

## FROM THE COORDINATOR

Good morning Stallholders,  
Well, this is a recycled newsletter from last month...  
For obvious reasons it never was delivered, so bear with me for the Happy New Year wishes to you all!  
Hope you all 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. 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!

What can we say about the January Market, other than: Washed Out! The phones went crazy with cancellations from lunchtime Friday and we ended up with 26 brave stallholders setting up. The rain actually cleared a bit after 9 am, with a fairly reasonable (brave) crowd, considering. It was probably a good thing that there were so few vehicles, so that the Market Grounds weren't turned into a quagmire. Who knows what will happen this month??

Well, a new year usually means a new Committee 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 you know who you are. 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. I also look forward to working with this year's Grade 7 Student leaders ... Good luck kids! Anyway, here's to a happy and busy day today. 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.



In December 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. 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.

## STALLHOLDERS UPDATE

For December, we farewell two permanent stallholders: L13 Tony & Vicki Urquhardt and C4 Catherine Iobbi. Actually, Catherine's folks Giulio and Maria (with the

amazing cooking) are moving sites: after 16 years at B3 & B4, they will move across the way to A8.

This month we farewell Allan & Carol Rolls from J38, and welcome four new permanent stallholders: F21 Pete & Josie, R2 Karen Hutcheson and D10 Robyn Sawbridge. We also must congratulate Rose & Bruno Cuda on their recent 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

## CHRISTMAS MARKET

In December the Committee again judged the top three Best Dressed Christmas Stalls: 1. J22 Annie Slape (2<sup>nd</sup> year), 2. K26 Colleen Baker and 3. M11 Shiralee Stewart (2<sup>nd</sup> year). Ladies, 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, proving to be very popular with the swarms of kids.



## KINDY CAFÉ

During the school holidays we often have comments about the missing Kindy Café. There were also a lot of mums with kids looking for an outlet in December, not to mention, their popular bacon and egg sandwiches! Please note that, the Kindy Café generally do not operate during 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 this 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....

## WET WEATHER PROCEDURES

Last month we received some feedback about wet weather procedures, so we have made an amendment to this year's Terms and Conditions, making our policy clear to all stallholders. Whilst we do understand that, for some of you, your stock simply cannot get wet; there are other stallholders who are not affected by bad weather. Not to mention the local customers who are always prepared for any conditions. Indeed, there were several fruit and veg vendors who braved the rain and wind in January and reported a great day's sales. The year the Market was cancelled due to Cyclone Larry, the Committee actually received a hard time that they did cancel the market. Last month, the Committee voted to not collect site fees due to the conditions, however this was strictly a once of. So, in future, please be advised that the Yungaburra Markets will **not** be cancelled, unless there is a cyclone warning (not watch) in place. We will also make it a policy to update Radio Far North ABC if the conditions are wet. We would still appreciate your late cancellation message if you think the weather may affect your trading.



## 2010 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This year's rules will be delivered today and next month, along with the new Registration form. Could you kindly read the Terms and Conditions and return the completed Rego form to us, which we must have on file for insurance purposes only. *Another* reminder our 'new' condition from last year: "Volunteer Money collectors will call on stallholders during the morning, between 7.30am 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." There is also another amendment, with a new clause 8 regarding wet weather and the cancellation of Markets.