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THE FARM
MUDGEONGA

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Sorry - it's just not Fair!

Things were starting to come together for our first Farm Fair this November until we hit a snag... we need a few more permits before we can turn our Farm Centre into a buzzing food hub. We're working on it now and we'll be ready soon for our planned Farm Shop and yummy produce kitchen.

Sadly it has meant delaying the November Fair a few months, but that means it will be bigger and better than ever. Stay tuned, Farm Fair 2026 is happening and new dates will be shared the minute we get our approvals.

However if you are keen for a Spring visit, our special 'Fridays at the Farm' will be each happening each Friday in September. If you need a dose of mountain air, some beautiful food and the best of company, get your free ticket now on Humantix with this code and link <https://events.humantix.com/fridays-at-the-farm>

Everyone is welcome, but for catering and insurance, registration is essential and numbers are limited.



From the Garden

The cabbages, carrots, beets and caulis keep giving, and the romanesco broccoli is again a showstopper.

This geometric wonder is an Italian heritage veggie that dates back to the 16th Century.

They seem to like it here, might be great grandfather Battista's de Piazza's influence.



Feathers Flying



There was huge excitement when a gaggle of 3 geese returned to the Farm after an absence of 40 years.

The largest of all the water birds they make great guard animals, but from memory were always difficult to keep in as they both swim and fly. We'll see how we go!

What's New?

- July is pruning month and the more trees and garden we have, the more pruning needs to be done. While many are new and still quite small, some of our fruit trees have already had a long life. We think the pear tree at the Old House could be a Centenarian and the walnuts and apples down the creek even older. They are now budding and the early wattles are flowering. It all changes so quickly.
- Weeds! With the transition to longer days and warmer weather these are the weeks when the capeweed and sorell loves to find a patch so they can get ahead of the preferred pastures. In trying to do things differently to the past we are reading, trialling, innovating and getting the best agronomy advice so we can limit chemical use and use natural growth cycles as well as competition to 'discourage' the less nutritious grasses.
- Stage 2 of the care farm design is starting to come together now. While it still looks a bit like mud, witches hats and dirt heaps, our resident earth and water guru is currently working his magic spinning out rocks, creating gentle water pathways and preparing new orchard spaces. Not the mention the much awaited Pickleball and Finnska Courts emerging slowly from the rubble.

Co-Farmer Club

Some people are just naturals with animals, and that description fits Grant perfectly. When not helping at The Farm, Grant has been a volunteer at the RSPCA, the Zoo and wildlife shelters around Melbourne.



We love his visits and gentle ways and I know Jacob is looking forward to his next carrot.

Word from the Herd

And it's started, the busiest and happiest time of the year! August is calving month when most of our babies are born. So far, so good! Lots of beautiful and generally crazy calves dotting the ground, rolling through fences, bawling for their mothers and generally causing havoc till the brain catches up with the brawn.



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Springing into Spring with our 'Fridays At The Farm'



A great way to stay up to date is to check out our Salt of the Earth Farm Stories on Spotify and Google. Or watch out for our Instagram stories.



The Farm Mudgegonga acknowledges and respects the connection Aboriginal people have to this land and their role in caring for and maintaining Country.