

# McQueen jets back for iAccelerate anniversary

A FAMILIAR face in town for the first anniversary of the Wollongong business accelerator was Internetrix managing director Geoff McQueen.

Mr McQueen now lives in San Francisco but was heavily involved in the early stages of iAccelerate.

After suggesting the idea for a StartPad in the Wollongong CBD he was excited to visit the incubator and meet 17 start-ups being mentored by Global Solution Strategies' directors Takahiro and Joanna Kubota.

"It is great to see this," Mr McQueen said.

Mr McQueen moved to the United States after spending three weeks in San Francisco last May as a guest of Google at its premier international conference, GoogleIO.

He was invited to speak at the hottest event in the international tech industry calendar because of the global interest in his new start-up company Hiive Systems and its AffinityLive product.

Google had earlier accepted AffinityLive into its Google Apps Marketplace.

Hiive Systems was spun out of Internetrix, which was established in 2000 to build powerful websites with leading technology for clients such as Crown Casino and Foxtel. Hiive applications was initially developed as an internal management suite for Internetrix in 2004 but interest in AffinityLive in Silicon Valley prompted Mr McQueen to start building up sales and marketing opportunities in the US.

"About 50 per cent of our customers are in the US now."

## Run around the world

It seems many in the business community are closely watching



**Three cheers:** Wollongong StartPad mentors Joanna and Takahiro Kubota with Geoff McQueen. Picture: GREG ELLIS

flew to New Zealand on New Year's Day and ran 25km from Queenstown that afternoon.

"I just passed the 4000km mark," Dr Denniss said. "I will reach 100 marathons this week. I'm in Arizona, near a place called Tuba City. It's on a Navajo reservation. I'm feeling very good. Guinness World Records have officially only recognised one person to have run around the world. He took five years and eight months. I'm now on track to break this time by about four years."

## ICT board named

its new board for 2012.

The ICT cluster encourages the growth and competitiveness of the industry in the region, promotes its collective capacity and provides networking and skills development opportunities and helps develop important linkages with regional stakeholders.

The directors are Antonio deLiseo of Bond International Software, Graeme Watchers of CSC, Andrew Stephenson of Daley & Co, Chris Savage of Pillar Administration, Michael Lawler of Selera, Justin Urbanski of CommScope and Melissa Ryan

Wollongong. Craig Peden from UOW, Brenden Logue from Wollongong City Council and Nigel McKinnon from NSW Trade and Investment are also represented as ICT Illawarra supporters.

## Up, up and away

Wollongong manufacturing cluster members have more than one reason to be excited about potential opportunities the new Helicopter Aircrew Training System program at Nowra might bring.

Boeing Defence Australia has tendered for the contract to

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### Today: Illawarra Business After Hours

Illawarra Toyota hosts the Illawarra Business Chamber's March networking event from 5.30pm at the Illawarra Toyota parts and services building, Princes Hwy, Albion Park Rail.

### Today: NBN Futures Expo

The expo continues at the Kiama Pavilion. Community and not-for-profit seminars and demonstrations run concurrently with the general exhibition, from 10am to 5pm.

### Friday: IWIB Illawarra Business Women's Awards

A record turnout is expected for Illawarra Women in Business' annual awards, from 11.30am at the Portofino Function Centre.

### April 3: The Illawarra Connection

JP Consulting NSW director Jonathan Pain, the author of investment newsletter The Pain Report, is the guest speaker at The Illawarra Connection.

### April 3: Wollongong Small Business Club networking meeting

Warren McKeon Dickson Lawyers principal Craig Pryor is speaking about legal issues for small business and the legal challenges of running an online business at the Wollongong Small Business Club at Villa D'oro, from 5.15pm.

global supply chain for commercial and military aircraft.

## Minerals conference

The Novotel Wollongong Northbeach is celebrating being named host of the NSW Minerals Industry 2012 Environment and Community Conference from October 21 to 23.

The annual conference is the premier environment and community event for the state's \$20 billion minerals industry and the conference attracts delegates from the minerals industry, consultants, industry partners,