

G'DAY FROM BANNOCK BRAE

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HAM SEASON—OFFICIALLY OPEN!

Hard to believe we are fast approaching the festive season. Not sure where this year has gone but it's certainly been a big one for Bannock Brae with the addition of our retail outlet in Highfields which opened in May.

The team at Bannock Brae is gearing up for the busiest few months of the year when we will churn out hundreds of hams, make thousands of sausages for family get-togethers and functions and organise a gazillion orders. As

always we appreciate your patience and understanding at this busy time as we are pushed to the limit. We also recommend getting your orders in sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment. This especially applies to our tradition woodsmoked hams which are extremely popular at Christmas. There is limit to how many we can smoke and we do sell out every year—Orders are being taken now—simply phone through your order on 46 967 062 or drop



The team at Bannock Brae hard at work....

into our Highfields store to place your order. The staff will be happy to help you with your order.

A TOUCH OF SOUTH AFRICA....

Encouraged by many customer requests, Bannock Brae has recently added a touch of South Africa to our in-store lines with the introduction of authentic prod-

ucts courtesy of the Withcott Butchery. Products include boerewors (a South African inspired sausage with an interesting texture—a great conversation piece for

your next bbq!), droewors (beersticks), biltong, and chilli bites. Available in-store only.

Try some today!!

Brisbane Delivery Runs

- **November Run**
Ring for details
due to G20
- **Friday 12 Dec**
(Order by 2 Dec)
- **Sunday 21st Dec—Special Run**
(Order by 2 Dec)
- **January—**
no delivery run

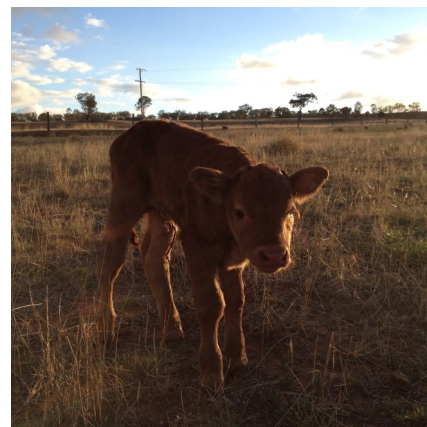
Down on the farm....

It's dry, dry, dry here on the farm. Apart from the odd shower which hardly settles the dust and an extraordinary hailstorm at 11pm one night which gave us 15mm of rain, there is not much to report. Our 3rd dryland crop in a row has failed due to the unrelenting drought and Kieren has turned the cattle onto what is left.

We had a little surprise the other day. Kieren brought some older cows home for some TLC as they were not handling the drought conditions very well. The next day, the tiniest calf appeared — we

called him Smidge! He was just gorgeous but his mum couldn't produce enough milk to sustain him. So bottle feeding Smidge up to three times a day became another daily job on the farm. Another turn of events saw one of our first-time mums lose her calf whilst calving so we brought her home and she became Smidge's adoptive mum.

Sadly, despite our greatest efforts and those of his adoptive mum, Smidge died. The harsh reality is that in drought conditions, every



day brings new challenges and is a constant battle. It's tough going at the moment so please support our Aussie farmers whenever you can.

MOO BAA MUNCH LUNCH

Bannock Brae is excited to announce that we will be attending the inaugural "Moo Baa Munch" to be held at Downlands College on Saturday 25th October. It promises to be a great day out for young and old with heaps of hands on experiences, animals and local produce to enjoy.

Come and say g'day to the team from Bannock Brae, - enjoy a

bacon and egg burger, tender marinated steak burger or our ever popular sausages whilst learning about where your food comes from and the importance of our farmers.

*Come and join us on October
25 for the Moo Baa Munch...*

RAINFALL REPORT

JULY—5mm (Not enough to settle the dust!)

AUGUST—25mm (Made a puddle at the front gate for a day!)

SEPT—19.5mm (Keep on praying— surely it's one day closer!)

Annual Shutdown

Although there's a few months to go until Christmas, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our customers, both old and new, for their support in what has been an exciting and exhausting year for us. As we have done for the past 9 and a half years, we will be closing for 3

weeks from close of business Christmas Eve for our annual shut-down and will re-open on Monday 19th January. This enables our extremely hardworking staff to spend precious time with their families and recharge their batteries. So from all the team at Bannock Brae and from our family to

yours, we wish you a safe and happy festive season. See you in 2015!

