

# Toowoomba hosts agricultural innovation forum

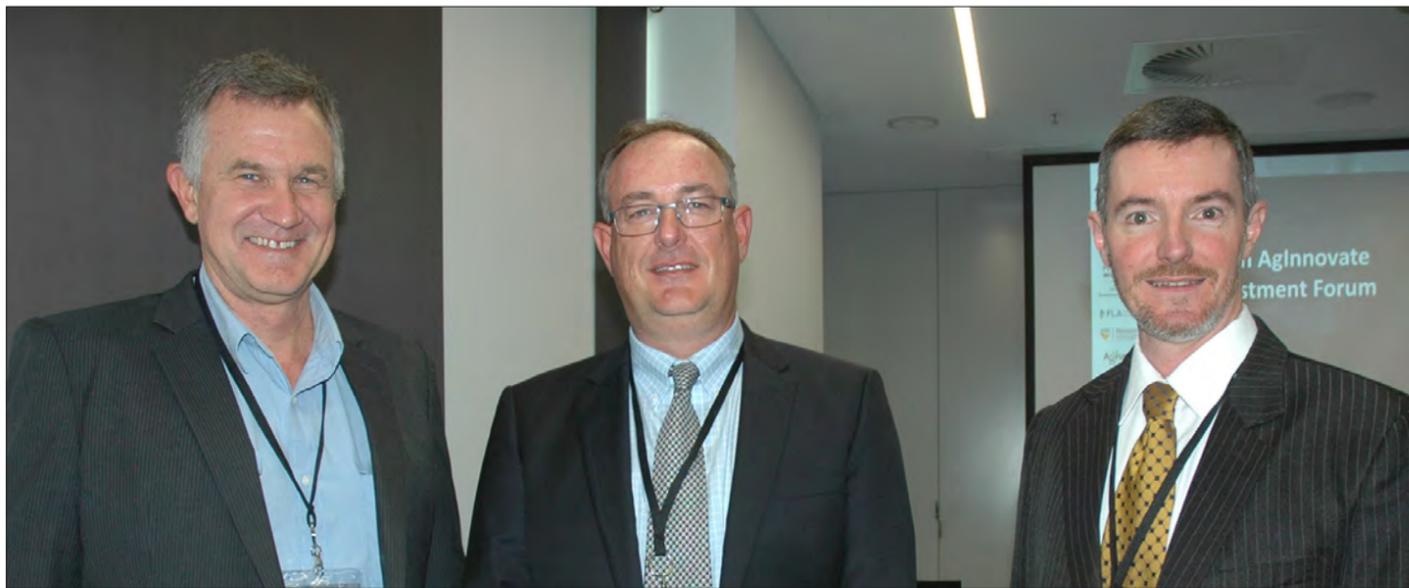
At the 400M AgInnovate Investment forum in Toowoomba, Bruce Vandersee, CEO Vanderfield, Broughton Boydell, Senior Staff Engineer, John Deere, and Jason Stone, Research and Development Manager, FarmscanAG.

Toowoomba is the headquarters for Vanderfield which has 14 John Deere dealerships in Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

FarmscanAg is also a Toowoomba based company which manufactures electronic controllers for tractors, harvesters, planters, sprayers, and other farming tasks for the Australian and export markets.

Broughton Boydell is a Moree based statistical analyst and agronomist who is involved in product research for John Deere's Intelligent Solutions Group with a current interest in GPS guidance systems for tractors and equipment.

The forum was organised by USQ and Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise and attracted delegates from throughout Australia and overseas.



## Darling Downs Vets - two new locations

The recent relocation of Darling Downs Vets from Hamlyn Road Oakey to two new locations at Westbrook and downtown Oakey, has allowed for an expansion of their mixed practice and equine services.

Practice principals, Doctors Glen Laws and Steve Rayner said they had a busy few months refurbishing and moving, but staff and clients are enjoying the new surrounds.

Small animal and cattle vet, Dr Ashley Johnstone, said the central location at 97 Campbell Street, Oakey has proved convenient for many clients who drop in regularly for advice about their pets or farm animals.

The team at the Equine Unit, 1298 Gore Highway, Westbrook, is led by equine surgeons Drs Steve Rayner and Cass Robinson. Steve said the unit offered a full range of equine first opinion and referral services including lameness evaluation, surgery and 24 hour care.

"Clients come from a wide area of Queensland and Northern NSW and tell us we offer a friendly, accessible and affordable referral option," he said.

Both clinics are happy to provide yards for horses or day hospitalisation for pets when their owners visit Toowoomba from outlying areas and need to attend school functions, doctors or events such as FarmFest.



At Westbrook - Back - Dr Glen Laws, Dr Steve Rayner. Front: Lauren McKeiver, nurse, Dr Madelein Taylor, Andrea Moody, head nurse, and Ashlee Davis, nurse.



At Oakey - Dr Adriana Sutton, Dr Ashley Johnston, Joyce Henry, receptionist, Faye Lister, receptionist.

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### Local rainfall

**April 12** - 159.5mm compared with 43 monthly average.

Apart from another 2mm, no rain for 42 days, until we had an unexpected 12.5mm within eight hours between 8.30am Thursday, May 26, and 4.30am Friday, May 27.

It is hoped this a turn for the better.

May monthly average 54mm. In 2015 we had 69mm in April and 155mm in May. - **Matthew Weatherley.**

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