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## Newsletter No. 162

Hello everyone,

Here we are on the door step of the season - half way through spring and everyone is being frustrated by the water. Most years the annoyance is the lack of moisture - this year it is the reverse. We have now experienced close to five months of wet weather . Every local river system is running at peak capacity. It has been 30 plus years since the Murray has run at this peak flood capacity for 3-4 weeks, I wonder if this flow counts as an environmental flow? Makes you wonder how much of the stored Hume capacity and Dartmouth capacity is being held now for 2016 environmental river flows?

For a lot of people it is the first time in their lives that the Murray has flowed this level of capacity - 100 000 megalitres a day, up to 175 000 megalitres per day going through Yarrawonga with the Ovens River contribution. This is a mighty spectacle that might not be repeated for another 30 years or more, who knows?

The concern now is how to plant the summer cropping program , especially with the opportunity of affordable water being available, plus how to harvest the winter crop. My guess is harvest will be late - with a big chance that some people will be harvesting up to Christmas. I guess it is all about the conditions we find ourselves in - becoming wet weather farmers.

You will notice a change to our invoices, our apologies for the extra lateness of our April accounts. We have finally taken the plunge and installed a new computer software program called ABM (Advanced Business Management). We have teething problems to sort out and we need to better understand this new program to gain speed and catch up.

See you all at the Berrigan Gold Cup - Saturday 29th October 2016.

And yes, our overseas holiday was great!

Cheers and good health

John P Lane  
Managing Director

**Premium SBR®** **+30%**  
Powerful Performance

**SUGIYAMA**  
Advanced Technology

**Premium SY Japanese Roller Chain**

## BERRIGAN NSW RFS

Berrigan is famous for being the home to the first organised bush fire brigade which was formed in 1896. The current Berrigan Rural Fire Service, is a brigade of around 20 volunteers with 3 trucks, and cover an area of over 60,000 ha.

The majority of inland NSW has recently been declared as 'above normal' for seasonal bushfire outlook, and we encourage everyone to be mindful of this. Spring is the time to be thinking about fuel reduction and a fire plan.

Planning to make a plan is not a plan!



Landholders are encouraged to have suitable firebreaks, display their 'number' of rural address system, use online fire permits, and are reminded that people can be liable for fires escaping their property. With Berrigan Shire borders remaining unchanged after recent amalgamations we will remain apart of the Southern Border Team based in Albury.

We always appreciate donations which can be sent to PO Box 57, or buy a ticket in the raffle at the Royal Hotel whom donate the proceeds directly to Berrigan RFS.

The NSW RFS is a great organisation to be involved in. It gives you the opportunity to help protect the community with a sense of accomplishment, and get a thrill at the same time.

To apply for online permits visit [www.preventbushfires.com.au](http://www.preventbushfires.com.au)

If you would like to become a Member please contact:  
Jeremy Dunn on 0400 852 496 or  
Ashley Batten on 0427 406 464.



In an Emergency dial 000

## BERRIGAN RACES MARQUEE

This year DAWMAC will have a marquee at the Berrigan races. Feel free to pop by, have a chat and enjoy some nibbles with the friendly team. If you do wish to pop by please RSVP via phone or e-mail to Rachael at DAWMAC on:

03 5585 2382

or

rachaelh@dawmac.com.au

## GOLDACRES DEMO DAY

Craig and Michael, along with Goldacres Product Specialists Steven Lang and Tom Glover, conducted a Demonstration Day at John and Maree Doyle's Berrigan Property on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August to showcase the new Goldacres G8.

The G8 is the latest and largest Self Propelled Sprayer manufactured in Ballarat. It has the ability to carry 8000Litres in the main tank and boom widths of up to 42 meters available.

Tom Glover utilised a Drone to video Steve Lang's Presentation and Walk-around.

We had about 11 Customers look and drive the Goldacres G8 over the afternoon. Operators were impressed with Boom Ride, Height Control and Overall operator comfort.

BBQ Lunch was kindly provided by Berrigan Lions.



If anyone would like information regarding the G8 please contact Craig Litchfield on 0458 852 387.

Alternatively they can be contacted through the office on 03 5885 2382



## WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE

We would like to request some assistance from our valued customers.

**A GME UHF Bonus Pack C/W TX3500 & AE4018K3 Aerial** has been incorrectly invoiced.

**Serial Number 51157170.**

Sold **10th February 2016** with the reference **Chris**.

If you know anything about the missing UHF could you please contact our office and speak to our friendly staff.



## WELCOME TO THE TEAM MEGAN LENCH

We would like to introduce Megan. She is the newest member of our Sales Team. Megan grew up in the Riverland around a variety of fruit blocks, dryland and irrigation farms. Megan worked on blocks and farms growing up. She then went on to become the office manager for Australia's latest fresh stone fruit grower and packer. Megan left to follow her passion for farming and went onto managing and establishing Lowan Hill Black Suffolk Stud. While there she met her partner Lachlan. They moved to Beechworth and Megan continued to work on the farm and also manage their business Lachlan's Mobile Mechanics and Engineering. They moved to Berrigan in December 2015 as Lachlan was offered work locally. Megan has two boys, Devon 4 and Stephan 2. You will find Megan and her family working on the farm, out 4 wheel driving, horse riding or on their motorbikes. Megan also volunteers her time to Scouts Australia and the BDDA as Secretary. Please introduce yourselves to her when you come in and make her feel welcome. We know that her knowledge and skills will be a great asset to DAWMAC.



## QUAD BIKE SAFETY REBATES

Quad bikes are a popular farm vehicle. However, since 2001 there have been more than 220 deaths across Australia involving quad bikes on farms.

The 2016/17 NSW Budget included a \$2 million Quad Bike Safety Improvement Program to encourage and support land managers to adopt a range of harm prevention strategies to protect their workers, family members and themselves.

The NSW Government is offering rebates of up to \$500 towards the purchase of compliant helmets, buying safer vehicles, such as side-by-side vehicles, and training courses to improve quad bike safety and reduce tragedies and injuries.

The rebate will be available until 30 June 2017 (or funds expended).

For further information about eligibility and rebates visit [www.safework.nsw.gov.au](http://www.safework.nsw.gov.au).



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### October

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| Fri 14th           | Annual Riverina Harvest Ball, Oaklands                              |
| Fri 14th– Sat 15th | Joan Davis Rose Show, Berrigan                                      |
| Sat 15th           | Tocumwal Farmers Market   |
| Sun 16th           | Urana Car & Truck Show, Urana                                       |
| Fri 21st           | 5th Annual Country Halls Tour, Savernake                            |
| Sat 29th           | <b>Berrigan Gold Cup</b><br>Melbourne Cup Tocumwal Foreshore Market |

### November

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| Tues 1st | Melbourne Cup<br>Oaklands P and C "A Day at the Races" Lunch, Oaklands RSL |
| Fri 11th | Remembrance Day  |
| Sat 12th | Finley Show Society Rose Show  |

## OAKLANDS HARVEST BALL

### OAKLANDS ANNUAL RIVERINA HARVEST BALL

Friday 14th October 2016 @ 7pm  
\$120 p/p including Meal, Drinks & Entertainment  
Strictly Black Tie –Black & White Theme  
Ticket Sales contact Brie Kerr 0427 354 220

### Dawmac Trading Hours October 2016

Monday to Friday	7:30 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am to 12:30 pm
Sunday	CLOSED