

# Stock's up for springtime



**Joe Pelle**

SUTTON NEWS

IN OCTOBER 1887, *The Queanbeyan Age* published these prices from a Sutton livestock sale: Fat Cattle at £4 8s; Ewes with lambs at 8s 4d; Wethers at 8s 3d; Fat Lambs at 4s lb.

These were good prices in 1887, even for spring. Will October 2013 prices be as good?

This summary of points in a Yass Valley Council seasonal (winter 2013) agriculture report, dated August 28 this year, might help answer that:

**RAIN:** Yass Valley farmers had fair rain

throughout winter. The combination of good rain and rising soil temperatures should sustain our autumn and winter sown crops well into spring.

**WOOL PRICE:** Despite some volatility during July, winter prices gave reasonable value to local growers. With the August selling recess over and new wools coming onto the market, prices have moved slightly higher with increased buyer action.

**MUTTON and LAMB PRICES:** This winter, all prices were strongest at its end. This upward trend has continued strongly into spring because of good pasture growth. Among other positives, the growth has re-ignited the market for re-stocker sheep.

**CATTLE PRICES:** Both local and national spring prices have shown a positive response to a 'gentler' winter. Later



Lamb and mutton prices are up across the region and Spring will bring some good pasture growth along with it.

during spring, prices may rise quickly as seasonal export markets return to Australia to fill orders.

So, how's your spring looking now?

**Murrumbateman Field Days:** THIS

year's

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## Fresh food fast



Yass Road Takeaway co-owner Nick Giannis whipping up a sandwich in Queanbeyan this week.

YASS Road is where the hard work in Queanbeyan gets done, and for hungry workers and passers-by alike, Yass Road Takeaway is a must-stop shop.

Co-owner Nick Giannis runs by the motto "we don't sell fast food, we sell good food fast," and a steady stream of customers through the door from early morning until late afternoon is testament to that work ethic.

Mr Giannis told *The Queanbeyan Age* that his business approach was based on quality ingredients and a strong customer service focus.

"It's the prices and the fresh food that get people in, but mostly it's about the customer service," he said.

Mr Giannis and his brother Anthony bought the store off their father in 2000, but the family has run a takeaway store on Yass Road since

the early eighties.

"We've had a store on Yass Road since 1981, and I don't like to change things around too much. We try and keep the same recipes and the same approach to customer service that Dad used. It's stood us in good stead," Mr Giannis said.

And it's not just Queanbeyan people who are on to this local eatery.

The store has also won Canberra radio Mix 106.3's 'Best Takeaway' award three times, in 2005, 2007 and 2008. The award is voted on by hundreds of listeners of the station, and you'll notice the three plaques proudly hanging on the wall when you visit.

■ Yass Road Takeaway is located at 51 Yass Road, Queanbeyan and offers a range of fresh food options, either dine-in or takeaway.

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