



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Thursday 17th February 2022**

## Market OPEN this weekend – farmers ready to provide Canberrans with fresh produce following EPIC disruption

Canberra's original and best Farmers Market, <u>Capital Region Farmers Market</u>, will be back open this coming Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February. This follows its closure due to major disruptions at EPIC last weekend.

"We are pleased that all your favourite farmers and producers are ready to go again this weekend, bringing Canberrans the best and freshest in local and region produce," said Capital Region Farmers Market Manager, Sarah Power.

"It was a very challenging week last week, and the Market's many stallholders are truly grateful for the incredible support of the Canberra community. They can't wait to see all the friendly faces back this week," Sarah continued.

The decision was made to cancel last week's Market on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> due to disruptions from campers on the EPIC site, particularly in relation to safety concerns onsite and logistics for customers attending. It was a devastating result for the farmers, particularly after what has already been a very challenging two years due to droughts, bushfires, storms and the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The show of support from our visitors and all the kind messages we received last weekend were really appreciated, and we were very happy to see many people finding alternative ways to support their favourite stallholders too," said Sarah.

At this week's Market customers will find the region's best seasonal produce including new season apples and figs. Customers are to note that access will be via Old Well Station Road into the Market's usual carpark with pedestrian access via Gate 4 (service station entry.)

"We would also like to remind our customers that the Market will be closed next Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February for the Royal Canberra Show, but we will be back and full to the brim with fresh produce on the first weekend in March," Sarah continued.

For more information visit www.capitalregionfarmersmarket.com.au

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