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## **TOOMBA HORSES SELL IN LARGER ARENA**

Northern Australia's renowned premier sale of quality horses, the Toomba Invitation Stockhorse Sale, will move into a new auction ring facility for the forthcoming Sale event at Charters Towers, on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd June. After years of presenting Sale lots for auction through the Dalrymple Saleyards sale ring, this year the Sunday auction will be held in the Dalrymple Equestrian Centre covered arena.

Sale Agents Geaney's and McCaffrey's Australian Livestock Marketing said that all Sale lots would still be penned for buyer inspection in the saleyard pens from early Saturday morning until the Sale commencement at 9:00am on the Sunday. "Vendors will bring their lots down to the covered arena in plenty of time to come through in catalogue order," Ken McCaffrey said. "Giving prospective purchasers ample time to inspect, assess and evaluate all the lots they are interested in is always a feature of the Toomba Sale, and now selling in this larger arena where ridden horses have more room to work while they are being sold, should be better again for buyers and sellers alike."

This year's Sale has attracted an outstanding entry of 115 horses from renowned horsemen and horsewomen from Central, Western and Northern Queensland. Sale Convenor Ernest Bassingthwaite considers the 2012 offering well and truly lives up to the Sale's reputation of providing a one stop shop for graziers looking to acquire good quality, well bred, reliable stockhorses for station cattle work, for horse sport competitors searching for exciting campdraft, challenge and other horse sport projects, and for families who are after suitable, reliable mounts for ladies and youths. "The young, led prospect section and broodmare entries this year are also excellent," Ernest said. "It is the ideal sale for horse enthusiasts to invest in quality and breeding and aim for the rich, must-be-won Buyers Bonuses linked to the Horse of the North competition."

The Toomba Sale has increased its Bonus commitment to Horse of the North this year with a total of \$7,000 on offer across the Under 5yo Challenge and Futurity Campdraft competitions.

80 Geldings, Mares, Fillies and Colts are catalogued in the Ridden Section of this year's Sale with a large attractive selection of 24 Led Prospects of impressive bloodlines and 11 Broodmares also on offer.

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

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