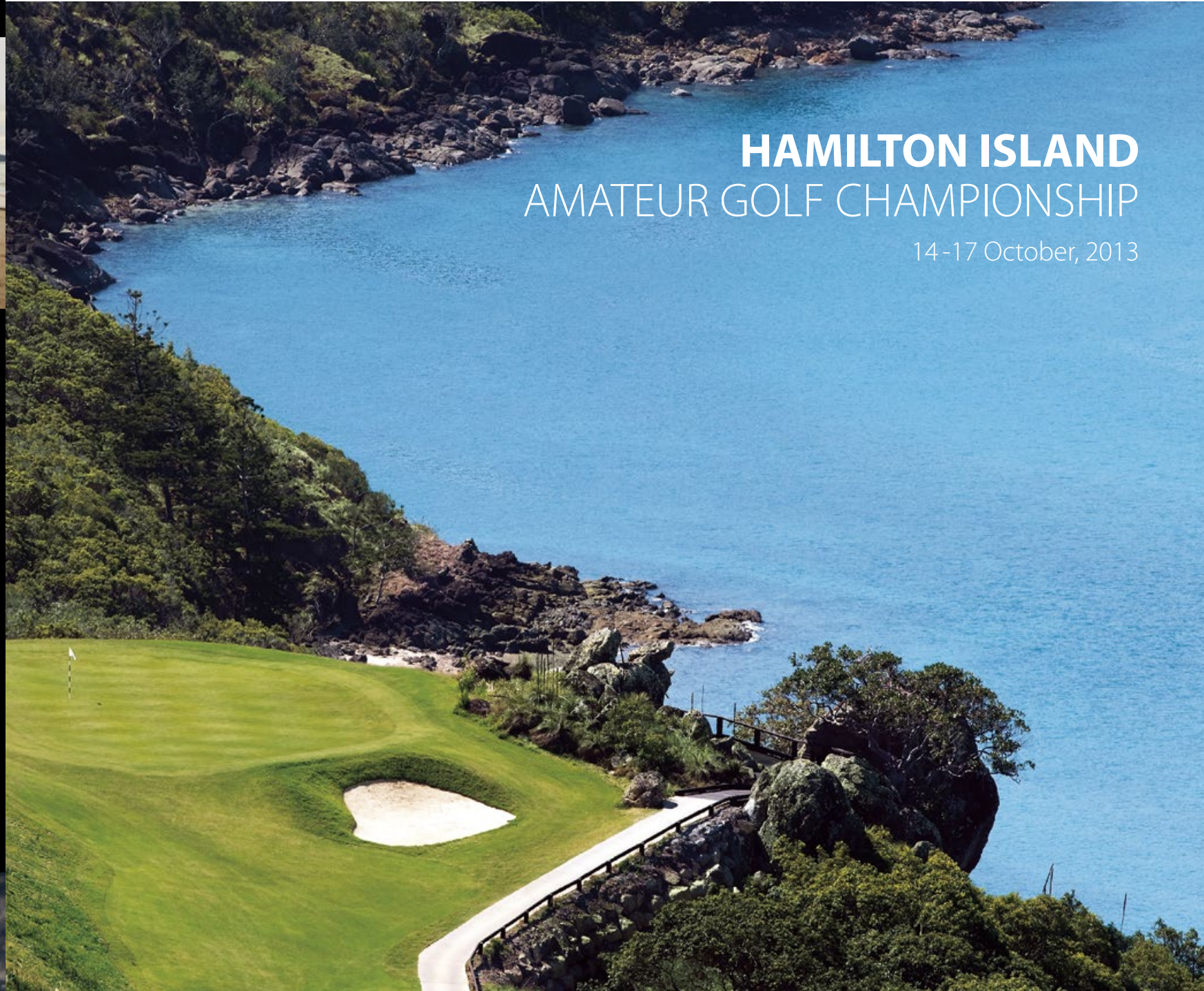


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To find out more about the Amateur Golf Championship, visit www.hamiltonisland.com.au/amateurchamps



MY ISLAND LIFE

BY MARK TOIA

WHY WE FELL IN LOVE WITH HAMILTON ISLAND.



