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# BROTHERS UNITE in quest for perfect bagel

hankering for authentic bagels, Eggs Benedict and great coffee has seen Californian expats, brothers John and Dan Bautista, open Bean & Grain café and patisserie at the Fyshwick Markets.

As well as offering a wide variety of bagels - a ring-shaped boiled bread roll that is popular in the Bautistas' native USA - Bean & Grain also bakes the sweetest of treats and savoury delights to tantalise your tastebuds.

Inspired by his brother's vision and eagerness, Dan moved from California to join John in their new business venture.

'John loves the idea of bagel schmear... it's coating a bagel in cream cheese. He wanted to bring experience as well as providing a variety of bagel flavours,' said Dan.

You'll find at least 12 bagel options on offer - from plain, chili, cumin, onion, poppy seed, and herb to sesame, blueberry, and cinnamon and raisin - all made fresh on the premises. At times, extra flavours such as spinach and fetta, sundried tomato, and chocolate, are also available.

In addition to bagels, Bean & Grain offers a range of other pastries, breads, sweet and savoury foods, plus a variety of meals.

'John's speciality is Eggs Benedict, he loves it... He is a chef by day and has a real passion for food, only serving the best,' Dan said.

The café also offers a range of organic juices, frozen yoghurts and

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Brothers Dan and John Bautista with their bagels at Bean & Grain.

Rica and Ethiopia to Peru and PNG - which they are eager to expand. Sourcing their beans from Melbourne through a family friend who is a coffee connoisseur, they will soon be roasting their own coffee in store. All staff are undertaking barista training to help understand what it takes to create an exceptional coffee.

The café's décor has a vintage vibe, with the brothers investing a lot of time in seeking out the many items used to create the ideal place John originally envisaged.

Mugs, saucers and tea cups were chosen specifically to help enhance the homely feel of the venue, as well as decorative pieces that are placed around the store and a mural on one wall painted by John's wife Hailey.

Bean & Grain is located at Fyshwick Markets; log onto beanandgrain.com to find out more.

- Roslyn Mertin

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