

**BUSINESS** with Heather Pillans

# Food, glorious food available at Olivers

JASON and Paula Gunn used to drive up and down the F3 from their Port Stephens house to work in Sydney.

They became increasingly frustrated with the fast food options of burgers and chips.

That's where the idea of a healthy fast food business selling salads, juices, sushi, pocket sandwiches, stir-frys, coffee and muffins came from.

"We used to get so frustrated with the standard of food we used to whinge about why there couldn't be something that was fresh," Mr Gunn said.

The name was inspired by the musical movie version of Charles Dickens' novel *Oliver* specifically the two songs *Food Glorious Food* and *Consider Yourself*.

"It just fit," Mrs Gunn said. "We wanted to celebrate real fresh food that's good for you and we want people to consider themselves at home and consider themselves one of us."

The business is off the northbound lane of the F3 at the Caltex Service Station.

It opened on August 12 with 45 employees.

There are plans to open a



**Olivers owners Jason and Paula Gunn with staff and a selection of their food.**

southbound store later this year which will create another 45 jobs.

The store is open between 6am and 10pm every day and all food is made fresh on site.

Mrs Gunn said there were no additives in their products and they tried to use as much local and organic produce as possible.

The business started with the help of Business Central Coast.

Industry and development manager Tony Axford said the organisation had worked with company directors for the past two years to secure the site.

"Business Central Coast supports companies that will give sustainable employment to the coast and will show a positive growth," he said.