



## New tone in teams

**T**EACHING government workers, international students and other novices how to play the didjeridu is about much more than them just learning a musical instrument for Scott Estrich.

Scott, who runs BushLab on the Sunshine Coast, offers "corporate didjding" where he teaches conference delegates and international visitors how to play the didjeridu as a team building and workplace training strategy.

Scott taught didjeridu in Europe for 10 years before returning to South-East Queensland and setting up BushLab in Noosa.

He leads conference delegates at venues in Noosa and other parts of the Sunshine Coast in team building exercises involving the didjeridu and teaching about Aboriginal culture.

He said the exercise aimed to break down barriers and make people challenge assumptions about their own and their colleagues' abilities.

"There is total disbelief and total surprise when they realise that they can in fact play," Scott said.

"People who have attended conferences have often said: I



Picture: Bob Gould Photography

**INDIGENOUS BUSINESS:** Didjeridu player Scott Estrich is teaching business people a thing or two about building teams.

didn't know I had this in me'. "It's a great insight for a lot of people."

He said the didjeridu, which had an "awesome primitive energy" drew people together and made them feel good about themselves.

He said corporate didjding provided international

conference groups with a unique Australian cultural experience during their business stay.

For Australian business conferences, it offered a unique opportunity to come closer as a team to experience playing "an endeared cultural icon".

He said laughter was an important element of the sessions.

"It's about people breaking down barriers and having a laugh - they make some pretty embarrassing noises sometimes."

See [www.bushlab.com](http://www.bushlab.com) or phone 0403 404 492.

## Movers & Shakers

### Smart designers

NOOSA designers have been invited to apply for the 2008 Smart State Designer of the Year award.

The award is part of a larger program run by the DIA and renamed qdos (Queensland Designers on Show). The winner will receive a \$5000 travel bursary.

Entries for the qdos 2008 awards and the Smart State Designer of the Year close on Friday, February 22, 2008. See [www.qdosawards.com](http://www.qdosawards.com).

### Sites for sale

TWO prominent industrial sites will be auctioned in Noosa on December 13. Noosa Council is selling a 5019sq m site at 123 Emundi Rd, Noosaville, which could be suitable for multiple retail or industrial businesses.

Ray White Commercial Noosa marketing agents Paul Forrest and Paul Butler said the property was a high-profile, corner allotment on a busy roundabout, with a 132sq m frontage to Emundi Rd and Walter Hay Drive.

The second allotment, at Lot 34 Lionel Donovan Drive, Noosaville, is suitable for retail or industrial businesses.

### JPs at Plaza

THE Noosa Branch of the Queensland Justices Association is setting up a new signing centre on Saturday mornings at the Noosa Junction Plaza Shopping Centre, 10am to 12 noon, commencing on December 1 (opposite the IGA).

There will be two JPs on duty each Saturday. Any JP wishing to help please phone 5471 0671.



**STUDY HARD:** USC student Nina Gehrke.

## Students explore their options

NOOSA students hoping to attend the University of the Sunshine Coast can attend a free information evening and barbecue on Wednesday, December 19.

The USC Options Evening runs from 4.30-8pm and will give prospective students the chance to talk one-on-one with academics and admissions staff about study options, new degrees, studying overseas, scholarships and finance.

Current students will lead guided tours of the campus, and information will be available about the University's nationally-recognised student support services and its award-winning Global Opportunities (GO) program.

A financial support seminar from 6pm will explain the costs involved in tertiary study, and outline the various scholarships and bursaries

available to USC students.

Following that, an admissions seminar at 7pm will show students how they can improve their chances of getting into the degree course that they want.

To register for the evening, or find out more phone 5456 5000 or email [options@usc.edu.au](mailto:options@usc.edu.au). Course information is available on the web at [www.usc.edu.au/](http://www.usc.edu.au/) options.