



**YOUNG GUN:
MELISSA LOVENBURY**

ALTHOUGH SHE DOESN'T ADVERTISE IT MELISSA'S HUMBLE BEGINNINGS STARTED IN "THE SWITCH" OR IPSWICH AS IT IS MORE COMMONLY KNOWN. MOVING TO THE COAST AT THE TENDER AGE OF 5 MELISSA ARRIVED IN MAROOCHYDORE WITH HER WITH HER TWO BROTHERS; MICHAEL AND STEVEN, AND HER MOTHER AND FATHER NOELENE AND BILL KLUPFEL.

Attending both Maroochydore state primary and high school Melissa first discovered she "liked the whole numbers thing" in senior school. Graduating high school with an overall position of 3, Mel as she's known to her friends, knew her future was bound for the

business sector. This love of business quickly evolved into a passion for Accounting. Spending her first year of study at Sunshine Coast University Mel then transferred to QUT where she completed the remaining two years of her Accounting Degree. Always looking for her next challenge Mel organized a few weeks work experience with a local Accounting firm; this exposure later proved to be invaluable when she was offered a permanent role at the completion of her study.

Mel then spent the next three years honing her accounting and interpersonal skills which so many of her clients now enjoy. "I love helping people to grow their business... accountants aren't just there to crunch the numbers it's about helping them to realize their professional and personal goals".

Fast forward six years and Mel is due to celebrate her 3rd anniversary with Matt Richards at Accounting North. "I love my job, Accounting North is a great place to work, Matt is continually providing us with training, and helping us to manage a good work and life balance!

A "weather girl" of sorts, Mel particularly loves Tax planning... "put simply its all about forecasting; my responsibility is to prepare clients financial statements in order to estimate their tax liability come 30 June, from here we can we provide strategy and direction, this is the stuff I like'!

So whilst most 26 year olds are moving back home for the second or third time, Mel is enjoying growing and developing many local businesses; one of which is the well known coast restaurant "The Boat Shed".

Mary -Anne Sproule the restaurant owner was more than happy to offer her opinion of Mel; "she knows what you're going to say before you do... Mel has been an invaluable asset to us, she's great with the accounting stuff, but more importantly we talk all the time and get along extremely well".

In the midst of managing her career, Mel managed to plan a wedding and tie the knot with Paul Lovenbury. Together Mr. and Mrs. Lovenbury now own two properties and continue to seek new challenges, experiences and opportunities.

When asked what contributed to her success, Mel simply replied "a bit of luck, hard work and great support"

And she's only 26...

Melissa Lovenbury Fast facts

- 26 years old
- Married
- Fur children (Mia 2 year old Silky terrier)
- optimist
- 2 properties
- Professional Accountant
- "not fully generation y"
- Scuba diving enthusiast
- Believes you have to earn your stripes.

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