

## Never bogged down

MAXTRAX inventor and GM **Brad McCarthy** has happily arrived back in Brisbane after three weeks in the US.

He was attending a Vegas trade show where his all-terrain recovery device made an impression on the US Air Force. It has ordered sets to send to Afghanistan.

He also sold sets to the rangers at the Mojave National Preserve in California.

McCarthy told City beat that US Navy Seals had been using the same product since 2010. So what does it do exactly? It gets bogged vehicles out of a jam.

McCarthy says he barely had time to shave, heading off to the US after crossing the Simpson Desert with the Australian Army where they were trialling the same product on their patrol vehicles. But it wasn't all work for the inventor and author of *Dirty Weekends*. He managed to take in the start of the SCORE Baja 1000 in Ensenada, Mexico, one of the world's toughest off road races where only half the racers ever finish.

## PR boss takes R&R

ROWLAND boss **Geoff Rodgers** has temporarily handed over the reins of his PR firm as he heads off on a long-term sabbatical including some time with family in Ireland.

He jetted away last week and will be offline for about six months.

That pesky issue of MPs, lobbyists and one of Rowland's own, **Jonathon Flegg**, will no doubt be a distant memory soon enough. Anyway **Helen Besley** and **Alasdair Jeffrey** will run the

Over the past two years he has made few friends in the property industry as he cast around for other CBD office assets. A few months ago he backed out of buying 443 Queen St for about \$38 million, at the 11th hour.

For a number in the industry, it's once bitten, twice shy. For the record, Savill's **Stuart Moody** and **Peter Chapple**

home, finalising her move out of the state.

The sold sign has gone up on the Audenshaw St home that Bligh and her husband **Greg Withers** bought in 1997 for \$290,000. The deal is unconditional, with the buyers being a family keen to be in the Brisbane State High catchment.

The sale price is still secret, but it was passed in at the vendor's bid of \$900,000 at an October auction.

Agent **Luke Croft** said five offers were made on the property after the auction. The deal is expected to settle before Christmas.

## Brumby saddles up again

FIVE years after selling out of Brumbys, baker extraordinaire

**Michael Sherlock** has popped up at Sentinel, the fast-growing Brisbane property group. The self-styled entrepreneurial guru, who is one of Sentinel's biggest investors, has now formally come on board with the company in a marketing and investor relations role. "I guess you could say I liked the returns so much that I decided to work there," Mike quipped at Sentinel's end of year lunch at the Brisbane Polo Club yesterday.

Sentinel founder and MD Warren "the property whisperer" Ebert held court among a throng of happy investors including polo player to the stars **Angelo Russo**, Wright Property boss **Glen Wright** and retired butcher **Geoff Mallan**.

The Salvos were also there and about \$10,000 was raised, with Wazza celebrating another big year by donating the lion's share.



**ON TRACK:**  
Brad McCarthy

were behind Tinkler's purchase of his only CBD asset.

## Mayday Mayday

STILL on Tinkler, and the sorry tale of his crumbling business empire continues.

Word emerged yesterday that receivers and managers were appointed on November 23 to TGHA Aviation, the entity which held the mining magnate's privately owned jet and helicopter.

Financiers GE Commercial Australia appointed Taylor Woodings to recover money ploughed into the assets, which have been secured