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To all SAGE Farmers Market Stall Holders

Boots for Change

Remember that pilot Boots for Change event we held at the market back in October last year? Well, April is officially Boots for Change month and markets all over the country are showing their support for farming families by holding their own Boots for Change events.

We'll be holding ours next week, 12th April, so please once again don your boots and get creative with some boots on your tables and in your stalls.

Some activities are being planned with Council to coincide with Youth Week, which is a nice tie in: young people and young farmers.

Deep Winter Agrarian Gathering

Last year, Kirsti Wilkinson, Fraser Bayley, Stuart Whitelaw and I travelled down to Daylesford to participate in the first Deep Winter Agrarian Gathering. It could be described as an "unconference" of small-scale farmers and other local food advocates, such as communicators, connectors and farmers market types. It was quite an amazing weekend and well worth the trip.

It will be held again this July on the weekend of 29th-31st at Gerringong, so this one will be MUCH less of an effort to get to. The format is roughly: dinner at a pub or something on Friday night, unconferecy stuff during Saturday, pot luck dinner Saturday night, then more unconferecy stuff during Sunday. The agenda for discussions and the way the unconference proceeds is set on the Saturday morning, so it's quite loosely organised, allowing for whatever issues bubble to the surface to be discussed. There will probably be a small cost, but I'm talking small. Last year, I think we chucked in \$15/head. I believe some free camping will be made available.

We made some great connections there last year and I don't doubt it will be a bigger event this year. I highly recommend getting yourself there, whatever you farm, however you farm, however long you've been farming.

I'll keep sharing details as they are available, but if you use Facebook, search for the group "Deep Winter Agrarians" and ask to join. There have been some great discussions within that group.

More signs

Some time ago, I asked if any stall holders would be willing to put up and take down a sign for the market (similar to the signs I put up at the roundabout and bridge) on their way to and from the market each week. We're looking for spots a little further out of town (north, south, west) and will have the sign made according to the dimensions of the spot you have in mind.

I haven't had anyone give me a firm commitment (and measurements) yet, so I thought I'd put the call out once more.

That's it for now.

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