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OLD BUS DEPOT MARKETS TURNS 25 YEARS YOUNG

Canberra's Sunday Best, the <u>Old Bus Depot Markets</u>, is celebrating 25 years in business this year, and will mark their quarter century with a special birthday market on Sunday 29th September.

"Can you believe we are turning 25 this year? A lot has changed in Canberra and at the Markets in that time," said Old Bus Depot Markets' Director, Anthony Niravong.

"One thing that has remained is that the Old Bus Depot Markets is still a Canberra Sunday tradition for Canberrans and visitors alike who have been coming to Market for locally and regionally made hand crafts, clothing, jewellery and delicious food since we first opened in 1994.

"Over 25 years we have truly proven ourselves as a place where success happens. During this time the Market has been a wonderful incubator for local businesses. We have seen businesses start out here and grow so large they move on to their own premises and business endeavours.

"And the humbling thing is that we have also remained a stable home for local businesses for the past quarter century. We are so proud to say that after 25 years, we still have 11 of the original Old Bus Depot Markets stallholders with us today," Anthony continued.

To mark their 25 years, the Old Bus Depot Markets is hosting a 25th Birthday Party on Sunday 29th September. It will include all the fun trimmings of a birthday party with a birthday cake, balloons and a giant birthday card for visitors to sign. Happy Birthday will be performed by local entertainers, *The Guitar Cases*, at 11am. Visitors can bag a 25th Birthday pin and balloons and enter an Instagram competition, by tagging themselves @oldbusdepotmarkets and #obdm25thbirthday they have the chance to win up to \$500 in 'OBDM Cash' prizes.

Old Bus Depot Markets' 25th Birthday takes place Sunday 29th September from 10am until 4pm, and entry is free. For more information visit www.obdm.com.au

A selection of 25-year stallholders will be available for media interview.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEDIA:

 Official cutting of the cake by Markets' owners Anthony and Sally with Happy Birthday performance by The Guitar Cases - 11am.

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