



## COVID SAFETY PLAN AUGUST 2020

While Farmers Markets are deemed an “essential service” due to the supply of fresh produce, Gloucester Farmers Market still holds the health and safety of our community, stallholders and visitors as our main priority. We ask all stallholders and shoppers to act responsibly to offer maximum common sense reduction of risk at this challenging time.

- If you have been unwell in the past 14 days or are feeling well, please stay home.
- If anyone is displaying or experiencing respiratory symptoms or fever, have travelled interstate, have been in contact with anyone from interstate or the identified Hot Spots in Newcastle and Sydney are to be immediately asked to leave the park area and directed to be tested for COVID19 and remain in isolation at home until they have results. If anyone refuses to leave the event, we the local police will be notified.
- A “Conditions of Entry” to the event will be uploaded onto all social media platforms and on the Gloucester Farmers Market website.
- While we are not required to capture all attendees upon arrival with a COVID19 Contact Tracing Register (due to the set-up of the outdoor event), a register will be available at the main Gloucester Farmers Market/Gloucester Seed Savers marquee for anyone who would like to leave their details . We require a record of your name and phone number. This information will be kept for 28 days so that contact can be made if someone has come into contact with COVID19.
- Stallholders exhibiting symptoms prior to any market day should not attend until the symptoms dissipate and the affected person follows self-isolation or medical advice. Covid-19 symptoms include (but are not limited to) fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue and shortness of breath. Covid-19 most often begins with a temperature of 37.3 degrees centigrade (99 F) or more and is contagious from the first sign of illness.
- Signage and hand sanitiser will be visible and available at both entrances to the event with additional “social distancing” reminder signs strategically placed throughout the park
- All stallholders are encouraged to cease open food sampling.
- All beverage vendors are requested to provide disposable paper (recyclable) cups to mitigate risks. Market coffee stalls supplying ‘market day mugs’ and onsite wash facilities will cease this practice until further notice.
- All additional mobile community-use tables and chairs have been removed for the time being. This is to assist recommended social distancing.
- Shoppers are requested to keep a safe distance (1.5m) when queuing to purchase food. Stalls will be set up according to the same distancing provisions.

- As at each event, stallholders will ensure all waste is disposed of in the park bins provided before leaving the site after pack-down.
- Regular checks and cleaning will be carried out of the on-site public toilet and shared storage facility located at the back of the amenities block.
- Attendees are encouraged to not stand in groups of more than ten people or linger for long periods of time.
- Stallholders are invited to display physical distancing markers on or around their stall and in areas where people are asked to queue.
- Attendees are not encouraged to gather outside the park/event area and will be asked to move on or authorities will be called.
- Live music will still be provided for shoppers to attend while they are on-site. We don't encourage people to stay to watch the performer.
- This is a "Shop and Go" event – cashless payment is preferred and encouraged.
- If you prefer to wear a mask, please feel free to do so. You are attending a judgement free event and any inappropriate behaviour or actions will not be tolerated.
- Everyone attending the Market Day is encouraged to wash their hands before they arrive and use the hand sanitiser provided on arrival and at individual stalls. Transmission via hands, sneezing and human contact is the most common route of infection, just as for colds and flu. Anti-bacterial handwash, and hand washing with soap (for 20 seconds or more) is effective and needs to be practised more regularly than usual, whether you are a stallholder or shopper. Wash hands before heading to the market, sanitize at stalls, and wash hands at home.

Farmers' markets are a fundamental link in our healthy food chain and no more than now should we be eating fresh healthy food. What's more, we need to support our farmers and artisan food producers many of whose livelihoods depend on their weekly trading at farmers markets. Sell and shop local, sell and shop seasonal and healthy food, sell and shop in the fresh air. Thank you for your support and cooperation... we will get through this together!

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