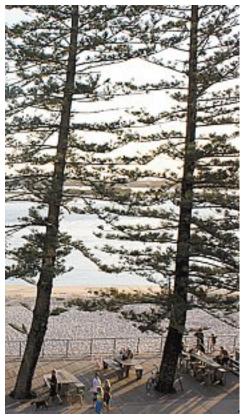


The pool area at Caloundra's Rumba Resort. Picture: Supplied



The view from one of the balcony's at the Caloundra Rumba Resort. Picture: Supplied

Rumba provides tonic for something special

By STEVE ETWELL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

IN desperate need of a break, we made our way to Caloundra's Rumba Resort.

And it was exactly the tonic we needed.

As Caloundra's only five-star resort, we were expecting something special — and Rumba did not disappoint.

The family came along for the weekend and we luxuriated in a three-bedroom apartment overlooking Bulcock Beach.

This apartment was gloriously finished and furnished and its proximity to the beach (about 10 metres) made it a haven for our

The resort is set up around a series a terrific pools and it's not hard to spend a bit of quality time at the bar in between

The apartment really was a

It had massive plasma TVs, the latest in kitchen appliances, a huge spa in one of the huge ensuites, two bathrooms, a huge lounge-living area and a large balcony.

In fact, everything you could possibly want.

The location provided everything else most important for a relaxing weekend.

There was sun, surf, sand and great restaurants — all within metres of the resort which is only metres from Bulcock Beach on the Esplanade.

It is an ideal spot for families – a patrolled beach that is well protected from wind and rough

It's a delightful spot and plenty of families make it their weekend destination.

The esplanade is dotted with plenty of tables and barbecues and the evening draws crowds of visitors and locals to enjoy this

most salubrious spot.

The pools are a real feature at Rumba and life at the resort flows around them.

They are stunning.

The resort has been open for 12 months and still has that brand new feel.

Everything works, shines and makes you feel pampered. We left very reluctantly but

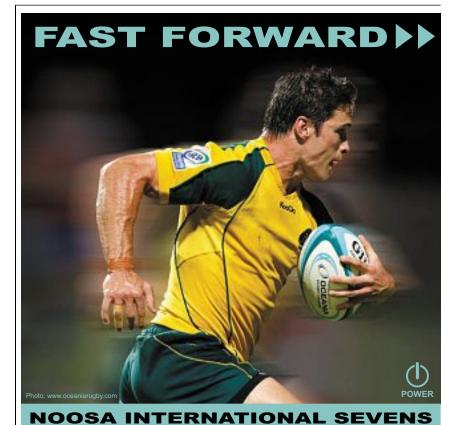
certainly will return. Rumba Resort is an easy drive from Toowoomba and the Downs and has much to recommend it as a destination.

The atmosphere is friendly and relaxed — much preferable to the more frenetic pace of other beach resorts and locales along the Sunshine Coast.

The writer was a guest at Rumba Resort

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