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The Iguana Wharf offers a mix of dining options

The Iguana Wharf is pleased to announce that the highly anticipated grand opening of the Quarters Gosford Waterfront and the Three Ways Tapas Bar, will take place on Sunday 14 September 2014. These sophisticated and contemporary eateries offer an innovative and broad menu, using local and fresh seasonal ingredients. Located under one roof on Gosford's waterfront, the space features 980 square metres of casually chic ambience, overlooking spectacular water views.

Paul Saad, Owner of The Iguana Wharf says that the team has been through challenging times in the last 12 to 18 months in pursuit of this new opportunity.

"It's taken a lot of work to get to where we are now. I want to extend a thank you to the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation and Gosford City Council for their continued support. They facilitated dialogue with all levels of Government to pursue the best path forward."

"We now look forward to providing the Central Coast community with an exceptional upscale, casual dining experience that will consistently exceed people's expectations," Mr Saad said.

Jason Khoury, Venue Owner and Manager & Licensee of The Iguana Wharf says that he is eagerly anticipating reopening the doors to the public.

"We are excited to announce the grand opening of The Quarters Gosford Waterfront and the Three Ways Tapas Bar. We hope that people take the opportunity to come and see what we have to offer. Iguana's has been reinvented to encompass everything we aim to achieve as leaders of the casual fine dining industry."

"With the use of glass dividers, we have the capability to hold intimate weddings and customisable functions. With 500 seats, including a private dining room, plus a 70-seat patio, this place is poised to be the Central Coast's newest dining and events hot spot," Mr Khoury said.

Known for his passion and dedication to farm-fresh cuisine, Executive Chef Ian Farnsworth leads the kitchen with a menu that showcases exciting new dishes as well as classic offerings. Ian honed his skills in key leadership roles at top restaurants such as The Meeting Place – Canberra Winery, Casino Canberra and University House at the Australian National University, which all encompass a high level of fine dining.

"It was important that the two restaurants have very different identities. The Quarters Gosford Waterfront will showcase modern Italian cuisine, specialising in authentic wood-fired pizzas. Alternatively, the Three Ways Tapas Bar will serve Spanish inspired cuisine, presenting simple yet elegant tapas dishes," Mr Farnsworth said.

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Jourdan Simmons, Pizza Chef, brings commitment and more than 25 years experience in the hospitality industry. Previously stationed as the Head Chef at Hugos in Sydney, Jourdan worked alongside one of the best in the business, Pete Evans. During that time, he earned recognition for his culinary offerings and award-winning pizzas. He is eager to join the team and implement exciting new concepts and menus.

Craig Cameron, Bar Manager, has been working in the hospitality industry for over two decades. Trained through the Intercontinental Hotel School, Craig began his career running pubs and bars while travelling internationally. He's been a resident of the Central Coast since 1998, where he looked after Key Lago and the Florida Beach Bar for several years. Re-establishing the Iguana Joe's venue is particularly close to Craig's heart, as he was one of the managers when the venue originally opened in 2001.

Graeme Inchley, Chairman of the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation says that the Corporation is pleased to have had the opportunity to assist The Iguana Wharf.

"Positioned at the heart of the Gosford Waterfront, the reopening of Iguana's is sure to reactivate and transform the area, improving the place and contributing to its ongoing development," Mr Inchley said.

Hours of operation are:

Monday Closed (function reservation ONLY)

Tuesday Closed (function reservation ONLY)

Wednesday Midday to 11pm

Thursday Midday to Midnight

Friday Midday to Midnight

Saturday 8am to Midnight

Sunday 8 am to 11pm

Call 02 43230216 for reservations, or visit www.iguanas.com.au

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