

# ...from the E.O.'s desk

It's very encouraging for the Board and Management of Hawkesbury Harvest when we are greeted with such positive response to such an important part of the organisation as our new "Farm Gate Trail Map". We have worked hard over the last few months to get the blend right both with membership and content. The Farm Gate Trail Map now has such a wide and varied circulation that it was imperative that we captured the overall wonders of the Hawkesbury Region. Using a local graphic artist, photographer and printer we believe we have achieved that and more!

The organisations commitment to deliver quality products to the Members and the community at large has continued with the recent launch of our exciting new web site. [www.hawkesburyharvest.com.au](http://www.hawkesburyharvest.com.au). Such quality has been achieved by working with the young and dynamic team at Stralia Web in Springwood – "we gave them ingredients and they did the baking" and the result was outstanding – the web site now has something to whet most appetites.

Once again the Hawkesbury Harvest Stand took pride and place in the Horticultural Pavilion at Royal Easter Show. Met with enthusiasm by the general public, country visitors, the media, educators and importantly our Members it gave us the opportunity to discuss openly with Farm Gate visitors, ideas and concepts to ensure the ongoing success of the Trail. My sincere thanks to all who gave their time and product over the 14 days of

the show it was greatly appreciated.

Hawkesbury Harvest has a very strong vision for the future and it is through the ongoing support of our local Councils and Government bodies that we will continue to grow and strengthen. We are committed to servicing our Members, assisting them to grow their businesses and highlighting the value of sustainable agriculture and agric-tourism to the Region. Enjoy the Harvest and all that it represents!

Margaret Down, Executive Officer

## Hawkesbury Harvest Castle Hill Markets 2nd Saturday of the month – Harvey Lowe Pavilion

These markets are evolving into a mecca of fine foods. From an amazing variety of condiments, to breads, ground coffee, free range poultry and fresh farm fruit and vegetables. The added attraction of freshly cut flowers, locally grown herbs and plants and an array of smoked products has made the market day an important part of the Hills Shire Calendar.