Buying our place on Hamilton Island was an emotional purchase more than anything. My wife, Carolyn, and I were holidaying on a little cruise ship that was floating around the Whitsundays and when we finished up, she suggested we just stop off on Hamilton Island for a few extra nights. We didn't really have plans, we just ended up at the airport, phoned a hotel and we spent a few days exploring and seeing some real estate. We'd not heard much about the island at that time so it was quite a surprise, and we quickly realised just how good it is. Pretty much by the end of that week or so, we'd decided to buy a property. It was a waterfront Pavillion Apartment on the western side of the island. Spontaneous love? I guess so. It caught us pretty quickly.

That was 2007. In that first year, we honoured all the existing reservations that had been made by holiday-makers; if we were marketing our house as a holiday rental property I think we could do quite well, but since then we decided to keep the place to ourselves and this really has become our second home. We're thinking about purchasing another place up here. The infrastructure and development of the island has been exceptional. The Oatleys have done an incredible, incredible job and we are truly impressed with how much they've done for the island, how much investment they've put in. Even though we are up here regularly, sometimes I think, 'wow – we were only here last month and now there's this work going on, there's something new'. The overall glossing up of the island, especially the amenities, has just been amazing, both in terms of experiencing the island and being a property-owner. It's all contributing to the value of our investment.

The Pavillion Apartment has held its value pretty well since we bought, considering that there has been a massive recess market, especially in holiday properties. I think that's down to the unique position. It's a three-minute walk, straight up the driveway, from the island airport and all the apartments have their own boat berth right on the doorstep. That's a major factor: we are the only ones, I think, in most of the region to have that. We are also at strolling distance to the marina restaurants and bars and most everything else on the island. We're right at the gateway to Hamilton Island. That's one of my favourite things about this property: freedom – we were looking at quite a few other places when we bought on Hamilton Island but the freedom is really what drew me here. We come here around once a month and it's both somewhere to take family and friends and a private getaway, just for Carolyn and I. As she says, we have a little family here on Hamilton Island now. There are the neighbours, friends we've made with people who are on the island doing the same thing as us and we hang out with the residents who live here permanently. It's a great community.

There's always something going on. We always try to get up for Audi Hamilton Island Race Week in August and we are always here for the Christmas holidays. We fly in on Christmas Day and out again on New Year's Day, we love to be here for the celebrations, then we fly off for a bit of a ski. We stay home in Brisbane and spend Christmas morning with our daughter who is nearly 22 and then head up with our son who is almost 16, though he's getting to that age where he doesn't want to spend holidays with his mum and dad now. When the children were younger, there were always things on the island to keep them occupied – and we've always spent so much time out on the boat.

Even on the occasions when the weather's not great for the boat, we just play it by ear – there's always so much happening. The first island event that we ever went to was the Great Barrier Feast. The new restaurant *coca chu* is great – it's a wonderful spot to have dinner, as is *Bommie*. But our tradition is to hop off the plane and head straight to the *Marina Tavern* to eat – I love to look out over the marina and just wind down. Every chance she gets, Carolyn loves to check into *Spa qualia*. We de-stress, but I, personally also find the island a creative place. I'm a film director and I make large-scale television commercials. I have my hand in everything: I direct, I do the cinematography, I'm the Director of Photography as well. I do edit a lot of my own work – because I'm a bit of a control freak! – and I do a lot of my special effects. I am a one-stop-shop and there aren't that many of me, in the sense that I tend to work mostly on big projects. Many of the projects are based overseas so I travel a lot. Next Saturday I could be in India, blowing up a tuk-tuk or throwing people out of planes, or on a glacier with helicopters.

