

November 2008 Market News

Upcoming Market Dates

2008: Christmas **Sunday 21st** December.

2009: 24th January, 28th February, 28th March, **Sunday 26th** April, 23rd May, including Yungaburra State School **Centenary** Celebrations, 27th June

Toy Run TODAY

Hope you all remembered your donations for the Tablelands Toy Run this morning. We have a table set up down near the toilets and you will certainly hear them coming. Each year we provide some of your fresh fruit and cold water to the hoards of riders, who give so generously. If you can get away come down and check it out as it is an awesome sight. Please also keep in mind that half of the lower market ground will be cordoned off and that the traffic will be a little slow for a while when the bikes arrive and leave, although the SES will be around to help.

Stallholders Christmas Get Together

As usual we invite all stallholders to drop by at the P&C Information Booth for some nibbles and refreshments after the markets today, from about 12.30 til 1.30 ish. This is a quick chance for a mingle, and so you can collect your 2009 Yungaburra Market Calendar, which is our small way of saying thanks for your support throughout the year. Hope to see you there.

Cancellations

A dilemma that crops up from time to time is when stallholders cancel their spot for a month and then turn up to occupy their site, which has more than likely been allocated to a casual stallholder. We really appreciate your calls if you have to cancel, however would also appreciate another phone call if your plans change. It is becoming increasingly difficult to keep everyone happy, with limited spaces and so many casuals waiting to get in: we ask for your cooperation please.

Site Markers

Another dilemma that always crops up is stallholders setting up on the wrong side of the site marker (yes – usually casuals). All rows are numbered towards the Kindy Café end, so if your site faces west you will be on the left side of the marker, and of course facing the east will be on the right. We are trying to set up a casual procedure system where they must report to the Info Booth at 5.30 am to be directed to their allocated site, in an effort to try to minimise these issues.

Committee News

What an excellent market we had in October, with many thanks to our permanent stallholders who have helped to create such a popular event. Not to mention the casual stallholders, many of whom are on the Waiting List to join us permanently, with 9 applications in October. Late at last month's market we learnt that the Health Inspector had apparently visited several food stalls. So far we have received no negative feedback and would appreciate any comments from those who were called upon.

Many of you would have seen Lee Dean and George raising funds for Breast Cancer Awareness at last month's Market. Lee has asked us to pass on her thanks – she raised \$834 throughout the morning and was 'overwhelmed'. What a fantastic effort, Cheers Lee!

Christmas

A final reminder of the date for the Christmas Market: Sunday 21st December 2008. On that day we will have a visit from Santa, as well as the judging of the Best Dressed Stall. Get your Festive decorations out and get into the spirit, the top 6 stallholders will win wine, which never goes astray this time of year!

From the Coordinator

Wow! Well last month was, as we all expected, very busy although I think things even exceeded my expectations. Unfortunately there were several 'issues' that kept me very busy trying to keep the peace early on, but I think it ended up being a fantastic day. It was certainly the first time I've ever seen stallholders holding off packing up at 12.30; it was great to have so many people still around! A little disappointing that there were 3 no shows last month, despite having to turn people away, guess you can't have everything! Have a great day today and see you next month, Jane

Stallholders Update

Farewell to C10 Michael MacMillan and M2 & 3 Geraldine Barbagallo, in their places we have moved around some permanent stallholders being, Margaret Jones, Bruce Kilpatrick and Natasha & Gerheardt. Also congratulations to Tony & Vicki from L23 on the birth of their baby.

Set up Traffic

With the usual chaos with traffic in the early morning last month, we received a suggestion for traffic control. The Committee has discussed this and it is difficult to have someone volunteer for this, so it was decided to do a trial run, commencing from December, that we operate one way, with entry at the service station, and leaving via Short street. We will deliver a flyer and map to the top half of the Market ground this morning, to see how it works for the December Market.