



The Sutton Village Country Markets win!



Congratulations to Sandie Moore and Yolanda Haverfield (pictured below), creators of the Sutton Village Country Markets. They won the **Community Choice Award for Best Community Event** at the 2025 Yass Valley Business Chamber Awards gala dinner on 28 March 2025.

They won against two other finalists - the *Yass Valley Christmas Parade* and *Christmas Carols Yass* - both very popular and much loved events in the Yass Valley.

This is the first year of the **Community Choice Awards**, where the Yass Valley community comes together to recognise and celebrate the businesses, organisations, and events that have made a lasting impact. The Chamber said it received fantastic support from the community across Yass Valley for these Awards and that being selected as a finalist is a true honour, as it represents direct recognition from customers, clients, and supporters who believe in the value these events bring to the Yass Valley.

So to win this prestigious award is a real recognition of Sandie's and Yolanda's innovation, resilience and dedication. After 16 months of planning and obtaining all the required approvals, the first Sutton Village Country Market was held on 4th September 2022 as the community was just beginning to emerge from the last COVID lockdown. The community came out in force and reconnected with each other after an isolating couple of years and Sandie and Yolanda say they were thrilled to see so many people there.

The Markets have become a place where the community can come together and enjoy the market focus on home grown and handmade goods.

Sandie and Yolanda say they are grateful for their wonderful stallholders, buskers, community groups, and everyone who visits the Markets. They want to thank everyone who took the time to vote for them. They say they could not have done it without the unwavering love, support, and behind-the-scenes help from their families.

So come along and join the **Easter Sutton Village Country Market on Sunday 13th April** and congratulate the winners. Sandie and Yolanda did the whole Sutton community proud!



Left to right - Omar Muscat, Sandie Moore, Yolanda Haverfield and Daniel Sparrow

Sandie and Yolanda wish also to congratulate the **Little Sutton Bakehouse** team who shared the evening with them (see picture at left) as a finalist for the **Excellence in Small Business Award** and to thank them for their continued support of the Markets. Thanks also go to the Award sponsor - Bendigo Bank Boorowa.

As Sandie and Yolanda say, 'from little things, big things do grow!'