It's a cool job – but we never really know what my schedule is going to be like. I only get breaks every now and again so we have to take days off when we can. The island is so accessible though, we can hop off the plane and straight onto the boat and we can be here just for 24 hours sometimes and still feel like we've had a getaway. We're thinking about buying a house up in the bush on Hamilton Island next. Carolyn and I have lived on an acreage in Brisbane for many, many years and we're looking for space. We love the idea of just going off and losing ourselves in the bush. The Pavillion is great and it works for our lifestyle, and perhaps we'd keep that as well, but we're tooling up for the next 10 years now.

I am very fortunate and have an amazing work life, but, at the end of the day, Hamilton Island is where I want to escape. Though sometimes I do have to finish a job while I'm on the island and I'd love to have a proper office, big enough for all my monitors, the small cinema I need for editing – I could have clients come up to view work and stay with us and just enjoy the whole experience.



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Life in the two-storey Round House is next-level luxury standout from all angles. This is a rare opportunity (property-watchers have been waiting for this to hit the market for 10 years) to buy arguably one of the most unique properties on Hamilton Island. Designed by the lauded and awarded local specialists, Peter Conley & Associates, this four king-bedroom, six-bathroom, spectacularly north east appointed house is, round. The 180-degree views, afforded by its position crouching on the private outcrop of the eastern flank of One Tree Hill, soak up Catseye Beach and Whitsunday Island, home to another slice of paradise, Whitehaven Beach. Curved, white fluid-effect walls give the 1986-completed home a timelessly modern, Le Corbusier-meets-Mediterranean feel and creates wide, open spaces that are flooded with 12 hours of sunshine every day. A recent one million dollar renovation has included new floor-to-ceiling streamlined bi-fold doors that integrate the inside living areas with the outside. Quiet, private and catching

the tropical breeze, this is a home that naturally captures the wonders of the environment.

The RSVPs will come in fast as the Round House is built for entertaining and ticks every box as an investor's holiday rental. The 850sqm house comfortably sleeps 14 people, with the capacity to house four more in the studio-style caretaker's cottage within the 4,112sqm grounds. Importantly it has an impressive state-of-the-art, feast-friendly kitchen.

The Round House is currently booked up year-round by wedding parties; corporate groups and luxury seeking holidaymakers who want to experience a sanctuary, unlike any other – or just soak up the tropical sunset from the eight-seater spa and private, heated pool. The bedrooms, all upstairs, transition to the first-level living space and media room, naturally, by a curved stairway, while a lift and wheelchair access also join both levels of the home.

And, of course, the resort-style leisure facilities and tempting restaurants of Hamilton Island, are only a walk or golf buggy ride away.

Warning, friends and relatives will want to come and stay, but no one will ever want to leave.

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Pavillions #22

22/1 Airport Drive, Hamilton Island

FOR SALE. OFFERS FROM \$3,795,000 4  3  1 
Property Size: 417sqm

Developed by Lisa and Grant Kenny, this ground-floor apartment comprises a very private, bookend residency, offering the perfect blend of design and location, right on Hamilton Island Marina.

The luxurious single-level apartment has three king bedrooms and ensuite bathrooms, a fourth bunk bedroom / separate office, a state-of-the-art chef's kitchen fully-equipped with contemporary stainless steel appliances, spacious living areas opening on to a sprawling terrace, fold-away floor-to-ceiling windows, a media room and fully ducted air-conditioning system. The apartment also has a private fenced swimming pool, a private 25-metre marina berth which is finite for this complex and a four-seater buggy with private single-buggy garage.

Located right on the water's edge, capturing exclusive views of the marina and Whitsunday Islands, the apartment is within easy reach of the Island's facilities including restaurants, shops, resort activities and the airport.

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Casuarina Cove 14

1 Acacia Drive, Hamilton Island

FOR SALE. \$875,000 4 2 1
Property Size. 256sqm

This complex overlooks the Hamilton Island Yacht Club, and apartment 14 provides two large balconies just perfect for soaking up the views and entertaining. Your personal garage leads to the lower three bedrooms with shared bathroom and laundry. Upstairs is an open plan living, dining and kitchen area that opens to the outdoor dining area. The master bedroom and ensuite boasts comforting sea views and the complex also features a pool and sundeck. Casuarina Cove 14 is a popular holiday rental property with consistent returns.



