



# rjc *end of peach* Harvest Newsletter

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

The peach harvest is likely to finish on Sunday if we don't have any rain in the next couple of days. We are planning to start apple picking on Tuesday. We have selected over 100 pickers to start apple picking, however it is not possible to give everyone a start on the apple gangs. A few pickers are on a short list to fill any vacancies that may occur. **All apple pickers will be assessed regularly to ensure they are not bruising the fruit. There will be no work for apple pickers who do not meet our standards so it is up to you to be careful.**

For those of you who are finishing up today or Sunday we thank you for your efforts and hope that your time with us has been enjoyable and that you have good memories of working on the R J Cornish orchard in Cobram. We wish you well for your future.

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
29 March Finish peach harvest (no work for gangs 6 or 7)	30 March NO PICKING - apple picker training sessions.	31 March Apple picking	1 April Apple picking	2 April Apple picking	3 April Apple picking	4 April
5 April Apple picking???	6 April Apple picking.	7 April Apple picking	8 April Apple picking	9 April Apple picking Finish???	10 April GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY	11 April
12 April EASTER SUNDAY HOLIDAY	13 April EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY	14 April Apple picking Finish???	15 April Apple picking Finish???	16 April	17 April	18 April

Because of early morning dew on the apple trees, apple pickers will start the day at 8.00 am from Tuesday. If it has been damp overnight then the start time may be later than 8.00 am. Times for apple picking gangs from Tuesday will be:

- 7.00 am Breakfast (for those in camp)
- 8.00 am Start Work – (providing fruit and trees are not wet)
- 9.50 am Rest Break (10 minutes)
- 12.00 noon Lunch (30 – 45 minutes)
- 2.50 pm Rest Break (10 minutes)
- 4.55 pm Finish (Friday finish is often two hours earlier)
- 6.00 pm Evening Meal (on Friday this meal is at 5.00 pm)

All other workers are to continue their normal 7.30 am start work times.

### Do you need a 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Visa form?



Forms are available at the office.

Please let the office staff know the day before you are leaving so the information can be prepared.

## At work this morning ...



Kim, Debbie and Natasha still smile after making another 100 rounds of sandwiches.



Chris Barton and Myra Lacey operate one of our three 'shakers' (mechanical harvesters).



'Yardy' is about to leave for Shepparton with another load of peaches.