

NEW APPOINTMENTS

SAMANTHA KENNEDY

AFTER a 10-month maternity leave break, Samantha Kennedy is back at the helm as Telstra's area general manager for the Gold Coast. She returns to the senior role which saw her oversee the opening of Telstra's new \$9 million Gold Coast headquarters at Varsity Lakes. She relieves acting area general manager Adrian Parfitt who managed the team in her absence.



JONATHAN KINDERMAN

EXPERIENCED sales executive Jonathan Kinderman will push the Hyatt Regency Sanctuary Cove offerings to the lucrative NSW conference market in his new role with the five-star resort. Appointed sales executive NSW conference market, Kinderman brings widespread experience working in several different roles for Hayman Island and Park Hyatt Sydney.



HAEMISH COUTTS

HAEMISH Coutts has been appointed Telstra Countrywide's local business sales manager. He recently moved to the Gold Coast after filling telecommunications roles in Sydney for Telstra, AsiaNetcom and Nippon Telecom. Coutts also worked for EnergyAustralia managing the Direct (D2D) and Telesales channels for NSW, ACT and Victoria.



BARRIE MEERKIN

BARRIE Meerkin has joined Michael Sing Lawyers to head the firm's corporate law department. Meerkin has more than 30 years legal experience and is admitted to practice in Queensland, Victoria, England, Wales and Hong Kong. He has worked for some of the largest law firms in the world, often overseeing settlements and syndications for major banks.



CHANTEL CHARCHALIS

VOLUNTEERING Gold Coast has appointed Chantel Charchalis as marketing and public relations officer. Charchalis has a strong marketing background having completed a bachelor of business degree in marketing and management and event planning. As well as her academic accomplishments, she has been an active volunteer with local RSPCA animal shelter each week.



JOHN DAWKINS

ACCOUNTANT and registered business valuer John Dawkins has joined the Benchmark Business and Commercial Sales team as a broker. Dawkins has sold more than 700 businesses throughout Queensland since 1990. By the age of 27 he had built and owned a group of companies in Southern Africa including a chain of 68 music retail outlets.



GREG FOX

FORMER professional basketball player Greg Fox has joined VIP Festivals as business manager. Fox most recently worked on the Australian Sports Commission's Active After-school communities program. At VIP he will promote a variety of premium ticket opportunities for music concerts and festivals. Fox will also be heavily involved in VIP's sister company Coastal Logistics.



BREE NOONAN

FORMER Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre communications manager Bree Noonan has been appointed director of community relations at Ashmore's Trinity Lutheran College. Noonan looks forward to returning to the education sector after previously working as a senior marketing coordinator for Bond University prior to her role with the GCCEC.



LAURA YOUNGER

Australian Timeshare and Holiday Ownership Council (ATHOC) general manager and Surfers Paradise-Broadbeach Chamber vice-president Laura Younger has become chairman of Surfers Paradise Alliance. Taking over from Graeme Downie after a decade in the role, Younger is excited about the opportunities ahead for the organisation.



MIRANDA GRACE

SPONSORSHIP manager Miranda Grace has joined the Surfers Paradise Alliance team with the goal of attracting sponsors to Surfers Paradise events. Most recently a sponsorship account manager at Tennis Australia, Grace has more than 15 years marketing and sponsorship experience. She was marketing services manager at Essendon Football Club.



JANN TIMMS

JANN Timms has been appointed to two peak franchising committees. Timms, who is national sales and marketing manager for the print franchise group Worldwide Online Printing, was appointed to the Queensland State Committee of the Franchise Council of Australia (FCA). She is also one of nine new members elected to the national FCA Women in Franchising Committee.



TIM SAYER

THE Gold Coast Marine Centre at Coomera has appointed former Riviera director of sales and marketing Tim Sayer as general manager. Sayer will join the business during a strong growth phase and is committed to making sure customers enjoy the experience at the centre. Grant McMahon, also formerly from Riviera, joins the company as yard manager.

