

January 2010 Market News

Fourth Saturday of each month (except for Christmas):

23RD January, 27TH February, 27TH March,
24TH April, 22ND May, 26TH June, 24TH July, 28TH August,
25TH September, 23RD October, 27TH November
and Sunday 19TH December

FROM THE COORDINATOR

Good morning Stallholders,
Happy New Year to you all – hope you all survived the Festive Season OK and are back, raring to do it all over again at Yungaburra Markets for another year. Well, the Christmas Market sure exceeded my expectations, what a fantastic day, with the crowds ‘Huge, Happy and Hot!’ Santa and Ken in the ‘Little Squirt’ did a great job, with the only complaint being that they ran out of lollies, as there were heaps of kids who fronted up to catch Santa’s ear for the last time. Sunday markets are always controversial, but I heard heaps of great feedback, not only from those who usually work on Saturdays, but also from lots of local folk, which is always nice to get! It’s hard to keep every one happy eh?

Well, a new year means a new Committee (usually?) for me to work with, so I would just like to say thank you to all the volunteers who have helped out over the last year. It is always dangerous to mention names and forget people, so I hope the set up and pull down volunteers and those I miss out know who they are.....Here I go: Ean & Sally Irvine, Virginia Clayton, Ken & Debbie Stevenson, Bill & Wendy Hitchener, Kelli Harris, Jill Attewell, Jill Reid, Jacqui Knowles, Diana Vella, Belinda Henrick, Katina Davis, the Reedmans, the Sturmans, Jana, Terry, Steve & Duane, have all been instrumental helping out with our busy Market mornings. I hope some of you hang around a bit longer as I have enjoyed working with you all and being part of such a great Community spirit. It is always interesting to say goodbye to our Grade 7 Student leaders and see how this year’s lot work out.....Good luck kids! Anyway, here’s to a happy and busy day today. See you on the 27th February, Cheers, Jane ☺

FROM THE COMMITTEE

We had several complaints of smoking on site again in December. Unfortunately, although it is a term and condition of our Market that the grounds are NO SMOKING (the designated smoking area is behind the Information Booth), we have been advised that, at this stage, there are no legal grounds to enforce any policy. Apparently this is still a grey area, one which the government are working on, so we will keep our ears open and advise further in due course. In the meantime, if you are a smoker, please be considerate to fellow stallholders; we know that most of you are, but it is always going to be a contentious issue. Last month we also had a brief chat with our friendly Parks & Wildlife representative, Tamara Vallance, regarding prohibited plants. A stallholder had a staghorn for sale, which requires a permit; obviously they and the Committee weren’t aware of this before. Thankfully Tamara is very helpful and will compile list of those prohibited plants, either for removal, or for sale and we will pass this on to all of you in the near future.

Finally, this year, the Committee are keen to remove more table stalls before 2011. There are many issues involved, from both the stallholders and the Committee’s points of view. We hope to be able to compromise arrangements with our existing table stallholders and would appreciate your feedback. As you are all aware, the tables that we set up are volunteer intensive and they are now in need of serious maintenance/replacement. Indeed, there are complaints at every market about stability etc. It is our

hope that we can phase gazebos in, at least along B and C rows next year. At this stage, we are trying to give you as much notice as possible.

NEW TERM AND CONDITION

Despite this article being in each newsletter for the past *four* months, there was an issue again in December. Another reminder:

*“Volunteer Money collectors will call on stallholders during the morning, between 8.30am and 10am (times may vary). Stallholders **must** have the correct site fee available during that time. No change will be carried by volunteers, nor will consideration be given for lack of sales.”*

STALLHOLDERS UPDATE

Well, for a Sunday Market we had 17 No Shows last month, which I think meant that many assumed that the coordinator’s crystal ball was working!! Anyway, it was a great Market, with 72 Casuals keeping things pretty full. For December, we farewelled two permanent stallholders: L13 Tony & Vicki Urquhardt and C4 Catherine lobbi. Actually, Catherine’s folks Guilio and Maria (with the amazing cooking) are moving site today: after 16 years at B3 & B4, they are moving across the way to A8. This month we welcome four new permanent stallholders: F21 Pete & Josie, R12 Helen Booij, R2 Karen Hutcheson and D10 Robyn Sawbridge. Of course this market and February, March are pretty quiet traditionally, with the number of phone calls from casuals down dramatically this month. Time to take a breath!

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Last month’s judging, by the Committee, of the top three Best Dressed Christmas Stalls, were:

1. J22 Annie Slape (2nd year)
2. K26 Colleen Baker
3. M11 Shiralee Stewart (2nd year)

Your Christmas spirit was much appreciated and played a big part in making it such a great day. Hope you enjoyed the bubbly!

Thanks also again to Ken Stevenson, from our Committee, who arranged and drove the firies “Little Squirt” vehicle, with Santa, Mrs Claus and some elves around the Market Grounds – they were extremely popular, causing near riots!

KINDY CAFÉ

Last month we had a few comments about the missing Kindy Café. There were also a lot of mums with kids looking for an outlet, no to mention, their popular bacon and egg sandwiches! Please note that, the Kindy Café generally do not operate during the school holidays, as it is manned entirely by volunteers, who are often away or looking forward to a break. We hope to see them back next month, with a new crew for a new year of kids. If you really do miss them when they are away, let them know as, they may not be aware of how popular they are, with both stallholders and patrons. We all know that good feedback is always the last to be passed along....

THE CAIRNS POST

Will be running a promotion at our market today: the “Australia Day Bikini Crew”, will be located at the top of the grounds, next to Service Station, between 9 and 10am. If you purchase your Cairns Post from the Bikini Crew you will receive a bonus icy cold drink and umbrella.

Have a Happy, Safe & Prosperous 2010!