

Lost Christmas has gift for rescue team

A BUSY round of negotiations and a company restructure almost let Christmas pass by for Rockhampton businessmen, Steve Esdale and Wayne Sinclair.

"We have had some exciting new developments in the Esdale Sinclair & Associates camp," Steve Esdale said.

He said with their focus totally immersed in the company restructure, they simply ran out of time to organise and host their annual Christmas drinks and barbecue in their Mus-

grave Street carpark.

However, all was not lost.

Instead of trying to pull together an end-of-year function at the last minute, Steve, Wayne and staff decided to support a very worthy cause and donate the \$1000 they would have spent on the party, to the RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service.

On Wednesday Steve and Wayne were taken on a tour of the helicopter rescue service facility by a very grateful Debra Drinan (ser-

vice fundraising co-ordinator and business development officer) and rescue crewman Matt Brandon.

On a business front, Steve Esdale and Wayne Sinclair have reached an agreement with publicly listed company, Centrepoint Alliance Group, to buy back the Esdale Sinclair & Associates' Rockhampton operations.

"What this means of us is that, instead of being contracted employees, we are once again fully autonomous

owners and directors of the Rockhampton business.

"The Yeppoon and Gladstone businesses will continue to operate independently from Rockhampton," Steve said.

Esdale Sinclair & Associates Rockhampton business was bought by Centrepoint Alliance Limited in September, 2006.

As a condition of that sale, Steve and Wayne had agreed to sign on for five years so they could continue to manage the business.



CORPORATE SUPPORT: Debra Drinan, fundraising co-ordinator and business development officer (left), and RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service rescue crewman Matt Brandon (right) discuss the work of the service with Steve Esdale and Wayne Sinclair of Esdale Sinclair & Associates, Rockhampton (centre).

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