

Staff embrace beach break

WITH an 'office' overlooking the surf, it's no wonder Oskars on Burleigh staff seem less likely to suffer from itchy feet.

Six members of the 27-strong workforce have been part of the team since the restaurant's Burleigh opening in 1997.

Many of these veterans came on board during the Coolangatta era of Oskars – Adam Butterfield at the age of 17 in 1981, Russell Jones in 1989 and Phil Woods in 1995.

Brad Whitbread joined the Coolangatta crew in 1993 as a 25 year old and is now in charge in the kitchen, along with head chef and co-owner Marty Kollrepp.

"It's really nice to come to work each day and look out across Burleigh Beach at the surfers – the location is unbeatable," says Brad.

"It's a consistent job and I have a great mentor in Marty, espec-



Oskars' Brad Whitbread, David Reidy, Phil Woods, and Mandy and Marty Kollrepp

ially when it comes to pastry."

Other long-serving staff members include Zoe Palmer, who completed her apprenticeship under

Marty's tuition at the age of 21.

Zoe returned to Oskars this year as pastry chef after 12 months with Gordon Ramsay in London.