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Veteran seafood trader moves

By Casey Neill

A familiar face will be selling seafood from a new Dandenong Market stall.

Husband and wife team Michael and Cheryl Curmi opened MC Quality Seafood on Friday 14 July.

Michael has been a fixture for 14 years at Dandenong Market's oldest trader, Schwarze Seafood.

"When I shifted over this side of town, my old boss was friends with Dennis Schwarze," he said.

"He introduced me, and I started working with Dennis.

"I've been in the fish game for 20 years.

"I'm actually a butcher by trade."

He said it was time for the next challenge in his life, and Hellenic Seafood had vacated the store.

"I know the market. I know the clientele," he said.

"I thought there was room for another seafood trader."

Cheryl also worked at Schwarze for about five years.

MC Quality Seafood will be a smaller operation, with a focus on quality, price and customer service.

Michael personally selects the day's catch at the markets - a 2.30am start.

"You do what you gotta do," he said.

He said it could be hard to decide what to buy for his customers.

"You're not to know how busy a day it's going to be," he said.



Husband and wife team Michael and Cheryl Curmi.



The new MC Quality Seafoods stall.



Fish fresh from the wholesale market.