

Back in business

■ STEVE Woodrow is back behind his desk at David Deane Real Estate, Strathpine.

After eight months touring Australia, Mr Woodrow has returned to a new role, as general manager of the Gympie Rd business.

He will take over from principal David Deane, who is taking six-months of "long-service leave".

"I'm fortunate to have Steve back and am going to take time to clear my head a little and come back refreshed," Mr Deane said.

Mr Woodrow, who returned

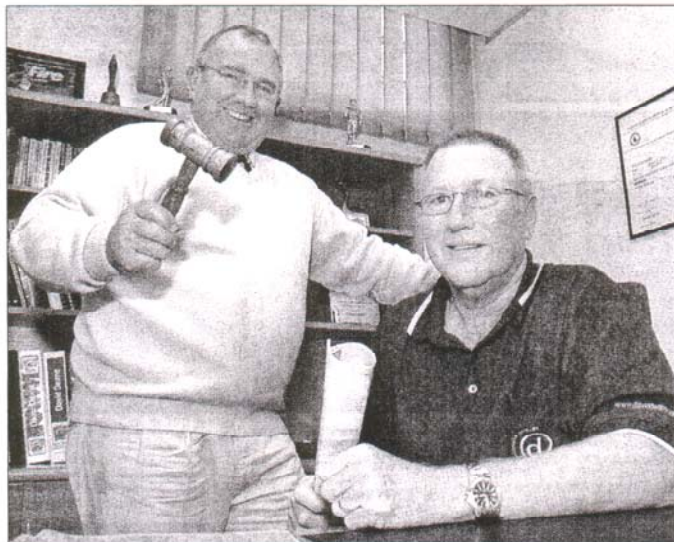
18kg lighter, said: "I started with the company in 1993 and felt I needed a break."

He bought a motor home and set off through western New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

"It brought a change of lifestyle, plenty of walking and better eating," Mr Woodrow said.

"I'm lighter and feel much better for it."

"It is great to be back and I'm ready to get stuck into this new role."



■ David Deane "passes the gavel" to Steve Woodrow at David Deane Real Estate.

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First release for acreage

■ A NEW \$50 million acreage development at Dayboro has launched its first land release.

Oxmar Properties has released the first 35 blocks of its 80-lot Dayboro Country Living estate on Lacey's Creek Rd.

The new blocks are a

minimum of 1.5 acres and priced from \$229,000.

Oxmar Properties principal director Phil Murphy said the rural setting, mountain views and easy links to city and coast, made the development "particularly attractive to families".

The developer has 20

residential projects in Queensland, including one at Samford.

The Dayboro Country Living sales office is on the corner of Lacey's Creek Rd and Sellin Rd.

For further information on the development, phone 0409 639 554.

Price rise predicted

■ HOUSE prices in Brisbane will show a modest rise this year, according to a report by BIS Shrapnel.

Residential Property Prospects, Australian Capital Cities predicts a 2 per cent decline in 2006/07 and zero growth in 2007/08.

Median house prices have seen extraordinary growth since 2001 after minimal growth in the late 1990s.

A forecast of more interest-rate rises would also hit affordability, leading to price falls, the report said.

A report by Macquarie Property Market Outlook says house prices in Brisbane will slow, rather than collapse.

However, the report says that the resources boom should bolster the state's economy.

New website

MORAYFIELD'S Profile ONE Property has launched its new website. The Morayfield Rd agency is run by principal Nigel Forbes, with five sales staff and a property management division. Listings can be found at www.profileONE.com.au.

Mortgages rise

THE Australian Bureau of Statistics says households with a mortgage increased from 28 per cent on 1995-96 to 33 per cent in 2002-03. In the same period, households that were owned outright fell from 42 per cent to 36 per cent.

First shops

AUSSIE Home Loans will open its first retail outlets in Queensland tomorrow with special ceremonies at the sites at Taigum Shopping Centre and Sunnybank Plaza.

Loan struggle

THE number of home loans decreased in the March quarter for the first time in nine months according to the AMP/Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) Home Loan Affordability Report.

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