

Member Update

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This newsletter is distributed to Members of the Central Coast Plateau Chamber of Commerce and to Members of the Central Coast Plateau Harvest Trail Group.

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From the President:

Central Coast Council – we continue to have monthly meetings with CCC Assets Infrastructure and Business Group Leader, Mike Dowling who has suggested that 149 Certificates might be worth exploring to overcome the *right to farm/existing use* issues. This would alert potential property owners before they purchased and give farmers some protection to maintain economic productivity. We will continue to pursue this issue and potential solution, however much will depend upon CCC willingness to ensure compliance.

Central Coast Food Collective – monthly meetings are held in venues across the CC. Restaurants and the club industry remain enthusiastic about using local produce, however a pathway to the logistics of this remains elusive. As it is with many challenges natural growth between all elements of the food chain will be the end game. Technology is currently being explored to provide an answer. It is highly possible that farmers will be able to extend their seasonal product base to answer local consumer needs.

Serving business in ...
Bucketty
Calga
Central Mangrove
Kariong
Kulnura
Lower Mangrove
Mangrove Mountain
Mt White
Peats Ridge
Somersby
Spencer

CC Plateau Harvest Trail (CCPHT) - Hawkesbury Harvest Inc Harvest Trail and Markets website is slowly being populated. We hear it is working for early participants. The recent success of CC Council's Harvest Festival has certainly motivated the council to act with an offer to help with a grant application to support and fund the CCPHT web site page and app, a process which all the other LG areas represented on that website have provided for local agricultural viability. Visit www.harvesttrailsandmarkets.com.au and have a look. We know there are a number of others finalising their pages for the site.

A Hawkesbury Harvest Trail bus trip to four Hawkesbury farms gave a realistic view of what works and ways to optimise with minimal impact on managing the farm.

CWA Conference – the Chamber hosted two bus tours for partners attending the recent State CWA Conference at Mingara highlighting our farm sector. We continue to promote the Central Coast Plateau as a productive agricultural sub region of the Central Coast. The message is being received, however it is a continuing journey.

CENTRAL COAST PLATEAU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club
Tuesday, September 5 at 7.00PM
Your RSVP would be appreciated.