



Lyttelton Farmers Market

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Autumn passes by!

Another month and we head into winter. It's been great having some new seasonal producers at the market through the autumn months. Angela from The Food Farm was a welcome addition with delicious figs and Akaroa Feijoas have offered us all a new taste sensation with wonderful Feijoa Wine. Gruff Junction has also been another bonus for the market. Their goats' cheeses are delicious.

Looks like some new stallholders will be joining us for winter. Our long awaited meat producer may start shortly and there has been interest by some people selling soy products. The market gets better and better and our reputation as a quality local market is spreading.

Project Port Lyttelton has been nominated for a Championing Canterbury award, partly as a result of the market having such a positive impact on Lyttelton township. Our main street businesses look forward to Saturday morning. The town really comes alive.

Health & Safety

Finally we have a basic First Aid Kit. It is located at the Project Port Lyttelton desk. We have also been advised that we need better facilities for cleaning hands. We have purchased a container liquid hand wipes. If you need to clean your hands properly this is available for you all. Again this is located at our desk.

Vegetable Levy!

Do you know that vegetable growers need to pay a levy? If you aren't doing this or need more information please contact:

Manager
MAF Information Bureau
Pastoral House
25 The Terrace
PO Box 2526, Wellington
Tel: +64 4 819 0100 Fax: +64 4 474 4111

A stallholder joins the committee

We welcome Sue from the Volcano to the committee. Sue attended her first meeting in May. It was great that she could see all the issues that face the market organizers and be able to make comments from the point of view of the stallholders. Have a chat to Sue if you'd like to know more about the meeting.

Market Charter

Just a brief comment on the Charter. Please act within the spirit of the Charter. It is not meant to be a document that imposes un-negotiable rules and regulations on us all.

Rubbish

We are still experimenting with rubbish. Of late we have only been putting out our compost bins. We really want to encourage everyone to take their rubbish home with them. If you sell a product that generates lots of rubbish please supply your own bin.

Farmers' Market Conference

The first conference for Farmers' Markets in New Zealand is being held at Hawkes Bay June 16,17. Duncan Wilcox will represent our market. He has been nominated to be on a discussion panel. We will report on the outcomes in the next newsletter.

If you can't make it

If you aren't going to be able to attend the market please either notify the person who collects the stall fees or call no later than Friday evening. Phone Sue-Ellen 328 9260.

Don't forget all market information is now available on the web site.

www.lytteltonfarmersmarket.co.nz

We really value your participation at the market. Thank you everyone for making this a success.