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Farmers and artisan market comes to Stockland Glendale

Stockland Glendale will hold its first community Glendale Farmers & Artisan Market on Saturday, 2 July. The market will feature about 60 stalls initially and will run every Saturday for the rest of this year.

Commenting on the launch Stockland Glendale Centre Manager, Angela Vogt said the Town Centre was pleased to work with NSW Farmers & Artisan Markets who has an established track record running farmers' markets across the Hunter since 1999.

"With so many people focused on where their food is grown and keen to support local farmers and producers, markets are increasing in popularity.

"Markets bring a local community together and encourage people to experiment with seasonal produce, ingredients and meals.

"Stockland's purpose is that there is a better way to live and we're committed to working with all our retailers and partners to support a sustainable, community-centric lifestyle," Angela said.

The market will be held under the new 4,000m² carpark canopy and is able to operate regardless of weather conditions. Outside of Saturdays, shoppers will enjoy the shaded parking area.

"Live music will be provided and we will have tables and chairs adjacent to the market stalls to encourage visitors to sit and take in the atmosphere of the markets," Angela said.

Kevin Eade and Jodie Lee, co-directors of NSW Farmers & Artisan Market, said it was exciting to bring an authentic, green market experience to Stockland Glendale each week by relocating Lake Macquarie City Farmers Market to a purpose-built, all-weather venue.

"The objective of NSW Farmers & Artisan Market is to reinvigorate sustainable local farming by incubating local businesses and putting them in front of a customer base so they can succeed and grow," said Jodie Lee.

"We have been genuinely impressed with Stockland's commitment to work with us to create an authentic market experience in a purpose-built space," Kevin Eade said.

The markets will open at 7am. From 8am there will be workshops and demonstrations and from 9am entertainment and retailer activity. A Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, conducted by Uncle Norm Smith, will start at 9.30am.

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