



GARNET MADDRELL.

In 1988, John and his wife Moira converted the woolshed into a restaurant and it opened on 25th October that year. It was so popular that they had to have another opening night a week later.

During the next twelve years it was also used for many weddings and functions as well as a restaurant, with Moira, John and their nephew Geoff Bunn doing the catering. Twelve years



JOHN MADDRELL AND NEW GARAN VALE WOOLSHED OWNER PETER TILOCCA.

or so after that they decided to concentrate solely on functions and many weddings, birthdays and Apex functions were held there.

Vanessa Bunn took over the catering during this time and to quote John she was, "absolutely brilliant!".

John has so many happy memories of growing up at Garan Vale, as well as the later years when he and Moira raised their family there. On the wall

of the Living room there is a painting of 'The Mangles', the ship that John's ancestor Captain John Coghill sailed from England, making many trips to Australia with convicts on board.

Last year John sold the Garan Vale Woolshed and several acres of land to Peter Tilocca who, with his mother Rosa, has recently opened the Woolshed as 'The Garan Vale Italian Restaurant & Function Centre'.

Regulation

Bronwyn Richards has her red tape scissors out

There is ongoing concern from small farmers across the region about actions being taken at the local government level in relation to keeping pigs and poultry. I just want to clarify exactly what is stated in the legislation.

Under the State Environmental Planning Policy 30 that describes intensive agriculture, ie. state wide legislation, keeping pigs, and keeping poultry is classified as intensive agriculture and therefore requires at least a Development Application to council. Depending on where you are located, it might also require a state development application called a DDA if you are in a water catchment area. So it is really important as farmers that we understand what a is a piggery and what is a poultry farm. According to state legislation, a piggery is a farm that has more than 200 pigs at one time, or ten breeding sows at one time. If you have five pigs you are not a piggery. If you have 199 pigs, you are not a piggery, so it is just important to know exactly where you stand. If you are not a piggery, you do not require any development approvals.

In terms of poultry farming, the definition for poultry farming is found in the NSW Food Legislation which is, once again, state-wide legislation. So for meat chicks, keeping meat chickens, raising meat poultry, a poultry farmer has 100 or more meat birds at any one time. If you have under 100 meat birds at any one time, you are not a poultry farmer and do not require any development approval.

In terms of laying chooks, if you are producing more than 20 dozen eggs a week, you are a poultry farmer. If you are producing less than that, you are not an intensive poultry farmer and do not require development approval. Keeping these animals may require other conditions of looking after them in terms of animal husbandry and other responsibilities, and they are defined in different legislations, but at this point I'm just talking about whether you require approval from council or government to keep your animals.



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