



Coolabah Tree Cafe's Jenny Atkinson (left) and Cindy Mackenzie Breast Cancer Foundation's Alisa Charlton enjoy their pink drinks. PHOTO: Greg Miller/1944

Paint the town pink

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HEY are pretty in pink. The employees at the Coolabah Tree Cafe in Nambour Plaza have transformed the café from its usual orange glow to pink in support of Pinktober and the Cindy Mackenzie Breast Cancer Foundation. Owner Jenny Atkinson said this was the first year the café's employees had publicly supported a charity. "Cindy was a close personal friend of mine so the cause is very close to my heart," she said. "We are just doing our little bit to help raise awareness of the foundation in Nambour. I would

Fast facts

- Buy one of the four 'pink' drinks from the Coolabah Tree Cafe in Nambour Plaza and \$1 will be donated to the Cindy Mackenzie Breast Cancer Foundation.
- People can also purchase Pinktober merchandise including pink ribbons, pens and wrist bands or can just simply make a cash donation.
- For more information about the Foundation visit www.cmbcf.com.au or phone 1300 55 77 10.

really like to see everyone get on-board and support this fantastic cause," she said. Wearing pink t-shirts amongst a sea of pink balloons and streamers, Jenny and her staff are selling pink drinks and merchandise for the month of October to help raise

funds for the Foundation. "From every pink drink sold we are donating \$1 to the Foundation," Jenny said. "We are also selling Pinktober merchandise, so I hope people get involved, come along and buy something."

Foundation co-founder and vice president Kylie Perkin said Pinktober focussed on raising further awareness for the Foundation and its work within the Coast community to support local families living with breast cancer. One in three Australians is diagnosed with some form of cancer and one in eight Australians will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Jenny said the Foundation provided great support to Coast breast cancer sufferers and their families. "Cancer touches people in different ways. It turns lives upside down but it's important to remember there are so many success stories as well," she said.