Frangipani Lodge Apartment 006

20 Resort Drive, Hamilton Island

FOR SALE. \$699,000 2 2 1
Property Size. 134sqm

This beachfront open-plan apartment is perfect for holiday letting. The north facing aspect makes it the perfect place to capture the summer breeze. Located on the resort side of the island, activities, restaurants and Catseye Beach are all right at your doorstep, making this the ideal property for young families. Frangipani has always been popular with holiday rentals as the income potential is endless. This is a perfect lifestyle investment.



Poinciana Lodge Apartment 006

2 Marina Drive, Hamilton Island

FOR SALE. \$680,000 2 2 1
Property Size. 108sqm

North facing and centrally located, this fully furnished ground level apartment is within an easy stroll to the resort or marina precincts. The complex is set amongst leafy surrounds, with a lagoon-style pool, spa and barbecue area. A long time resident has tastefully renovated a one bedroom apartment into a two bedroom masterpiece, with an open plan ensuite in the master bedroom allowing the luxury of two bathrooms. The open kitchen, dining and living room leads out to a lawn area with glorious ocean views.



Heliconia Grove Apartment 12

1 Flametree Grove, Hamilton Island

FOR SALE. OFFERS FROM \$599,000 3 2 1
Property Size. 144sqm

The feel of a house with the comfort of Body Corporate Management. This three-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment set in tropical landscaped gardens comes with recently refurbished modern furniture. Sleeping six to eight people, the apartment is perfect for large families and provides excellent views over Dent Passage and beyond from your generous sized balcony, as well as a complex pool.

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Yacht Club Villa #2

HOLIDAY RENTALS. FROM \$990 PER NIGHT 4 4 1
Maximum Capacity. 8 people

Located in a private complex, within easy walking distance of the Marina Village, this luxurious villa enjoys spectacular views. Designed with an emphasis on sunlight, privacy and space, the villa includes an open plan living/dining room and gourmet kitchen, which flows directly onto the landscaped gardens and lagoon pool. The master suite on the top floor has stunning views and a private balcony. There are two additional double bedrooms with ensuites on the second floor and a fourth bedroom located on the ground floor. The perfect luxury retreat for families.



La Bella Waters #4

HOLIDAY RENTALS. FROM \$630 PER NIGHT 3 3 1
Maximum Capacity. 6 people

Situated on the quiet northern point of Hamilton Island, this stylishly appointed three bedroom, two level property offers beautiful views on all levels and balconies facing out to Whitsunday Island. Each bedroom has an ensuite, with the master bedroom also boasting a spa bath. The living areas are fully air-conditioned and a breezy outdoor entertainment area makes this the perfect place for families or friends holidaying together.



Oasis #11

HOLIDAY RENTALS. FROM \$455 PER NIGHT 3 2 1
Maximum Capacity. 8 people

Peaceful bushland views encompass this three bedroom property which is conveniently located only minutes from Hamilton Island's Marina Village. The property is fully air-conditioned with a spacious living area that opens out to the furnished balcony, allowing fresh tropical breezes to flow through. A full kitchen with all the necessities, generous bedrooms and a spa in the bathroom make this property a practical accommodation choice.



Whitsunday Apartment #E1106

HOLIDAY RENTALS. FROM \$257 PER NIGHT 1 1
Maximum Capacity. 5 people

Located directly opposite Catseye Beach, this fully renovated north facing apartment offers some of the best views on Hamilton Island. The modern kitchen features Caesarstone benchtops, full oven and stove top, plus a mini bar. There is a king size sofa bed, flat screen TV, air-conditioning and ceiling fans throughout and the main bedroom features a king size bed and a further single bed. The complex features a tropical pool and guest lounge area.

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