

Travelling very nicely



THE Young Professionals Gold Coast and tourism heavyweights of the city joined forces on Wednesday at the new Bazaar Restaurant, QT Hotel, for a lively lunch and discussion entitled Tourism 2011 – Where Are We Now?

Gold Coast Tourism boss Mark Winter, Tourism Queensland PR Shelley Winkel, QT Hotel executive Dave Galvin and Bully editor Dean Gould put up arguments on the impact of floods, cyclones, earthquakes in Japan, rogue operators and a strong Aussie dollar.

Heated interest by all with great food and wine – and then back to work, like good young professionals.

Right: Belinda Crofts and Evi Knoeckel



Louise McGregor, Jane Howlett and Melinda Harrison

Music of the night moves fans



Trisha Crowe



Adrienne O'Connor, Michael Cormick and Raine O'Connor

MUSICAL theatre lovers packed the auditorium of the Lyric Theatre on Wednesday night when The Music and Theatre of Andrew Lloyd Webber was performed.

You can either view this as a best-of performance or, as one (male) wag quipped, "This saved me 60 hours of sitting in a

theatre watching all the shows".

Maybe we were biased because one of our own gifted Gold Coast sopranos, Kirsten Hobbs, was sensational, especially when she and Trisha Crowe performed the duet from Requiem.

With clever use of giant screens, graphics, a live orches-

tra and beautiful young singers, this concert would have thrilled the lovers of Andrew Lloyd Webber's music.

However, the night belonged to the stars, Michael Cormick and Delia Hannah, for their moving performances in excerpts from Phantom of the Opera and Cats.

Book inspires friendship

THE power of the printed word!

Karen Phillip's recently published book, *Women's Words*, has been the cause of an extraordinary connection with Perth woman Rachel Cribbon, who is battling breast cancer.



The book was given to Rachel by her mother as a present to provide inspiration as she went through her treatment and the trauma of a mastectomy.

In a spooky coincidence, Karen (pictured) then received a Google alert because Rachel wrote on her blog how she was reading one of the inspirational stories from the book each day to help her through her treatments.

Karen read the blog, discovered that Rachel was coming to the Gold Coast for a holiday and they arranged to meet up.

Lunch at Glass, a visit to Palazzo Versace and the two formed a close friendship started by the gift of a book.

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