



The return of Ripley's

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SHRUNKEN heads, Hitler's portrait on a fly, the Last Supper made from pieces of burnt toast – there's only one place on the Gold Coast to find these oddities – at Ripley's Believe it or Not!

The iconic Surfers Paradise attraction closed down when Juniper Group began building the \$850 million Soul tower but it is now the third business to open in the new development.

The crocodiles and oversized tap which once adorned the doorway have been replaced by life-size figurines and the world's smallest car, a one-seater vehicle.

Regional manager Russell Murphy said the Gold Coast museum was the first of the Ripley's chain to undergo a transformation to bring it into the 21st century.

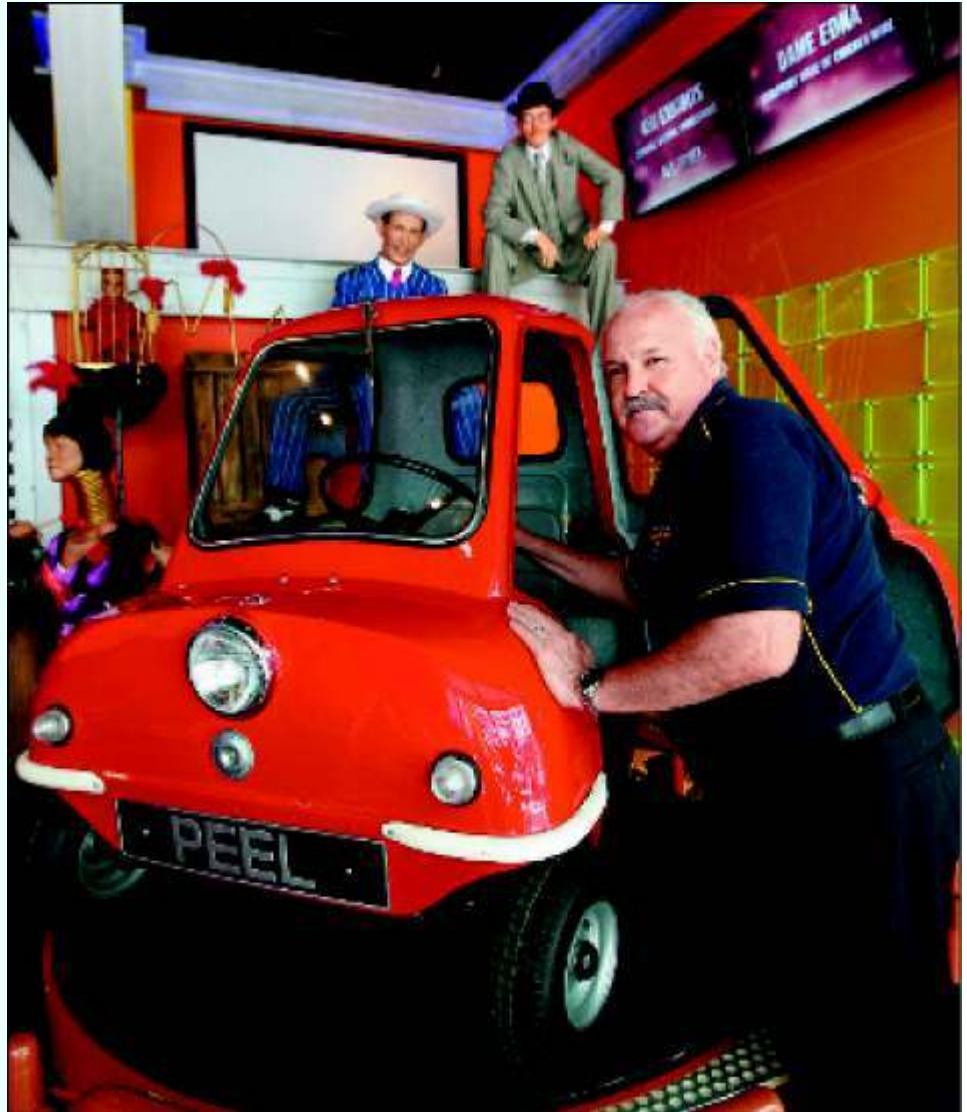
"It's very fun now and very interactive, it's not just about looking," he said.

"It's so different to everything else on offer because it's real value for money, it's educational and it's fun. People who came to the old museum will be blown away by the new one."

He said the museum was exactly what Surfers Paradise needed.

"It's the newest attraction to open in years and it's exactly what the area needs," he said.

Open Friday, tickets cost \$21.90 for adults, \$17.50 for students and seniors and \$12.50 for children, four years and under are free.



The regional manager of Ripley's Believe it Or Not museum at Surfers Paradise, Russell Murphy, with the world's smallest car which is able to be driven.

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