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Fresh food snappered up

WINDOWS on the Bay restaurant on Mordialloc foreshore has reopened.

The beachfront restaurant, now run by Rivers Administration, offers a broad menu with many seafood, steak and pasta options.

Primarily 'modern Australian', the dishes are influenced by a scattering of international flavours, including Italian, Greek, Asian and Brazilian.

The new proprietors have completely revamped the 15-year-old premises with great attention paid to the interior design to reflect the beachside theme, while maintaining a focus on style and comfort.

The new Windows has a lounge area with fireplace, where people are welcome to pop in for a casual drink and snack from the bar menu.

Tuesday and Saturday evenings are BlueFire Churrascaria nights.

Along with the regular a la carte menu, guests can experience the famous BlueFire Churrascaria.

This event, hosted by BlueFire Churrascaria Grill, Docklands, offers flame-grilled meats and seafood carved at your table.

Head chef Aleksandar Horvat's career flourished in Europe working in top restaurants and hotels in Germany and Yugoslavia.

Moving to Australia in 1999, Mr Horvat worked at large and boutique restaurants in Melbourne's Crown casino, St Kilda and in the south east, with an emphasis on Italian, French modern Australian cuisine.

Windows on the Bay is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks.

Bookings on 95802899 or www.windowsonthebay.net.au

True blue again

Charlotte of Patterson Lakes was at the City of Kingston's Australia Day breakfast at Kingston City Hall last year, where she was snapped by photographer **Gary Sissons**. They caught up again this year.

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Market's bearing fruit

THE Kingston Farmers Market returned to the William Fry Reserve at Highett on Saturday after a dramatic end to the 2007 trading year.

As reported in *The Independent* last week, the December twilight market was literally blown away by a massive storm.

In its four years of trading, the monthly market has enjoyed growing support from residents and visitors from as far as Brunswick, attracting an average of 1400 shoppers to each market day.

With more than 45 stalls, shoppers can indulge in a wide variety of reasonably priced products including fresh fruit and vegetables (including organics), gourmet breads, cheeses and much more.

The market is organised by the Rotary Club of Chelsea on behalf of the district's Rotary clubs.

Kingston Mayor Bill Nixon said the market was a fantastic monthly event that delivered a range of worthwhile community benefits.

"The market attracts a lot of people to Kingston who would otherwise not visit this area, and the community also benefits through the involvement of the Chelsea Rotary which, with the help of other community groups, sets up and packs up the market, manages the car park, collects the entrance donations and generally ensures the market runs smoothly," Cr Nixon said.

"We are proud to say that the modest entrance donation of $2 per adult has made a significant contribution to several community projects, including the purchase of defibrillator for the Bonbeach Life Saving Club and equipment for the 7th Chelsea Aspendale Scout Group."

The market is held on the first Saturday of every month (except January) between 8am and 12.30.

Plastic bag-free shopping is encouraged so people can bring along their recyclable shopping bags.

Anyone wanting a reminder prior to each market day can request to be added to the email reminder list by emailing mandy.baigel@kingston.vic.gov.au or by phoning Mandy on 9581 4746.