

# Where to Stay

## CHALETS BY THE SEA

Relax in comfort at "Les Chalets du Lagon", a stone's throw from superb Poé Beach near Bourail.

The chalets are built entirely of wood and nestle in a peaceful setting of lush greenery, perfect for a getaway break. Accommodation comprises six fully furnished chalets sleeping 4 or 12 people, each with open-plan kitchen, enclosed garden with barbecue, fully equipped bathroom and extra outdoor shower...

**So much to enjoy...**

With breathtaking Poé beach just a few steps away, a refreshing dip before breakfast is a must. And then, how about windsurfing, kayaking or kitesurfing on the lagoon? Glorious! There's everything you could possibly need for a fabulous stay, so why not book your stay at "Les Chalets du Lagon" right now?

**Lot 7, Morcellement Gouaro Deva, Bourail**  
**Tel 44 15-26**

## Wining & Dining

### GOURMET MAKEOVER



Ramada Plaza hotel's excellent restaurant "Le 360°" is rocking a whole new look! On 15 August, Le 360° was reborn as L'Entrecôte au 360°. The new concept and menu will delight meat fans: luscious fillet steak served with a melting secret sauce and eat-your-fill French fries. There are options to suit every appetite, from a classic 200 g portion up to a whole kilo of tasty steak for really ravenous diners. Blue, rare, medium rare, well done... it's delicious however you like it! If fish is more to your fancy, try the mi-cuit of tuna with Japanese sauce... Mouth-wateringly good!

**L'Entrecôte au 360, Ramada Plaza Hôtel, 7 rue Louis Blériot, Anse Vata, Nouméa**  
**Tel 23 90 00**

## Out & About

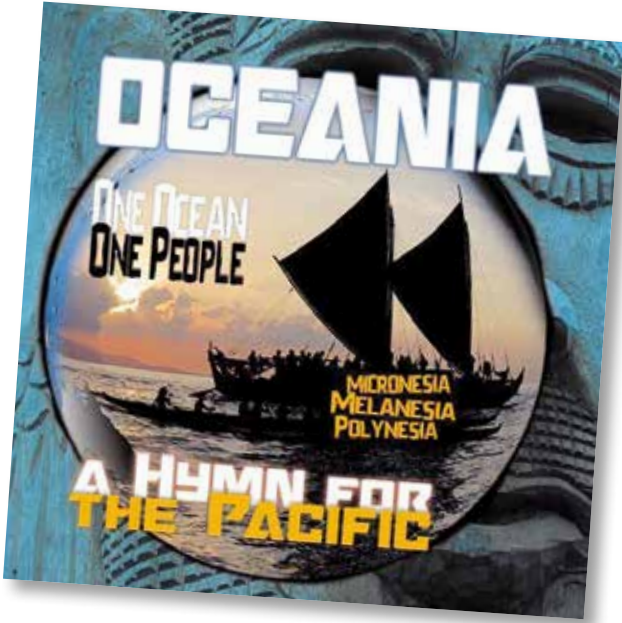
### A HYMN FOR THE PACIFIC

**Celebrated New Caledonian chanteuse Vanuella Watt has just released a new title guaranteed to make waves all over the Pacific: "Oceania: a Hymn for the Pacific."**

**Arranged by a master**

The new title features the voices of a dozen well-known Pacific artists who have joined with Vanuella to create a truly pan-Pacific song. Conceived as a "We are the World" for the Pacific, the lyrics are sung in several languages, including the Kanak languages Païci, Drehu and Nengone.

The arrangements for Vanuella's "Hymn" are the work of world-famous Samoan born musician



Igelese Ete, who created the haunting choral sounds in the music score for Lord of the Rings. His vision for the song was an anthem for the Pacific and an anthem for peace. The CD will go on sale this month at Compact Megastore in downtown Nouméa.

**Compact Megastore**  
**18 rue d'Austerlitz**  
**Nouméa Tel 24 35 35**



The start of September saw the launch by the Nouméa city authorities and Nouméa Centre-ville of a "Laid back Sundays" initiative.

