

G'DAY FROM BANNOCK BRAE

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Where Did It Go??

Is it just me or did 2016 just disappear in the blink of an eye? It's been another big year at Bannock Brae, and we are ramping up the pace yet again for the countdown to Christmas, whilst simultaneously attending tribute afternoons, speech nights and Adam's Year 12 formal, and finishing off a late harvest. Busy! Busy!

There's been a few surprises this year too, including our nomination for the Heritage Business Excellence awards. We will never know who was behind our nomination but thank-you whoever you are!

Bannock Brae Meats was proud to accept the division award for Retail—Food & Grocery—on the night. We had a great night and I got to swap workboots for heels for a change and Kieren got to scrub up too!

But it's back to reality now! Ham season is here and the smokers are humming 24/7 churning out hundreds of traditional wood-smoked hams ready to grace tables near and far on Christmas Day. It's not too late to order yours—we have full and half leg hams available and your choice of bone in or boneless. We're proud to supply a product that is



made from 100% Australian pork (supporting our Aussie pork producers), hand trimmed and prepared by our expert butchers, and smoked to perfection. We also have a full range of beef, lamb, pork and chicken to complete any menu on Christmas day as well as bbq meats for those family get-togethers and a range of products to compliment them all. Phone us on 46 967 062, order online or call in and see us to place your orders.

Gift Ideas for Christmas...

If you're looking for a last minute gift idea for that hard-to-buy-for family member or friend, why not pop into our Highfields store and make up a hamper of goodies. We

have smoked salts & oils, marinades, sauces, spice & curry mixes, chutneys & cheeses. Choose from brands including Bunny Chow Down, Beerenberg, Gourmet Afrika, Vaxkraft,

Henry Langdon and Riverina Grove. You are sure to find something for everyone tastes!

We'll even put it together for you!

**BRISBANE
DELIVERY RUNS**
* **Thurs 8th &
Friday 9th Dec
(order by 29 Nov)**
* **Special C'mas
Delivery—22nd
December—
limited places
left**

* **No January
delivery due to
annual shutdown**

* **Feb 9th/10th
Order by 31 Jan**

DOWN ON THE FARM.....

Harvest is traditionally the busiest time of the year on a farm, and this year is no exception. We are grateful to have our silos full once again and the harvest completed with just a few more nights of baling hay left to go. Only one major mechanical breakdown during harvest, breaking the rear axle on the header, so literally breaking our header in half! Lucky farmers are so resourceful and can turn their hand to almost anything! With good mate Nic (once a farmer, always a farmer!) there to help, the boys spent a hot, dusty and challenging afternoon getting the header back together again. They definitely earned a beer

that afternoon! Job well done boys!

With the hot weather on its way, we thought it time to shear some of the woollier creatures on the farm (no, not our butchers!) Wally & Gromit, our 2 alpacas were the first contenders. They enjoyed a pampering session of sorts—being shorn from top to tail, having their nails done and teeth checked and getting their vaccinations up to date. They look quite hilarious without their fleece but are cooler and less prickly! The bad season of prickles also prompted us to have Ellie & Skye clipped this year. Both are now scampering around feeling much lighter and cooler. Babies everywhere



down on the farm. Heaps of lively new calves, a batch of multi-coloured chickens & Tillie the shed cat has proudly introduced us to 5 new kittens—will be super mousers or perfect companions! Just gorgeous and free to good homes!

Everyone is happy down on the farm!

Buying from SMALL business makes BIG difference

We have been trading as Bannock Brae Meats for 11 years now. In that time we have seen lots of small businesses come and go. It's always sad to see people who have been passionate about something and believe in it close their doors due to lack of local support. The big supermarkets and other big chains are muscling in too, pushing out small business and making it difficult or near impossible for them to compete.

I encourage each and every one of you to become aware of the small local businesses operating in your community and lend them your support. There's lots of ways you can do this, from physically walking through their doors and spending

Why not challenge yourself to shop locally this Christmas!!

your money there, to encouraging others to give them a go by giving them a good wrap on Facebook, to encouraging your local school or club to buy local. These business owners are locals just like you, employing locals and supporting local schools & clubs, but they need community support to do it. Help make your local businesses viable so there are jobs for the future for your kids and grandkids and choices available instead of being forced to buy from supermarket giants. Buying local from small business makes a BIG

We're Nearly There!!!

As in all previous years, Bannock Brae Meats will have their annual 3 week shutdown commencing Christmas Eve. This gives our awesome staff a well-deserved break, allows them to travel to be with family if they need to and gives us back our sanity after a crazy Christmas period.

We would like to thank all of our valued customers, family and friends

for their ongoing support that allows this small local business to survive and thrive.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas. See you in 2017!

The very busy and mostly exhausted team at Bannock Brae Meats

