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EUMUNDI STRAWBERRIES TO STAR IN CHEF'S SUNSHINE COAST CULINARY DEMONSTRATION

Strawberries grown on the Sunshine Coast will star in a stunning dessert inspired by local produce that an industry seminar in Maroochydore will get to taste test next week.

Eumundi strawberries, hand-made meringue, Maryborough macadamias, rosewater macarons and cream from Caboolture will be used to create a 'Strawberry Eton Mess' to demonstrate the unique flavours from regional Queensland.

The mouth-watering dessert - created by a chef from The Star Entertainment Group's Jupiters Gold Coast property – has been designed to highlight the types of supplies that will be needed by the 50 new bars and restaurants, and five new hotels, at the \$3 billion Queen's Wharf Brisbane integrated resort.

"Regional flavours are essential ingredients in our restaurants across The Star Entertainment Group," said Jupiters Gold Coast Executive Sous Chef Steven Forrester.

"Buying from our regions and then using that produce to influence our menus helps us deliver local spirit and authentic experiences and flavours for our international and domestic guests.

"My strawberry dessert will bring together quintessentially Queensland flavours, creating something that is unique and highlights a sensational Sunshine Coast product that is fantastic at this time of the year."

The special industry seminar on 16 August is being held to enable businesses on the Sunshine Coast and surrounds to understand the potential jobs, training and supplier opportunities available via the \$3 billion Queen's Wharf Brisbane integrated resort development and The Star Entertainment Group.

The Star Entertainment Group already procures Queensland produce such as seafood, meat, poultry, groceries, dairy and eggs, beer and smallgoods for Jupiters Gold Coast and Treasury Casino & Hotel in Brisbane.

However, its current demand for local produce will increase once the Queen's Wharf Brisbane integrated resort development is expected to open in 2022. The Star Entertainment Group is the lead partner in the Destination Brisbane Consortium which will deliver Queen's Wharf Brisbane.

Meanwhile, the company is also undertaking a \$345 million redevelopment at Jupiters Gold Coast which includes a new six-star all-suite luxury hotel tower and new dining offerings; and is seeking approval for a multi-billion dollar master plan concept at Jupiters which features proposed new hotels and/or apartments, new entertainment and dining offerings.

"Queen's Wharf Brisbane, plus the proposed further redevelopment of Jupiters Gold Coast, will create more than 3000 construction and 10,000 operational jobs in Queensland," said The Star Entertainment Group Managing Director Queensland Geoff Hogg.

"Together, these will offer many different opportunities for businesses across sectors, including engineering, construction, agriculture, tourism, hospitality and food service, in regions all across Queensland.

"We know that Queen's Wharf Brisbane will attract an additional 1.4 million tourists each year, and that these people will be looking to experience local food, wine and cuisine, and to learn what our region has to offer.

"We are looking forward to sharing information about the jobs, training and supplier opportunities that these projects will create when we participate in the industry seminar in Toowoomba this week."

The industry seminar is being delivered by the Department of State Development, in partnership with The Star Entertainment Group, as part of its annual Major Project Series.

The series has been held in Brisbane and Toowoomba, and will also travel to Mackay, Rockhampton, the Wide Bay Burnett region (via Maryborough), Springfield Lakes, the Gold Coast, Townsville and Cairns throughout the rest of the year.

For tickets to the Sunshine Coast seminar, and information on the series, visit www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/major-projects, email sunshinecoast@dssd.qld.gov.au or phone (07) 4616 7306.

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