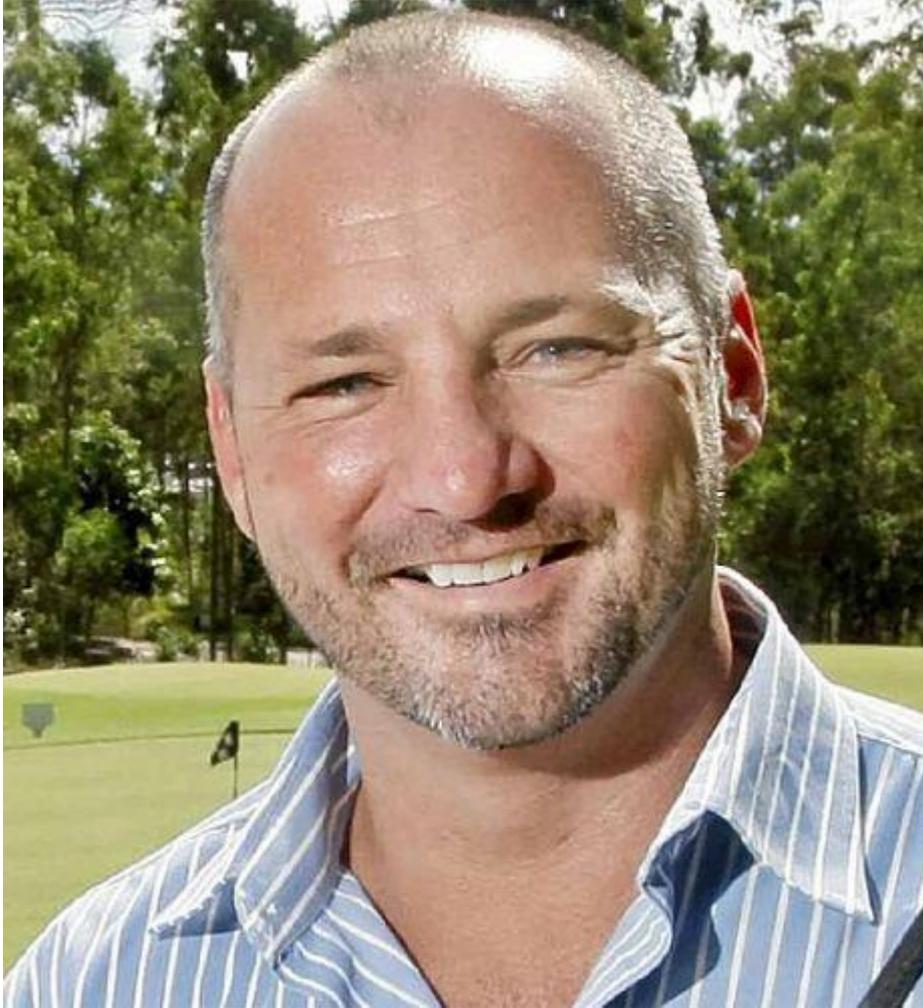


## Drift Brookwater restaurant goes under

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MOVING ON: David Moore has left Drift

DRIFT Brookwater restaurant has gone into liquidation and the venue is now being run at Brookwater Golf and Country Club under different management.

Drift Brookwater has been placed in the hands of liquidators Worrells.

The restaurant will continue to operate and customers with discount vouchers will have them honoured until the end of this month.

Drift's previous owner, David Moore, has no involvement with the new entity which is under the control of Brookwater Golf Operations. The QT understands that Drift Brookwater had five-figure debts and had not paid rent for a considerable period of time.

Mr Moore previously owned Drift at Milton's riverside, but his business was destroyed by the 2011 floods.

Few will forget the heartbreaking image of the floating restaurant crashing into the Go Between Bridge.

Mr Moore sought compensation from the State Government after the floods.

Springfield Land Corporation chairman Maha Sinnathamby had given Mr Moore a \$100,000 interest free loan to set up Drift Brookwater in May, 2011.

Brookwater Golf and Country Club general manager Warren Seeto said in a statement: "Brookwater Golf and Country Club can confirm that David Moore has stepped aside from running Drift Brookwater.

"Day to day operations of the Drift Brookwater clubhouse restaurant, including provision of meals and running of functions and events, is now under the management of Brookwater Golf Operations."

The QT understands staff previously employed with Drift were offered roles with the new restaurant.

The inaugural head chef, Romain Bapst, formerly executive chef of Il Centro, left the business months ago and a new head chef had been appointed. It is understood he elected not to continue on.

A source told The QT that the restaurant was "set to thrive" under new management, despite the departure of the colourful Mr Moore.

"David had been through the mill; it is a sad situation in many ways," the source said.