

Cannabis honey a sweet deal

Ballina site to provide cannabis

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CANNABIS honey is the latest product to emerge from the burgeoning medicinal cannabis industry.

Medicinal cannabis company THC Global has reached an off-take agreement with Eve Investments to produce the country's first cannabis honey.

THC Global plan to build a 30,000sqm production and manufacturing site in the Ballina Shire where they will produce medicinal cannabis that Eve Investments will use to produce cannabis honey products under their Meluka Health brand.

This product could have both recreational and medicinal benefits to consumers – in those countries where they are legal to be used.

Eve Investments' honey is produced from the Bungawalbyn Valley Basin where their tea tree plantation is located.

They currently produce tea tree honey products sold for its medicinal effect.

Additionally, THC Global's expansion into new markets such as Canada, New Zealand, and the Asian region may provide stronger routes to market for Eve's future cannabis honey product whilst also expanding THC Global's product offering internationally.

Chief Executive Officer of THC Global Ken Charteris said: "We will formally commit to the lease and settle terms upon confirmation that THC Global will be able to receive a medicinal cannabis cultivation licence over this extension.

"Additionally ... we may be able to explore the development of novel cannabis-blended formulations in the near future."

Eve's Investment Director Ben Rohr said: "We are very pleased with the initial work we have conducted with THC Global, including pilot extraction at their bio-pharmaceutical manufacturing facility in Queensland."

THC is hoping to be producing medicinal cannabis products in 2020.



HEALTHY BUSINESS: To meet community demand, Ian and Tamsin Jackson opened Goonellabah Storage in Holland St in May 2019.

Photo: Alison Paterson

New storage business fills gap in the market

AFTER Tamsin Jackson became ill with Parkinson's disease, her husband Ian decided to quit his day job as a plumber to open a new storage facility in Lismore.

Mr Jackson said his family was his priority, so decided to open Goonellabah Storage to allow him to earn an income and have the time to care for his wife as she undergoes treatment.

"At Goonellabah Storage there's 36 sheds of various sizes, each shed has insulation and we have installed a 6.6 kilowatt solar power system which sends

excess energy back into the grid," he said.

"There's also 24-hour access to the units with security, motion sensors and live-stream cameras."

Mrs Jackson said the variety of items people chose to store is fascinating.

"With the majority of units being six by three metres, there's room for possessions as large as a caravan to as small as a sewing machine," she said.

LJ Hooker staff Julie Cameron and Rob Menin said they were thrilled to be

managing the leasing for the couple.

Mr Menin who runs a similar storage facility in Alstonville, said the new business is badly needed as there's a shortage of storage sheds in the region.

"There is a serious need for storage sheds in town with no vacancies elsewhere," he said.

"These get snapped up really quickly.

Units at at Goonellabah Storage, 39 Holland St, Goonellabah are advertised from \$20 to \$53 per week - contact 6621 2387.



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