

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2009

## **Mothers come in all shapes and sizes**

A reminder that mothers come in all shapes and sizes and species too, was the message from the team at Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary this Mothers' Day. Aided by Clarabelle Cow and a host of informative leaflets those passing by Federation Square, in the heart of Melbourne were asked to spare a thought for the not so lucky mothers.

"With thoughts of kindness and gratitude for our mothers abounding on this special day" said Pam Ahern, founder of Edgar's Mission "we are calling on members of the public to extend that kindness to all animals. The bond between mother and child transcends species yet so few people ever think about this".

In Australia many people do not realise that cows do not simply produce milk, they must be mothers. Dairy cows are continually made pregnant until they are no longer productive, their babies will be taken away from them shortly after each pregnancy. Mother pigs do not fair much better. In Australia it is legal to keep a mother pig in an area so small she cannot even turn around or interact with her babies.

"This Mothers' Day and every day I urge all caring Australians to make their kindness count and not support cruel animal practices" concluded Pam.

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Photos attached for media use: large file photos available upon request.

**"If we could live happy and healthy lives without harming others... why wouldn't we?"**