

Village holds quay to top markets

by Melissa Townsend

THE shop signs are up, the fudge has been baked and the coffee is steaming hot and ready to serve.

The new Marina Quays Village Markets will open this morning for business.

With more than 200 shops and 60 casual stalls each weekend, the European-inspired markets will feature a range of fashion, produce, arts and craft.

Italian and South African restaurants will be open, as well as a bakery specialising in dog food.

The village is also to become an entertainment destination, with continuous live entertainment, including magician shows and opera.

The new markets are opening as part of the \$2.5 billion Marina Quays development.

Nikki Hudson, a former Hockeyroos captain and partner of Marina Quays developer John Fish, said the Village Market would become a shopping and social hub for the Gold Coast.

“Carrara has always been a wonderful market for people to go to on weekends and people do like markets,” she said.

“What we’ve created, we feel will hopefully become the new hub of markets, not only on the Gold Coast but even in the surrounding areas.

“(The shop owners) have come from everywhere, not only the Gold Coast, but also from across the border and up near the Eumundi markets.”

Miss Hudson said 25 shops were available for lease before the grand launch in February.

The markets are open from 7am to 3.30pm, every Saturday and Sunday.



Nikki Hudson enjoys a coffee in the new Marina Quays Village Markets

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