



GROWING CAMPUS: Head of Shoalhaven Campus Robbie Collins.



SISTER ACT: Leonie Clay and Julie Woodall from My Travel Expert want to help you see the world.



DEVELOPMENT: The Office Connection's Kathleen Morris can help you streamline your small business.



EXPERIENCED: Nikki Cooper has over 11 years' recruitment industry experience.

Education opens doors

AS an influential female figure, Robbie Collins is well aware of her duty to inspire women.

"For me, it's all about that sense of community opportunity. You create your own future by engaging in education that opens doors," she said.

"We don't know what jobs are going to be around in the next 10-15 years, so an education that creates options and teaches you how to be someone who can be a flexible, creative learner, is crucial."

Robbie, who has held the position of Head of Shoalhaven Campus since 2003, is a great believer in giving everyone access to education.

"The most rewarding part of my job is watching the campus grow and seeing the changes happen in the community," she said.

"I really believe that what is going on at the campus is significant for the whole of the Shoalhaven. It creates opportunities for people in general, and women especially."

"Nearly every leadership role on this campus is held by a woman – it's fantastic!" she said.

"The medical school, the nursing school, the library, the cafe – women run them all. There are more and more women moving into leadership roles."

Robbie herself was recently promoted to Associate Professor based on her innovative work with UOW in the Shoalhaven.

A place to connect

NOWRA'S Travelscene is now My Travel Expert and the team is dedicated to fulfilling your travel needs.

Owned by sisters Leonie Clay and Julie Woodall since 2011, the pair have over 50 years' combined experience in the industry and say they are committed to delivering a high standard of service to the Shoalhaven.

Mrs Clay said their business has received many awards over the years including the Shoalhaven Business Chamber's outstanding new business and highly commended award for excellence in service in 2013.

"We continually set ourselves and our team goals and we are proud to achieve them," she said.

"And now we have joined forces with helloworld, Australia's largest travel agency group."

My Travel Expert has recently created a new and exciting travel program especially designed for the single travelling woman.

"We started the Shoalhaven Solo Sisters program late last year," she said.

"It began as a result of inquiries from women who are single by choice or by circumstance and wanted to travel but were hindered by cost and lack of travel companions."

"We are offering some great choices, from a shopping experience in Melbourne to culinary delights in Vietnam."

"The Solo Sisters program has been very well received so far and women are clamouring for it. It can be very empowering for some women to be a part of this."

Shoalhaven women, this is your chance for empowerment and to connect with others with My Travel Expert's Shoalhaven Solo Sisters.

The best for business

KATHLEEN Morris from The Office Connection in North Street, Nowra aims to increase the profitability of your business by taking care of things you don't have time for.

After five years of owning her business, Mrs Morris knows the challenges that come along with small businesses.

"The Office Connection has been around for 20 years and there have been many changes in that time. We focus on technology to make our services continually relevant to our clients," she said.

"We have a great team here who are continuously working to diversify the services we offer and promote our telephone support services – this has been a major development for us over the last 12 months."

"Our reports show us that these services are a great way to grow businesses and keep competitive in the changing business environment."

Mrs Morris said as a business owner and manager she has met a lot of interesting people and had the opportunity to be an entrant and judge in the Shoalhaven Business Awards.

"The Office Connection has definitely facilitated numerous job placements for mature and experienced business women in the area and this is a hugely satisfying part of the business," she said.

"There are also a lot of opportunities for young ladies here, as we have progressed a number of trainees through their Certificates III and IV in Administration."

"We have a very collaborative environment and all work as a team to continue growing as a business and to give our clients the best possible service."

Finding staff made easy

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It delivers affordable, innovative and effective recruitment services to all industry sectors, specifically aimed to supply highly skilled, experienced and qualified candidates who most importantly are motivated to work.

Helping businesses streamline their recruitment processes and take the hassle out of finding staff is what they do best.

Nikki has a passion for recruitment and thrives on matching candidates to clients while maintaining a cost-effective, honest and professional service.

Her experience is varied and includes recruitment consulting (both permanent and temporary), business development, resourcing, advertising and labour-hire.

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