

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM BANNOCK BRAE MEATS.....

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WINDS OF CHANGE....

Well we have nearly made it! Less than 20 sleeps until the man in the big red suit is due to arrive!

It's all systems go at Bannock Brae Meats with hams smoking 24/7 and butchers and packers working hard to complete all orders on time.

A few changes in the wind too which has made life interesting of late. We bid farewell to Stephen, our 2nd year apprentice, who has decided to change career paths and try something new. We wish him all the best. On Christmas Eve, we also say goodbye to Tim who has now

successfully completed his apprenticeship and is also changing careers. We congratulate him on finishing his apprenticeship and wish him luck for the future.

To replace Stephen & Tim we welcome Charlie in a casual role and Christian in a full time role to our team. Christian is a fully qualified highly skilled young butcher who comes with lots of fresh ideas—some of which you may have already seen in our Highfields store. His creative side is already an asset and we are excited at the prospects for 2016. Charlie is also fully



Winds of change—
awesome cloud formation
from a recent storm.

qualified and brings a wealth of experience. We look forward to working with them both. We thank our customers for their patience and understanding as our new staff settle in and find their feet—especially challenging at this time of year.

ANNUAL SHUTDOWN

Bannock Brae Meats will commence it's annual shutdown on the afternoon of December 24 and re-open on Monday 18th January. This 3 week shutdown allows us to complete any

required maintenance and also allows us and our staff to have a well-earned break, switch off our brains and relax, and enjoy some quality time with our families. Again, thank- you

for your understanding. We look forward to seeing you again from Monday 18th January.

BRISBANE DELIVERY RUNS

* Thurs 10th &
Friday 11th Dec
(orders closed)

* Tuesday 22nd
Dec—Sold out
NO JANUARY

Delivery

February 11/12th
(Order by 1 Feb)

DOWN ON THE FARM.....

So blessed to be having a good start to the Summer season. We managed to dodge the worst of the hailstones whilst our crop was still standing and harvested a record crop of barley. It was a frustrating harvest with a few mechanical breakdowns, stoppages due to thunderstorms and weather, and the bogging of the header a couple of times, but overall it was very fruitful. Very proud of Kieren and the boys for all their hard work and long hours—all worth it. Some good rain has seen our sorghum crop up and running too.

The cattle look amazing—their coats all glossy as their winter coats

disappear and the rains give them a nice clean up. Our heifers being agisted at "Rancho Relaxo" are looking particularly awesome—Thanks to Ken for looking after them so well.

A new working dog has also joined the family. Tess is a border collie cross kelpie and is growing rapidly, already looking like a gangly teenager. Skye and Ellie love her to bits and she is already showing great potential.

So all is good down on the farm and yes the turkey who marches around here is safe for another year!!



Harvest time....

PA's RAINFALL REPORT

October— 99mm

November—104mm

FANTASTIC RANGE FOR CHRISTMAS...

As I write this, we are still taking orders for our very popular traditional woodsmoked Christmas hams, but we are starting to get to the pointy end and will sell out soon. If you haven't done so already make sure you place your order. Our hams are made from 100% Australian pork, hand prepared and traditionally woodsmoked using Australian hardwood sawdust. If ham is not your thing, we have a range of succulent beef, lamb, and pork roasts

available as well as fresh free range chickens, and a limited amount of turkeys—something for everyone.

We have a fantastic range of Christmas fare—something to tempt everyone!

We also have lots of new lines including chicken parmigiana mini roasts, chicken kiev, lemon & garlic lamb kebabs, lamb koftas and cute & tasty pastry dishes. And don't forget our range of delicious sauces, marinades, cheeses and dips, seeds, relishes and pastas. Why not create a hamper with all your favourites!

Extended hours Christmas week—open 10am—6pm.

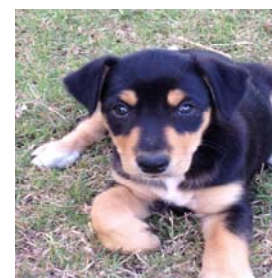
Merry Christmas.... But please spare a thought!

Our heartfelt thanks for your continued support throughout this year. By supporting us you are supporting local farmers, local jobs, and local businesses. Our thoughts go out to those farmers less fortunate who are still battling harsh drought conditions—please consider making a donation to the Aussie Helpers Drought Appeal—

A collection tin is on our counter at our Highfields shop or we are happy to collect on our delivery runs. 100% of funds goes directly to farmers in need. Let's help make their Christmas a little cheerier too.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas! See you in 2016

From the team @ Bannock Brae



Welcome to the family Tess!