



# PEOPLE



**UNITY**  
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## RECOGNIZING OUR TOP GROWERS

Darwalla has some of the top broiler growers in Australia. We are one of only two companies who have been recognized by Aviagen in their 450 club.

This world-class performance was written up in the latest edition of The [National Poultry Newspaper](http://poultrynews.com.au/), which can be read online by visiting [poultrynews.com.au/](http://poultrynews.com.au/)

Of course, these fantastic results could not be achieved without delivering them a top product, so a huge thank you to everyone in Rearing (Laidley and Killarney), Breeders (Back Plains, Mt Molar, Victoria Hill and Hendon) and the Hatchery.

The broiler growers came together for an information session with David (CEO) giving a company update and Rod a presentation on avian influenza. Amanda (Planning) presented special awards to Roy & Rudi for bird weight accuracy and Andrew for helping with feed trials.

Jonathan (Operations) then presented the Aviagen 450 PIF club awards, as well as Darwalla awards for outstanding performance. Since then, Brett from Gatton 1-8 and Tim from Gleneagle have also joined the 450 club.

Pictured from top:

- ◆ John from Coinda
- ◆ Matt from Milora
- ◆ Marcel from Mt Hallen
- ◆ Ian from Monarch
- ◆ Sothy from Gatton 17-24
- ◆ Don from Forest Hill



**COURAGE**  
We persist and persevere to continuously improve

Congratulations to all!

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## RECOGNITION

The Killarney team are pictured with Manager Kyle (third from right) and Assistant Manager Bec (second from right) receiving their 5 year awards.

Farm all-rounder Mark (not pictured) got in before the formal award was delivered, presenting Bec with a hand-made wooden version!



Daniel, Hendon's Leading Hand, also received his 5 year award. He is pictured below surrounded by his adoring fans!



## SHARE YOUR STORIES

We love hearing about what goes in your workplace.

Please share your stories and pictures for our newsletter, by emailing Kate:

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@darwalla.com.au

## WELCOME TO DARWALLA

This month we've welcomed: Brendan & Sten (Killarney), Brandon (Laidley), David, Breanna & Bhargav (Hatchery) & Marty (Feed Mill Delivery Driver). We hope you enjoy working with our teams at Darwalla.

## MEET OUR GROWERS: JULIA—DOUBLE JUMP 5-15

Julia manages one of four Darwalla free range farms. She has been running part of Double Jump farm (11 sheds) for over 15 years, which was converted to free range early in 2019.

### ◆ *How did you get into chicken farming?*

As soon as I was out of nappies, I was with either my father (Darwalla shareholder Noel) or grandfather (Darwalla founder Dolf) in the sheds. Darwalla also grew layers in those days, so I would get a ride on the egg trolley or be in the broiler sheds. I would steal baby chicks and hide them under my shirt to bring them home. Those were the days before biosecurity!

### ◆ *What did you do BC (before chickens)?*

After high school I went to business college in the city, studying business & legal. It was a trek into town and I was one of the youngest in the class. When I graduated from business college, I started work in the Darwalla office where I worked for a year doing a combination of tasks including accounts payable, planning, weighbridge & payroll (in the days when we paid cash in envelopes!) but I wanted to be outdoors.

### ◆ *What do you like best about your job?*

After 30+ years, I still love the day-old chicks & love watching them grow to the end product. It's also great for my 11 year old son to grow up on a farm.

### ◆ *If you weren't a chicken farmer, you'd be...?*

I wanted to be a jillaroo as I love horses, but chickens are in my blood. I'd probably be out west on a cattle property or driving road trains. I also love the idea of driving one of those big dump trucks on a mine or a big dozer. I put that down to Dad putting me on a dozer with the old bloke who used to grade our shed pads. I was hooked from that day on.

### ◆ *What do you do when you're not working in the sheds?*

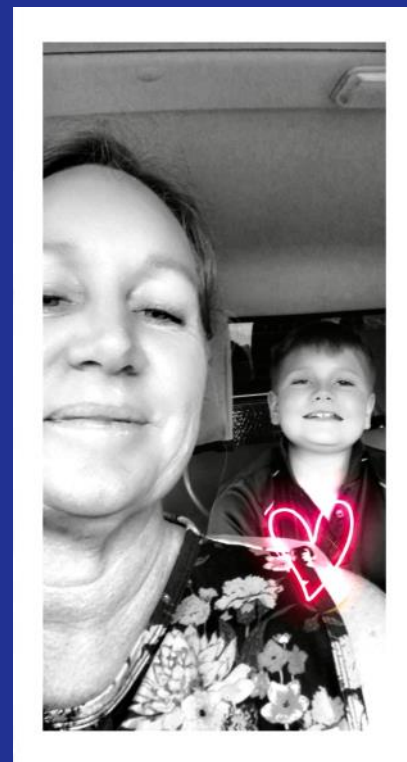
I've just rescued a horse called Archie so I enjoy training him, or getting away with my partner & son in our caravan. We love the beach and Tallebudgera is a favourite spot to stay.

