

# RURALroundup

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**REGENERATING SOIL:** A field day and information session on SoilKee Renovator technology, which is becoming known across the world for its ability to regenerate agriculture and build soil carbon levels will be held at Cudgewa tomorrow.

## Soil regeneration start-up to launch

THE Upper Murray start up Global Soil Regeneration will launch its climate action initiative tomorrow upstream from Lake Hume.

So far Upper Murray farmers Stephen and Keenan Whitsed's initiative has achieved several milestones including registering 3000 acres to the Federal Government's soil carbon initiative.

"Now that the projects are registered, we need to work to educate local farmers on regenerative soil carbon building methods so that our soils can become healthier and more productive," Keenan Whitsed said.

The method GSR will be showcasing at their launch and field day is what is becoming referred to as the SoilKee method.

The SoilKee method utilises the SoilKee Renovator technology, which is becoming known all across the world for its ability to regenerate agriculture and build soil carbon levels.

GSR is the second SoilKee contracting business in the world, second only to the inventor, Niels Olsen, who will be speaking at the launch and field day.

"We have an all-star cast for the field day, with SoilKee inventor Niels Olsen, leading soil scientist Martin Strapper and Soil carbon pioneer Matthew Warnken of Agriprove."

Dr Helen Haines (MHR, Indi) will also be attending the event.

GSR will be launching its innovation, the 5 100s project at the field day.

"The 5 100s project is designed to keep our waterways cleaner and better flowing as well as increasing agriculture productivity while taking real action of climate change.

The 5 100s is 100 farms; 100 hectares (per farmer); 100 base points (one per cent soil carbon increase); 100 kilolitres of increased water storage capacity (per hectare), and 100 months (of SoilKeeing).

"This will really test and validate the SoilKee method if these goals can be achieved," GSR director Stephen Whitsed said.

"Some of the results we've already seen in the area are phenomenal. Just from one pass we have been able to notice with our eyes a considerable increase in the worms and productivity of the SoilKee pastures compared to those that haven't been soilkeed.

"The Upper Murray has varying soil types and we are noticing too that all the varied soil types are receiving a boost in productivity, which is really promising both for the SoilKee contracting system and what that means for the future potential of the already productive soils of the Upper Murray.

It's hoped that it might not be too late to reverse the climate crisis yet as word of the SoilKee Renovator's regenerative agriculture ability spreads and farmers become more aware of the benefits of healthy soils, pastures and the role soil carbon plays in facilitating that.

"Soil is not only a foundation of life, but as a farmer the

soil is the foundation of our profits," Keenan said.

"If we can increase the capacity of our soil, we will increase the capacity of our business production and profits.

"As well as adding an extra insurance to our property, as the land and pastures will become more tolerant to extreme weather cycles the healthier they are and the higher levels of carbon that is stored in the soil."

With the work that GSR has done since last November, the Upper Murray is pioneering the world in the soil Carbon industry.

At current carbon credit prices, the targeted 100 registered projects above Lake Hume would bring an estimated \$8,000,000 to the local farming economy of the region, on top of an increase in agriculture productivity, which means further profits for the farmers, however, credit prices are predicted to rise as the climate crisis worsens.

The day will start at 10.30am with arrival and morning tea followed by the field day at P & F Land, 1199 Cudgewa Valley Road, Cudgewa from 11am-12:30pm then lunch until 1pm at Cudgewa Football Club followed by an information session from 1pm to 2:30pm.

Register at [umland-care@bigpond.com](mailto:umland-care@bigpond.com) or call 0260727502.

For more information visit <https://www.globalsoilregeneration.com/> or phone Stephen Whitsed on 0434 348 467.

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### TENDER NOTICE DISMANTLING AND REMOVAL OF WANGARATTA LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE SHEEP YARDS

The Wangaratta Livestock Exchange calls on suitable businesses or individuals to tender for the Sale & Removal of the Wangaratta Sheep yard selling complex.

