

What a difference a rain makes!



At last the heaven's broke open and the soil was replenished. If that sounds biblical well it felt a bit like that as the dust turned to grass again and the animals, including the humans, rejoiced. There's a farming saying that there's money in mud and none in dust. Well we're not quite at the mud or flood stage, but things are definitely looking up

As you can see here, the paddocks are responding beautifully. Our trees in the creek regen plot and around the newly fenced off dams have sprouted new growth and look happy again.

Now to get cracking on the veggie garden and orchards so we can spread lots of healthy food to the pollinators and humans alike.

Also its time to open the gates again and welcome back our co-farmers. Autumn group visits have started and we invite you, our followers and supporters to get your hands dirty on our first Weekend Co-farmer Day.

From the Garden

Our garden guru, Leanne, is taking a short break to sing Edelweiss in the Austrian hills, so it's been a flurry of activity getting the autumn seeds in now the tanks have water again. Summer was a shocker for the tomatoes but the ducks and pig have made short work of any overgrown zucchinis and cucumbers, which in the long heat went from tender to tough in about 5 minutes.

Feathers Flying



The incubator has been put away till Spring and the shed is full. Diversity reigns and new coloured eggs are appearing from the younger layers. Chocolate eggs for Easter and definitely better for you than the bought variety. Green and olive eggs anyone?

What's New?

- Before autumn moves to Winter, we are planning a fun volunteer day to bring our Farm Mudgegonga community together, share a cuppa, show our progress and get you involved in a few farm jobs.

More info coming very soon, but save the date now - Sunday 3rd May. All ages and abilities welcome.

- Millet and turnips and brassicas, oh my! Our cattle are now being fed as nutritious a mix of plants as the two legged residents. Farming in new ways is showing us what can be achieved with good advice, better soils and deep moisture.

This year's draft of calf weaners may be the best yet, despite the tough season. Their coats are glossy and clearly benefitting from the trace element boosts of a broader variety of pasture and targeted supplements. Lovely to see them bounding round now as a big mob of cheeky teenagers.

- As I write this I hear the beeping of machines outside as the new activities area takes shape. Maybe next month we can share some of the secret details but for now let me say it involves, lots of recycled soil, rocks, a large playing surface, different nets and poles, and did someone say something about horseshoes and an outdoor drinks bar? Surely not.



Co-Farmer Club



These two hadn't seen each other since Year 10! In March we enjoyed a few days in the garden with an 'old' boarding school friend, Sarah-Jane now lives in FNQ and some years ago on a regular farm visit tried to introduce Judy to permaculture and organic veggies. SJ was glad to see that she finally took her advice. Better late than never.

Word from the Herd

Oink is the word from the herd this month. Also grunt, squeal and groan. Who knew pigs had such vocabulary. Our newest family member, Cleo, has joined us from Mt Macedon where she was lovingly nurtured for 11 years before a sad farm sale. What a character! Always hungry, never clean and a whiz at opening gates. Loves a good scratch too. Already a farm favourite.

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Going to be a big one, farm visits and pink grass!



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