

TIME FOR SERENADE PRIME

A very successful breakfast, hosted by Donnybrook Farm Service to launch the new Bayer product Serenade Prime was held in August.



Rather than a chemical, Serenade Prime is a bacteria that will colonise itself on the roots of an actively growing plant. The affect of this colonisation is to create a greater root mass enabling the plant to better access the fertiliser in the ground. It is ideal for vegetables grown in the shoulder period of the season (very early or late plantings).

For avocados it will help to counter the dieback affect of *Phytophthora cinnamomi*. With fruit trees, spring is the time to apply as the tree breaks dormancy. The good news is, it is cheap! For all crops, an application at 5-7 litres per hectare is approximately \$75.

The product is ground applied and can be mixed with a weed control herbicide and applied in the same pass. So for the section of the orchard that is struggling for vigorous growth it is worth an inexpensive trial. Speak to John for extra information.

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past.

For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking.

How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

And God saw it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said,

"Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh.

For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years?

That's a pretty long time to perform.

How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God, again saw it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said,

"You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family.

For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said,

"Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But the human said, "Only twenty years?

Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back,

the ten the monkey gave back,

and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves.

For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family.

For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information.

I'm doing it as a public service.

If you are looking for me I will be on the front porch

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Do your cattle yards look like this?



ROGUE BULL PORTABLE CATTLE YARDS

Donnybrook Farm Service has a new range of portable cattle panels and loading ramp.

Called Rogue Bull Portable range, they provide an option for loading cattle in the paddocks or lease block that do not join the main property.

Coming soon is a trailer custom made to load and transport the portable panels. The loading ramp is adjustable to cater for different height vehicles. Over the past six years of designing yards for cattle herds of 10 head to 250 head, a lot of expertise has been gained.

To work through your requirements, contact Sean Davies, on 9731 1101.



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2500L POLY WATER TANK \$715.00



SUMMER OPENING HOURS

We are now open from -



**7.30am to 5.30pm - Monday to Friday
8am to 12pm - Saturdays**

SPRING . . . WHAT SPRING?



Spring BURST

HAY BURST

Growing pasture has been a challenge this year with the very cold and wet conditions. As the days lengthen and the warmer weather arrives, a good option to get maximum pasture growth is to spread some nitrogen fertiliser. The cheapest option is Urea at a rate of 50kg per hectare. Spread it just prior to rain to wash-in for maximum benefit.

However, if the pasture has not had any phosphorus or potassium during winter, a better option is Spring Burst or Hay Burst.

SPRING BURST

A balanced fertiliser where more sulphur is required. Apply to pastures with very low sulphur supply or more clover dominant mixed swards. Typically used at 250-300kg per ha.

HAY BURST

The ultimate balanced fertiliser. Designed to apply nutrients in the ideal ratios to maximise hay production. Typically applied at 200-250kg per ha.