

Farmers Market

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Manager's moment...

Good morning everyone and welcome to market day!!

I hope all the "Mums" in the market community had a lovely Mother's Day and were spoilt in some way. Unfortunately, I have a lot to include in the newsletter this week and whilst I don't enjoy playing hard ball, these are important issues that need addressing so will keep my "moment" short and sweet! Have a good one – Adrienne ☺

Stallholder update: We welcome to the market for the first time this week **Wayne – Stoked Pizza** who can be found outside in the new food area – you won't miss him – just look for the bright red 1968 Bedford fire engine...

On a sad note its bye for now to **Dave – Borenore Berry Farm** and **Mervyn & Elizabeth – Sandy Creek** as their season comes to an end, see you both in about 6 months.

A big thank you to the following generous folks who donated produce for the cooking demo last week:

Mister Micro Greens - Herbs
Linfield Park - the fattest Peas ever!
Country Valley - Milk
Featherdale – Chestnuts
Canberra Urban Honey - Ainslie honey
Warrens Fresh Seafood - Snapper
Moruya Seafoods - Prawns
Mowbray Park Produce – Rhubarb
Holbrook Paddock - Eggs
Gooda Creek - Mushrooms
Naturally Grown Potatoes - Pontiacs
Leaning Oak Dairy – Goats Cheese
Windellama Organics - Chili
Hill Lock Orchard – Persimmons
Wollondilly Produce – Vegies & Herbs

FRTE Roster...

I have received several complaints suggesting that those of you who are rostered to clean, set up and pack away the tables and stools are not doing so. May I remind you all that by failing to assist your rostered team when you are on-duty, not only are you letting your team down, but the standard "failure to observe the Market Rules" policy may be applied; this could lead to your temporary or permanent suspension from the CRFM. As a reminder the roster is:

January, March, May, July, September & November –
Yu-Lin - Julies Juice - Fine Terrines
February, April, June, August, October & December –
Siam Siam – The Brathaus – Gum Tree Pies

Electrical Equipment - CRFM Rules...

All electric power cords and electrical appliances must be "tested and tagged" annually by a licensed inspector in accordance with ACT legislative requirements.

It is also a requirement of our contract with EPIC that we are compliant with WHS according to the Work Health & Safety Act 2011 (ACT) and failure to do so puts us (CRFM) in breach of our contract with potential for termination.

LET ME SPELL THIS OUT SO WE ARE ALL CLEAR.....

Testing & tagging is neither optional nor negotiable –

All of you who use power during the market are on notice as from today to bring your equipment up to the required standard; failure to do so will result in suspension from the market until such time as you are compliant. On both the 4th and 11th June, I, along with other members of the compliance team will be checking all the electrical equipment of those using power; NO tag = NO market!

If you only have 1 or 2 leads the cost should be \$7.50 per lead, for any more than that it may cost \$100 + GST but that covers you for up to 10 leads; not that expensive when you consider potential loss of income if suspended from the market – You do the numbers....

New Food Labelling...

From 1 July 2016, the Australian Government is introducing new food labelling. Food businesses will begin applying easy to understand labels which will tell you at a glance where your food is grown, produced, made or packed. The labels will also tell you what percentage of the ingredients come from Australia. The new labels will give you the information you need to quickly and easily make informed decisions about the food you buy for you and your family.

For many years, Australians have been demanding changes to origin claims on food labels. You want them to be clearer, more meaningful, and accurate. Up until now, country of origin labelling has often been unclear. It was hard to know the difference between descriptions like 'made in' and 'product of'.

The new labels will be easier for you to understand, so you can make a quick, yet informed, decision in the supermarket aisle, at the fruit and veg shop, or the market. Businesses selling food in Australian retail stores will need to begin applying the labels from **1 July 2016**.

There is a two year transition period, giving businesses time to manage the change while still selling their existing stock. This means that over time, you will see more and more labels appearing on products. Any food products that still have the old labels at the end of the transition period can still be sold until the end of their shelf-life. Food labelled after the end of the transition period must follow the new rules.

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