

## **FARM GATE ROUNDUP Saturday 9 September 2006**

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### **David what's happening on the Farm Gate Trail this weekend?**

Hawkesbury Farmers and Gourmet Food Market at Castle Hill Showground – being the second Saturday of the month.

Fords Farm at Wisemans Ferry will be selling their Hickson mandarins on the Hawkesbury Harvest stall. Ford's Farm is one of the few citrus orchards around Sydney where people and families can come and try before you buy and experience the joy of picking their own fruit fresh from the tree. The farm has closed for this year but other citrus farms on the trail are still open.

### **The markets had their fourth birthday last month.**

Yes. They were a great success etc

### **No doubt it takes time for what HH is aiming to do such as the markets to catch on**

It does Ian but like most things if you keep plugging away it starts to pay dividends. One of the things we aim to do is bring viability to small farms by encouraging people to come out onto the farms through the Farm Gate Trail. I was talking to Cheryl Uren of Tanglin Lodge Alpacas at Tennyson yesterday and she told me that she had three bus loads of people coming out to her farm on the same day in the near future – a total of 135 people.

### **What else is happening?**

#### **Umbria - The Greenheart of Italy**

##### **2 Sep 06 - 30 Sep 06**

In this, her second exhibition at Breewood Gallery, Hawkesbury based Enid Colquhoun, presents works on papers which were undertaken during recent field studies in the beautiful Italian heartland of Umbria and part of adjoining Tuscany.

Whilst the landscape is distinctive, the essence of agricultural heritage and bucolic lifestyle has parallels with our own region and comparatively recent history.

## Orange Blossom Festival – Castle Hill

This festival started yesterday and will go through until Monday September 25 and promises to build on the exciting events from last year. The Arthur Whiting Park in Castle Hill will be the venue for the Cultural Celebration during the day and the Street Parade and entertainment during the evening.

Listeners can find out more about the program by going to

[www.orangeblossom.com.au](http://www.orangeblossom.com.au)

### **I suppose that with the advent of spring there is lots of blossoming occurring at the moment**

2006 Artburst in the Vineyard -Showcasing a Harvest Trail of Hawkesbury Wines and Art - 16-17 September

One of the gallery stops on the 2006 Artburst trail is FERNBROOK GARDEN & GALLERY- Kurrajong Heights

The exhibition, “Art of Nature” will be officially opened at 10am next Saturday 16th September, by Ms Jennifer Stackhouse, well known writer and garden presenter. It will run through until Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October

During the Artburst 2006 weekend, visit Tizzana Winery and taste wines from seven Hawkesbury Vineyards. View the ceramics and art at Tizzana - continue on the trail and visit ‘The Windsor Group’ exhibition at Hawkesbury Regional Gallery the Breewood Gallery’s exhibition that I mentioned earlier, continue on to Larna Ezzy’s needlework at Packing Shed Patchwork, food and the latest art exhibition of works by Carolyn Clarke (Opening on 3-5pm on the Saturday), and the Botanical Art of Elaine Musgrave and friends at Fernbrook garden and gallery. If the whim takes you, explore new vineyards at St Albans and take in an exhibition at St Albans Gallery.

One other thing Ian

On Saturday 23 Sept the University of Western Sydney Hawkesbury Campus will be holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Expo event here at Richmond. There are lots of things for everyone such as:

- ◆ Course information for prospective students
- ◆ Guided campus tours of historical buildings for those interested in that sort of thing
- ◆ Baby animal farm for the children
- ◆ NSW Pony Club lots of dogs doing their tricks as well as the RAAF Guard Dog Demonstration

### **Where can listeners get more information on these events?**

[www.hawkesburyharvest.com.au](http://www.hawkesburyharvest.com.au)