

THREE delectable decades

FOR 30 YEARS, MARTY KOLLREPP AND WIFE MANDY HAVE BEEN AT THE HELM OF OSKARS IN ALL ITS FORMS.

ORIGINALLY FROM GERMANY, Marty has seen the Gold Coast dining scene evolve and flourish, and has taken Oskars to the legendary status it holds today.

From 1979, when it first opened as Oskars Garden Restaurant on the corner of Elkhorn and Orchid Avenues in Surfers Paradise, its ambience and superb cuisine attracted the Gold Coast's discerning diners.

In 1981, Oskars on the Beach opened at Greenmount Beach at Coolangatta before the lease expired in June 1997, prompting the relocation to its current iconic site at Burleigh.

Arguably the most idyllically located restaurant in the region, Oskars at Burleigh overlooks an exquisite surf beach with the famous skyline of Surfers as a backdrop

Though German by birth, Marty is proudly Australian, stating that he

has spent many more years here than in the land of his birth. "I left when I was 20 and travelled with a friend as far from Germany as we could – New Zealand – where we worked and travelled and where I met my wife."

Arriving on the Gold Coast, Mandy's hometown, Marty said: "This is it!"

"We loved the climate, the people, the way of life. Now, four kids and 30 years later, I can't imagine living elsewhere."

Over the decades, as head chef and co-owner of Oskars, Marty has seen plenty of changes, witnessed more than his share of scandals and a dash of drama to boot. "It has all played out at Oskars," he says.

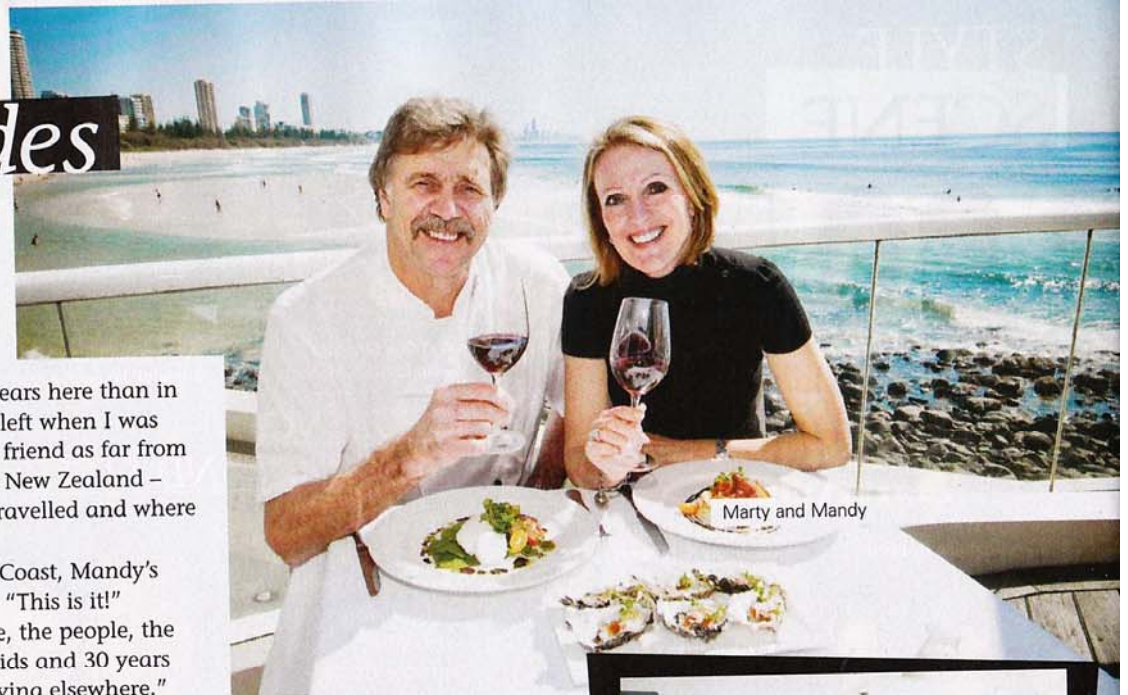
Under Marty's stewardship, Oskars has won many culinary awards over many years, including multiple American Express Gold Plates and two Hall of Fame Awards, Restaurant and Catering Industry Awards for Best Seafood, Informal Dining and Chef /Owner, and Best Wine List.

And while the clever combinations of

molecular cuisine may be the rage in Europe, Marty prefers honest, wholesome ingredients used to create "a good meal at a fair price".

There's almost nothing he misses about Europe. "The food is very rich and very traditional. Here we have more freedom and you can't beat this lifestyle."

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Marty and Mandy



The Oskars team