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## HERON ISLAND: HONEYMOONER HEAVEN

In 1966, with the scent of romance the air and honeymooners' glow, Peter and Pamela Acott heard a sweet ocean song. It was the irresistible resonance of the crystal blue waves crashing against the caster sugar sands of Heron Island.



The newlyweds from Melbourne desired a romantic island getaway rich in natural wonders. Heron Island was the perfect destination. Peter and Pamela returned for their fortieth wedding anniversary on January 8 2006 and found that their favourite island getaway hadn't lost its charm and appeal.

'What attracted us to Heron Island 40 years ago was the island's natural beauty,' said Pamela.

'The island resort was pretty rudimentary back then. There were timber cabins and quite basic furniture,' Peter commented.

'It took us half a day to get to the island; it now takes around two hours. As there was no harbour then, we had to transfer from our boat to what was basically a barge to get to shore. But, we had a wonderful time watching the turtles hatching and birds nesting,' the couple reminisced.

Returning 40 years later, Peter and Pamela were amazed that even though the resort had become far more up market the ethos of observing and preserving the island's natural wonders still remained.



'Everyone at the island is so respectful of the environment,' Pamela said.

'It was like that the first time and it's great to see it is the same 40 years on'.

While at the resort, Peter and Pamela had an opportunity to get back to nature.

'We watched the turtles laying their eggs and saw many hatchlings racing to the water. We also had the opportunity to observe a turtle being tagged,' the couple said.

Like any that visit Voyages Heron Island Resort, Peter and Pamela could enjoy an ecological holiday at an establishment which is the epitome of indulgence and relaxation for the mind, body and soul.



'The resort is very well run. We could enjoy our own timetable and the food and service were excellent,' Pamela stated.

Pamela and Peter's final words about Heron Island sum up what a great holiday destination it is.

'What we realise now is that we should have come back sooner. We are definitely telling our family and friends to come and visit'.

### ***Getting There***

Voyages Heron Island Resort is located 72 kilometres north east of Gladstone. Gladstone is 5 hours drive north of Brisbane. Direct flights and train services daily from Brisbane on Qantaslink or Queensland Rail are also available. Transfers to Heron Island via launch from Gladstone Marina or via Australian Helicopters from Gladstone Airport. For further information please contact Gladstone Information Centre on (07) 49729000 or [www.gladstoneregion.info](http://www.gladstoneregion.info)