

# RURAL UPDATE



## IN BRIEF

### Irrigation price review meetings

IRRIGATORS on SunWater irrigation schemes are encouraged to attend upcoming meetings in their area on the review into SunWater prices. The Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) released its interim report into SunWater irrigation prices. A meeting will be held for Upper Burnett irrigators in Eidsvold on November 23, for Boyne River and Tarong irrigators in Mundubbera on November 22 and for Three Moon Creek irrigators in Monto of December 8.

### Growing the Burnett

GROWING the Burnett will host a forum with agronomist Adam Willson who will talk about planning to grow, soil fertility, water use, crop management, and will focus on small acreage production. The forum will take place at the Kingaroy Town Hall on November 26 from 9am at a cost of \$25 which includes a light lunch. Call Damien O'Sullivan to confirm your place on 4160 0717 as bookings are essential.

### Stallion parade

MARE owner's looking for the perfect stallion to breed to this season will converge on Boonara Performance Horses for their open day on Saturday. Huon and Colleen Smith of Boonara Performance Horses along with stallion owners will be on hand throughout the day to answer questions about the nine stallions on display. The day kicks off at 10am with the stallion parade starting at 11am followed by light refreshments and lunch.

### Farm cost increase

THE Federal Government's carbon tax was cemented in law last week with passage of the 'Clean Energy Future' legislation through the Senate. Queensland Farmers Federation (QFF) said it is concerned this will bring forth a series of cost increases that will hit intensive agricultural industries, without comparable offsets for farmers.

From July 2012, Australia will have a fixed price on carbon of \$23/tonne, shifting to a market-based price after three years.

## Engineering firm seeks to fill supply chain gaps

THERE is significant potential for manufacturing businesses in the Wide Bay Burnett to capture broader supply chain opportunities.

Major projects in the Surat Basin, Gladstone and central Queensland are likely to consume many of the traditional manufacturing resources and available skills.

Biggenden Engineering Works has the opportunity to take advantage of gaps these projects form in the traditional supply chain as well as the opportunity to supply directly to contractors on projects. Capturing these supply chain opportunities can provide considerable growth and offer the scope to become nationally recognised as leading suppliers for these types of products and services.

"To be able to meet the systems and standards of major project proposals, it means further developing our capabilities and competitiveness to enable us to successfully tender and supply," CEO Glen Chapman said.

Through a number of capability developments and accreditations, including Major Project Supplier Program, Jobs Assist and Enterprise Development Pilot the business undertook early in 2010, this goal is now a reality.

"We have already implemented some of the recommendations identified in the reviews and are planning to undergo Enterprise Connect Business Review in January 2012," Julie Chapman said.

"EC will enable us to access up to \$20,000 in matched funding to implement further recommendations."

Staff training and development through assistance from the Productivity Places Program is assisting their tradesmen to undertake welding certifications through a Certificate IV in Advanced Trade. This will assist to enhance specialist skills required to win new business.

"Our goal is to improve our business capability; to increase the amount of business won; to strengthen supply chains; and to create new employment in the region," Glen said. "We are centrally located and are proud to support the Wide Bay Burnett Region."

Biggenden Engineering can be contacted on 1300 BIG ENG (1300 244 964) or 4127 1128. Or contact Glen direct on 0419 670 729 or Julie direct on 0407 139 371.



ENGINEERING INNOVATION: Biggenden Engineering Works Glen and Brian. Photo: Contributed



RODEO ACTION: The bullock ride was a popular event at the Mulgildie rodeo.

## MULGILDIE RODEO RESULTS

### STOCKMAN'S CHALLENGE:

FIRST: Molly Blyton and Jason Cook

### MINI BARREL RACE:

First: Pearl Jenkins (29.379)

Second: Kirby Ahern (36.211)

Third: Dylan Voss (39.547)

### NOVICE BARREL RACE:

First: Tania Brannock (15.134)

Second: Lisa Tynan (15.254)

Third: Kandiece King (15.569)

### JUNIOR BARREL RACE:

First: Teal Ayres (14.095)

Second: Jack Byrnes (15.307)

### JUVENILE BARREL RACE:

First: Teal Ayers (14.393)

Second: Jack Byrnes (15.228)

Third: Jessika Brown (16.433)

### LOCAL BARREL RACE:

First: Lisa Tynan (15.637)

### LADIES BARREL RACE:

First: Tammy Tattam (14.390)

Second: Tania Brannock (14.550)

Third: Joelene Gleeson (14.560)

### BAREBACK BARREL RACE:

First: Jess Brown (17.41)

Second: Josephene Howell (19.16)

Third: Danielle Maslen (19.22)

### SADDLE RIDE:

First: Kevin Purcell (72 points)

Second: Phil Bensted (62 points)

Third: Wade Seeds (61 points)

### 7 AND UNDER PODDY RIDE:

First: Boston Leather (27 points)

Second: Matt Aisthorpe (22 points)

Third: Owen Patty and Lacey-Jae Seeds (21 points)

### JUNIOR STEER:

First: McCauley Leather (38 points)

Second: Jake Kay (37 points)

Third: Harrison Rideout (33 points)

### JUVENILE STEER:

First: Cody Burgess (55 points)

Second: Lawson Nobbs (54 points)

Third: Greg Leggart (52 points)

### BULLOCK RIDE:

First: Lawson Nobbs (66 points)

Second: Clinton Maslin (64 points)

Third: Blake Roth (63 points)

### JUVENILE BULL RIDE:

First: Cody Burgess (64 points)

### OPEN BULL RIDE:

FIRST: Anthony Horan (66 points)

### CALF SCRUFFING:

First: John Speed and Zac Riley-Wilson

Second: Brodie Lattmer and Quinn Johnston

### CHAMPAGNE LADIES STEER RIDE:

Katie Lucht was bought by Richie

Bowman for \$125

Shannon Harris bought by Mr Freney

for \$100

Leah Freney was bought by Les Lea

for \$100

Chelsie Voss was bought by Geoff

Downie for \$70

Josephene Howell was bought by Mrs

Howell for \$30

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