

Calls to save koala on church's land

A LONELY koala calling for a mate on a vacant block in Little Mountain has prompted an inquiry into the establishment of an environmental protection order before the property is subdivided and developed.

Salvation Army Caloundra Major Kevin Holland said the parcel of land adjacent to Caloundra Road was originally intended for the construction of a church but that had since been reneged.

He said they had since bought another block of land in Sugarbag Road and were waiting on final council approvals.

"There were too many issues that were needing to be resolved and when Sugarbag Road became available it seemed like a more sensible and much more workable option," he said.

Sunshine Coast councillor Keryn Jones confirmed the Salvation Army had lodged a development application to reconfigure the block from one lot into 15 lots.

"An application was lodged and it's in the information request stage," she said. "The obvious con-



BID: Ray Chambers is calling for an environmental protection order.

cern is it has a habitat biodiversity on the site. The question is how that's going to be addressed."

But Ray Chambers of Sunshine Coast Koala Wildlife Rescue has called on the council to establish the EPO before it's too late.

"They're going to develop it, that's what we don't want," he said.

"He (the koala) is living dangerously. He's got to cross two main roads to get to food. That block has got five sources on it, it's an awesome food source."