

G'DAY FROM BANNOCK BRAE

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A NEW YEAR BEGINS!

Welcome to another year! I wonder what 2018 has in store for us!! Some things will undoubtedly stay the same. Our passion for providing top quality products and excellence in service for starters. Our Highfields retail shop, with the lovely Brenda at the helm, will continue as will our local and Brisbane delivery runs. And our butchers will continue to bring a variety of delicious ideas to your table.

And some things will change..... Already we bid a sad farewell to our lovable workmate Justine who has secured a full time

position at her other job. We wish her well but will miss her terribly. We've got some subtle changes planned for the shop, some not-so-subtle changes planned for the farm, and we're hoping a few of our projects might come to fruition this year. 2018 is set to be another big year!

But of course we can't do it without our valued customers. After all you are the reason we get out of bed at those un-godly hours each day! Bannock Brae is much like the crops we plant on the farm. We ploughed through the groundwork (council and accreditation requirements)

planted the seeds (our ideas), and have worked tirelessly to make sure our crop (Bannock Brae Meats) has survived. We've added top quality products and amazing staff and given it our full attention and yes it has survived. But as with crops that rely on Mother Nature to thrive, we rely on you—our customers— to thrive. Thank-you for your continued support over the years. Please keep recommending us to your family and friends so that this little local business continues to survive and thrive ! Shop local ! Support local!



Like us on Facebook!

Have you liked us on Facebook yet? It's a great way to keep up to date with the latest news, products, competitions and offers. And if you need a really good laugh, check out the

comments on our Australia Day meat tray giveaway post when we asked people to comment with their favourite Aussie saying! Fair dinkum, we were cracking up reading them—

'there's some rippers! Good to see our true blue Aussie humour and great Aussie spirit is alive and well. And in Kieren's words - "there's no better place than Australia—it's the duck's nuts" !!!

BRISBANE DELIVERY RUNS
*** Thurs 8th & Friday 9th Feb (order by 30 Jan)**
*** Thurs 8th & Friday 9th March (Order by 27 Feb)**
*** Thurs 12th & Friday 13th April (order by 3 April)**
***Thurs 10th & Friday 11th May (Order by 1 May)**

DOWN ON THE FARM.....

It's drying out again down on the farm. The cattle still look to be in great shape and are often found hanging at the trough or lazing in the shade where it's several degrees cooler on these hot summer days. The sorghum crop is beginning to turn already—a direct result of the hot drying days—and another harvest is just around the corner. Changes in our cropping regime is also on the cards, with zero-till cropping becoming the norm from now on. Kieren and his mate Bob have been converting a piece of machinery to a zero-till planter and it's almost ready for it's maiden voyage! It looks like a giant yellow spider crawling over

the paddocks when all its legs are folded out. It's been a long, slow process but it's nearly mission completed. Another project to tick off the list.

But there's always another one to take it's place and next on the agenda is the rebuild of the stock crate so that will keep Kieren out of mischief for the next week or so.

And a couple of new alpacas have made their home at Bannock Brae this week—two more mates for Wally and Gromit. Jaffa and Ozzy have settled in well although they are keeping mostly to themselves at this stage, getting used to their new surroundings.



Pa's Rainfall Report Dec - 111.5mm

What are you Eating??

At Bannock Brae we aim to bring you the freshest products and produce possible at the most reasonable prices possible.

Our beef is almost exclusively grown out on our farm Erinvale (occasionally we source from other farmers like my Dad). Our lambs are also grown out at Erinvale. The welfare of our animals is second to none and we even transport them ourselves to minimize stress to the animals.

Vroom! Vroom!

Erinvale is set to come alive at the end of February, when we play host to Rounds 1 and 2 of the Husqvarna Motorcycle Sprint Series.

The sound of 4-stroke motorbikes will fill the air as competitors battle it out for the fastest times around the cross country loops and the best start possible for the series.

Know where your food comes from—it's local, it's fresh.....

Our fresh pork is supplied from local pig farmers on a weekly basis and bulk amounts (for making ham and bacon) are sourced from a Queensland wholesaler guaranteeing that our pork is 100% Australian—absolutely no imported pork!!

One of our butchers Christian, is a mad-keen Enduro rider and has been instrumental in bringing the event to the farm. We're so excited to welcome these guys to Erinvale—it's going to be awesome!

Cheers

From the team @ Bannock Brae

The fresh fruit and vegetables available in our Highfields shop (or delivered as a box with your bulk delivery) comes from a variety of sources. Sometimes this includes our own farm, or other growers in the local area, but mostly we work in with Westridge Fruit and Vegies who source the freshest produce they can and use local suppliers too.

And our ready -made meals, pastries and gourmet pies are all made right here on our premises using the freshest ingredients. Rest assured we know the origin of the food you are buying—it's local and it's fresh. You're welcome!

