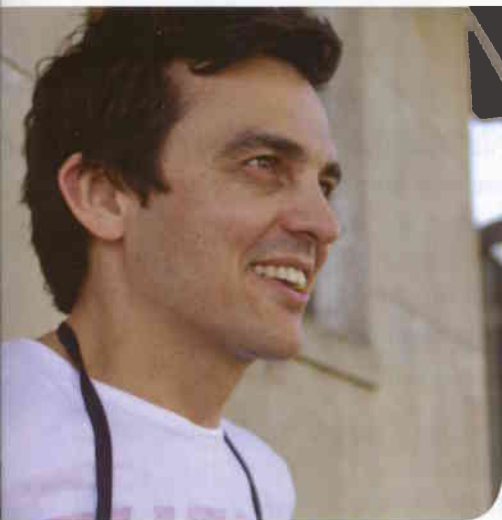




A decade of **delicious fare**



The Northside Produce Market is celebrating its 10th anniversary on Saturday 21 November with a food extravaganza. There will be cooking demonstrations by celebrity chefs Maeve O'Meara and her *Food Safari* goddesses, Jared Ingersoll and Damian Heads from *Ready Steady Cook*, and local French gourmet chef Beatrice Levanti.

Sydney Morning Herald Food writer Simon Thomsen will host the morning's activities, which will include Sydney's biggest dining table - a great place to meet friends and sample some of the market's wonderful produce.

On the grass nearby a cluster of stalls, called Green on the Green, will showcase sustainable practices such as urban chicken farming, vege growing, wall gardens, solar panels and water tanks, bush care, composting and worm farming. An animal farm, cupcake baking and decorating, and the chance to see goats being milked and butter being made, will keep the children occupied.

Stallholders have donated more than \$2000 worth of vouchers for a Christmas hamper raffle, which will be drawn by North Sydney

Mayor Genia McCaffery at the conclusion of celebrations at 12pm.

Susan Kennett, director of the North Sydney Community Centre which runs the monthly market, said Northside had become a favourite outing for thousands of North Sydney residents.

"Farmers Markets give people the chance to smell and taste the produce before purchase and chat to the farmers and producers about their product and its production. This forges an understanding and link between producer and consumer which is sadly lacking in most of our shopping experiences.

"Northside is a place to shop, meet friends for a coffee, sit in the sun and read the Saturday papers - a return to a truly community village atmosphere."

For more information about the market or the 10th anniversary celebrations visit www.northsydneycentre.com.au or phone 9922 2299.



Clockwise from left: French Chef Beatrice Levanti; Ready Steady Cook's Jared Ingersoll; Maeve O'Meara (centre) and two of the Food Safari goddesses - Fatima Barroso (left) and Judy Saba; fabulous produce at the Northside Markets.

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Our Friday night food fair returns to Civic Park on Friday 6 November. Celebrate the end of each week with good food and good music, starting from 6pm. Bring a rug, a friend and a bottle of wine and choose from a range of international food stalls including, seafood, dim sum, Mexican, Turkish and Himalayan. It's a family friendly event that everyone will enjoy.