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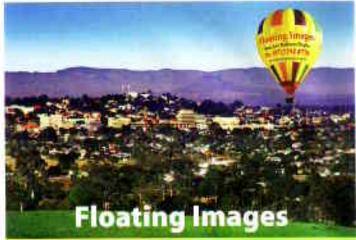
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5th BIRTHDAY

It only seems like yesterday that Floating Images
Hot Air Balloon flights was the region's newest
attraction. But the reality is that Floating Images is
celebrating its 5th Birthday, flying over the heritage
city of Ipswich & the Scenic Rim.

Floating Images embarked on its inaugural inflation and tethered the balloon at Limestone Park in Ipswich on Saturday 1st. December 2001 Since then Floating Images Managing Director & Chief pilot Graeme Dayhas flown over 4000 people over Ipswich & the Scenic Rim from local intrastate, interstate & international visitors.

"Every one of our passengers have said how beautiful Ipswich & the Scenic Rim is, or they are so happy that they chose to experience their first balloon flight here in Ipswich & the Scenic Rim as the scenery is stunning & beautiful" said Chief pilot Graeme Day "One Ipswich councilier even said "Sugar, Honey, Ice, Tea, I didn't know Ipswich was this beautiful".

Graeme said it has been an amazing & very proud journey to date. "In the last 5 years I have spent over 410 hours above the city of Ipswich & Scenic Rim," he said. "I have watched how Ipswich & the Scenic Rim is growing & changing from above. Ipswich is a very green city, not a concrete jungle, as well as being only minutes away from being in the countryside".

"To all the landowners of the region who have provided us access to your property to collect our balloon, thank you very much. Not only are you an important part of operation but you have shown our clients - the domestic & international passengers the warm Australian countryside spirit". This is an Australian country experience that all our passengers will keep for life & will tell everyone about Ipswich & the Scenic Rim hospitalit. You should be proud of yourselves as great tourism ambassadors".

Floating Images offers morning flights all year round. This tranquiform of transport allows people to view the breathtaking scenery of the Valleys of the Scenic Rim, a diverse and beautiful region set against the spectacular natural backdrop of the Great Dividing Range.

For more information, contact Floating Images on Ph 3294 8770



On behalf of the City of Ipswich, we wish all Ipswich residents and their families and friends a bright and happy Christmas season and an even better 200.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to build a strong and vibrant lpswich community.

Cr Paul Pisasale, Mayor of Ipswich

