

OUR CHICKENS

Where would we be without our chickens? Certainly not working with Darwalla!

As many of you are aware, our chickens are the Ross variety, bred especially for broiler-breeders by [Aviagen](#). Ross birds are white....except for this hen pictured below, who clearly did not get the memo!

Named Lady Grayson by the Hendon team for her unusual grey colouring, this hen calls Shed 1 home. She grew up at Killarney, where her colouring was noticed and she was known simply as 'Grey'. Now fully grown and with her colouring much more pronounced, her name has evolved with her as she's developed into this beautiful hen.

The new Hendon flock hatched their first chicks which have been placed with Sam & Matt at our Tallaringa farm.

The Hendon team report that despite her distinguishing markings, Lady Grayson is quite hard to find amongst all her white friends. She's pictured below with Delma (who definitely has no grey colouring in her plumage!).



WELCOME

During February, Darwalla welcomed the following people to our teams:

- Terri has joined the team at the Hatchery
- Paul will be working with Garth doing Breeder Maintenance
- Pargat has joined the team at Back Plains, who are preparing to place their new flock
- Amila, Janani & Rukshan have joined the Hendon team.

Thank you for joining our teams!

INNOVATION AT KILLARNEY

Mark from our Killarney farm is a practical guy & is great at working with his hands.

He noticed during clean-outs how difficult it was to squeegee the water from the sheds using a tractor. This is because the attachment is behind the driver and the turning circle of the tractor is large.

So he's constructed a new squeegee which can be attached to the tines of the forklift. Now the driver can operate more efficiently and more safely, as they have better vision of the work they are doing.

Bravo Mark!



PANCAKE DAY



Pancake day, also known as Shrove Tuesday, was celebrated this year on 21 Feb. Our receptionist Bec kindly organised some pancakes for her colleagues at the Mt Cotton office.

The history behind this day is derived from Christianity, where people would use up their eggs and fats to make pancakes, in preparation for fasting during Lent—the period before Easter. In these times, committed

Christians are more likely to forego something for Lent, like chocolate, instead of fasting.

PROJECT UPDATES

The hatchery extension is at Week 10, with most of the work so far in foundations, though next week, tilt panel walls will be erected. The anticipated completion date for the extension is 19 December, which will be welcomed by the Hatchery team, as they will be at capacity soon.

The Bony Mountain breeder production farm is also progressing; we will share an update with some photos in the next newsletter.



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Darwalla is sponsoring the Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival, to be held at the Allora showgrounds on March 18 & 19. This is a two day celebration of the Gentle Giants that helped build this great nation.

Featuring Clydesdale, Shire, Percheron and Draught Horses along with Gypsy Cob, Drum Horses, Donkeys, Mules and working Bullock teams that helped clear the land, till the soil, plant and harvest the crops and haul the loads. Join the festival to celebrate the past and showcase the future of Heavy Horses. Bring the whole family and experience a weekend they are sure to talk about for a long time!



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