

Aquatic temptations

IN restaurants, experience tells, so when you have restaurateurs such as brothers **Sam and Jack Petrides**, whose careers span more than 30 years, you can expect top-quality food and service.

Their restaurant, Bayblu, at Blakehurst, provides a fine dining experience that cannot fail to impress.

At Bayblu, the Petrides combine the best and freshest produce with attentive service to provide memorable meals. The blue bays providing water views on either side of the restaurant are pretty memorable, too.

There's Shipwright Bay to the west and Kogarah Bay to the east, and if the water views make you desire seafood, you can be sure that whatever comes to your table will be top quality.

And if planning a seafood meal, you should consider a special offer from Bayblu named "death by lobster". For a limited time on Sunday nights you can order a Tasmanian lobster for the low, low price of \$42.50. And you should be aware that Bayblu fans come from all over Sydney for the special hot and cold seafood platter for two, which has been designed by Sam and Jack for your enjoyment.

The seafood platter costs \$99. Along with wonderful waterviews, the restaurant also has a late summer special: two courses for \$37 and three courses for \$43 add \$5 on Saturday nights.

Bayblu, which is licenced, is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week.

BayBlu Seafood Restaurant, 741 Princes Highway, Blakehurst. Bookings: 95465058.

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Seafood sensation: Diners arrive from all over Sydney for Bayblu's famous platter. Picture: Lisa McMahon



Souvlakihut named fastest growing restaurant franchise



Plan of attack

FAILURE to pay for petrol accounts for around 70 per cent of fraud in Bankstown, with thieves often attaching stolen number plates to their cars before staging petrol station 'drive-offs'.

As part of its new crime prevention plan, Bankstown City Council will target vehicle theft and fraud, and raise awareness about domestic violence in the community. Council will provide vehicle immobilisers and theft-resistant number plate screws to residents in high risk areas as part of the initiative endorsed by NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos.

Mr Hatzistergos was joined by Bankstown MP Tony Stewart, East Hills MP Alan Ashton and Bankstown mayor Tania Mihailuk as he welcomed the initiative. Council is eligible to apply for up to \$150,000 in funding over the next three years as part of the Government's \$1.61 billion strategy aimed at reducing crime across NSW.

Mr Hatzistergos said Council will also conduct audits of car parks to determine whether their design could be improved to reduce vehicle theft.

"Around a quarter of vehicles stolen in the Bankstown area are taken from car parks", he said. The other focus of the plan will be to reduce domestic violence and encourage victims to contact police.

"Anecdotal evidence suggests domestic violence is underreported in Bankstown, which could be due to language and cultural barriers or a lack of understanding of the help available to victims," Mr Hatzistergos said.

Council will raise awareness about services for domestic violence victims, providing the information in a variety of community languages.

caption: Bankstown Police commander Dave Eardley, MP Alan Ashton, NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos, Bankstown mayor Tania Mihailuk and MP Tony Stewart welcoming the new crime prevention initiative.

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Casual Greek dining franchise chain Souvlakihut is the highest ranking food business in the BRW Fast Franchises listing for 2010. Ranked third on the 2010 list for revenue growth, and fourth for outlet growth, Souvlakihut has grown by over 217 percent over the last three years.

The BRW Fast Franchises list ranks companies according to their average annual turnover growth over three years.

Last fiscal year was Souvlakihut's most successful in terms of growth, more than doubling its amount of stores and achieving revenue growth of 120 percent.

John Fotiadis, co-founder of Souvlakihut, attributes the business's success to the strong team of franchisees that are advocating the brand and the emphasis placed on the brand's product offering, excellent customer service and support it provides franchisees.

"Our franchisee recruitment process is extremely vigilant as we know the importance of having strong brand advocates, who can see our vision for the business and work hard with us to achieve success. "We pride ourselves in our franchisee support operations, we have development agents who work closely with franchisees in each area to ensure they have everything they need to run a successful business."

"We're delighted to be recognised as the third fastest growing franchise system in Australia."

Souvlakihut now has 36 franchises across the Eastern Seaboard with a target of more than double by the end of 2010.

Tsirekas laments metro loss

THE State Government's decision to scrap the Sydney metro network indefinitely would cripple the Inner West, Canada Bay Mayor Angelo Tsirekas said this week. Cr Tsirekas said the metro could have helped ease traffic congestion in local streets.

"I was certainly looking at the transport being a network that inner city people living at Drummoyne could utilise rather than jumping in the car," Cr Tsirekas said.

The mayor said the council would now focus on pushing for the light rail network to be extended to Five Dock.

Premier Kristina Keneally announced on Sunday that the government would begin work immediately on extending the existing light rail line from Lilyfield to Dulwich Hill, and from Circular Quay to Haymarket and Barangaroo.

"It has always been our platform to push for light rail to Five Dock," Cr Tsirekas said. The announcement that a start on the M4 East would be delayed for at least 10 years would adversely affect residents in Five Dock, Concord and Drummoyne, he said.

"- "Drummoyne State Labor MP Angela D'Amore also said the metro had merit. Ms D'Amore said the government was committed to other transport modes that would make a significant difference to the electorate."

"We are going to get new rail services at Rhodes, there's \$225 million put towards Sydney Ferries and our ferry services are very important to us," she said.

"And with the new buses coming online what we will see is all our existing public transport being upgraded in the Inner West." Extending the light rail service to Dulwich Hill brings hope to ailing shopping strips

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