- Included in the sale:
- 4 ADJUSTABLE LOADING RAMPS
  - 4 FORCING YARDS
  - 4 DRAFTING YARDS
  - 180 SELLING PENS
  - 32 LARGE PENS
  - APPROX 240 METERS OF AUCTIONEERS PLATFORM
  - 7 SETS STEPS/LADDERS

INSPECTION TIMES BY APPOINTMENT 15th & 16th October 2019

For full details, tender application forms and aerial shots & photo's please contact Manager on email or phone no below

TENDERS CLOSE 31ST OCTOBER 2019 @5PM

PLEASE NOTE - REQUESTS OR APPLICATIONS FOR PART REMOVAL OR FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

ENQUIRIES - ANDREA NANKERVIS 0400486487  
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### WANGARATTA CATTLE MARKET AVERAGES THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2019

No.	BREED	PRODUCER	DISTRICT	AGENT	Av Wgt	c/Kg	AV PRICE
<b>BULLOCKS</b>							
1	Hfd	A McCulloch	Byawatha	Rodwells	810	245.0	\$1,984.50
<b>STEERS</b>							
1	Limo X	R & G Kenny	Byawatha	Landmark	425	271.6	\$1,154.30
<b>HEIFERS</b>							
2	Limo	D Currie	Moyhu	Landmark	423	332.0	\$1,404.36
6	Ang	J Patterson	Laceyby	Rodwells	351	241.2	\$846.61
<b>LOT FED</b>							
2	Speckle Strs	Peechelba Beef	Peechelba	CP	412.5	325.0	\$1,340.63
1	Ang Str	T & K Murphy	Docker	CP	395	322.0	\$1,271.90
1	Sim Str	Peechelba Beef	Peechelba	CP	420	318.0	\$1,335.60
<b>VEALERS</b>							
1	Limo Str	AJ & BJ Bartsh (Estate)	Beechworth	CP	415	335.0	\$1,390.25
1	Limo X	R & G Kenny	Byawatha	Landmark	365	332.0	\$1,211.80
2	Limo X	R & G Kenny	Byawatha	Landmark	382	330.0	\$1,260.60
2	Limo X	P & A Hines	Wangaratta	Landmark	355	328.0	\$1,164.40
1	Limo Hfr	AJ & BJ Bartsh (Estate)	Beechworth	CP	440	328.0	\$1,443.20
2	Limo X	A & K Forster	Everton	Rodwells	425	312.0	\$1,326.00
1	Ang X	CH & MJ Exton	Samaria	Rodwells	395	305.0	\$1,204.75
<b>COWS</b>							
1	Ang	Raeville Angus	Bowmans Forest	CP	625	241.2	\$1,507.50
1	Hfd	A McCulloch	Byawatha	Rodwells	635	240.0	\$1,524.00
1	Limo	D Currie	Moyhu	Landmark	670	235.0	\$1,574.50
<b>BULLS</b>							
1	Ang	Docker Plains Past	Docker Plains	CP	1085	255.0	\$2,766.75

NEXT SALE - Thursday 26th September 2019 1:Elders 2:Landmark 3:CP 4:Rodwells

### WANGARATTA FAT CATTLE MARKET REPORT, Thursday 19th September 2019

A lighter yarding of 270 head were presented to buyers at Wangaratta this was 73 less than last week and comprised of 255 young cattle, 12 cows and 3 bulls. Overall quality was not up to that of last week, with the supplementary fed cattle lacking the finish of last week. The vealers on offer were of good quality but were carrying plenty of weight. Only 12 cows were penned. Demand was weaker for the supplementary fed cattle with values 10 cents easier and best vealers sold at firm rates. There were too few grown steers and heifers to quote. The 12 cows sold firm.

Quotations	
Heifers	220.0 to 300.0
Grain fed	278.6 to 332.0
Vealers	285.2 to 330.0
Cows	186.0 to 241.2
Bulls	220.0 to 255.0