



Lyttelton Farmers Market

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New Site

A big thank you to all stallholders for your patience as the organisers have moved you around various trading sites. As most of you know, now we have a permanent home at Lyttelton Main School. Project Port Lyttelton are in the process of signing a ten-year access agreement with the Education Department. We think it is a great outcome. Now we have a flat safe site that meets the needs of everyone.

We aim to get the school community more involved in our activities. It will be great if the school children can develop a passion for food from our market.

Significant Events

On February 11th Lyttelton Main School has a reunion day for past students now aged in their 70's and 80's. Stallholders may like to think about discounts for these special seniors. Past students will be identifiable with badges.

On the same day the township celebrates with the Lyttelton Summer Street Party. London Street will be closed to traffic from 8am to 10pm between Oxford and Canterbury St. You may experience delays getting to the market.

Get ready for a huge trading day.

Farmers Market Workshops

The organizing team and stallholders from Purau Valley Food Co-op and Brew Moon attended the CDC sponsored workshops in

Christchurch. It was great to find out how other places are running Farmers Markets, make contacts with new producers and think harder about operational issues that face us all.

The workshops encouraged us to formalize our operational requirements. The end result is the Lyttelton Farmers Market Charter that is attached to this newsletter. The charter gives clarity to the organisation and operation of the market. It will be a living document.

Project Port Lyttelton is keen for the market to set a good example. One change we would like to see phased in over the next few weeks relates to rubbish. We will gradually take our bins away excepting for two organic waste buckets. We will compost organic waste at our local community garden. All other waste will become your responsibility.

Website

Our website is almost completed. All vendor and market information will be available online. Whilst not quite completed take a look at:

www.lytteltonfarmersmarket.co.nz

Publicity

Air New Zealand has a great write up about Lyttelton & the Farmers Market in its January in flight edition. Dish magazine and Cuisine also highlighted the market.

New Sponsor

The Lyttelton Harbour Business Association is kindly supporting the market. Each week we receive a donation for administrative work.

Car Parking for Vendors

The school will allow all stallholders to park vehicles in the lower playground if needed.

Any feedback you might have is most welcome. Either contact us on the day, phone Sue-Ellen on 328 9260 or email sue.ellen.sandilands@gmail.com