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To all SAGE Farmers Market Stall Holders

More signs

Alicia from Mogo Sourdough recently offered to take responsibility for hanging out and taking down a banner for the market on market days.

The committee thinks this is a great idea and it would allow us to get signs further out of town. In Alicia's case, she can hang a banner near Mogo. We'd like to know if any other stall holders would be willing to take on the task of hanging out and taking down a sign each week, which we will provide.

Another 3 or 4 locations would be fantastic eg. around Mogo, Bodalla, perhaps even up near the Bay or on George Bass Drive somewhere. If you know of a likely spot and are willing to do this each week, please have a chat to me and we can talk about what size banner you would need etc.

Eurobodalla Rural Lands Strategy

The consultation process on the RLS continues. Last weekend, a workshop intended to give local producers an opportunity for feedback was unfortunately rendered ineffective. After being approached by SAGE, Council have arranged for an additional consultation session to be held strictly for primary producers.

Due to the circumstances, it is short notice, but it will be held at Council **tomorrow Wednesday 11 November at 10am**. Come to the main entrance and it will be in the glass room to the right.

We cannot emphasise enough that the RLS is a very important document and there are some very loud voices currently dominating the discourse that represent positions in conflict with what SAGE considers to be an appropriate use of productive rural land in this area.

This is a very important opportunity to make your voice heard about the future of rural land use in this Shire (whether your thoughts align with SAGE's or not) and we urge all primary producers to attend tomorrow's meeting.

If you can come, we also recommend you read the documents below. If not before the meeting tomorrow, then you might be motivated to read them after it. If you can't be bothered typing in these links, try googling the names of the documents.

Draft Rural Lands Strategy:

<http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/project-and-exhibitions/public-exhibition/on-exhibition/draft-rural-lands-strategy/volume-1-the-draft-strategy/Eurobodalla-Draft-Rural-Lands-Strategy-Volume-One-.pdf>

Discussion Paper 2: Commercial Scale Agricultural Directions

<http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/project-and-exhibitions/public-exhibition/on-exhibition/draft-rural-lands-strategy/volume-2-the-discussion-papers/Discussion-Paper-2-Commercial-Scale-Agricultural-Directions.pdf>

Discussion Paper 7: Local Food

<http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/project-and-exhibitions/public-exhibition/on-exhibition/draft-rural-lands-strategy/volume-2-the-discussion-papers/Discussion-Paper-7-Local-Food.pdf>

If you haven't spared much thought for the implications of the RLS so far, then tomorrow's meeting may well pique your interest.

e-Market Central Pickup Point

This is starting next week!! Woohoo!! E-Market producers have already been emailed about this, but if you're an e-market producer and I haven't contacted you, please let me know so we can have a chat.

This is the next exciting development for the market and we anticipate it will make the e-market more appealing to a lot more customers.

That's it for now.

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