

■ Tabatinga . . .

Mini golf now back in Coffs at new entertainment centre

GET SET Coffs Coast, mini-golf is about to make a return to the entertainment scene around town.

A new look family entertainment centre has opened in the Bray Street complex, next to the Cinema 5 building. Already, it's creating a buzz of excitement.

Tabatinga, named after a village on the banks of the Amazon River in South America, is a rainforest themed venue complete with a nine-hole 'glow-in-the-dark' mini-golf course, balladium ball-blasting arena, children's soft play area, an arcade games zone, a cafe serving hot and cold snack foods and private party rooms.

Tabatinga co-owners Cathy and Brian Parker are proud of the new centre. "Everyone is blown away from the moment they walk through the doors," Cathy said.

"Our focus has been on quality attractions and themeing which creates the perfect atmosphere for a fun-filled adventure. And it's not just the kids having fun – parents and adults are joining in on the action so it's smiles and laughs all round."

The rainforest themed mini-golf is an experience that is out of this world, Cathy said. The indoor glow-

in-the-dark nine-hole golf course is a challenge and adventure, as you putt your way around the course, walking through an Amazon rainforest encountering all manner of creatures and sounds along the way.

"You will have never played a round of golf like this . . . it's truly an out of this world experience."

The Balladium is a high energy, interactive, action packed air cannon gaming system. Two teams of up to five players each, score points by hitting sensor targets while being blasted by their opponents. Also in a blacklight environment, the artistry, dramatic colours and music leaves players mesmerized.

Young children are not forgotten at Tabatinga with separate Jungle Gym soft play areas for toddlers and children up to 10 years of age. The three-level structure encourages active play in a fun and safe environment.

The concept was assisted by Julianne Cusumano of JVPlay, the Australian agents for many overseas amusement innovators and manufacturers with the Tabatinga attractions coming from the USA and Canada.

Tabatinga is a perfect fit for The Coffs Coast area due to the growing



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demand for quality and affordable family entertainment as well as an alternative place for hosting special events like birthday parties, team parties, corporate team building, church groups, field trips and fundraisers.

Entry to Tabatinga is free, with a user pay system for the attractions. There are double deals, triple treats, family rates and group discounts, and the free Super Saver Card offers more than \$20 in discounts to regular users.

Tabatinga, in the Bray Street Complex between the Greenhouse Tavern and the Cinema 5 building, is open daily from 9.30am. For more information phone 6658 0924 or visit the web site, www.tabatinga.com.au