

Young Indigenous Meatworkers Gazette

News letter of the Boys from the Bush Projects, Remote Area Work Scheme (RAWS)
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This space is reserved for the logos of those meat processing companies that engage RAWS workers

ROCKDALE BEEF TAKES ON OUR FIRST GROUP OF NT WORKERS

Rockdale Beef have agreed to take on our first group of young Northern Territory workers



Rockdale Beef operates a modern integrated feedlot and abattoir complex, situated on over 2,000 hectares near

Yanco, NSW. Yanco is situated midway between Leeton and Narrandera.

Rockdale processes all beef categories including grain-fed and grass-fed.

Rockdale produces a range of beef products that service all domestic and international markets. The company has successfully positioned itself as a quality beef supplier to discerning customers and markets.

Rockdale's business philosophy is simple – delivering customer value, supported by stringent product quality and food safety.

Rockdale Beef is Australia's tenth largest red meat processor, employing approximately 450 people. The feedlot produces up to 100,000 grain fed cattle per year, consisting of mainly Angus, Murray Grey and Hereford purchased from Southern NSW, Victoria and South Australia. The meat processing plant is capable of processing 600 head per day or approximately 200 tones of beef per day.

Arrival of our first 3 workers from Titjikala

Pictured below are Moses Mulda, Jason Boko, and Barry Campbell arriving at the Wagga Wagga airport on the evening flight, having flown from Alice Springs.



These are the first of the RAWs workers to start their new career in the meat processing industry with Rockdale Beef.

“How was the trip boys?” “Good, but a bit scary”, replied Barry.

On Tuesday they will have their medical and physical checkups and then off to induction. After their induction they are assigned to their position in the Rockdale meat processing plant. While the boys are settling in they will be living with Milton in Narrandera.

The First signups from the Wagga Wagga region

Pictured below are the first 2 signups from Wagga Wagga.



Dean Honeysett is aged 18. Dean is a pleasant young man who has been interested in meat processing work for some time. Dean says he tried to get into an abattoir, but was unsuccessful.



John Simpson is aged 16. John has lived a tough life, but has an agreeable nature and a good attitude towards work. He left school several years ago and desperately wants a job. He likes the idea of working in a meat processing plant.

The arrival of our Senior Supervisor

Lorraine Watson arrives at our new group home in Narrandera.



Lorraine is our senior Supervisor, responsible for overseeing the off-site support and supervision of our work groups.

This position was created as a quality control position, to increase accountability and maintain best practice standards.

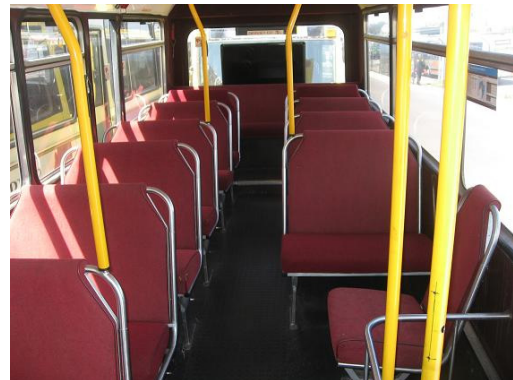
What happened to Cargill Beef, you may ask

Cargill Beef had agreed to take on a RAWs group, but they run into meat marketing problems in addition to issues relating to the release of private information. As a result they have suspended recruitment. Fortunately, Rockdale Beef has stepped up to take on our first group.

Looking for sponsor(s) to help purchase our new work bus

We have at last found what we are looking for. Pictured below is the bus

we intend to purchase to drive our Rockdale group to and from work.



Our good friend and long standing supporter, Daniel Teller, of **TELLER AUTOMOTIVE GROUP**, 11 Munro Street, Port Melbourne has negotiated this fantastic 25 seater bus for only \$10,000. Only a car dealer could have got this bus for this price.

We are now calling on all the good people out there willing to give us a helping hand to fund raise the \$10,000.

Whoever is able to help us out will have their name printed on the side for all to see and for us to be eternally grateful.

FUN SECTION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Spot 12 differences



JOKES

Two guys are walking around in the scrub when they suddenly come across a pack of wild hungry dogs! One guy takes off his walking boots and puts on some running shoes! His friend says to him “You’re crazy! There’s no use, do you know how fast dogs are, you’ll never be able to out run them!” and the guy says, “I only have to out run you!”

So one day, Gramma sent her grandson Johnny down to the water hole to get some water for cooking dinner. As he was dipping the bucket in the water hole, he saw two big eyes looking back at him. He dropped the bucket and took off back to Gramma’s house. “Well now, where’s my bucket and where’s my water?” Gramma asked him. “I can’t get any water from that water hole, Gramma” exclaimed Johnny. “There’s a BIG ol’ croc down there!” “Now don’t you mind that ol’ croc, Johnny. He’s been there for a few years now, and he’s never hurt no one. Why, he’s probably as scared of you as you are of him!” “Well, Gramma,” replied Johnny, “if he’s as scared of me as I am of him, then that water ain’t fit to drink!”

WORD SEARCH

Find and circle all the food items that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

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BREADS, CEREAL, RICE, PASTA, VEGETABLES, FRUITS, MILK, YOGURT, CHEESE, MEAT, POULTRY, FISH, BEANS, EGGS, NUTS, FATS, OILS, SWEETS