

May 2010 Market News

Fourth Saturday of each month (except for Christmas):
26TH June, 24TH July, 28TH August,
25TH September, 23RD October Folk Festival,
27TH November Toy Run & Christmas Party
and Sunday 19th December

FROM THE COORDINATOR

Good morning Stallholders,
Here's to a chilly start and a sunny day today, being almost winter and all....It was good to see a reasonably full market last month, even though it was still a little wet, things weren't too bad considering. For some reason it was a very chaotic morning in April, with lots of little things happening to keep us on our toes. Alls well that ends well though and it ended up being quite a good day. Here's to a happy and busy Market today. Cheers, Jane ☺

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Well, as we all know, the weather so far this year has caused a few headaches, not in the least the messy, muddy market grounds. Last month we had a request for blue metal at the back of the servo, however we are considering our options at the moment, with more discussion and hope that things can only improve. If it is a wet market and you are concerned about your particular site's condition, please go and see Jane, before you set up, as she can usually move you. There are usually numerous late cancellations if it is raining. Of course, there are no guarantees as to the mud factor: part of the character of an outdoor market is coping with Mother Nature and her ways.

The Committee are committed to removing F row table sites and wish to give those existing *stallholders in F row 6 months notice that these must be reconfigured to gazebo sites*. Please note that from the October market those F row stallholders who still require a table set up will be moved to either B or C row, which do not have a carpark available on site. We understand that gazebo's cost money and that carparks are a convenience however, we can no longer accommodate F row as tables, from the October Market. We trust that we can compromise with our permanent stallholders over this matter. Once we have less table sites to deal with we will carry out maintenance on B&C rows and try to improve upon on their stability.

STALLHOLDERS UPDATE

For May we farewell two permanent stallholders: K7 Tony & Michelle Landford and D12 & E12 Mike & Ellen Baynard This month we welcome two new permanent stallholders: K7 Jane Aller, B13 (table) Len White. Tony Clarke has also moved from C15 to B15.

OBSTRUCTING WALKWAYS

We have received the second written complaint this year about stallholders obstructing walkways with signage and stock. Unfortunately, we were unable to get around last month (due to a lack of P&C volunteers), to talk to people to stop this dangerous and unfair practice. We will do our best to get around today to warn those offenders. Most of you already do stay within your boundaries and we appreciate your cooperation. *Please be aware of your site markers and do not exceed these* - we do not wish to threaten fines or extra fees for those who do not comply.

ONE WAY TRAFFIC

April market morning saw more than usual chaos in the morning with traffic at the top end of the Market Grounds. We know you are all keen to get to your spots and start trading, however we need to be aware of other vehicles and their access as much as possible. Jane does try to

explain this rule to new casuals, however there is always a few who 'move to their own beat'. We would appreciate your cooperation with Term and Condition No 10: *Entry to most gazebo sites is via Short Street. One way access to the top of the market grounds for rows A, B, C, D and E, as well as the beginning of K, L and M rows (up to 10). Entry is at the top of the service station and exit via Short Street. Entry to F row table sites is via Gilles Highway near the Service Station. Rows J, O and P, then from 10 onwards on K, L, M rows should use Short Street.*

MARKETS AND SOCIAL NETWORKING

Our Website Manager Guy has brought us into the new decade and has registered Yungaburra Markets on both Twitter and Facebook. The Facebook page has been online for around 3 weeks and has 88 'friends' already!

The addresses are:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Yungaburra-Markets/121155214562436> and
<http://twitter.com/yungaburramkts>.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

Tuesday this week, the 25th May 2010 is Yungaburra Markets 33rd Birthday. Thanks everyone for your support in making us the oldest, biggest, best and most famous Market on the Tablelands. Cheers!

RELAY FOR LIFE

After last year's hugely successful inaugural Relay for Life at Atherton Showgrounds, our local Cancer Council Relay for Life team, the Yungaburra Village People Team is getting in early for this year's event in November. The team will be hosting a **sausage sizzle this morning over at Yungaburra Food Market**. If you can get away, go over and grab a snag for \$2, to cheer on such a good cause. The team will also be hosting a Trivia Night on the 21st August, as well as a Melbourne Cup Luncheon on the 2nd November, both at the Yungaburra Pub.

FOOD LICENCES

Last month saw a visit from the local Health Inspector, with a reminder to display your current Food Licence at your stall each market morning. Accordingly, we have altered our Terms & Conditions (no. 14) to read "display", as follows: *All stallholders selling food must display a current Food Licence from their City/Regional council, as well as the relevant Food Safety Supervisor details. The Health inspector may conduct spot inspections on market day.*
Phone contact for the Tablelands Regional Council Environmental Health Officer is 4043 4883

COMPLAINTS

Every market we get an amazing array of complaints, both from stallholders and patrons. Last month, for example these were what we dealt with: a casual stallholder refused to pay three times because they didn't like their site; a patron was concerned for the welfare of the chickens for sale; someone else was annoyed by roaming dogs and a permanent stallholder said that our site fees are too high, given the decline in sales due to the global financial crisis. We have said this before: "We do try to keep everyone happy, but it is not always possible". Whilst we are always keen to receive feedback, both good and bad, there are some things that are really out of our control and cannot be helped. Please bear in mind that most people that represent Yungaburra Markets are volunteers and we are all trying to do the best that we can. Thanks ☺