

Fuel for Thought

Some Good News!

It seems that at the moment, even a little bit of good news is very welcome around town.

There is one event that has occurred in the past couple of weeks that has stayed pretty much off the radar. Restrictions to control an infestation of Fire Ants has been revoked after the Fire Ants have been successfully eradicated from the Gladstone area.

I'm proud to say that QER played a role in contributing to the eradication. We facilitated access for inspections, audits and sniffer dogs. We maintained the strict restrictions on movement of materials off site and carried out regular visual surveillance programs.

Fire Ants pose a serious social, economic and environmental threat and that would have impacted on all our lives. Apparently even one bite can mean agony for people and animals, and kids are particularly vulnerable as they play around the yard.

The eradication program was implemented by Biosecurity Queensland. The Department was very proactive in providing training, facilitating approvals, setting controls in place and a whole raft of other strategies to have the best opportunity of a good outcome.

But it wasn't just that group. As with all successful operations it's been a team effort which also involved residents, industry, businesses, and local government departments. The support of all these areas contributed to the successful outcome. QER was very proud to be part of that team.

Now I need to get some maintenance done at home, I wonder if I can get the kids involved using the same strategy?



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