## Pedestrian playground!

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month, Place des Cocotiers becomes a pedestrian zone. Whether you're on foot, on a bike, roller blades, skates or a scooter... the vast square is all yours! A really excellent initiative on the part of the Nouméa authorities to make the city centre a friendly place where you can have fun and relax with friends and family.

**Plenty to do**

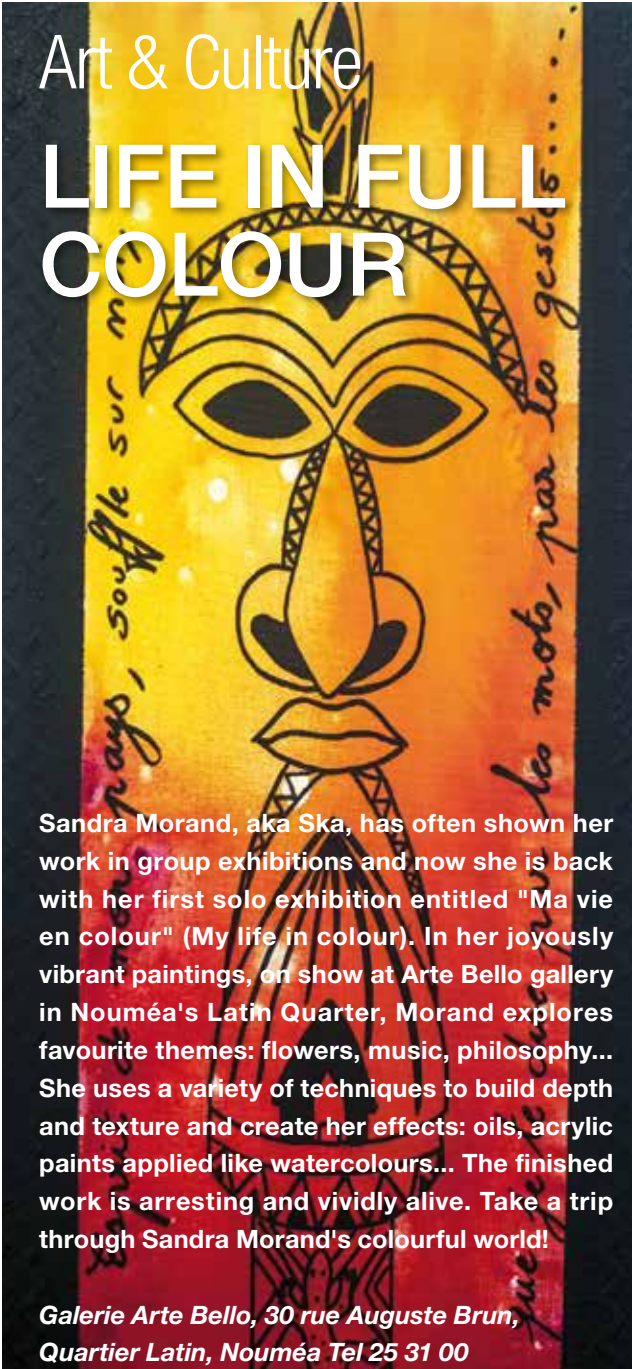
Highlights include bike hire, deckchairs, French bowls, juggling, a giant chessboard, live music entertainment and refreshments stalls...

Place des Cocotiers is turned into a huge playground for one and all. The next date in the schedule is Sunday 5 October... don't miss it!

**9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**Place des Cocotiers, Downtown, Nouméa**

## Art & Culture

### LIFE IN FULL COLOUR



Sandra Morand, aka Ska, has often shown her work in group exhibitions and now she is back with her first solo exhibition entitled "Ma vie en colour" (My life in colour). In her joyously vibrant paintings, on show at Arte Bello gallery in Nouméa's Latin Quarter, Morand explores favourite themes: flowers, music, philosophy... She uses a variety of techniques to build depth and texture and create her effects: oils, acrylic paints applied like watercolours... The finished work is arresting and vividly alive. Take a trip through Sandra Morand's colourful world!

**Galerie Arte Bello, 30 rue Auguste Brun, Quartier Latin, Nouméa Tel 25 31 00**