

# Bidgee Bulldust

# Toopuntul

## Manager's Report

At time of going to press Toopuntul has had 100mm of rain since new years day. This has greened up all of our bush country. On 12/13<sup>th</sup> February there has been good rains over the Lachlan River catchment and downstream to Hillston, so this together with what was released from Wyangla may get a flow within the river down at the lower end.

In August over 100 descendants visited Toopuntul for morning tea. This was part of a Tyson Bicentenary tour of the properties in the Lachlan squatting district taken up the Tyson Brothers from 1846. Toopuntul was Tupra Landing and James Tyson wanted access to the Murrumbidgee River for his wool, and so he built a wharf and storage area here. In the 1920's John Tyson (nephew of James) bought Tupra Landing from the Creswick family and with some additional land from Geramy formed Toopuntul. Until 1959 Toopuntul was owned by the daughters of John Tyson. None of the family ever lived on the property. With the help of shareholders and our good neighbours we put on a wonderful morning for them. August also saw the appearance of the Darling Pea which beautified the countryside. At the moment there are wild daffodils.

Also in August the rustic cattleyards, which were wonderful, were showing huge signs of wear and were dismantled with the new steel yards were erected in December. In January we mustered, preg tested (90%), treated and weaned. The yards worked well considering they were new to cattle and the team alike. Thank you to everyone who helped with the yards and cattle work. The summer has been busy with people enjoying the river and peace.

We have been kept extremely busy over the last few months attending meetings re water on both rivers –

**Mick**





All it needs is rain!



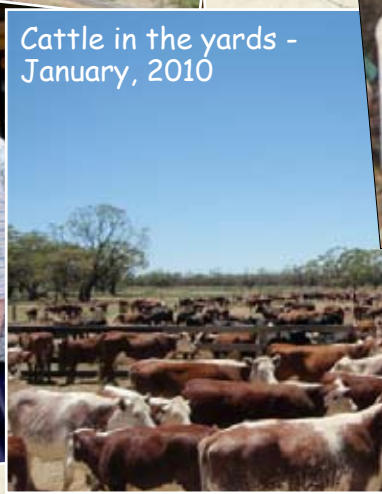
New cattle yards in action



Another shareholder hard at it!



It's got to be here somewhere!



Cattle in the yards - January, 2010



Should I kiss it then release it?!



# Easter Happenings

## **Good Friday**

Traditional Good Friday Social Shoot at Toopuntul starting at 1.00pm followed by BBQ dinner with fish or meat supplied at a cost of \$12.00 - BYO alcohol this year. Children under 15 free. Numbers essential please by March 29<sup>th</sup> so I can do ordering. Entertainment: "Karaoke Queens"

## **Easter Saturday**

The Balranald Field & Game 2 day shoot is on again. Noms open 9.30am both days.

**Saturday** – 100 targets – Sim grade

**Sunday** – 75 targets – Sim handicap

**Under & Over shotgun for overall handicap winner – must shoot both days for that.**

BBQ breakfast and lunch available both days and evening meal Saturday. Contact us for further info

## **Saturday Night**

**Homebush Country Festival.** This festival actually runs Saturday and Sunday so you can go along anytime. Featuring Adam Harvey, Sara Storer, Paul Costa, Travis Sinclair, Jetty Road and Jayne Denham. 1 day pass \$40 Family Pass \$90. No BYO. Bring a Chair. Contact us for more info or [www.homebushcountry.com.au](http://www.homebushcountry.com.au)

## **Easter Sunday**

Begins with Easter Egg Hunt in the morning followed by carnival activities in the afternoon, drawing competition, duck race from the woolshed to tin shed and ending with fireworks in the evening. Activities will take place at the tin shed, times and more info will be placed on the notice board at the amenities blocks. Ducks can be purchased Friday night – plenty of ducks so spend up.

## **Monday**

Recovery !!!

## **Easter Help!**

**Help is very much appreciated, so if you can help in any way you may like to contact us. Help required for:**

- Setting up of gun club
- Making salads Friday afternoon – ingredients supplied
- Cooking BBQ Friday Night
- Selling Ducks for duck race
- Help Preston Camp with egg hunt and carnival activities
- Donation of little prizes for activities



### **Thumbs Up**

Mick is enjoying shareholders visits as hardly anyone is escaping without helping him do jobs on the farm.

### **Maude Fishing Club**

Maude Fishing Club are running a raffle to the value of \$300 including esky, nets, fishing rod, beer, chair, washing power, picnic basket soft drink etc. Tickets \$1 each and available at Maude Store – drawn Easter Saturday - so maybe you might like to pop in and say hello to Kathryn and Mark and buy a ticket. Through the drought we have worked at keeping our little communities together, so every little bit helps.



No shortage of fire wood

### **RUMOUR FILE**

*More senior shareholders had to assist with the new cattle yards being erected while the manager had his whip out.*

*Cattle work on first day was very slow due to a flood in the new round yard for some reason*

*Little baby Ruby Jones from Boyong arrived 31st January.*

### **Calcutta**

Last year was another success and don't forget to pencil in for this year. A great night put on by the Oxley Recreation Club, however the auctioneers and pencilers had to contend with what can only be described as an invasion of bugs with bidders just imbibing and yelling more!!!



The Darling Pea