

IN BRIEF

Park rates highly

READERS of family tourism website HolidayswithKids.com.au have rated council's Cotton Tree Holiday Park as one of the top 10 in Queensland. The voters are asked to take into account the park's facilities, activities for kids, customer service, comfort, location, value for money and the overall experience. Cotton Tree Holiday Park was rated No.4 in Queensland and the second best in the south-east corner.

Workforce inequality

A REPORT released by Essential Research revealed Australians think men are more respected in a range of key professions. Essential Media communications director Peter Lewis said the findings highlighted there was still prejudice against women in many industries. The survey found Aussies thought men were more respected across a wide variety of jobs.

Afternoon Teal

THIS February, Ovarian Cancer Australia is calling on all Australians to know how they can help to reduce the impact of ovarian cancer and improve the outcomes for women and their families living with this insidious disease. Ovarian Cancer Australia's Afternoon Teal campaign encourages Australians to host a fundraising event for their friends, family or colleagues. Whether it's a high tea, picnic, golf day or gala dinner, anybody and everybody can get involved. Australians can also raise funds by wearing a Teal Ribbon throughout February – particularly on Teal Ribbon Day, February 24 – by purchasing a Teal Ribbon from Chemmart Pharmacies nationwide or from www.ovariancancer.net.au.



RAINBOW RACER: Judy Polkinghorne was the highest individual fundraiser, raising \$1460 for the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation.

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A colourful contribution

Mooloolaba woman the Color Run's highest individual fundraiser

By SOPHIE MEIXNER

A MOOLOOLABA first-time competitor in the Color Run has been named the event's highest individual fundraiser.

Judy Polkinghorne, who runs her overseas touring business from her home in Mooloolaba, raised \$1460 for the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation by participating in the 5km fun run on Saturday, January 16.

Judy has a close family member who has been affected by brain cancer and decided to enter the Color Run, at Caloundra Events Centre, to do what she could to help.

"On the Color Run website I saw that Cure Brain Cancer was one of the charities that was linked to it," Judy said.

"I was looking at ways I could get involved and I thought 'what a fun way to

do it, trying to get sponsors together and raise some money'."

She said the 5km non-competitive event, where competitors could expect to be doused with colourful dye throughout, was easy to run or walk and everyone was "so friendly".

"There's a dye party when you go through the colour stations and at the end everybody's given a packet of dye and a medal,"

she said.

"We do a countdown and everybody throws up their colour."

Judy said participating in the event and raising money for the important cause was her way to give back to doctors, health professionals and research scientists who were working to cure brain cancer.

"Anything I can do to promote their work and

raise funds for them I'll do," she said.

"Having really enjoyed raising funds this year, my plan is to put a team in next year."

Judy organises women's-only trips around the world for her business Girls On Tour, and will go to Antarctica in February.

Learn more about the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation at www.curebraincancer.org.au.

Division 7 candidate outlines campaign

SUNSHINE Coast resident Mike Deans, a candidate for Division 7, says he is running as a "true independent" at the March 19 council elections.

"It is important for communities to hold on to customary core values and beliefs and maintain their

time-honoured way of life, and a true independent will help them do just that," he said.

Asked for his definition of a "true independent" representative, Mr Deans said:

"It is someone who is transparent and

unwavering, and acts on the will of the people over their own individual opinions, beliefs or benefits."

Mr Deans said he had encountered many residents concerned the Sunshine Coast was turning into "another Gold Coast".

Mr Deans said residents

were telling him their voices were not being heard and the future of the Sunshine Coast was being shaped with "little to no input from its community".

Mr Deans said he believed it was "time to reshape our local council with true independent

representatives".

"I will work towards making council more transparent to the community, and encourage all residents in the division to obtain copies of their local town plans and provide input on issues that affect them," he said.

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