

## Winners to be named

THE winners of a Pathways small business competition will be announced at a business forum on December 14.

The four winners will give presentations on their business success stories.

Seats for the event – held at the Wantima Country Club – can be booked through Pine Rivers Shire Council's website.

Up to \$5000 worth of business coaching will be up for grabs along with accommodation and website-related help.

# Santa's countdown

THE Christmas spirit is alive and well in North Lakes.

The community is abuzz with festive cheer.

Hundreds turned out to make sure Father Christmas got a special welcome when he made his grand entrance in the community. He has now taken up temporary residence in the Westfield shopping centre.

Santa and his merry band of loyal helpers are being worked overtime by beaming children eager to get their special Christmas requests in before the big day, December 25.



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■ Santa has taken up temporary residence in Westfield at North Lakes

## Cleaner, friendlier products for babies

AN ORGANIC and eco-friendly store aimed at babies and toddlers has become one of the latest businesses to open its doors at North Lakes.

The shop, called Eco Child, is the second for owner and concept designer Carly Earl, after opening a similar on the Sunshine Coast about a year ago.

It offers everything from biodegradable nappies to organic manchester and skincare products, prams, cots, change tables and car seats.

"(Our) point of difference lies in being a complete store for baby and toddler needs, with a specialty in organic and environmentally-friendly products," Ms Earl said.

"Customers are surprised when they discover just how toxic nurseries can be for infants.

"For example, most mattresses are made of PVC, polyester and foam that is doused with flame-retardant chemicals and PBDE's (polybrominated diphenyl ethers).

"These chemicals are considered to be so toxic that in 2008 the state of California will ban them."

## Review set for premier

NORTH Lakes' Jam Performing Arts will present its first dance revue tonight at the Redcliffe Cultural Centre at 7.30pm.

The two-hour dance spectacular will feature over 80 students aged from three to 18 in a variety of styles including jazz, funk, tap, musical theatre and classical.

Tickets are available at the Cultural Centre booking office or by calling 3283 0407



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■ Santa's helpers celebrate his arrival

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