

Drink leads to glassing

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Murwillumbah man charged while victim has surgery on Gold Coast

A MAN has been charged and another underwent emergency surgery yesterday after an alleged glassing at a Murwillumbah hotel this week.
About 3pm Thursday the two men were drinking in an outdoor area of a hotel on Wharf Street when they allegedly be-

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came involved in a physical altercation.
During the incident one of the men allegedly struck the other to the side of the head while holding a schooner glass. As a result a 37-year-old Fernvale man suffered a

wound to his cheek, arterial bleeding and possible nerve damage.
Police from Tweed Byron Local Area Command and New South Wales Ambulance paramedics responded to the incident.
The man was taken to Murwillumbah District Hospital before being transferred to the Gold

Coast Hospital for yesterday's surgery.
The second man allegedly left the scene prior to the arrival of emergency services.
Following investigations, a 35-year-old Murwillumbah man attended Murwillumbah Police Station about 11.30am yesterday.

He was arrested and taken to Tweed Heads Police Station where he was charged with reckless wounding, assault occasioning actual bodily harm and affray.
He has been granted condition bail to appear at Murwillumbah Local Court on Wednesday, November 17.
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Car parks stay

● PARKING restrictions around The Tweed Hospital will not be tightened despite a request to Tweed Shire Council's local traffic committee for one-hour parking in Buchanan Avenue. Council staff claimed extended restrictions would only push parked vehicles further into residential streets. The committee decided tougher restrictions were not warranted.

Call for crossing

● TWEED Shire Council traffic engineers are considering building a new pedestrian refuge on Leisure Drive, west of Advocate Place at Banora Point. The council's local traffic committee was told many elderly people who live in the area must cross the road to use a bus stop and the volume and speed of vehicles was making that hazardous.

Donate blood

● THE Australian Red Cross Blood Service will be in Coolangatta next week. Appointments are available in the mobile van outside the Coolangatta Surf Life Saving Club on Tuesday, from 10am - 3pm; Wednesday from 11am - 4pm; Thursday, from 1pm - 7pm and both Friday, and November 6 from 9am - 3pm. All times listed are DST. To book an appointment call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au.

Blooms on show

● TWEED Heads Civic Centre will host the 16th annual Orchid Show next Friday and Saturday. More than 20 traders will be selling orchids, bromeliads, begonias, frangipanis and growing accessories. The show is supported by the Orchid Societies of the Gold Coast and Tweed. Refreshments will be available. For more information contact Tom on 0438 864 975.

Tanks for the creative push

By Jack Campbell
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A GIANT underwater photograph of the Great Barrier Reef has ideas flowing at the Australian Tourist Park Management's new office in Coolangatta.

An increase in staff numbers saw the business, which manages and leases holiday parks and resorts across the country, move into the Showcase on the Beach building earlier this month. "It was all because we needed the space," said ATPM managing director Steve Billett.

The new think tank room, which features a picture of the Great Barrier Reef in reference to their holiday park in Cairns, was inspiring staff to think outside the box.

"We wanted to be more informal because we've never had a separate meeting room, just offices with hard walls," said Mr



IDEA INCUBATOR: Inspiring ideas in the workplace with this "think tank" zone.

Billett. "We used to just go into each others offices and talk, but the new room gets us all together. "It's alive, it's fresh and it's bold. It creates a friendly atmosphere."

Mr Billett said the company had employed three staff within three months, bringing their number of employees up to 26.

"We used to be spread over two levels and it was much harder to manage.

"We don't have a lot of foot traffic but we get a lot of surprise visits and now have separate areas for training managers and presentations."

The new office is on the first level and has super sized images of the parks they manage posted on the walls.

Mr Billett said the new space would allow ATPM to grow its clientele into the future.



BUBBLING AWAY: In the Think Tank - Mellissa Coady, Kelly Foley, Steve Billett and Doug Wells.

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