



rjc Harvest Newsletter

The end of the peaches and the start of the apples ...

The peach harvest is into the final days and we are close to starting our apple harvest. It is not possible to give everyone who wants to stay a start on the apples. We have selected 94 pickers to stay for the apples. An additional 14 pickers were placed on a short list to fill any vacancies that may occur. **All apple pickers (experienced and new) need to go through our revised Apple Picker Induction program before the start of the apples. Please see the office or Ray to arrange a suitable time.**

For those of you who are finishing up at the end of the peaches we thank you for your efforts and hope that your time with us has been rewarding and enjoyable. We wish you well for the future.

At this stage (Friday) it is still too early to say exactly when we will finish peaches and when we will start apples. The weather, crop sizes, needs of packers, all have an influence on when we pick our crop. We cannot be certain and quite often our plans change for very good reasons.

To assist your planning and travel arrangements **this is what may happen (give or take a day or two):**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 Peach picking	17 Peach picking finish	18 Possible start to apple picking later in the day	19 Apple picking	20 Apple picking	21 GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY	22 EASTER SATURDAY HOLIDAY
23 EASTER SUNDAY HOLIDAY	24 EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY unlikely to pick apples.	25 Apple picking	26 Apple picking	27 Apple picking	28 Apple picking	29
30 Apple picking???	31 Apple picking	1 April Apple picking	2 Apple picking Finish ???	3 Apple picking Finish ???	4	5

What's happening around Cobram over Easter?

The Easter period is always very busy in the local area with many tourists coming to the district with many visitors camping near the Murray River or staying in local motels. **Our beaches are magnificent at this time of the year so make the best of the break to relax and be ready for apple picking.**

Easter Saturday

- Tocumwal Easter Horse Racing Cup
- Live bands in the pubs and clubs

Easter Sunday

- The Tocumwal Bush Market starts early in the morning and is always popular. Tocumwal is on the Murray River about 20 km from the camp.
- Easter Rotary Market at Yarrawonga (30 km east of Cobram)
- Live bands in the pubs and clubs

What's happening in the camp?

The camp will remain open over the Easter period with full catering. If you are planning to be away for all or part of the Easter weekend you must see the office staff. To have any meal credits you need to give notice before Easter that you will be away from the camp for 3 or more consecutive meals.

How many bins?

This year we will pick almost 30,000 bins. If we placed these bins of peaches, pears, apples and lemons side by side they would stretch from Cobram to Yarrowonga, a distance of 33 km. How many of these bins did you pick?

Candid Camera in the kitchen, bin shed and orchard harvesters ...



You can see the newsletter in full colour on our website www.rjcornish.com/newsletters