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Waiting for the wet

LIKE most of north-west Queensland at the time of print, the crew at Dinocrete Troughs in Hughenden are also waiting for the wet season, looking for a few rainy days to have a bit of catch up time.

But waiting for the wet allows for the chance for maintenance and infrastructure upgrades – building troughs into the frameworks of new or existing yards.

Using Dinocrete's Round Trough (two metres in diameter, the round trough is great value in water capacity per dollar) in the yards is a

great way to go. It can be split between two or four yards, while still allowing for cattle to access water easily.

Phone Dinocrete to discuss your options across the full range of Dinocrete Troughs for yard or paddock, and remember, to avoid disappointment and delay in getting your work done in a timely manner, to place your orders early.

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GRT out of the picture

THOUGH the remains of dead giant rats tail (GRT) grass, can still be seen at John Weymouth's property at Bloomsbury, south of Proserpine, it has been wiped out.

The application of the GP Flupropanate Granules, by Dwyer Aviation in August last year, has controlled the GRT, while allowing the pastures to start to get back on top. Mr Weymouth sought agronomic advice from Farm HQ's agronomist, Paul Rogers, regarding control options for GRT.

"Usually there are a few green shoots in the crown of the big tussocks after an application, but these plants are just plain dead," Mr Rogers said.

Unlike the past couple of really wet and high growth seasons, this season has been

considerably drier and has still shown impressive results. The nature of the granular Flupropanate chemistry gives a selectivity window, allowing beneficial pasture species to thrive. Rainfall and soil types are some of the factors that determine the length of the window.

Management is the key to controlling and slowing the re-infestation of GRT and other Sporobolus S (giant parramatta grass). Good agronomic advice and using the residual window allows for higher competition, (through beneficial perennial pasture recruitment), which in turn provides better production and less opportunity for the GRT to re-establish. If, after the residual window has finished, there is low competition, then the opportunity for the GRT will be greater.

"The picture speaks for itself and shows the even kill across the entire paddock. Next season I expect our application program to fill very quickly," Mr Rogers said.

"The uniformity is due to the uniquely accredited set-up of the helicopter and the granular technology stopping any drift; the two go hand in hand to consistently provide results like this."

Small infestations or outbreaks of GRT can also be treated with GP Flupropanate, by using the shakers or hand and quad-bike spreaders. The convenience of not having to mix and carry heavy liquids allows for user-friendly management options.

● For further information contact: Paul Hubbard (Granular Products) national sales manager, 0427 283 422.



Before the application of Granular Flupropanate.



After the application of Granular Flupropanate.

Matt's long service recognised

MATT Hudspith started working with Quality Steel Fabrications in July 1987 after the company purchased the Richmond workshop from Louis White. Matt had been working for White Weld on a casual basis. He had also been employed by the Mt Isa TAFE College to instruct people in the Richmond area in welding and in the use of oxy equipment.

Over the 25 years he has worked with Quality Steel Fabrications and Engineering, Matt has been involved in the fabrication and design of cattle handling equipment, repairs and maintenance of heavy equipment and vehicles for the construction industry, post, beams, and brackets for the building industry.

Matt's 25 years of service to Quality Steel Fabrications and Engineering shows a degree of commitment and



loyalty rarely seen these days.

Matt was born in Mackay and did his schooling at Calen State School. His first job was on a cane farm at Calen, where he worked for more than 15 years. Matt moved to Richmond in 1985. His main hobby is restoring and showing old cars. Matt married Trish in 1980 and has three children and one grandson. Matt is one of several long-

serving employees at Quality Steel Fabrications and Engineering, along with John Shillam, 14 years, retired, Wayne Wirth, 28 years, and the other tradesmen who have been in the team for 10 to 12 years.

Customers come to Quality Steel Fabrications and Engineering because Matt and the team have maintained the name.

At a presentation dinner for Matt Hudspith's 25 years of service: Denise and Will Katthagan, Trish and Matt Hudspith, Arthur and Denise Katthagan.

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