

Festival of tasty bites

MORE than 30,000 people are expected to enjoy the sixth annual Bankstown Bites food festival later this month.

The festival will feature cooking demonstrations and food discovery tours, providing an opportunity for visitors and locals to experience the unique culinary influences within the City of Bankstown.

Bankstown Mayor Tania Mihailuk is inviting residents and visitors to attend the city's annual celebration of international food and culture to be held from 10am on Saturday, July 31, in the South Terrace business precinct.

"Bankstown Bites appeals to both local and metropolitan audiences," she said.

This year's festival will showcase the talents of chefs, including Miguel Maestre of El Toro Loco, Manly.

Miguel has worked in some of the premier kitchens of the UK, Spain and Sydney, and has appeared in several television series, including *Boys Weekend*.

Tony Chayna, Sous Chef at Platform One in the Bankstown Sports Club, will join Miguel in demonstrating their talents on the main stage. Tony arrived at the Sports Club in 1999 after working his way through a number of renowned Sydney restaurants.

Bankstown Bites will also feature the launch of *Taste – Bankstown On A Plate*. This book has been compiled from the recipes of contestants, judges and advisors from the Bankstown Pressure Cooks series of past years.

Children's activities, performances and stalls will also feature at this year's event. Further information on Bankstown Bites is available by visiting bankstownbites.com.au



Dinner is served: Sous chef at Bankstown Sports Club's Platform One, Tony Chayna with Bankstown Mayor Tania Mihailuk.

Police seek im

AN 18-month-old pet cat is in a critical condition suffering severe burns at the RSPCA Veterinary Hospital at Yagoona.

Snowy was discovered in Glassop Street Bankstown at 4am on Saturday by his owners who took him to the RSPCA.

RSPCA Inspector Skye Adams said Snowy was normally inside his house by 10pm but last night he didn't return until 4am.

"His owners found him in a burnt state, with his evidence of tape on his Adams said.

"His whole body has been affected by burns,"

Bankstown Detective Pryde said it appeared he had been taped down and an oxy-acetylene torch.

"This was a disgraceful attack," Insp Pryde said.