


01 April 2017 - Proudly Authentic

Manager's moment...

Good morning everyone and welcome to market day!! 

Pinch, punch it's the first of the month, and it's also April Fool's Day; there are many theories as to how and why it originated, but the most likely are that it represented the start of a new season, or back in the 1500's the start of a New Year, today, we'll just enjoy a pleasant day that happens to fall on 1st April... Don't forget that daylight saving ends tonight so you need to turn your clocks/watches back by 1 hour.



Today, we can look forward to a typical Autumn day with a mostly sunny 23 degrees and no chance of rain.....

The CRFM app is still growing gradually, we now have 1269 active users and a total of 25,510 page views; thank you to those of you who are posting weekly specials – keep 'em coming!!

Stallholder update: Absent this week are: **Warwick & Julie Morris** and **Smiths Eggs**. In case you didn't read/see the newsletter last week, **Tall Paul's Oysters** will no longer be a stallholder at the market. Paul was made an offer he couldn't refuse and has sold the Oyster farm; he now plans to spend his time on other pursuits.

Ivonne and the team from CIT will be hosting the monthly cooking demo today; thank you in advance to those of you who kindly donate produce.

As mentioned in the newsletter a few weeks ago, this morning, we are hosting Suzanne Lazaroo, deputy editor of The Star (Malaysia) who will be accompanied by Donna Ciaccia of Visit Canberra; they will tour the market from 8.00 – 9.00am.

That's it from me folks, have a good one ☺

Folk Festival – Easter Trading...

There will be **NO** market on **15 April**, we vacate for the Folk Festival being held over the Easter weekend.

DUE TO THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FOLK FESTIVAL, THERE WILL BE NO ACCESS TO EPIC BEFORE 5.00PM ON FRIDAY 7 APRIL FOR STALLHOLDERS TO SET UP.

ALL ENTRY WILL BE VIA WELLS STATION ROAD AND/OR MORRISSET ROAD AND THEN THROUGH GATE 7 (by the carpark toilets). THERE WILL BE NO ENTRY via FLEMINGTON ROAD or THE SHELL SERVICE STATION. THIS APPLIES TO BOTH FRIDAY AND SATURDAY....

Once again, any items you normally leave in the shed should be removed for safe keeping – thank you for your co-operation.

60 seconds with...

Ian & Helen Chu – Majestic Mushrooms

How long have you been attending the market?

Our first market was the Christmas market of 2006 after we picked our first crop of mushrooms; so just over 10 years.

Why did you choose your career?

As an Electronics Engineer (Ian) and Primary School teacher (Helen) working in Sydney, we decided to give up the “rat race” and put our efforts towards our own business. We did our research and built our mushroom farm in Murrumbateman. It was a steep learning curve, but the career kind of just grew on us.....or should I say mushroomed on us.

Favourite food?

Contrary to popular belief, we don't eat mushrooms every meal, so I'd say Chinese style steamed lobster with ginger and shallot.

What or who are you most proud of? Our kids

If you won the lottery, what would you do?

Probably just keep on working, but have a few more holidays every year and have more time for fishing.

Who do you most admire?

My parents – I can't imagine how difficult it would have been moving to a new country in the 70's with young kids and starting a new life without any relatives around.

Helen's parents – as refugees who escaped civil war in Cambodia, they achieved so much through hard work and determination.

Favourite music?

The 80's and 90's, because they all bring back good memories from fun school days.

Bad habits?

Leaving everything to the last minute.....like getting to the CRFM with minutes to spare ☺ .



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