



COVID SAFETY PLAN UPDATED SEPTEMBER 2021

While Farmers Markets are deemed an “essential service” due to the supply of fresh produce and outdoor Market events are permitted to proceed, the Gloucester Community 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 to ensure lifting of restrictions may continue. We remain compliant with all State Government, National Government and NSW Health regulations and recommendations pertaining to Farmers Markets within NSW.

- Face masks are mandatory. Protective masks may be offered or distributed to any shopper not wearing a mask without medical or Govt exemption. Masks will also be available as a courtesy for any market participant observed to have viral symptoms. 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.
- 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) all attendees are encouraged to do the right thing and sign-in using the Service NSW app on the QR scan codes available at both main entrances to the Market attached to the hand sanitiser stands. A manual register will be available from the Market Coordinators on the day (easily identified in yellow fluoro vests) for anyone who need to manually 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.
- If you have been unwell in the past 14 days or are feeling unwell, 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 any potentially identified Hot Spots 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.
- 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.
- 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 currently provided in the park by MCC.

- 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.
- Shoppers are requested to keep a safe distance (1.5m) when and where possible.
- As at each event, stallholders will ensure all waste is disposed of in the park bins provided before leaving the site after pack-down.
- Attendees are encouraged to not stand in large groups 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 at their discretion. They are also requested to have hand sanitiser available on each stall.
- Disposable paper (recyclable) cups are to be used only for coffee or other beverages to mitigate risks.
- Live music will still be provided for shoppers to attend while they are on-site. We are happy to once again invite people to stay to watch the artists, keeping sensible social distancing practices in mind.
- This is a "Shop and Go" event – cashless payment is preferred and encouraged.
- 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 hand wash, 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.
- If you are concerned about your health or that of other stallholders or shoppers please contact the Market Coordinators, your GP or the Government's 24-hour Healthdirect advice line on 1800 022 222.
- A copy of this plan will be made available on the Gloucester Community Market website and provided to Gloucester Police at their request.

Farmers' Markets and Community 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.

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