

WITH MEAT MARKETS

FORGET intimate Italian wine bars, it seems the hottest hangout for Sydney's A-listers in 2009 is ... the local butcher shop. To celebrate its opening the Victor Churchill butcher shop in Woollahra – where else? – will this week host not one, but three, launch parties for foodies and the social set, with a cast of dozens, if not thousands.

Tonight **Neil Perry** and **James Paton**, managing director of Moët Hennessey in Australia, will sup on canapes from the Bistro Moncur chef **Damien Pignolet**. Tomorrow the *MasterChef* winner **Julie Goodwin** will join **Gerry Harvey** and **Katie Page**, and **Justin Hemmes** to sample food from the Quay chef **Peter Gilmore**, and on Wednesday the chef **Shannon Bennett**, of Melbourne, cooks for **Collette Dinnigan**, **Deborah Hutton** and the chef **Luke Mangan**.