

REMARKABLES  
MARKET –  
LOCAL CHARM

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Remarkables Market, in its Red Barn venue, backdropped by the Remarkables Mountain range has a unique local character.

The market's sunny location, featuring 360° alpine views, is just minutes from the Remarkables Park Town Centre and launches its summer season on October 26 operating every Saturday until April 19.

Local artisans provide distinctive crafts and gifts ranging from jewellery and lavender products to candles and handcrafted throws and wine-related wood products.

Market Manager Sherryn Smith says the market is a foodies' haven.

"Live music offers a perfect opportunity to relax, enjoy the mellow vibes and outstanding natural landscapes over a coffee and brunch. There is a tasty selection of food available from local producers to eat at the market or take away, as well as locally baked goods including organic cupcakes from Cup and Cake who produce a delicious range."

"The children's sandpit is a popular spot and

conveniently situated next to the benches where the weekend papers can be found."

The market has a reputation for its high quality regional in-season fruit and vegetables, meat, fish, organic free range eggs, cheese, baked delights, chutneys and specialist oils.

"Stir Tea, an exotic local tea brand, provides an opportunity to buy a delightful gift," says Sherryn. "Fresh cut flowers such as the beautiful Coral Sunset peonies, plants and herbs are also on sale and an attractive Remarkables Market branded recyclable shopping bag is available for purchase."

An excellent concept is the free open forum stall provided for community groups to use as an outlet to distribute information or fundraise.

"The Big Buddy programme, Remarkable Theatre and Queenstown Mountain Biking club have already indicated they will be taking up this opportunity and others are welcome," says Sherryn.

The market's exceptional ambience sees visitors and locals mingling together, charmed by the social

atmosphere.

"People particularly enjoy the ever-popular Market Chef competition, which gives aspiring home cooks a chance to compete for top honours. It returns in early December together with a new children's cooking competition. With top chefs once again judging the competition, this exciting event is gaining a bigger following every season as its reputation grows."

The Remarkables Market will open with a spring gardening theme on October 26. Two bumper Christmas markets are scheduled for December 14 and 21 and market goers can purchase Christmas trees and decorations, a Waitiri Creek winery Christmas cake along with a diverse selection of regional gifts.

REMARKABLES MARKET IS LOCATED AT THE RED BARN, REMARKABLES PARK TOWN CENTRE, QUEENSTOWN OPEN EVERY SATURDAY FROM 8.30AM – 1PM FROM 26 OCTOBER TO 19 APRIL. TELEPHONE (03) 442 3084.



## ANYONE FOR TEA?

Michelle Casson is passionate about tea. After 20 years working as a chartered accountant she opted to follow her passion and establish a tea importing business based in Queenstown. Michelle clearly remembers the day in 2005 when she decided to seriously look at turning her love of tea into a business.

"It's etched firmly in my mind because I was on a training run for the New York marathon that year and I was running through the Queenstown Gardens when I was struck by the idea of a career in tea."

With this in mind she embarked on a formal study programme with the Specialty Tea Institute in the USA to gain an understanding of the technical nature of tea. Three years later, after completing her study and researching the New Zealand tea market, she released her own range of loose leaf tea known as Stir Tea.

"We are thrilled to have recently celebrated our fifth birthday and have developed a strong sense of community with all our clients but in particular we really enjoy being at the Remarkables Market," says Michelle. "This is where I get to talk tea with locals and visitors. It is a real joy to chat with people and hear their tea stories. Even if they are not a tea drinker someone in their family will have a ritual or story associated with making the perfect cup of tea."

Michelle and her team are gearing up for another busy spring and summer and her pick of trends for the new season is Iced Tea - not the sugar laden RTD versions but freshly brewed iced tea - simple, healthy and delicious.

Visit [www.stirtea.co.nz](http://www.stirtea.co.nz) to view the full range, buy online or at the Remarkables Market.



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26 OCTOBER  
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