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NORTHPOINT SHOPPING CENTRE: Plenty of places to shop, eat and relax



SWISH STORE: Kelly Curless fills up her trolley on the first day of trading at Coles at Northpoint Shopping Centre.

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Northsiders greet new supermarket

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FIFTY supermarket fanatics were waiting to shop before Coles at Northpoint Shopping Centre even opened its doors.

The supermarket, along with a number of smaller retailers, was packed with customers as they began trading at the North Toowoomba shopping complex yesterday.

The Coffee Club, the Reject Shop, Subway and Southerden's Florists were among the businesses trading at the \$25 million centre yesterday. A medical clinic will open soon. Shopper Megan Jackson said having a shopping centre on the

north side of Toowoomba would make life easier for her family. "We live around here, so it's good to have a supermarket nearby," she said.

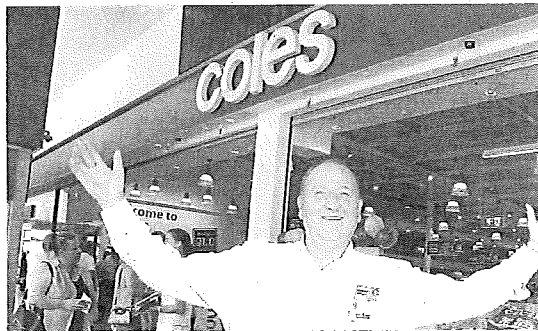
"There are plenty of car parks – and there's not too many other stores here, so it's good to just get in and get out easily."

Aldi, located in the lower level of the complex, opened its doors in December.

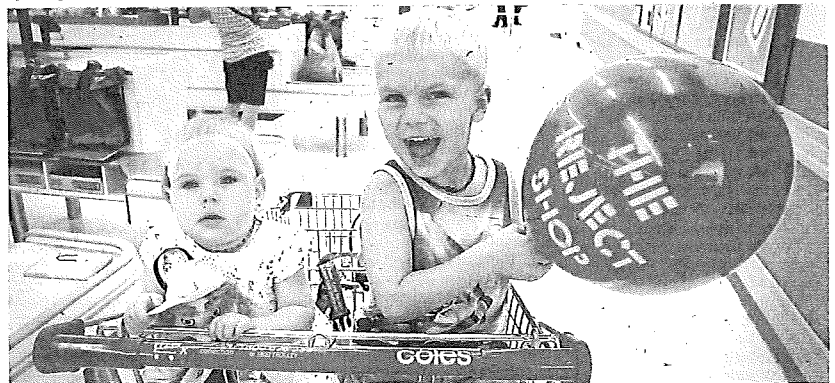
Coles North Toowoomba manager Stewart O'Donnell said customers had given him good feedback on the modern look and flow of the store.

"For me, I wasn't really nervous this morning, it's a great feeling to open one of these," he said.

"(The staff) are all really fired up, really keen to make a go of it."



Coles North Toowoomba store manager Stewart O'Donnell celebrates the opening.



Taking a ride on the opening day at Coles are sister and brother Armani and Maddox Jackson.

New mosque opens with food festival

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TOowoomba's first mosque will open its doors to the public on Sunday with an international food festival.

The Islamic Society of Toowoomba has applied the finishing touches to the mosque ahead of the open day, including a new Islamic crescent moon and star attached to the roof of the former church.

Spokesman Professor Shahjahan Khan said delicacies from Australia, the Middle East, Europe and Asia would all be represented at the celebration.

The day is being advertised as the "First Toowoomba International Food Festival" and is expected to become an annual fixture.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- Member for Groom Ian Macfarlane
- Aboriginal elder Darby McCarthy
- Australian Federation of Islamic Council president Hafez Kassem
- Bishop Robert McGuckin
- Member for Toowoomba South John McVeigh
- Griffith University Professor Mohamad Abdalla
- Toowoomba Regional Councillor Ros Scotney
- USQ Professor Ken Udas

"The objective of the food festival is to open the mosque to the entire community of Toowoomba and beyond, and to ensure that it is open to everyone, not just for the Muslims," Prof Khan said.

"Speakers and participants are coming from Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Gold Coast and neighbouring regions of Toowoomba.

"The support from diverse political, social, cultural, educational, and religious groups and individuals will strengthen the mosaic of the multicultural, peaceful and harmonious living in the city."

■ The Toowoomba International Food Festival will be held from 11am to 7pm at the mosque at 217 West St in Harristown.

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