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You feel like a coconut!

What feels like a coconut, walks on a lead like a dog and has a penchant for apples? Give up? Okay, they are extremely cute, intelligent, with a keen sense of fun. That's right, a pig! And one very special pig it was that greeted visitors at Newtown's bustling farmers' market on Saturday.

"Hamish really is just adorable" said his guardian Pam Ahern. "The first time I saw him I knew he was a star. He is so personable, with a really cool personality who just loves meeting people"

But, as Pam is quick to explain, that the most extraordinary thing about Hamish is that he is really no different from any other pig except that he now leads a life that all pigs deserve. Making a nest in straw at night, a wallow to roll in when it gets hot and plenty of friends to hang out with during the day.

"Hamish, like all our animal ambassadors at Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary, is our most important asset when it comes to prodding people's conscience about their food choices. What may seem like a little decision in our life has an enormous impact on theirs. We really do have the power to determine how they live"

Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary is set on 60 peaceable acres in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range at Willowmavin, via Kilmore. It is called home by over 200 rescued farm animals while their outreach work aims to expand the public's circle of compassion to include all animals.

"While some may indeed think Hamish feels like a coconut, to me there can be no doubt that he feels" concluded Pam.

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“If we could live happy and healthy lives without harming others... why wouldn't we?”