



# Coffee fans flock to Northshore

By PENNY BRAND

IT was a baptism by fire for cafe staff at Hamilton's newest park on Saturday.

Coffee orders started coming in as soon as Northshore Riverside Cafe opened.

The first day of trade coincided with the opening of the \$5.2 million Northshore Riverside Park.

It was the first stage to be completed at Northshore Hamilton, along the Brisbane River between Portside Wharf and Royal Queensland Golf Club.

Port of Brisbane Corporation executive chef Harold Fleming said diners flocked to the cafe as soon as doors opened.

"I expect breakfast on the weekends will be a very busy time," he said.

The cafe's menu was "a little bit outside the square", he said.

It featured breakfast dishes, such as eggs benedict with smoked salmon and hollandaise sauce or fresh fruit with Greek

yoghurt and leatherwood honey.

Lunchtime fare included flathead fillets with tempura-battered chips, chicken caesar burgers and antipasto platters.

"It's quite innovative and fresh and we source all our produce locally," Mr Fleming said.

A take-away menu was available so diners could sit on the park's beach or lawns.

"We are very environmentally friendly and so are our take-away packs.

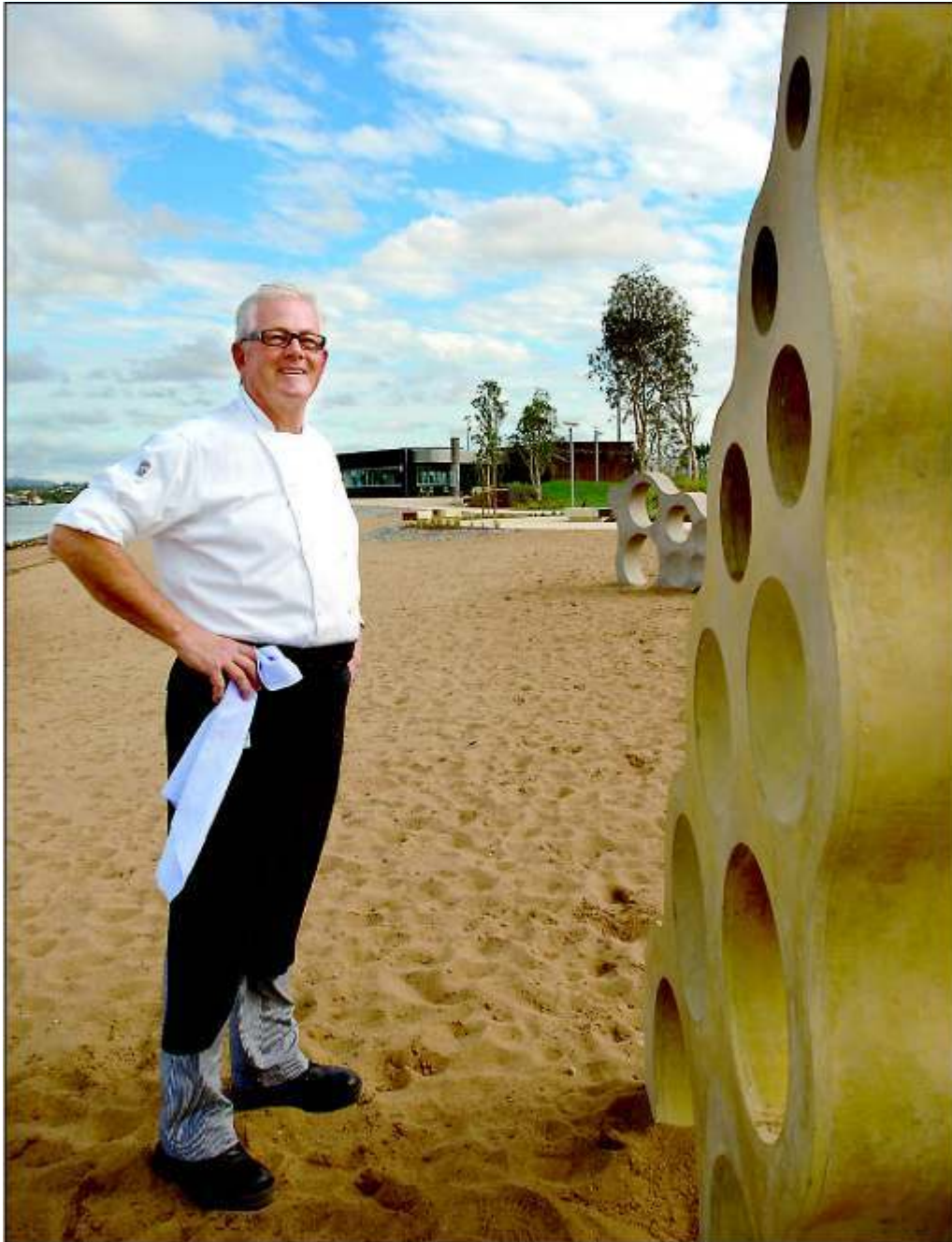
"Everything we are doing is harmonising with the environment," he said.

The 2.5ha park includes an outdoor play area, a barbecue and picnic area, a playground and a cycling path.

Work on the park started in August last year.

When complete, Northshore Hamilton will be home to around 20,000 people and 3000 workers.

■ **The cafe is open weekdays from 9am-4pm and weekends from 8.30am.**



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■ Busy start . . . executive chef Harold Fleming at Northshore Riverside Park.