



Heal adds more beans to his name

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AFTER making a bumper living out of his great love basketball Shane Heal is poised to make a successful career out of another love - coffee.

CC can reveal the NBL legend will open a Zarraffas coffee store on Ferry Road at Southport next month as he steps up his business interests as the curtain comes down on his illustrious career in the coming weeks.

"It's my second Zarraffas, I guess it started because I love the coffee," he said. "I'm just amazed, there's not a lot of coffee in the whole area."

The successful entrepreneur has built a booming business and property empire over the past decade, which includes 12 franchises from North Queensland to Melbourne. They include Zarraffas, Eagle Boys Pizza and Subway.

"As soon as I finish playing I'll be straight into the business side of things even more. I first got into Subway about six years ago. I've just enjoyed the whole franchising side of things."

Heal is one busy man. "I've got great people that handle the day-to-day stuff. I'm just as passionate about the business side of things now that sport is winding down," he said.

Heal's new store is located at the shopping complex on the corner of Ferry Road and Cotlew Street East. In the meantime he plans on finishing his NBL career on a high.

The Blaze travel to Cairns tomorrow before Heal plays his final game at the Gold Coast Convention Centre on Valentine's Day.