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Hogging the limelight

Move over Julie Gillard, there's another redhead in town stealing more than the headlines. Hamish, the rescued Tamworth cross pig, squealed into the North Essendon Village Farmers' Market on the weekend and trotted off with many new adoring fans.

"Politicians could certainly take a leaf out of Hamish's book when it comes to winning people over" said Hamish's guardian Pam Ahern. "Wherever we go Hamish and his little friend Polly Piglet never cease to draw a crowd and raise a smile. People are just fascinated to learn what intelligent, charming and fun loving animals pigs really are".

Hamish and Polly hail from Kilmore's not for profit animal sanctuary, Edgar's Mission, and along with their fellow crusaders of kindness can be seen each weekend at a different market or community event as they raise awareness about the plight of farm animals.

"Australians care deeply about animals yet few are aware that farm animals just like Hamish and Polly do not receive the same legal protection from acts of cruelty as do our domestic pets. It is now up to us to make our kindness for animals count each time we shop. What we choose to buy, and not buy, represents the hope these animals have that their lives can change for the better" concluded Pam.

Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary sits as a beacon of hope for farm animals, located in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range at Kilmore they are home to over 200 rescued farm animals and are open to the public for visitors by appointment.

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