### ◆ *What's your favourite chicken dish?*

Mum's sweet & sour chicken (from an old recipe which lists MSG as an ingredient!) or my chicken stroganoff. I make it from scratch with lots of mushrooms.

### ◆ *Which Darwalla farmer do you want to nominate next?*

Sothy from Gatton; he's a quiet achiever who has been growing for Darwalla for a long time.





# COMMUNITY

RESPECT

Showing care  
for people,  
animals and the  
environment

## FOODBANK PARTNERSHIP



How vibrant are these dragon fruits !?

Darwalla is proud to support hunger relief charity **Foodbank Queensland** as they provide a variety of fresh, nutritious food to support Queenslanders going hungry.

Learn more about Foodbank Queensland [here](http://www.foodbank.org.au):  
[www.foodbank.org.au](http://www.foodbank.org.au)

*Have you ever wanted to walk over the Gateway Bridge?*

On Sunday 29th August is Brisbane's iconic **Bridge to Brisbane**, where you run or walk over the Gateway Bridge. Foodbank have a Hunger Fighter team, who are participating and raising money to fight hunger in Queensland.

If you would like to join in, please get in touch with Kate



## CHAMPIONS CHURCH—REDLANDS

This note of thanks was received after Darwalla donated 57 cartons of frozen chicken to a local charity.

*Just yesterday we were able to help a 15yr old boy who's only carer is in hospital for the next two weeks. This young man was left at home with no means of purchasing food. Thanks to your generosity we were able to supply him with meals while his mother is in hospital.*

*We were also able to respond to the needs of a family in a Domestic Violence situation. Your generosity has helped provide food for a young mum and four children.*

*These two calls for help were received yesterday but this situation is a daily occurrence. We can't do what we do without the support and generosity of our community and local businesses like yourself. Thank you for partnering with us and helping build a stronger community.*

## BIGGEST MORNING TEA UPDATE

This was the 11th year that Darwalla has fundraised for Cancer support and research. This year, the Victoria Hill team enjoyed an Indian, Sri Lankan and Italian lunch, while the Mt Cotton office indulged in morning tea. The total amount raised by staff was \$701.55, with Darwalla matching the total donations to our **biggest ever**: \$1403.10. A special thanks to Claudia for coordinating!



## PROTECTING YOUR HEALTH

Unfortunately the Delta variants of COVID are proving highly contagious and is spreading rapidly. With cases growing in NSW, it is time to re-evaluate our precautions to protect ourselves, our families and our livelihoods.

### NOTE NEW REQUIREMENTS TO WEAR MASKS EFFECTIVE 1AM 29JUNE.

For information, go to the [QLD Health website](https://www.qld.gov.au/health/): [qld.gov.au/health/](https://www.qld.gov.au/health/)

We need to remain vigilant and ensure we:

- ⇒ Reduce non-essential travel and movements between work sites
- ⇒ Confirm with employees/visitors/contractors that they have not been in a hotspot recently
- ⇒ Monitor hotspots daily by checking the QLD Health [webpage](https://www.qld.gov.au/health/) or visit [qld.gov.au/health](https://www.qld.gov.au/health/)
- ⇒ Continue with recording temperature & signing in on-site
- ⇒ Maintain hygiene by washing hands regularly & distancing



We will soon be introducing Check in QLD QR codes for all our sites as an additional layer of contact tracing information. We will also launch some training.

The best way to protect yourself from serious illness is to get vaccinated. There are vaccination centres throughout Brisbane and at the Baillie Henderson Hospital in Toowoomba.

To find your nearest vaccination centre, click [here](#) or go to: [qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/protect-yourself-others/covid-19-vaccine/book](https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/protect-yourself-others/covid-19-vaccine/book)

Below are just a few of Darwalla's employees who have been vaccinated already!

