

Potential Talent List



Bowen Mayor Mike Brunker

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Famous for his passion for the Whitsundays region, Bowen Mayor Mike Brunker is the main spokesperson for the town.



Owner of Jochheim's Pies Merle Jochheim

Address: 49 George Street, Bowen

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Seventy-two year old Merle Jochheim of Jochheim's Pies, is a Bowen matriarch and descendent of the town's founding father. Renowned for 'selling Bowen' to Baz Luhrmann, Merle will happily recall her many encounters with the stars and proudly show visitors the pie shop's 'wall of fame' with photos of the cast, crew and locals.



Australia Movie Volunteers Clare Stocker and Gordon Jensen

Clare Stocker - Ph: (07) 4785 1037

Gordon Jensen - Ph: (07) 4786 1221

Clare Stocker and Gordon (Meatball) Jensen were two of the approximately 100 Australia Movie Volunteers who acted as guides on set for the thousands of tourists that visited Bowen hoping to catch a glimpse of a Hollywood star. Both have great stories to tell about what happened to Bowen when Hollywood took over and the 'Baz Buzz' gripped town.



Owner of the Summergarden Theatre Ben De Luca

Address: 40 Murroona Road, Queens Beach, Bowen

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Summergarden Theatre Owner Ben De Luca knows more about the movie *Australia* than most, as his cinema was the cutting room floor for Baz Luhrmann and his crew while they were in Bowen. He met all the stars, cast and crew on many occasions when they were visiting the cinema with their family and friends and organised private screenings for Hugh Jackman, Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban.



Owner/Head Chef of Anchors @ the Club Colin Oatley

Address: 1 Starboard Drive, Bowen

Ph: (07) 4786 5222

Bowen's yacht club, Anchors @ the club was a popular dining spot for many of the stars of *Australia* including Hugh Jackman, Nicole Kidman, Baz Luhrmann, Catherine Martin, Bryan Brown, David Wenham and Ben Mendelsohn. Restaurant Owner Colin Oatley has many stories about his encounters with the stars and is also very knowledgeable about Bowen's fantastic fishing industry.