

We are keeping your seat warm!



As most of our visits are organised groups or specific events, and usually on weekdays, we are trying something different for our Buckets, Boardgames & Beasties Day. If you haven't had the chance to see what The Farm is about, or if you are ready for a return visit, then pop in on Sunday 3rd May and become a co-farmer for the afternoon.

We have plenty of occupations in mind but this is also a callout for our community to come and skillshare. Would you like to lead an activity?

Do you have a passion you would like to

share? Maybe it's a craft or a talent that could add to enhancing our Farm community. Art? Yoga? Bird watching? A special game?

So far the agenda includes nature walks, indoor and outdoor games, animal feeding, gardening, painting, music and a bonfire. But as William Cowper wrote in 1785 "Variety is the very spice of life, that gives it all its flavour". Email me your suggestions and we will put together a day to remember.

There is no cost to the day but you do need to register for insurance and catering purposes, here is the link...

<https://events.humanitix.com/buckets-boardgames-and-beasties-day>

Buckets & Board Games & Beasties Day



Feathers Flying

With the shorter daylight hours and the cold setting in, things are a little quieter in Cluckingham Palace. Egg production relies on long hours of daylight so the girls lay less as we go into winter and take this time to do their wellness routines. No botox just a vitamin routines, some extra protein and a shedding of the old feathers to spruce up with fresh ones in readiness for Spring.

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New brand ambassadors
Mike and Greg modelling our merch!

Co-Farmer Club



A busload of wonderful volunteers from Albury Legacy's Laurel Club spent a day with us recently. The sun was shining, the farm centre was buzzing and everyone went home with a smile on their face, which is just how we like it!

Word from the Herd

One of our favourite bulls needed some foot surgery this month. It takes a lot of skill to 'drop' a one tonne beast gently on the ground, but as usual Vet Andrew applied his expert skill and it wasn't long before the snores subsided and our blinking bovine was waking up and wondering 'what just happened?'

From the Garden

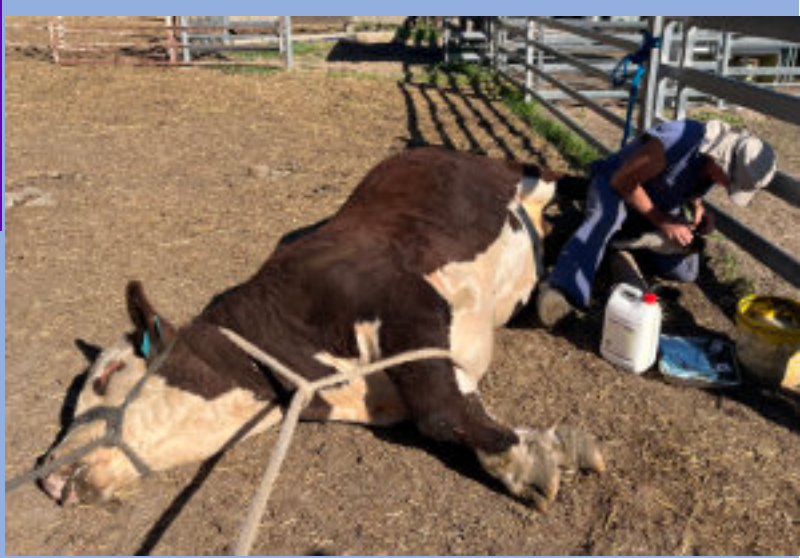
Watermelons, eggplants, zucchinis, leeks, cucumbers, lettuce, tomatoes, peppers and chillies, all loving the last of the sunshine before the cabbages, caulis and root veggies take over.

What's New?

- Stunning autumn days make work on the farm a joy. It's planting and growing season so that means weeding season too – which is less fun. The eucalypts are in their peak blooming season and the deciduous trees are colouring and then shedding leaves to conserve energy and insulate them from the cold. Our farm is a glorious mixture of both with the autumn glow of reds and golds around the houses and driveways, and the native trees, shrubs and grasses supporting the wildlife around the sheds and paddocks.
- The bees are making the best use of the abundant autumn flowers but lockdown is getting close for the beehives as the night temperatures start to plummet. Winter is a tough time for the honeybees as they cluster together inside vigorously shaking to generate heat and keep the hive at 34-36C for the Queen and her brood. Maybe I need a few worker bees in my house too this winter...



- Fuel and fertiliser costs and shortages are making the usual autumn pasture and cereal sowing difficult for many. Our farm is not immune to this though fortunate to be utilising alternate fertilisers where possible. We used an agricultural drone from AviAg to spread the Bio Fert and Trace Elements this year. Its always a balancing act in terms of cost but aerial foliar application is energy efficient, application precise and kind on the environment. Perfect for this complicated season.



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Did anyone see any beasties on our special Sunday?



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.