

Markets to Run Weekly at The Entrance

Central Coast Council is pleased to announce that a new weekly markets series will commence at The Entrance in July, replacing the previous Farmers Markets.

“This is a great outcome for The Entrance with the markets now weekly and run by an operator with great experience in running markets for community benefit,” said Peter Stokes, Council’s Manager of Property Management.

The new markets will start operating from 23rd July 2016 and run every Saturday, focussing on fresh food.

“We’re excited about the possibilities these new markets will bring to The Entrance,” Mr Stokes said.

The market operator was appointed yesterday following an Expression of Interest process, after the previous operator chose to re-locate away from the area.

“The submission from the market operator was very impressive, they have over 20 years’ experience operating markets in Sydney and other areas and good ideas on how to re-invigorate the markets at The Entrance,” Mr Stokes said.

“Establishing a new market operation takes a lot of preparation and Council is happy that the new operator is so thorough in their approach,” said Mr Stokes.

“The new operators are going to consult with the local retailers to see how they can work together to optimise the flow-on benefits to the local community, which is why the markets are planned to commence in July,” he said.

“It is a very exciting time for The Entrance, especially with the Waterfront Upgrade project well underway.”

Stephen Choularton from Organic Food Markets said The Entrance is a great site for the markets.

“We are really looking forward to working with the local community and believe this is a wonderful opportunity to make The Entrance Town Centre Markets the first choice for people to do their weekly fresh food shopping and support local business at the same time.”

“We’ll be looking to include Certified Organic food, artisan gourmet produce as well as conventional (non-organic) fresh fruit and vegetables, seasonal produce from the farmer, and other delicacies like Aussie truffles.....all the goodies you love to eat, at the markets, every week, rain or shine,” he said.

“We hope to be able to accommodate any of the traders who previously attended the markets including the non-food stalls. Interested traders can book stalls direct with www.organicfoodmarkets.com.au or phone 02 9999 2226. ”

John Millard, President of The Entrance District Chamber of Commerce, said “The Chamber looks forward to working with Council and The Entrance Town Centre Management to run successful markets that will benefit the business and wider community.”

Any enquiries about the markets can be made to The Entrance Town Centre Management Office on 02 4333 5377.