

Interview with a local



Katie Wood – property manager at Century 21

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During our research of Maroochydore, we spoke to one of the lovely property managers at Century 21, Katie, who sang Maroochydore's praises.

How long have you lived here?

I have lived on the Sunshine Coast for over 12 years now, have been in Property Management for 18 years and I have worked in the Noosa area for 9-10 years and Maroochydore for 2-3 years.

Have you noticed any changes in the area?

Lots of infrastructure changes in the CBD. Higher quality of restaurants, cafes and lots more money being spent in the area. I have noticed how much more in demand this area has become, even in just the last 12 months and how much busier this area has become. The airport expansion I believe is something that will make the coast grow even further and I am all for this. I have also noticed the demand for rentals has changed recently in this area, and all properties are letting quickly and the quality of the tenants are better.

What is your favourite thing about area?

That is hard to pin down to one thing. From a personal point of view, I like the fact that you can go to the amazing beaches that we have and (being a mum to a 5 year old) the facilities in Maroochydore area compared to that of Noosa are far better, i.e. parks and restaurant friendly kids zones, but then you have the Hinterland just moments away!

What kind of people do you think are attracted to the area?

There is not one set type of person. There is a huge mix of people. Families, couples, professionals, high investors, first home buyers, retired people, famous people. The mix is amazing and that is simply due to what this area has to offer. So many Sydney and Melbourne buyers are purchasing homes up this way to rent out with the future plan of retiring this way. The coast also has an amazing reputation for good schools and that is attracting families. Brisbane folk who want the Brisbane income yet the Sunshine Coast lifestyle are moving this way also. I have so many friends from different walks of life that live up this way that I could not pin it on one particular type of person/people.

What's your favourite eatery in Maroochydore?

For breakfast it has to be The Velo Project – it is an old converted car garage I think, but it does the best food, but you do have to wait to get a table as it is so popular. For dinner Orleans on Duporth Avenue does the best seafood gumbo and goats cheese and the best Pinot Noir, but with that said I love Black Bunny too.

Where would you grab a beer or wine?

Black Bunny is a cool place to grab a beer as they have live music and the same with Orleans, you can sit outside and have a quiet beer or wine, good wines there! The best view is The Boat Shed at Cotton tree and having sunset cocktails there is the best.

What does your typical weekend look like?

Depends on what you like to do. There are hikes, markets, the beach, or you can go up into the Hinterland more up Maleny way to the waterfalls, mountain climbs such as Coolool or Pomona or you can venture up to Noosa to do the National Park walk to Hells gates.

What would you say makes the area special?

Unique, I would say that depends on what you are looking for as an individual person. Personally for me the uniqueness is the accessibility to everything you want. So Brisbane has the city, but not beaches. Noosa has the beaches but not the shops and us on the Coast have both. We have the uniqueness of beaches, hinterland, shops and if we want Brisbane is just over an hour away.

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