

DAYLESFORD SUNDAY MARKET INFORMATION

The Daylesford Sunday Market operates every Sunday at the Daylesford Railway Station, 16-18 Raglan Street/ Midland Highway at the Castlemaine/Bendigo end of town.

Operating hours are from early morning setup (about 7.00 am) until early to mid afternoon. Stallholders may leave earlier if they wish. There is no set closing time.

There are two classes of stallholders;

- **Regulars**, who have their own allocated stallsites, usually in the front and middle section of the Main Market. There are no more Regular sites available for allocation and there is a waiting list.
- **Casuals**, who have no regular stallsite allocation. If you are a new stallholder at any market then you will need to join a queue of vehicles to get a site.

Bookings. No bookings are taken for any market. Regulars have their allocated site and casuals need to join the queue. Regular stallholders are required to notify management of any absence so that their sites may be allocated that day to a Casual. These sites are usually filled first from the front of the Casual queue.

Cost. All sites, no matter where they are, cost \$25.00 each. No site sharing (ie; two or more separate people / operations on any one site) is permitted. On bad weather days, a discounted stall fee may apply. A tax invoice / receipt will always be given as a record of payment. Site fees are collected mid to late morning.

Casual Site Allocation. The queue begins near the food vans in the centre of the market area and usually starts by Saturday lunchtime by Casuals wanting the best available vacant Regular sites. The queue builds down the roadway through the market area to Raglan Street and then down the market side of Raglan Street. By 6.30 am on a Sunday (if the weather is fine) the end of the queue will be down to the houses in Raglan Street and possibly further. On really busy days like Easter Sunday / before Christmas / a long weekend or when a local festival is on, the queue can be very long indeed. Casuals who arrive for a stall must join this queue and not just drive in unless there is no queue as everyone in the queue has been already placed. Please note;

- There is limited room available for stalls and if the queue goes around the corner at the Farmers Arms Hotel and you arrive at the end of it then, you may not get in.
- No guarantees can be given to anyone without a Regular site. If you come by 6.30 am you will probably get in. However if you arrive on a really busy fine day at 7.45 am, it is likely that the market will be all full.
- A second queue may exist on the other side of Raglan Street but this is made up of Casuals who are being re-directed into another area of the market. Do not join this queue; the only queue to join when you arrive is on the market side of Raglan Street.
- Single site allocation is preferred with a double site the largest area available for allocation.
- If you arrive late (after 8.00 am), please find the Market Manager before setting up your stall. Especially in fine weather, we may be full and there may be nowhere available to set up.

Size of Sites. Stall sites do vary in size but the average marked out site in the Main Market is 7 metres long and up to 3.5 metres wide. A car and small trailer will fit into this area with enough display room for goods beside and parallel with the car. A gazebo may not fit in as well. If you think you need more room, ask to be placed in the Paddock Area or at the rear. The largest amount of site space allocated is a double site.

Choice of Area. The market is in two sections; Main Market and Paddock Area. Larger vehicles (trucks or large vans or tandem trailers) or stalls with large or heavy goods are better off in the Paddock Area where any purchases can be loaded directly into cars. Larger vehicles may not fit into most Main Market sites.

- There are about 30 available sites in the Paddock Area all for Casuals.
- There are at least 20 available Casual sites in the Main Market (more if Regulars are absent).
- Whilst waiting in the queue, you will be asked for your preferred area; Main Market or Paddock Area. This determines where you will be sent. Casual placements commence at 6.40 am.

Tents and Gazebos. Please tell us initially if you intend to erect a tent or gazebo as this may affect where you are placed. Not all sites are suitable for tents or gazebos, especially if you need to drive securing pegs into the ground. We do not recommend that tents, gazebos or large umbrellas be used on windy days.

Restrictions. There is a restriction on food stalls and a prohibition on displaying live animals for sale or not.

- Packaged food (cakes, biscuits etc) is OK but you must comply with all health regulations regarding packaging and labelling.
- No more take away food stalls (selling hot or cold take away ready to eat food or drink) will be permitted. There are four food vans and a Coffee tent which all have the required health certification. We get one or two inquiries a month for new food sites which would not be viable in addition to the Regulars. There is a waiting list for new take away food sites but there have been no changes for a long time.
- No live animals may be displayed (or sold) at the market, especially domestic pets like dogs and cats. No animals allowed, even if "free to a good home".

What to Bring. Stallholders should bring the following items to the market as well as goods for sale;

- Trestle tables or racks as required. (A limited number of trestles are available for \$2 each and there is a limit of two hired trestles per stallholder).
- Sufficient change (you will be often paid with \$50 notes).
- Plastic covers / shelter material in case of rain.
- Warm clothing as it can be quite cold in Daylesford at any time.

Busking. This is permitted and there is no charge for free entertainment provided unless goods are being sold as well. Buskers pick an area where they can fit in and may stay there for up to 45 minutes and then move to another area. No amplified music or sound is allowed normally as it can be too loud. Other guidelines are;

- Hurling / juggling sticks or objects is not permitted in case of injury to persons nearby.
- If there is more than one busker, a common sense separation is expected.

Rubbish and Litter. We accept reasonable waste and litter from stalls including a fair dealing of cardboard and packaging. However we do not accept;

- Unsold or damaged goods (items you don't want to take home) and
- Trade waste from your stall including bulk packaging / polystyrene boxes / waxed cardboard boxes / plastic storage tubs etc.
- Any domestic waste other than occasional litter from your day at the market.

Cardboard boxes must be broken down into flat sheets and placed in the cage provided (behind the Ladies toilet block) together with any newspaper etc. All stallholders are expected to leave their stallsites clean and tidy when they depart.

Sunday Morning Weather Report. You can ring the Sunday Market Information Line between 6.30 am and 8.00 am every Sunday to get a weather report on weather conditions at Daylesford. The phone number is (03) 53483503.

Unfortunately, the time when this report becomes available may affect your arrival time at the market and hence your place in the market although it could prevent you from making a trip for nothing. Weather at Daylesford is not like Melbourne or even Ballarat. A North wind means bad weather coming as Daylesford is north of the Dividing Range. It can be raining in Melbourne, Ballan & Ballarat but fine in Daylesford.....or vice versa.

On cold mornings, beware of black ice on the roads, especially in shaded sections under still, frosty conditions. Not all roads have black ice warning lights.

Another traffic hazard is native wildlife on the roads, especially kangaroos in forested sections.

Bushfire Information. The Daylesford Sunday Market will operate on a Total Fire Ban day in summer unless there is a "Code Red" fire danger warning issued for the Central Region. **No market will operate on "Code Red" days !** Daylesford is identified as a high fire danger town. Avoid this area on a "Code Red" day.

Telephone Information. 24 hour information line - (03) 53483503 for recorded information similar to but less comprehensive than this information package. Please note that no messages may be left through the week and not until 09.00 am on Saturdays. We are unable to return calls and answer any other questions.

This information is issued on behalf of the Daylesford Spa Country Railway, owner and operator of the Daylesford Sunday Market (ABN 76 223 529 785).