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Manager's moment...

Good morning everyone and welcome to market day!! 
So, who sent the rain last week?? I just quoted the weatherman, but then they're often wrong so don't shoot the messenger! Unfortunately, showers are forecast for today so it could be a wet one.

Thank you to the following generous folk who donated produce for the cooking demo last week:

Melissa Pure Fresh Honey – Onions

Mowbray Park Produce - Cauliflower, Corn, & Coriander

Pa La Mon – Chilli's

Tilba Real Dairy - Blue Cheese

Torcaso Produce - Pumpkin

Holbrook Paddock Eggs - Eggs

Ellamatta Orchards - Apples & Pears

Still no further update on the technical issues but the most important pages continue to grow with a total now of 1472 active users and 32,109 page views; the "specials" seem to be taking off now, slowly but surely so keep them coming.

Stallholder update: Absentees this week are: **Ando Organics, The Muesli Bar, Cool Climate Produce, J & D's P/Ltd, Smiths Eggs, Leaning Oak and Bellerophon Cold Brew.** Joining us for their monthly visit is **Junee Chocolate Factory**, and we say farewell for now to **Young District Stone Fruit and Torcaso Produce** as their season has finished for the year. We welcome for the first time **Rod Terry Oysters (137)** and **Cannoli Brothers (68)**, be sure to stop by and say G'day!

Happy Mother's Day to all the "Mums" out there, I hope you get spoilt and have a wonderful day with your families!
That's it from me, have a good one ☺

Electrical Equipment - CRFM Rules...

A timely reminder as winter gradually approaches that it's nearly 12 months since our last round of testing and tagging. It is 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.

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

If you need details of local licensed inspectors, please let me know.



New Food Labelling...

As the months are counting down to when the new food labelling becomes compulsory, it seems appropriate to re-visit the requirements and update on the information available and where you can find it.

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.

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.

What do the new labels look like?

For products grown, produced or made in Australia the new labels will have:

The kangaroo in a triangle symbol

A bar chart indicating the % of Australian ingredients

Text stating "Grown in" or "Product of" Australia, or something similar, or "Made in" and the minimum % of Australian ingredients.



There is a website with the latest, up to date information with fact sheets, presentations and much more; the link is:

<http://www.foodlabels.industry.gov.au>

The labels shown above are just a small snapshot of how they will look, there are many more options covering many variables.

You can design your own labels if you wish or use the standard issue Government ones; there is an option available on the website to help you design your own.

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