

Everything's coming up roses

When we started planting our new garden spaces we prioritised trees and shrubs that attracted beneficial insects and bees.

This helped with our honey hives and also the pollination of the plants, particularly the veggies, nuts and fruit trees. Not sure we realised just how pretty the particular pollen generating flowers would be.

The colours are amazing and they team with life, from the big to the microscopic. What a wonderful time of year it is, well for everyone except the hay fever sufferers that is. It's true, you can't have it all.

Our visits continue and various new partnerships are being formed, from Junction Services in Wodonga, to the



Aspect School in Albury and the Lions Clubs across the region.

2026 is shaping up to be mega and we can't wait! In preparation we will be closed for visitors from 13 December till the end of January. And then it will all start again, new plans, new outdoor areas and new walkways, plus a few secret spots to get away from it all.

From the Garden

Finally the dormant garden beds are filled with life again. Summer is coming and so are the zucchinis, cucumbers, squash, pumpkins, beetroot, capsicum, watermelon, tomatoes, strawberries, chillies and asparagus! Plus a few oddbods to climb over our arches, with loofahs, chokos and sweet potatoes all starting to send their spindles skyward.



Feathers Flying



We've been busy rehoming some excess drakes from last year's hatchings and thankfully they've all found friends. So it was something of a relief that this year only a couple of gorgeous little ducklings have appeared from under their tired Mums. Four weeks of staying still is not much fun, but hey Mum, look at me!! One day old.

Co-Farmer Club



For the past few months we've been having discussions with various Lions Clubs across the region as to how they might get involved in our activities. Hopefully we can work on a project together in 2026. But in the meantime a few of the 'boys' enjoyed a ride around the farm. We might need a bigger cab for next time District Governor Paul, Stuart and Peter visit. Thanks for your interest and support, time to roar!

Word from the Herd

Our sheep are a ragtag crew. Fortunately Bertie doesn't need a haircut as being a dorper his wool comes off naturally, but Herschel is another story. He and his friends are due to be shorn and while we have a very handy shearer onsite, or so he says, we are looking for some shearing gear. Not the combs just the overhead power stand. If anyone has one in a shed to loan or donate, we would be very grateful

What's New?

- Generosity and kindness. That's not really new but for us it is. Until now we have not been in a position to accept donations, but as we expand and continue to provide our services without cost to participants, it's time to allow others to help. Although donations are not tax deductible at this stage, we can assure you that every cent goes to making a vulnerable person's day a bit brighter. You can now donate securely on the website and here is the link. <https://thefarmmudgegonga.com.au/contribute/> Remember that even something as little as a bag of animal feed makes a difference.
- One of our greatest supporters to date has been the Myrtleford Hospital and Community Op Shop. From an initial contribution to our trestle tables and whiteboard in The Farm Centre, to a more recent investment in growing our outdoor facilities, their commitment to local NFPs through their volunteer work is valued and has real impact. Thanks Jenny and team.
- Our last of the Fridays on The Farm was a cracker. Well actually they all were, but this one was a special one for the Seniors Festival. Hosted by Indigo Shire, over 40 people visited that day and the weather Gods smiled on us with sunshine in the middle of a wintry week. Friends helped cater a smorgasbord of country cooking and no one went home hungry.
- Out the paddock, it been a blitz of tree planting, fencing, making swales, fertilising and planting summer feed crops for the animals. Millet, turnips and plaitain, with a dash of Ozcal, potash and Guano. Hoping to store some more carbon in there too as we work to build our soils and the microbial life that keeps it healthy.



Next Issue

No December issue so it will be Happy New Year when we next communicate! Have a wonderful Christmas time.



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!



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