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Business Awards

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Owner Manager Nedeski & Son

Jim Temelkovski
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Owner/Managers Avon Transport
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Director/General Manager National World Travel

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Owners/Managers New Image Framing

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Roza & Tode Krstevski
Owners Choices Ladies & Children Boutique

Novo & Zivko Despotovski
Partners/Managers Commercial Hotel Port Kembla

Charlie Josevski
Owner/Manager Charlie "J" Smash Repairs

Vasko Dimovsk
Owner/Manager Vasko Hair

Rosa and Zoran Dimeski
Owners/Managers Il Faro Restaurant & Atlas Catering

Lupco Lazarevski
Partner/Director Leisure Coast Drafting

Riste Ilieveski
Owner/Manager Restaurant & Wine Bar

Dimce (Jim) Nastovski
Partner/Director James Denis Accounting

Risto (Chris) Boskovski
Owner/Manager Steel City Travel

Peter & Debie Murdzevski
Owner/Driver P & D Transport

Lenka Kalanoski & Miriana Nedeski
Owner/Director Ocean View Pre School Kindergarten

Mile Grpcevski
Owner/Manager Windang Pest Control

Trajan Ivanov
Director Ivanov & Sons Electrician

Peter Josevski
Owner Manager Tax Agent

Dobre Ristevski
Owner/Manager Dobre Removals

George Jonovski
Partner, Illawarra Travel

Steve Despotovski
Owner/Manager Whitehall Reception Centre

Bilyana (Belinda) Dimovski
Owner Manager Hair & Beauty by Bil'Jana

Silvana Petrovic
Warilla Grove Florist Retail Florist

Vlado & Sika Nikolovski
Owner Manager Vlade's Delicatessen

Chris Prodanovski
Owner Manager Shellharbour Square Fish Market

Boris & Slobodanka Tanevski
Owner Manager Port Deli

Snezana & Chris Janovski
Owners Managers Port Kembla Fish Shop Retail

Gorgi Mitrevski
Owner/Manager GM Fabrications

Nada Bocevska
Owner Manager Meadow Travel Service Pty. Ltd.

Nada and Ace Bocevski
Owners Managers Thirroul Beach Motel

Goce Angeleski, Nada & Ace Bocevski
Partners Mac Entertainment Pty. Ltd

Goce Angeleski, Nada & Ace Bocevski
Partners "Urches" Macedonian Radio Program

Bafca

Illawarra Organic Products

The restructuring of the clothing and steel industries in the Illawarra region in the early 1980's resulted in the displacement of many middle to older aged employees from Macedonian background.

Little, if anything was known about the skills (including language skills) held by former clothing and steel industry employees. Even less was known about the skills they had acquired in Macedonia.

by Jim Bendfeldt

Since 1992, the Macedonian Welfare Association has developed a community agricultural project known as Bafca-Illawarra Organic Products on property being leased by the Association at 10 Darkes Road, Dapto. The project aims to generate self-employment opportunities for long term unemployed people of Macedonian and non-Macedonian background.

With funding from the Federal Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs' New Work Opportunities Program, the Bafca Project is in the process of establishing a series of inter linked new small business enterprises for the region.

Today, the Bafca Project provides a model for the development of intensive regional agricultural enterprises based on new training techniques that will enable long term unemployed people, particularly those from non-English speaking background to acquire new skills and utilise these skills in a productive and innovative way that will add value to regional economies.

In February 1996, the Bafca Project received a national award from internationally renowned environmentalist, Dr David Suzuki for its green waste recycling operations. The award has led to national exposure and a

demand for advice from regional groups throughout Australia.

Organic Market Garden

The organic market garden will focus on the cultivation, harvesting and marketing of a broad range of vegetables, culinary herbs and Australian native foods (bush tucker). Vegetables are grown using organic cultivation practice, a system of agriculture able to balance productivity with low vulnerability to problems such as pest infestation and environmental degradation, while maintaining the quality of the land for future generations.

In practice, this involves a system which avoids or largely excludes the use of synthetically compounded fertilisers, pesticides, growth regulators and other harmful or potentially harmful substances. It includes the use of technologies such as crop rotations, mechanical cultivation and biological pest control, and the use of materials including legumes, crop residues, animal and green manures, compost, other organic wastes and mineral bearing rocks.

Commercial Nursery

The commercial nursery enterprise will focus on the propagation and wholesale merchandising of a variety of plants which are generally not readily available through existing nurseries in the Illawarra including



indigenous trees, herbs and shrubs grown in tubes and a comprehensive range of culinary and medical herbs.

Community Education Centre

The Community Education Centre will provide the local community with an education/visitor centre and resource library providing free information on the environment, organic farming, recycling and environmentally sustainable practice.

The centre will also organise guided educational tours of the property for local schools, community groups and tourists on a fee for service basis, provide a classroom where fee for service adult education courses can be conducted, and a conference room that can be hired out to groups for meetings, and will include meals prepared from fresh farm produce.

Retail Centre

The Retail Centre will provide the key link between the project and the general public, providing a facility where the project's products can be sold. The centre will include a large shop, warehouse, retail nursery and an outdoor area where customers can be served lunches made from fresh farm produce.

Green Waste Recycling

The Green Waste Recycling Project will provide local home and commercial gardeners, lawn mowing contractors, tree loppers etc. with a depository for green waste materials and other compostable materials such as newspaper, free of charge. These materials will then be converted into a range of composts for use in agriculture and horticulture. In the near future, the green waste recycling centre will



Top: Newly planted vegetable beds
Above: Hot houseshed
Right: Macedonian pensioners group on a visit to the dapto farm

also collect kitchen waste materials from hospitals, hotels and restaurants and convert them into saleable agricultural products.

Free Range Poultry

The free range poultry farm will focus on the establishment of a free range poultry farm, selling high quality eggs and meat birds.

The term 'free range' means that the poultry must have continuous daytime access to the open air, the ground must be covered mainly with vegetation, and the maximum stocking level should not exceed 1000 birds per hectare. ■

For more information, please contact the Project Manager, on (042) 616 558

Fresh vegetables, herbs and plants may be purchased from the farm Mondays to Fridays from 8am to 4pm and on Saturday mornings.