

Mud Mud Glorious Mud!



Our lovely wet winter continues and now we can look forward to a bounteous Spring, with green grass, full dams and happy animals of all varieties. The cows are calving and we are getting fit trudging through the mud to monitor them as the paddocks have become slippery and sloppy with all that deep ripping and moisture conservation.

Which is good preparation for the **Grand Opening** of our much awaited shocking pink pickleball court, and you are invited too!

Our first **Spring Sunday Funday** is from 1pm to 7pm on Sunday the 27th of September. Details attached and with the help of the Look Over the Farmgate Program, we are able to make this a free event to all our co-farmers, neighbours and supporters. But you must RSVP at this link so we can energise and refresh you for an afternoon of fun and friendship.

<https://events.humanitix.com/sunday-funday-at-the-farm>



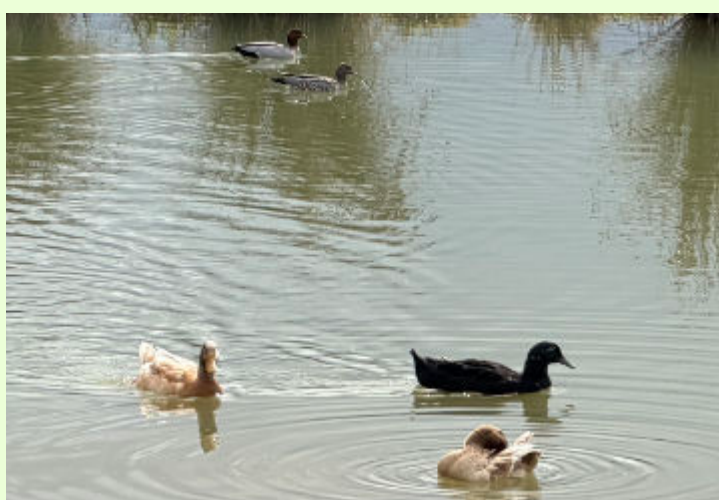
From the Garden

There's nothing better than using bee and bird attracting native plants as hedges and groundcover.

Our favourites are the Lilly Pillies, westringias, grevilleas, calistemons and these stunning hardenbergas.



Feathers Flying



Our domestic ducks cover a few varieties, 'Magoo' the beautiful black cayuga, 'Jacko' our original buff Orpington drake, the welsh harlequins and flightier khaki campbells. We love it when the natives join in for a swim, like this pair of wood ducks.

What's New?

- More farm tree planting, a little later than usual but with the winter we have had it is worth putting a few more in before the impending dry. It is wonderful to see the thousands of new trees planted in recent years transforming the waterways and wildlife corridors with vibrant life and habitat. Much more to do but so rewarding!
- The pruning is done and the fruit trees are bud bursting from dormancy to colour and life. The first wattles of the season are flowering and the early daffodils are out. In Victoria the indigenous people of the Kulin Nation have 7 seasons, and we are currently in Guling the Orchid Season moving next into Poormeet the tadpole season, when nature starts to get very loud.
- Beautiful little calves, emerging into the cold from their warm home of the last 9 months to the excitement and, for the first timers, like these two girls above shock and surprise of their patient Mums. A couple have needed help, but mostly it has been a great season with calves quickly on their feet and looking for that warm drink within minutes of being born. Every birth is a little miracle of nature.

Co-Farmer Club



I'm calling it, this is the cutest co-farmer we have profiled so far. No, not Poppy Dave but little grandson Austin. We love his visits with Mum, Kate, and reckon there's definitely another farmer or animal wrangler in the making. Ride 'em cowboy!

Word from the Herd

One of the favourite heritage items on The Farm is the hand carved redgum trough which is well over 100 years old and still in use. The only problem is that Cleo the pig doesn't like sharing so just about gets in to protect her share of pellets from the marauding chooks and pesky sheep!



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Aboriginal people have to this land and their role in caring for and maintaining Country.