

June 2009 Market News

2009 Market Dates

Fourth Saturday of each month (except for Christmas):
25th July, 22nd August, 26th September, 24th October (Folk Festival), 28th November (Toy Run & Santa's visit),
Christmas: Sunday 20th December

FROM THE COORDINATOR

Good morning Stallholders, Hope you had your woollies out this morning: June is always a dark and cold early start! Wow, what a great Market last month, not only was the weather perfect and a steady stream of customers around, but the spectacle of the March up to the school was a sight to behold. I left at about 11.30am to head up to the Centenary Roll Call at the school and our trusty neighbour Shiralee (at M11) kept an eye on things for me. Thanks Shiralee, you are a true gem and embody what our Market Community is all about. The Centenary Celebrations went off with a bang, which was great to see after the extensive preparations. Have a great Market & See you Next Month, Jane ☺

FROM THE COMMITTEE

As always, we are on the lookout for volunteers, but must say congratulations this month to our Prep class. They were on roster last month and we had the largest turn out of helpers ever! What a great effort guys – we will be very glad to have you around for the next 71/2 years!

As you all know, your site fees are collected by our merry volunteers, with many of them totally inexperienced, so please make sure you give them a smile and some encouragement.

Recently we had two requests for fundraising sausage sizzles and the Committee have agreed to *not* allow this type of operation on site, mainly due to hygiene issues. However we have agreed to allocate one site, available on a month to month roster basis, for local fundraising activities (other than raffles). We will be including this in our terms and conditions in the near future. Please see us at the Info Booth if you need more information.

STALLHOLDERS UPDATE

Last month there were still 7 No Shows, with 3 of these were for the second time, being F28, K19 and R5. One permanent cancellation: Kaelene at N3 - Thanks and Ciao! One New stallholder: Janine at K10 – Welcome!

Big Congratulations to Ian Abernathy (the knife man) at J2, who was married last Market day, but still remembered to cancel his spot the day before the market. Well done Ian!

Apologies and condolences to Pat Johnston (formerly of J28) on the recent death of Ken. We knew that he had been ill, but have now been updated. Best wishes to Pat and her family. On the same sombre note, condolences and best wishes also to Sandra Frost from C19 on the recent loss of her husband. We know that Sandra will be back sometime in the future and wish her well with her TAP project.

VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION

Parking along the back of F and M rows continues to be an issue. If your site is backing onto the Telstra 'hut', please use your common sense and leave sufficient room for other vehicles where at all possible. It should be possible to have access between the back of these sites and the bushes behind the Telstra hut.

MISSING MAY NEWSLETTERS

Apologies to those stallholders who missed out on last month's newsletter delivery. Unfortunately, there was a lack of communication with our Student Leaders, who will be delivering those overlooked last month this morning.

LATE CANCELLATIONS

We are still having issues with stallholders cancelling at the very last minute. With more and more casuals waiting on spots each month it is frustrating to see vacant stalls that became available at the last minute. In an effort to keep everyone happy, the Committee has agreed to trial a change to our Terms and Conditions. **INSTEAD OF 12 NOON FRIDAY BEFORE THE MARKET, YOU WILL NOW NEED TO CANCEL BEFORE 5PM THURSDAY BEFORE THE MARKET.** Of course, emergencies will be an exception to the rule. We do understand that there are sometimes last minute change of plans however, in general most people do know in advance whether they are committed elsewhere on the fourth Saturday. Please contact Jane or the Committee if you have any feedback in this regard. We will keep you posted...

STALLHOLDER PROFILE SLIPS

It's been a while since we ran any stallholder profiles in our newsletters, however we are keen to rectify this, with a monthly feature. Forms will be delivered with today's newsletters, if you are interested, please complete and return to us next month so that we can run your stories each month.

NEW NEWSLETTER ADVERTISERS

After several delays this year, we have finally (hopefully...) gained our new printed forms for your monthly Market News newsletter, which is available due to the generous sponsorship of our eight advertisers. You will notice that we have four ads renewed from last year, being: **Yungaburra Foodmarket, Geoff Prior Solicitor, Instant Marquees and Central Tyre Service.** This year we welcome new ads from **Yungaburra Pit Stop, Tolga Traders, Atherton Tableland Concreting and On the Wallaby.** Please return the favour by supporting these local businesses, who support us so thoughtfully.

FILMING AT THE MARKET

We have had contact from an American videographer, who is doing a travel documentary about our region. Robert Stephens will be doing the rounds this morning, so make sure you give him a huge smile and a friendly wave, to help promote not only the region, but our fabulous Yungaburra Markets too.