

Shake-up for Salt eateries

Two new ventures for chef

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SALT Village will take on a Mediterranean flavour when local chef Steven Snow opens two new eateries in the retail precinct later this year.

The double chef-hat-winning restaurateur, who has been operating his internationally renowned Fins at Salt seafood restaurant for nearly two years, is broadening his culinary horizons by opening to new dining venues with his business partner Marco Cenfi.

"Salt Village is a fantastic place to work – it's a high-quality destination with huge potential, and it has already gained a national reputation as a dining and entertainment hotspot," Mr Snow said.

Offering an "authentic Italian and Mediterranean" experience, Bellini is one of the eateries that is expected to open next door to Fins before the September school holidays.

The popular Gelateria Vernazza will be transformed into Piccolo, a gelateria with a cafe-style menu, offering snacks, fresh juices and coffee, Mr Snow said.

"Bellini will be modelled on Marco Cenfi's Belli Bar in Sydney, which is renowned for its excellent European and Mediterranean food."

This is not a new business union for the pair, as Mr Cenfi



□ THE team behind Fins at Salt, Sydney restaurateur Marco Cenfi and chef Steven Snow are opening two new dining venues at Salt Village.

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creating the design for the \$1 million fit-out of Fins.

"Marco will be using his expertise as a restaurateur and respected interior architect to oversee the concept and design of both venues, and I'm sure they will have the same wow factor as Fins."

With new projects on the boil the chef said he will remain hands-on at all three

venues.

"I will remain committed to Fins at Salt but will also take responsibility for ensuring the menus and food served at Bellini and Piccolo are of the highest standard."

The expansion of Mr Snow's empire at Salt is a feather in the cap for the growing resort and residential development and will enhance its reputa-

tion as a world-class dining precinct, according to Ray Group commercial manager, Jack Ray.

The IGA-Xpress is set to join forces with Salt Cellars Bottle Shop and expand into offering "high-quality, affordable take away food", he said.

"Salt Village Retail is the only commercial precinct in this rapidly growing resort

and residential community, and retailers are realising how lucrative a tenancy at Salt Village is."

One tenancy is still vacant at Salt Village after a surf-wear label closed up shop earlier this year, although the Ray Group is in negotiations with a "major national fashion retailer" to take over the space, Mr Ray added.