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Thursday, Friday & Saturday - MAY 4, 5 & 6, 2006

Bundaberg Field Days

Working Cattle Dog Trials 2006

The fourth annual Working Cattle Dog Trial will be held at AgroTrend, Bundaberg on the 5th & 6th of May, 2006.

Competitors & their dogs are expected to travel from Central, Southern & South West Queensland for the event. It is expected that up to 40 entrants will compete in each of the Maiden/ Novice & Open Trials.

Any stockmen/women who would like to compete are most welcome to come & test their own & their dogs' skill.

To nominate please phone Barrie or Elizabeth Hughes on 07 4157 9575.

The trial commences with three cattle being let out of a yard for the dog to cast around & bring them back & hold in the holding area where the handler is. When this is completed the handler, cattle & dog proceed around a designated course to be complete when the cattle are put out of the arena at the finishing yard. Time allowed to complete the course is 6minutes.

The cattle have been educated with dogs, as weaners, by Barrie & Elizabeth Hughes (Electra) & though quiet will test the dogs & competitors skills out.

The combined Maiden/ Novice trial will be held on Friday 5th May with the final of the top scoring dogs to be held at approx 2.30pm. The Judge for the Novice Trial is Scott Hutson, "Scotston", Eidsvold.

The Open Trial will be held on Sat 6th May with the final of the top scoring dogs to be held at approx 2pm. The Judge for the Open Trial will be Barry

Cooper from Biloela, he is a former resident of Bundaberg being well known in the area for his horsemanship.

Starting time for both days will be 8am. The arena is adjacent to the News-Mail Big Bus with seating available.

The trials will be run under the Rules of the Queensland Working Cattle Dog Trial Association Inc (QWCDAI) with dogs vying for points towards the Annual Dog of the Year (Novice & Open) which is finalised for 2006 on the 31st May, as well as the prizes on offer. Many of the dogs in the top 10 placings for these awards (Novice & Open) will be competing at Agro Trend.

All trials run by QWCDAI are proudly sponsored by Ridley Agri Products (Cobber Working Dog Food), the association is most appreciative of this ongoing support.

There will be 26 trials held all over the State in 2006 that are affiliated with QWCDAI with the Queensland Championships being held at Middlemount in July & the Australian Championships being held at Taroom in September. The State of Origin 2006 challenge vs NSW will be held at Ulmarra, near Grafton, NSW in September.

The association has approx 160 members; anyone wishing to obtain further information or becoming a member can contact the Treasurer, Elizabeth Hughes on 07 4157 9575.



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