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COTTON TREE COUTURE

Kelly Butler, acrylic artist, interiors specialist and owner of Conspicuous boutique in Cotton Tree, has added another string to her bow. She has combined her knitting and crocheting prowess with her astute eye for style to create a stunning line of scarves and beanies using superior wools, silks, vintage buttons and other embellishments. The high-end designs will feature in glossy weekly magazine *Grazia* in coming weeks, with an influx of orders coming in from galleries and stores on the Australian ski slopes. However, it is the local response that overwhelms Kelly. "I've been a bit shocked about how Coast people have been taken

with them," she says. "I thought they might be unsuitable for our climate but I guess there are so many people here who travel." In other news, Kelly is taking her partnership with Linda Nogara from Italia Boutique a step further as they create their own precinct called Europa in the current Conspicuous outlet in Sixth Ave. Both stores will continue to operate as their own entities, but Italia will move over from Mooloolaba's First Ave, with Linda's international designer clothing and accessories labels complementing Kelly's designer shoes, bags, and own collection. Details: 5451 1316.

CAFE CULTURE

The Cafe Envy brand is expanding. As well as moving into catering, owner Nicole Hoffman is opening a second cafe at 3/26 Brisbane Rd, Mooloolaba. "We noticed there was a hole in the market when it came to light dine-in-meal options at a place with atmosphere," she says. "There are takeaway shops and there are supermarket restaurants, but we wanted to offer a cosy place to grab an affordable bite." Just like her existing Cotton Tree cafe, the new site will mix art with cuisine. "Every month we will exhibit new works from local artists," says Nicole, who wants to expand across south-east Queensland. The cafe will open seven days from 6.30am-5pm. Details: envycfe.com.au

IN THE MODE

Mode Design has opened a Coast studio in the Capital Place Building at Lake Kawana. The architecture firm, which also has offices in Brisbane, Sydney, Darwin and the Gold Coast, already has strong links with the area. Office manager Tim Boag says more recent projects have included the Caribbean apartments, St Kitts, Stockland Park and the Montego's on the Bay precinct. "Kawana is the growth centre of the Coast and our new studio provides huge opportunities to expand our areas of architectural expertise, which include affordable housing, health, education and master planning," he says. Details: www.modedesign.com.au

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