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## **PROVEN BLOODLINES BACK TOOMBA SALE OFFERING**

Catalogues for the 2012 Toomba Invitation Stockhorse Sale have been released to the public, and horse enthusiasts across the nation will recognise the strength of high profile sirelines that are featured in the 115 lots on offer.

Toomba is renowned as Northern Australia's biggest and best auction Sale selection of quality horses, this year attracting entries from leading horse men and horse women from as far away as Longreach, Mt Garnet, Emerald, Cloncurry, Boulia, Rockhampton and Capella. The event is staged over two days, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd June at the Charters Towers Saleyards and Dalrymple Equestrian covered arena.

A preview of the catalogue reveals a line-up that is certain to accommodate the requirements of buyers from all sectors of the industry. 43 Ridden Geldings, 37 Ridden Mares & Fillies and 1 Ridden Colt are catalogued, along with 24 young, well bred Led Prospects and 11 Broodmares. The Longreach Pastoral College (AACC), under their horsemanship instructor John Arnold, is the Sale's biggest vendor in 2012 with 14 ridden lots.

Renowned high profile sirelines are represented by progeny in the Sale including Knights Augustus, Docs Truman, Hazelwood Conman, Soda Roman Knight, Hogans Crusader, Acre Maker, Lethal Lena, McNamara Refund, Stanton Stud Black Breeze, Lestree Easy Shot, Docs Spinalite, Aintree Nynga, Soda ORiley, Gilgannon Gold Top, Chevin Ivory, Soda Nomad, Myall Springs Omar, Oak Rush, Whos Ya Daddy, Marathons Little Destiny, Shining Sheriff, One Special Delight, Nitro, Docs Happy Return, Driscolls Serenity, Genuine Roy, Lu Diamond Phillips and many more.

The diversity of the lots on offer provides an ample selection of campdraft prospects, ladies and youths mounts, challenge prospects, pleasure mounts, and a large contingent of quiet, reliable, well bred and good going stockhorses, ideally suited to station mustering and cattle work.

The Sale also provides support to the associated Horse Of The North Challenge competition, and this year has allocated a total of \$7,000 for must-be-won Buyer Bonuses on the Under 5yo Challenge and Futurity Campdraft, which are exclusive to Toomba Sale horses. "This provides an exciting, additional incentive for buyers to invest in the younger division of horses at the Sale and take them on to the Horse Of The North competition," Sale Co-ordinator Ken McCaffrey of McCaffrey's Australian Livestock Marketing said. "The Sale's led prospects this year are our most impressive ever, with obvious potential to excel in many horsesports." Five Sale Vendors have also added further value to the Horse Of The North incentive pool by offering individual bonuses of either \$2,000 or \$1,000 on their lots in the Sale.

All prospective buyers are urged to attend the workouts of ridden horses which commences at 1:00pm on Saturday 2nd June in the Campdraft arena however, the change of the auction sale venue for Sunday's Sale to the Equestrian covered arena, also allows a much larger area for Vendors to work their horses while the auction is in progress.

Sale Co-Agent Jim Geaney of Geaney's, Charters Towers said the format and process of the Toomba Sale makes it the most buyer friendly and genuine horse sale possible. "It is a Vendor Invitation Sale, most of the Vendors are regular sellers of good horses at the Sale, they have their lots available for inspection and are open to discuss the qualities of their particular lots with prospective buyers from the Friday afternoon prior to Sale day, all horses are worked out under saddle and on display for ample time for buyers to assess them, and they are genuine in their willingness to meet the market," Jim Geaney said. "It is a very good quality Sale which we can recommend to buyers with a lot of confidence."

Sale catalogues are available from McCaffrey's Australian Livestock Marketing, Rockhampton 07-4922 6311 or Geaney's 07-4787 4000. Log on to [www.toombasale.com](http://www.toombasale.com) for Sale details, catalogues and photos of Sale lots.

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